

Quality Assurance Engineer: Principal Quality Assurance Engineer

Develops, modifies, applies and maintains quality evaluation and control systems and protocols for processing materials into partially finished or finished materials product. Collaborates with engineering and manufacturing functions to ensure quality standards are in place. Devises and implements methods and procedures for inspecting, testing and evaluating the precision and accuracy of products and production equipment. Designs and analyzes inspection and testing processes, mechanisms and equipment; conducts quality assurance tests; and performs statistical analysis to assess the cost of and determine the responsibility for, products or materials that do not meet required standards and specifications. Audits quality systems for deficiency identification and correction. Ensures that corrective measures meet acceptable reliability standards and that documentation is compliant with requirements. May specialize in the areas of design, incoming material, production control, product evaluation and reliability, inventory control and/or research and development as they apply to product or process quality. May be certified in lean and six-sigma quality engineering methodologies.

Discretion/Latitude

Works under consultative direction toward predetermined long-range goals and objectives. Determine and pursue courses of action necessary to obtain desired results. Completed work is reviewed from a relatively long-term perspective for desired results.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Applies advanced technical principles, theories, and concepts. Contributes to the development of new principles and concepts. Identifies, analyzes and develops new business opportunities. Answers unusually complex technical questions regarding products and services, and takes part in putting together proposals, configurations, and product offerings.

Problem Solving

Work on unusually complex technical problems and provide solutions that are highly innovative and ingenious.

Impact

Develops technological ideas and guides their development into a final product. Erroneous decisions or recommendations would typically result in failure to achieve critical project objectives. Leads the planning and implementation of large projects/programs. Contributes to department goals and planning efforts.

Liaison

Serves as organization spokesperson on projects and/or programs. Acts as advisor to management and customers on advanced technical research studies and applications.

Minimum Education and Experience

12+ years with BS in designated Engineering or related field. Employees usually have advanced degree in field of specialization.