

**April Ramos - Touchstone Pistachio Co.**

Mrs. Ramos is the Quality Systems Director for Touchstone Pistachio Co. and has served within the pistachio industry for 16 years. Her educational background includes: Six Sigma Green Belt (Arizona State University), MBA (Fresno State), and a Bachelor of Science - Microbiology (University of Southern Mississippi). During her tenure, April has acquired/maintained SQF Level 3 certification for a pistachio processing plant in Hanford, CA for 8 years and recently consulted for another firm to achieve SQF Level 2 certification in December 2019. Mrs. Ramos is PCQI certified, completed coursework on the Produce Safety Rule, implemented Organic, HACCP, Preventive Controls, and Pasteurization programs within a processing plant. She leads the quality programs for processing, built a USDA accredited aflatoxin lab (2003), acts as liaison between the end customer and the processing plant(s), and manages the harvest incoming inspections. April believes in maintaining a safe and high quality product throughout the supply chain from farm to fork.