

**Michael Buvalla***Harsco Metals*

Michael is the Site Manager at Harsco Metals briquetting facility in Braddock, PA, located inside the United States Steel Corporation (USS) Mon Valley Works Edgar Thomson Plant, where he has held that position for the last 14 years. He is responsible for all aspects of the operation including the budget, capital, quality, customer relations and safety.

Michael has worked in the steel industry for most of his 38-year career. In 1978, at 18 years old, he started working for USS at the Edgar Thomson Plant as a laborer and machine operator. In 1985, he completed an Associate's degree in Computer Aided Architectural Drafting and Design from Triangle Institute of Technology. That led to a drafting position at Sargent and Lundy in Chicago, Illinois for a few years.

Returning to the Pittsburgh area in 1987, he went back to work at the Edgar Thomson Plant for a contractor in the slab grinding business where he was in charge of the shipping and conditioning of slabs from USS.

In 1993, he joined National Recovery System as an operator for the on-site briquetting facility at the Edgar Thomson Plant at USS in Braddock, Pa. He has worked at the briquetting facility for the last 23 years.

Michael has been involved in start-ups all over the country and overseas including Bellary, India; Ashland, Kentucky; Ecorse, Michigan; and Slovakia.

Michael and his wife, Coleen have been married for 35 years and have two grown children.