

3-A Sanitary Standards, Inc.

The Certified Conformance Evaluator and the TPV Inspection Overview



Certified Conformance Evaluators

**The Accreditation Program
Qualifications and Testing
Oversight
Maintenance Requirements**

Qualifications of a CCE

- **Must meet specific criteria for education and work experience**
- **Must have high professional integrity**
- **Must pass comprehensive written exam**
- **Must undergo special CCE orientation training program**



Qualifications of a CCE

- **Must meet specific continuing education requirements:**
 - **Phone Conferences, 'Hands-on' Training & Evaluation**
- **List of CCEs maintained on 3-A SSI web site.**



How a TPV is Done

- The Symbol Holder or applicant contracts with a CCE to do a TPV
- The CCE reviews drawings, bills of material, material certificates, and compares to the 3-A Sanitary Standard
- The CCE inspects an actual piece of equipment—checks radii, surface finish, welds, etc.
- The CCE inspects the fabrication plant—on site visit is required
- The CCE reviews EDTCF, Quality program, instruction manuals, etc.

How a TPV is Done

- **The CCE issues a report and certificate of the TPV with 4 copies:**
 - **One to the 3-A SSI Office**
 - **Two to the Fabricator, one to send to 3-A SSI and the other for their file**
 - **One for the CCE files**
- **The TPV Report follows the language of the standards**
- **The TPV is good for 5 years unless design changes or Report of Alleged Nonconformance**