

10 Questions to evaluate your cleanroom cleaning program



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Keep in mind

A strong program depends not only on what is written in the SOP, but also on how consistently it is carried out.

Why this matters

Small gaps in cleaning execution, training, or documentation can increase contamination risk and create avoidable quality issues

TRU perspective

We look at cleanroom cleaning as part of the contamination-control strategy, not as a standalone cleaning task.

Self-Assessment:

Question	Yes	No	Partly	Not Sure
1. Are all cleanroom cleaning operators trained and qualified before working independently?	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. Is cleaning performed according to clear site-specific SOPs rather than general cleaning instructions?	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. Are cleaning frequencies clearly defined for each room, surface, and area?	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. Is there a documented process to verify that cleaning was completed correctly?	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. Are disinfectants and cleaning agents used according to a defined and approved program?	☐	☐	☐	☐
6. Do you have enough consistency in personnel or do different operators regularly perform the work?	☐	☐	☐	☐
7. Are operators trained specifically on contamination-control behavior such as movement, gowning, and material flow?	☐	☐	☐	☐
8. Is cleaning documentation complete, consistent, and easy for Quality to review?	☐	☐	☐	☐
9. Is there a clear process for handling missed cleaning, deviations, or unexpected contamination events?	☐	☐	☐	☐
10. Do you regularly review whether your cleanroom cleaning program still matches changes in production, layout, equipment, or contamination risk?	☐	☐	☐	☐

Results

- 8-10 Strong answers: Your program appears well controlled. Focus on maintaining consistency and reviewing changes.
- 5-7 Strong answers: Your program may have some gaps worth reviewing.
- 0-4 Strong answers: There may be significant opportunities to strengthen control, documentation, and consistency.



Looking beyond the score

A “yes” does not always mean the process is effective. Consider how consistently the requirement is followed in daily operations.

What to look at next

Weak results often relate to one or more of the following:

- Operator consistency
- Training
- SOP execution
- Documentation
- Cleaning frequencies
- Quality oversight
- Contractor management

If you would like to compare your current approach with how TRU structures cleanroom cleaning programs, we can review the assessment together.