

## Member Milestone

### Maria McCosh



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**Maria McCosh** recently was promoted to quality assurance manager at Diversified Metal Products, Inc., Idaho Falls, Idaho, where she has worked since January 2000. Her successful career began when she accepted a District 20 scholarship to help finance her two-year associate's degree in welding at Ricks College, in Rexburg, Idaho, currently named Brigham Young University — Idaho. Since graduating, she qualified for AWS Certified Welding Inspector (CWI), Penetrant Test PT Level II, and NQA-1 auditor. Along the way she has acquired nine years of quality assurance and quality control experience in the nuclear industry, technical, documentation, specification verification, procedure and code compliance, and vendor surveillances and audits.

Upon joining Diversified Metal Products, she wrote welding procedures and welder qualifications in accordance with AWS and ASME standards. She reviewed contract documents and drawings, performed audits, approved vendors' lists, assured quality assurance programs met the requirements of NQA-1, provided training of personnel, and assured the proper implementation of QA programs. Her new position at Diversified Metal Products expands her responsibilities to include supervision of Quality Department personnel, monitoring subcontractors' work through source verification, performance history, and audits, and to provide training as required to assure that the QA programs are properly implemented.

Since 1997, McCosh has been an active member of the AWS Idaho/Montana Section. Since 2001 she has served as a member of the Welding Advisory Committee providing assistance with welding programs presented at local high schools. She also serves as a team captain for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Bonneville County.