

**WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS SECTION**

"Dedicated to the Advancement of Quality"

**NEWSLETTER****ISO 9001:2015 - What Now?**

With the standard approaching its 1 year birthday, many companies are searching for ways to understand the changes to the standard and how to apply them in a practical way to their organizations. Often this means taking the existing system and adding changes to address the changes in the standard. This is a good plan if the existing system is properly sized to the goals and resources of the current organization. But what if the system is not aligned with current goals and resources?

**Find out on Tuesday, November 15th  
at our Technical Dinner Meeting.**

**ISO 9001: 2015 What Now?** Will help you look at the upgrade process differently by focusing on:

- What to do before the transition
- What has changed (vocabulary & new requirements)
- Beginning the journey
- Where to get some help

Our presenter is Gary Grubbs, the Manager of Quality Control at Eastman Chemical Company. He has over 20 years of experience in managing ISO 9001, Automotive and GMP quality systems. Gary is a Certified Quality Engineer, Certified Quality Auditor, Certified Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence and is a Six Sigma Black belt. He holds a Bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh and Masters degrees in Metallurgy and Business from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

**TUESDAY, 11/15/2016**

**Join us at Westwood Restaurant &  
Pub 94 North Elm St. Westfield, MA**

*Mass Pike to Exit 3, then South on Rt 202.  
About 2 miles down on the right.*

**5:30 pm Social 6:00 pm Speaker  
7:00 pm Dinner**

The cost is \$15.00

*Drinks not included.*

**For reservations, contact**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

It was pointed out during our last Leadership meeting in September that our section is fortunate to continually have members step forward to fill the open Leadership positions and to help to achieve the goals the section puts forward. I have to agree with that sentiment and add a sincere THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to all the accomplishments this year. We are currently developing the new business plan for next year, including Special Projects that will add value to our section. I'd like to encourage you to get active with our Section by serving as a Special Projects Chair. Please plan to attend the next meeting on November 15, stay for our Member Leader board meeting, and join us in this rewarding networking opportunity to serve our profession locally. – *Lorraine*

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### Transition Talk

Have you started working on the transition to ISO 9001:2015?  
You are not alone! Share your tips and trials in our next newsletter.

Please send feedback and items to include in our newsletter to Gay McDyer. Be sure to include a subject line. [gmcdyer@astrochemicals.com](mailto:gmcdyer@astrochemicals.com)

As we begin the new planning year, we hope to continue to build on the technical upgrades like the creation of an electronically generated newsletter. A next logical step will be to upgrade our website. We are looking for volunteers that know or are willing to learn web design. This is a great opportunity to help shape our view to the outside world and develop your professional network.

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### Please maintain your ASQ Profile

Want to be in the know about what's up in quality in Western Mass? Section leaders must use the email address in your ASQ member profile. Log into <http://www.asq.org> and select MY ACCOUNT to edit your information. Be sure to stay subscribed to ASQ Section Communications under Email preferences.

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