



QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVISOR / MICROBIOLOGIST

City Brewing Company, a leading contract manufacturer in the beverage industry, has an immediate opening for a Quality Assurance Supervisor/Microbiologist at our La Crosse, WI facility. This position is responsible for Analytical/Package Lab Supervisor duties and Microbiology Lab coverage on 3rd shift. This position oversees the activities of QA technicians, will focus on non-conformance issues that arise and coordinate customer quality requirements as needed. This position also functions as one of a team of microbiologists performing routine and non-routine microbiological testing on product, raw materials and processing equipment.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Oversee all functions of the Packaging and Analytical labs during the shift.
- Communicate with operations departments to ensure adherence to quality standards.
- Communicate directly with customers and ensure that customer expectations are met.
- Review product analysis, records, procedures and deviations from specifications. Investigate root cause and issue corrective actions as necessary.
- Coach team members on quality checks and monitor/address check completion levels.
- Initiate personnel actions such as performance evaluations and disciplinary measures.
- Review weekly staffing for hourly technicians and address production coverage.
- Be present during shift change to assure a smooth transition.
- Ensure compliance with Internal, Federal, State and local guidelines and regulations including GMP, HACCP, OSHA, FDA and TTB.
- Maintain, clean, and sanitize microbiology laboratory and equipment. Prepare media, diluents, and other microbiological materials. Maintain samples and record microbiological analysis results.
- Determine dead cell numbers, pitching rates and percent solids in yeast samples.
- Perform microbiological analysis on the following: package product, government cellar tanks, government cellar filter system, selected incoming raw materials, wort lines, fermenting tanks, ruh tanks, neutral malt base process, water supplies, packaging process areas, sugar tanks.
- Report non-conformances to the appropriate department personnel and investigate as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS

- B.S. degree from an accredited college in microbiology, chemistry, related science discipline or equivalent industry experience/education. Minimum of 2 years of practical, hands-on brewery, production, or laboratory work is preferred. Experience in a quality department in food manufacturing, brewing or processing environment including interactions with customers/vendors is preferred.
- Prior experience in frontline supervision preferred.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Proficient in Microsoft Office software (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint).
- Effective analytical, problem solving, leadership and organizational skills.

City Brewing Company provides a competitive salary and benefit package that includes: Health, Life, Dental and Long Term Disability Insurance; Section 125; 401(k); and more. Visit our website at www.citybrewery.com for more information and to apply.