

Environmental, Health & Safety News

Excellence In Safety Awards

The winners of the 2008 National Ready Mixed Concrete Association *Excellence in Safety Awards* have just been announced. Irving Materials, Inc. had 105 plants that made the grade and will be receiving the *Excellence in Safety Awards*.

The NRMCA safety contest has for years been a safety performance and incentive/award program aimed to foster safe practices at ready mixed concrete plants across the nation. The program is designed to be simple, while providing meaningful and fair criteria to recognize individual plants for their commitment to safety as evidenced by their record. The secondary goal of the contest is to gather thorough, accurate industry accident statistics.

For the 2008 Safety Contest some changes were made in the qualifying categories. Instead of counting the number of trucks operating from an individual plant location, the category definition was changed to number of cubic yards produced annually at a given plant. Then the plants were divided into three categories. The three categories are as follows:

- Category A Less than 50,000 Cubic Yards annually
- Category B 50,000 - 100,000 Cubic Yards annually
- Category C More than 100,000 Cubic Yards annually

Basis for Winning Entries

The following information was required on the entry forms:

- Total number of cubic yards shipped during 2007
- Number of lost time accidents at each plant in 2007
- Number of DOT reportable accidents in 2007
- Number of fatalities in 2007

From these factors a safety score was calculated. The safety score or Accident Frequency Rate is the sum of one, plus the lost time accidents, plus DOT reportable accidents, plus any fatalities divided by the concrete shipped in 100,000 cubic yard increments.

A certificate for "Excellence in Safety" is awarded to individual plants that are equal to or above the 70th percentile in scoring within each of the three categories in the contest. In addition, any plant that had no accidents in 2007 was awarded an "Excellence in Safety"



certificate regardless of their production.

2008 NRMCA Safety Contest Results and Trends

There were 1,183 plant entries in the contest. This is out of an estimated 7,000 to 8,000 plants nationwide. The largest category, Category A - less than 50,000 cu yds, had 646 entries. Category B had 376 entries and Category C had 161 entries. The total number of plants receiving "Excellence in Safety" awards in 2008 is 884. The imi plant winners in Category A were: Columbia, TN; Crossville, TN; Elizabethtown, KY; Georgetown, KY; Clarksville, IN; Walton, KY; Corydon, IN; Bardstown, TN; Hopkinsville, KY; Mooresville, IN; Paoli, IN; Greenfield, IN; Lebanon, TN; Cynthiana, KY; Mt. Washington, KY; Radcliff, KY; Fort Branch, IN; Bowling Green (Barren River and Fairview), KY; Morrison, TN; Shepherdsville, KY; Shelbyville, KY; Oxford, OH; Huntingburg, IN; Ghent, KY; Oak Grove, IN; Henderson, KY; Glasgow, KY; Lebanon, IN; Taylorsville, KY; Russellville, KY; Crawfordsville, IN; Harding St, IN; Winchester, TN; Harrodsburg, KY; Mount Juliet, TN; Bloomfield, IN; Madisonville, KY; Warsaw, KY; Campbellsville, KY; Shelbyville, TN; Scottsburg, IN; Winamac, IN; Manchester, TN; Tipton, IN; Springfield, TN; Spring Hill, TN; Horse Cave, KY; Hamilton, OH; Washington, IN; Lebanon, KY; Smithville, TN; Madison, IN; Brandenburg, KY; Salem, IN; Dry Ridge, KY; Frankfort, IN; Logansport, IN; Pittsboro, IN; Scottsville, KY; Remington, IN; Martinsville, IN; Jamestown, TN; Cambridge City, IN; Livingston, TN; Montezuma, IN; Springfield, KY; Brookville, IN; Central City, KY; Mount Carmel, IL; New Castle, IN; Leitchfield, KY; Sparta, TN; Fort Campbell, KY; Morganfield, KY; Connersville, IN; Elkton, KY; Mount Vernon, IN; East 96th St., IN; Morgantown, KY; Owensboro, KY; Jasper, IN; Spencer, IN; Lawrenceburg, TN; Greenville, IN; Paris, KY; Frankfort, KY; Cumberland City, TN; Greensburg (city and Honda portable), IN; Evansville (Stanley), IN; Hartford City, IN; Dover, TN; Fortville, IN.

Category B Winners were: Murfreesboro, TN; Marion, IN; Morris St, IN; West 96th St, IN; Lafayette, IN; Nashville (Cowan and West Nashville), TN; Middletown, KY; Kokomo, IN.

Category C Winner: Selinda Avenue, Louisville, KY

Words of Wisdom:
"A smile is the chosen vehicle for all ambiguities."

--Herman Melville, American author

Congratulations to all the Winners!!

