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Supplier Quality Management-North America Lead/QMS Auditor

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STRENGTHS

👤 Leadership

Guided diverse teams towards seamless project execution, often becoming the trusted advisor in high-stakes discussions.

📊 Analysis

Keenly analyze complex data sets, enabling proactive decision-making and identifying underlying trends to improve operations.

👥 Team Collaboration

Cultivated an environment of open communication, resulting in enhanced synergy and enjoyment among team members during major audits.

💡 Innovative Solutions

Identified gaps in existing processes and introduced creative solutions to related issues, being recognized for initiative.

⚙️ Continuous Improvement

Championed quality integration during procurement and engineering phases, which is often sought after by peers for knowledge sharing.

SKILLS

Microsoft Co-Pilot Generative AI

AI in Quality Quality4.0

Data Analysis Techniques

Root Cause Analysis

Defect Elimination

Quality Compliance Standards

Audit Planning

Collaboration Tools

SUMMARY

Accomplished Quality Professional with over a decade of dedicated experience including BP, Volkswagen, Dana Corporation focused on building resilient supplier quality management systems and enhancing operational reliability across global locations. Developed, implemented several companies Quality Management System across multiple locations and facilities. Developed and executed internal and external audit programs—including facility, vendor, and project audits. Maintained certification and audit readiness for ISO, API, and regulatory/certification bodies. I'm known for leading cross-functional processes that align with strategic business goals while driving continuous improvement through data-driven methodologies. My capabilities encompass vendor engagement strategies, ensuring compliance with industry standards such as ISO 9001, API Q1, Q2 utilizing innovative technology to merge traditional and modern quality frameworks including Quality 4.0 effectively. As a Senior Member of the ASQ and holder of several certifications, I advocate fostering a culture of accountability and quality excellence in all endeavors.

EXPERIENCE

Supplier Quality Management-North America Lead

BP 📅 May 2014 - November 2025 📍 Chicago, Illinois, United States

Lead the execution of BP's Supplier Quality Management audit plans, ensuring adherence to strategic quality initiatives. Focus on training development, defect elimination, and supplier collaboration. Performed Several Audits of Suppliers across multiple Commodities.

- Led the execution of BP's SQM audit plans, including planning, tracking, and reporting via ESQ2 systems.
- Designed and managed a supplier qualification program that includes a process for maintaining an Approved Supplier List.
- Established a supplier approval process in collaboration with the procurement, Engineering teams.
- Managed audit plans, preparation, document and data gathering, distribution, and communications.
- Tracked audit findings, issued audit reports, and verified corrective actions.
- Act as the primary representative for supplier quality, interfacing with multi-disciplinary teams.
- Managed the Supplier Corrective Action Request (SCAR) process for non-conforming materials to ensure timely root cause analysis and resolution.
- Drove continuous improvement initiatives within the supply base using quality tools such as Lean, Six Sigma, Problem Solving etc.
- Provided technical guidance and training to suppliers to improve their processes and systems.
- Developed and deployed training materials for nonconformance management, root cause analysis, and corrective actions.
- Implemented defect prevention and elimination strategies.
- Conducted quality assessments of suppliers providing detailed feedback and corrective action timelines.
- Collaborated with vendors to improve calibration, inspection, and testing processes for BP Pulse units.
- Worked closely with senior leaders on strategic quality initiatives.

Process Improvement

Vendor Management

Training Development

Risk Management

Customer Engagement

MY CAREER



● Supplier Quality
Management-North America
Lead at bp (11.6 Years)

● TQM Specialist at
Volkswagen (3.5 Years)

● Quality Systems Engineer
at Dana Corporation (7 Years)

- Managed closure of audit findings and ensured timely follow-up on quality issues.
- Participated in external audits and coordinated with stakeholders to align on compliance expectations.

TQM Specialist/Auditor

Volkswagen 📅 November 2010 - May 2014 📍 Chattanooga TN

Specialized in total quality management practices, focusing on process audits and quality management systems to ensure compliance with international standards.

- Conducted process audits and VDA 6.3 quality auditing.
- Managed quality management systems and ensured alignment with environmental systems and ISO 14000 standards.
- Maintained certification and audit readiness for ISO 9000 Standards.

Quality Systems Engineer/Divisional Quality Engineer

Dana Corporation 📅 May 2002 - Feb 2009 📍 Toledo Ohio

Played a pivotal role in enhancing quality systems for driveline components, emphasizing continuous improvement and cross-departmental collaboration.

- Monitored customer websites and coordinated quality improvement projects.
- Implemented lean manufacturing tools and engaged in quality auditing.
- Managed warranty department functions, ensuring effective claim processing and parts review.
- Maintain certification and audit readiness for ISO, TS 16949 Standards.
- Performed Supplier Quality Audits

EDUCATION

Masters of Engineering Management Graduate Level Courses

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering

NED University of Engineering and Technology

CERTIFICATIONS/Courses

- ASQ Certified Construction Quality Manager 📅 2025
- Big Data in the Age of AI 📅 2025
- What is Data Science? 2025
- Artificial Intelligence for Business Leader 2025
- ISO 9001 Lead Auditor
- ASQ Six Sigma Green Belt Certification
- TS 16949 Internal Auditor
- VDA 6.3

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Senior Member ASQ
- Member of TPC Quality 4.0 2024 Innovations Summit

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST