



BRENNAN HOLCOMB

Quality Control

Quality control leader with 17 years in heavy equipment and food and beverage manufacturing. Built QMS programs from the ground up, led three successful ISO certifications, and managed teams of up to 24 inspectors and engineers. Comfortable with the union floor and the boardroom.

CONTACT INFORMATION



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EDUCATION

M.S. Quality Management, Eastern Michigan University, 2013

B.S. Manufacturing Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Stout, 2008

ASQ Certified Manager of Quality / Organizational Excellence (CMQ/OE), 2017

ASQ Certified Six Sigma Black Belt, 2015

HACCP Certified, IFSQN, 2015

KEY SKILLS

- QMS design and ISO 9001 certification leadership
- Department budget ownership (\$2M+)
- Supplier quality strategy
- Six Sigma deployment
- Food safety: HACCP, SQF, FSMA
- FDA inspection response
- Material Review Board chair
- TrackWise and SAP QM
- Hiring, performance management, union-floor leadership
- Executive QC reporting

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Quality Control Manager | Northwind Heavy Equipment, Milwaukee, WI
2019 - Present

- Lead a QC department of 24 across three plants covering weld, machining, paint, and final assembly.
- Rebuilt the supplier quality program after a \$1.4M warranty event; supplier-caused defects dropped from 38% of total to 17% of total within two years.
- Sponsored 11 Six Sigma Black Belt projects with combined verified savings tracked through finance.
- Chair the Material Review Board and reduced average MRB cycle time from 14 days to 5.
- Took the Milwaukee plant through its first ISO 9001:2015 certification on schedule.

Quality Engineering Supervisor | Harborline Foods, Sheboygan, WI
2014 - 2019

- Supervised 9 QC engineers and technicians across two beverage filling lines and a dry blend operation.
- Led the SQF Level 3 audit for three consecutive years with scores above 95.
- Closed 100% of FDA 483 observations from a 2016 inspection within the agreed timeline.
- Standardized HACCP plans across 14 product families and trained 60+ operators on critical control points.
- Implemented a CAPA tracker in TrackWise that replaced shared Excel logs and cut overdue actions by half.

Senior Quality Engineer | Harborline Foods, Sheboygan, WI
2011 - 2014

- Led environmental monitoring program, including swab schedules and trending.
- Investigated a Listeria positive on a drain swab; expanded sampling and process changes returned the area to clean status in 11 days.
- Wrote validation protocols for two new pasteurization units.
- Mentored four junior engineers; two were promoted to lead roles.

Quality Engineer | Pinecrest Industrial, Green Bay, WI
2008 - 2011

- Owned QC for a fabrication cell producing structural weldments to AWS D1.1.

- Reduced weld rework on a key skid product from 23 hours per unit to 9 hours per unit.
- Qualified two new welding procedures and the welders behind them.
- Wrote and maintained inspection plans for 70+ active part numbers.