

## Steve De La Rosa

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### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Safety minded facility and process maintenance manager with unionized and non-unionized management experience. Bi-lingual Spanish speaking problem solver with State of Illinois, municipal and contract vendor management skill set. Budget focused Lean practitioner utilizing Kaizen, Six Sigma and Conway training to reduce waste and increase productivity. Facilitator of computerized enterprise asset management tools (mp2) to establish and maintain facility and process reliability. Continuous improvement team coach and motivator servicing plant-wide departments for manufacturing process support and growth.

#### **2008-2011 POWER PACKAGING AN EXEL COMPANY**

**St. Charles IL**

##### **Facility and Process Maintenance Manager**

Motivated and developed a 12 person hourly maintenance staff to provide troubleshooting and PM maintenance and support for a seven line flexible two shift co-pack dry food and savory product manufacturing process.

- Led the maintenance department effort through training and SOP creation to bring SQF certification to the St Charles Plant with compliance standard achieved in 2010.
- Achieved cost savings @ 25K per annum utilizing part-time trained and certified fork lift repair mechanic. Decreased need for outside contractor repair.
- Directed maintenance operations for all annual OSHA required facility electric fork truck vehicle inspections and compliance activities.
- Initiated in-house annual Fork truck licensing program and site specific desk and behind the wheel training program.
- Initiated all plant production consumable purchasing through MP2 utilization for JIT ordering. (Glues, inks, adhesive tape, safety supplies) resulting in decreased out of stock conditions for plant.
- Hired and trained and disciplined multilingual mechanics to support daily production metrics pertaining to daily and weekly start-ups and compliance with all plant Safety, GMP's and HACCP controls and Allergen awareness policies.
- Executed new equipment and facility capital purchasing justifications and provided capital submissions for projects over \$2500.00
- Partnered with new customers and engineering department to formulate in house production modifications necessary to support new business at St Charles Plant.

**2005 -2008**                      **CHIQUITA - FRESH EXPRESS SALADS, Franklin Park, IL**  
**Maintenance and Facility Supervisor- Process Fruit**                      **2005-2008**

Directed a multi-disciplined three shift six person maintenance team responsible for a refrigerated fruit processing plant utilizing high pressure steam to clean and sanitize exterior fruit surfaces prior to bulk packaging.

- Initiated ultra sonic leak detection of facility pneumatic systems at Edgington Fruit Plant site with 2007 program saving of \$10k/year contributing to \$25 K yearly savings for Chicago region.
- Administered and trained staff for compliance with relevant OSHA/EPA /IDOT and MWSD and Tier Two Illinois reporting requirements.
- Scheduled and directed continual internal GMP and safety audits and ensured daily compliance with all customer driven third party audit standards for PepsiCo YUM Brands, ABI, and Military procurement requirements.
- Implemented all Lean - Kaizen team generated process events and continuous improvement ideas.
- Developed concepts, led training and engineered hardware for increased fruit shelf life, grew from five to ten shelf-life days
- Increased product yields while generating plant utilities savings of compressed air, steam systems, water, and natural gas.
- Developed recommended and justified building and process capital improvement requests for all items over \$10 K expensed all purchases below \$3K.

**Maintenance Supervisor-Process Vegetable**                      **1998-2005**

Directed a three shift maintenance operation servicing all leafy products and onion line process, packaging, building and shipping and receiving operations.

- Supervisor of thirty person four language three shift maintenance team.
- Coached and trained ethnically diverse multi-disciplined vegetable processing maintenance crew to minimize downtime eliminate waste and adhere to all governmental and customer driven food safety and GMP standards.
- Planned and scheduled cost savings and process improvements on packaging lines which improved line safety and increased capacity for vertical form and seal packaging operations.
- Approved daily and weekly payroll worksheets for Kronos time keeping and Sarbanes Oxley reporting

**1996-1998**                      **BAKE MARK - KARP'S BAKERY, Elk Grove Village IL**  
**Electro-Mechanical Maintenance Technician**

- Responsible for production support, planned maintenance, repair and troubleshooting from waste water to ammonia refrigerated spiral chiller processing areas.
- Modified and implemented design changes to an automatic multi-layer dough manufacturing line which reduced the amount of time needed to clean, wash and sanitize this production process. Modification lowered production costs by decreasing downtime between product changes

**1990-1996 MASTER FOODS - M & M MARS SNACK FOODS, Burr Ridge, IL  
Electro-Mechanical Maintenance Technician**

- Performed electro-mechanical maintenance including troubleshooting, new installations and debugging and preventative maintenance.
- Analyzed process systems and initiated modification and repair of equipment using vibration baseline analysis routines, PLC programs modifications, high speed video recorders and thermographic imaging equipment, oil analysis routines as well as multimeters and electrical data collection tools.
- Selected as a member of the plant "Emergency Organization" member of Incipient Fire Brigade that responded to in-house emergencies including SCBA ammonia related events.

**1985-1990 TANDY-RANK VIDEO SERVICES ORG, Northbrook, IL  
Lead Systems Technician**

- Debugged a unified PLC controlled cell manufacturing area producing blank and loaded VHS video cassette manufacturing from raw stock to finished product untouched by human hands.
- Responsible for night shift maintenance support for Bodine Automatic Assembly Machines with direction of shift technicians.
- Increased machine efficiency to a 97% yield rate over a 24-month period.

**1983-1985 GENERAL AMERICAN TERMINALS CORP, Bedford Park, IL  
Maintenance Technician**

- Provided accountability for total maintenance activities to support the installation and beginnings of a semi-automatic liquid fill petro-chemical custom-contract packaging line.
- Increased finished goods yield from start up of 300 cases per day to 3,000 cases per day.

**EDUCATION:** North Central College, Naperville IL Organizational Communications:  
BA Candidate.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:** Mp2- Wonderware Software, Giddings and Lewis PLC Control Programs, PDMA motor testing, SES Vibration Analysis, Allen-Bradley PLC and VFD's with Micro Logics / Servo Motor Control , Microsoft Project, State of Illinois Food Service Sanitation Certificate.

**PERSONAL INTERESTS:** Board member of the Citizens Advocacy Center, Chicago Peace and Music Festival Advertising Sales Coordinator, Avid gardener, cook, and outdoor enthusiast