



ABOUT US

Founded on the values of **A**ccountability, **S**afety, **T**rust, **A**ccessibility, and **R**espect, ASTAR has been providing Operator Qualification (“OQ”) services to the oil and gas industry since 2007. Our goal has always been to establish and maintain the highest standards in the industry, which we have proven time and time again by the dedication to excellence and our standing as the industry leader.

We have assembled a highly qualified group of individuals to serve as OQ Evaluators and Trainers, who have a vast array of experience in the industry. Our Internal Compliance Department continuously audits and trains our Evaluators/Trainers to ensure exceptional service and knowledge of industry standards and state and federal regulations. Our extensive experience gives us a unique insight and ability to understand the needs and wants of Pipeline Operators and Contractors while ensuring compliance with the evolving regulatory framework of the industry. We are constantly looking beyond the expectations of our clients in order to deliver market leading services.

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OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

“Conducting Business the Right Way, Every Day.”

ASTAR, an OQ consulting company, is dedicated to leading the nation in pipeline OQ evaluations and training services by providing exceptional service, meeting and exceeding client expectations, and earning respect within the industry – Pipeline Operators, Contractors, customers, industry associations, and our employees—not only for the goals we achieve but how we achieve them.

Our mission is to conduct business “the Right Way, Every Day,” which means ASTAR’s Core Values not only serve as the foundation of our company but guide the decisions, priorities and actions of all employees at all levels.

ASTAR’s Core Values are:

- **Accountability**—We are committed to making decisions, setting priorities and taking actions that best serve our clients and the industry as a whole.
- **Safety**—We strive to provide our clients with the highest trained and knowledgeable Team in the industry by continuously auditing and training our Team to ensure their knowledge of current regulations and safety practices.
- **Trust** ---We are dedicated to earning the trust of our clients, colleagues, and peers by having the most knowledgeable and experienced team in the industry and striving for exceptional customer service in all aspects of our business.
- **Accessibility**—We are available anywhere 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days of year to meet our client’s needs as they arise.
- **Respect**—We have an unwavering commitment to being “trailblazers” in the industry by developing innovative and effective OQ programs and being a good partner by building trusting and beneficial relationships with our clients, other companies, industry leaders and each other.



OQ SERVICES

OQ EVALUATIONS

ASTAR specializes in many different OQ service providers:

- Veriforce – “A Three star Elite Evaluator Company”
- The National Center for Construction Education and Research – NCCER
 - *Accredited Training Sponsor (ATS) and Accredited Assessment Center (AAC)*
- Energy WorldNet – EWN
- Industrial Training Services – ITS
- Operator Qualification Solutions Group – OQSG
- Midwest Energy Association – MEA
- ISNetwork

“A VERIFORCE THREE STAR ELITE EVALUATOR COMPANY”



“ONE GAS AUTHORIZED THIRD PARTY EVALUATOR COMPANY”





“Anywhere, Anytime”

Our Evaluators can evaluate anywhere, anytime: your location, our Oklahoma City location or our Houston Evaluation and Training Center. We have four OQ evaluation trailers loaded with the equipment necessary to perform the evaluations that require observation resulting in a real world like simulation. We have the ability to bring our evaluation center to you no matter where you are located while saving you valuable time, resources and money.

OQ ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

ASTAR can manage the client’s OQ program on a fixed annual cost that includes all OQ field evaluations as well as the day-to-day OQ responsibilities. This allows you to set your budget and focus on what you know best, pipeline construction and maintenance.

Our goal is to provide your company with a better OQ department for less cost than self-administration. Below is a list of the responsibilities that would be covered by this service:

- Oversight of day-to-day OQ activities
- Company Representation
- OQ Field Evaluations



OQ CONSULTING SERVICES

ASTAR knows that meeting all of the 49 CFR 192 & 195 requirements takes time and resources. We have the time and resources that you need. Our experts can help guide you in the right direction to comply with the OQ rule.

- *OQ Plan Develop*
- *OQ Plan Review*
- *Procedure Review*
- *Procedure Development*
- *Gap Analysis*
- *DOT Audit Assist*
- *Plus more services upon request*



TRAINING SERVICES

OQ Task Specific Training

OSHA 10 & 30

Specification Training (Spec Training)

Equipment Operator Training

ATV/UTV Awareness and Proficiency training

- Knowledge
- Practical

Pipeline and OQ Basics

SafeLandUSA/SafeGulf (Basic and Core)

Trenching and Shoring (Competent Person)

Safety Programs and Manuals

Plus more training available upon request



API 1169 EXAM TRAINING

ASTAR has gathered industry professionals to create and teach a preparation course for the API 1169 exam. Inspectors will be provided pertinent information pertaining to the following facets of the exam:

- Pipeline Construction Inspection
- Pipeline Construction Safety
- Pipeline Construction Environmental
- General Quality Principles

The preparatory course will be a three day event offered in multiple ASTAR locations, such as:

- Houston, TX
- Pittsburgh, PA
- Oklahoma City, OK
- Denver, CO

The third day of training will be focused on construction safety, all students will be presented with the PEC Safeland safety training course, upon successfully completing the required Safeland criteria they will receive the Safeland credential.



DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES

DRUG AND ALCOHOL CONSULTING

Our professionals have years of experience conducting D&A audits and consulting services for pipeline Operators and Contractors. With the consulting service, your program will be thoroughly reviewed to assess your company's compliance status in accordance with 49 CFR Parts 40 & 199. After the assessment, ASTAR will assist your company with making the necessary adjustments, if any, to become 100% compliant with the mandated standards.



LOCATIONS

Oklahoma Office

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Houston Office

ASTAR Evaluation & Training Center

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Bldg. 401

Spring, TX 77373

Main Phone: 281.528.0139

Pennsylvania Office

1326 E. Beau St.

Washington, PA 15301

Main Phone: 412.378.1596



EVALUATOR/TRAINER LOCATIONS

- Gary Hunt – Fruita, CO
- Matt Sorter – Houston, TX
- Mitchell Gross – Fort Worth, TX
- Lance Childress – Oklahoma City, OK
- Frank Hensley – Oklahoma City, OK
- Cameron Speck – Oklahoma City, OK (One Star - Elite Evaluator)
- Jason Avant – Washington, PA
- Sam Messenger – Bryan, TX (Two Star - Elite Evaluator)
- Tracy Messenger – Houston, TX
- Jeremy Greer – Houston, TX
- Jim Harper – Sandy, UT
- Tim Flaherty – Eden, WI
- Jason Gonzalez – Midland, TX
- Ron Ramer – Kendallville, IN
- James Tretinik – Washington, PA
- Micah Pauldino – Denver, CO



MOBILE EVALUATION TRAILER LOCATIONS

- Oklahoma City, OK
- Houston, TX
- Odessa, TX
- Washington, PA