



**Rick Szevery**

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Rick Szevery is the director of quality assurance and technical services at National Material Company (NMC) since 2018 and has worked in the steel industry since 2003. NMC is a product service center in the Chicago area that supplies steel and aluminum to the automotive and agricultural industries.

Rick started his metallurgical career at a centrifugal casting foundry in 2002, then moved to northwest Indiana in 2003 and accepted a position at ArcelorMittal Steel. Over the next 15 years he held positions of increasing responsibility in the quality assurance department and became steel making department manager in 2013. During this time, he was also the ArcelorMittal college recruiting team leader for Missouri S&T, and the company became a top-hiring employer on campus. Rick was honored to facilitate ArcelorMittal's membership into the Kent D. Peaslee Steel Manufacturing Research Center and donated many pounds of steel making alloys and safety equipment to the Missouri S&T foundry. He received the Miner Alumni Association Distinguished Young Alumni Award in 2015 and was inducted into the Mines and Metallurgy Academy in 2018.

Rick earned his bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering in 2002.

Rick resides in Valparaiso, Indiana, with his wife Kearney, MetE'02, and their five children. Rick and his family are actively involved in their church, school activities, and is also an award-winning home brewer of beer. In whatever time is left, he also sings and plays guitar in church choir, and enjoys home improvement project of all kinds.