

ROBERT N. BUCARO

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Air Quality Laboratories, Inc. (AQL), Bartlett, Illinois

Laboratory Director, 1998 - present

Senior Consultant, 1998 - present

Responsible for the overall operation of the laboratory including the areas of; client services, data quality, business development, analytical performance, personnel management, safety and financial performance.

Laboratory / Safety specialist providing consultation services in the areas of: quality management, lab operations management, technical procedures, laboratory safety, OSHA compliance, safety management, respiratory protection, safety program development and safety training.

National Environmental Testing, Inc. (NET), Bartlett, Illinois

Executive Director, 1992 - 1998

Administered the Corporate quality programs including continuous improvement initiatives and the National Quality Assurance Plan (NQAP) which helped to ensure the environmental data produced by the NET laboratories was of known and consistently high quality. Managed the Data Quality Audit Program. Administered and provided corporate oversight of all accreditation & certifications programs. Reviewed and approved all divisional Corrective Action Reports and corporate Standard Operating Procedures for compliance with the following EPA program requirements: Clean Water Act (CWA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

Senior executive in the Corporate Office for all matters relating to health, safety and OSHA/EPA regulatory compliance. Responsible for overall corporate safety program development, administration and evaluation at all NET operating divisions. Conducted site visits and inspections to ensure program and regulatory compliance and to monitor the effectiveness of the program. Provided management direction, and training support to divisional safety and waste disposal personnel. Was member of the Corporate Compliance Program Review Committee.

General Manager, 1992

Provided overall management direction to 4 Division Managers and their staff to ensure business operation to the established financial and operating performance standards.

Director of Health, Safety & Regulatory Compliance, 1987 - 1991

(This Corporate Office position was held concurrently with NET Midwest Regional senior management positions and responsibilities.)

Responsible for the development, review, revision and coordinated implementation of NET's Health and Safety Programs at all 20 operating divisions to ensure maximum safety and health protection for all employees and compliance with OSHA and EPA regulatory requirements. Development included the writing of a comprehensive Safety Manual and Chemical Hygiene Plan that was compliant with OSHA 1910.1450.

NET Midwest, Inc., Bartlett, Illinois
Management responsibilities as:
Vice President / General Manager, 1987 - 1992

Responsible, as a Regional Officer of the company, for the planning, direction, and support of 3 NET operating divisions. Responsible for overseeing all areas of the business including personnel management, profit & loss, budgeting, data quality & safety.

NET Midwest, Inc., Bartlett, Illinois
Technical responsibilities as:
Director of Quality Assurance and Safety, 1985 - 1992

Responsible for the multi-divisional development and implementation of all aspects of NET Midwest Regional QA/QC efforts. Worked with QA Managers from other NET regions to develop a National Quality Assurance Plan for the Corporate Office.

As senior Safety Officer for the region, responsibilities included implementation of health and safety practices at all 8 Midwest divisions. Conducted audits at divisional locations to ensure safe working practices and to provide safety training to the technical staff.

Aqualab, Inc., Bartlett, Illinois (acquired by NET in 1986)
Division Manager and Safety / Radiation Safety Officer, 1980 - 1985

As Division Manager, accountable for the total performance of the division. This included profitability, business development, customer service, analytical reporting, project management, facilities management, safety, and quality assurance. Also included were specific personnel responsibilities for training, guidance, and evaluation.

As Division Safety / Radiation Safety Officer ensured safe working environment for all employees by identifying hazards and taking appropriate corrective actions. Wrote initial Safety Manual for the laboratory and trained employees in prudent practices for handling chemicals. Was the designated Radiation Safety Officer for NRC license requirements.

Hazleton Environmental Sciences, Northbrook, Illinois
Chemistry Group Leader, 1977 - 1980

Responsible for the technical operations of the chemistry laboratories.

Suburban Laboratories, Inc., Hillside, Illinois
Analytical Chemist, 1974 - 1977

Responsible for the technical operations of the wet chemistry laboratory.

EDUCATION

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois - 1974, B.S. Biology, minor Chemistry
Numerous continuing education seminars

CERTIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Certified Safety Professional (CSP), Board of Certified Safety Professionals - 2001
Professional Member, American Society of Safety Engineers
State of Illinois: Certified Firefighter II - 1978, Certified Fire Apparatus Engineer - 1999
Firefighter, Bartlett Fire Protection District - 1984 - 2003
Firefighter, Glenside Fire Protection District - 1977 - 1983
Member, Bartlett Volunteer Fire Department Inc. - 1984 - Present

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