

Position: Manufacturing Technician

Job Overview

Manufacturing Technician is and entry level manufacturing position within the production team. The Manufacturing Technician is intended to be shorter-term position ranging from 6 to 12 months in duration, to allow the employee time for training to become proficient in safety performing production responsibilities according to established Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in any one of three production areas. The production lines include glycerin refining, specialty vegetable oil refining, and the continuous vegetable oil refinery. Proficiency is defined as completion of all documented training for that system and a working understanding of the process including potential for process improvement, utility requirements, troubleshooting, and minimum maintenance training. Continuous improvement is a primary focus of all AgCertain employees.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Operate safely and appropriately in all AgCertain situations and environments
- Be able to demonstrate a basic and continuously increasing understanding of the Glycerin Refining Line 1, or Vegetable Oil refining Line 2, and the associated utility systems within the processing production areas, including formal testing and evaluation procedures
- Follow all written procedures (SOPs) and work instructions that pertain to the respective area. These include but are not limited to the production of Glycerin/Oils, maintenance of equipment, proper record keeping, and cleaning or sanitation of equipment and production areas
- Complete all required documentation accurately and in a timely manner
- Perform routine lab analysis of in-process samples
- Comply with all Occupational Safety policies and procedures within the plant
- Undergo Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) training and be able to apply GMPs to the production process
- Perform sanitation duties in accordance with SOPs, Food Safety and GMP compliance
- Participate in all company Training
- Support Logistics activities when necessary receiving and shipping material, packaging product, etc.
- Perform all other duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Prior experience in a food processing plant, biodiesel, ethanol, or manufacturing facility preferred, but not required
- Must be computer literate and demonstrate good mechanical aptitude
- Must be able to work different shifts (including weekends and/or nights) as directed and to respond to emergencies and after-hours communication as necessary
- Must be able to operate heavy equipment (electric forklift, diesel telehandler forklift) once trained
- Physical abilities to include ability to life 75 lbs. (34 Kg), able to climb several flights of stairs and not affected by heights
- A high school diploma or GED equivalent level certification with proven reading, writing, clearly legible hand-writing, computer, inter-personal communication, and mathematics skills
- Able to work on teams with frequently changing team members, have strong person to person communication skills, able to communicate across varying platforms, and do so in a manner that facilitates excellent teamwork
- Able to work in widely varying weather and temperature conditions, whether winter or summer