Supplier APQP Gated Review

APQP Phases:
1- Plan & Define the Program
2 - Product and Process Design & Development
3- Product & Process Validation
4- Feedback, Assessment & C/A

Gated Reviews:
- RFQ review & submission
- Job Award
- PPAP - I Readiness
- PPAP - II Readiness
- PPAP Completion readiness
- Launch and follow-up

Review Date:

General Guidelines
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Status of Tasks
- Program not advanced to this step
- Task Completed / In-Process - No Risk
- Some risk - action plan in place
- Major issues to be resolved
- Not Applicable

Program:
Project Leader:

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