

Environmental, Health & Safety News

2008 NRMCA Commitment to Environmental Excellence Awards

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*Words of Wisdom:
"What lies before us and what
lies behind us are small matters
compared to what lies within us."*

--Thomas Edison

The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association announced the winners of the 2008 Commitment to Environmental Excellence Awards at the Fall Operations, Environment and Safety Conference and Convention in Nashville, TN on October 20, 2008. The imi Tennessee West Nashville Plant was a recipient of the "Comeback Kid Award" for plants with production ranging from 50K to 100K yards. The program which had a record number of entries in 2008, offers producers national recognition for outstanding contributions to protecting the environment and maintaining sound management practice in their operations. The entries were reviewed by a panel of judges based on a written narrative covering ten evaluation criteria and photographs. The Excellence Awards competition was sponsored by *Concrete Products* magazine. The program salutes companies that have not only met, but surpassed governmental compliance requirements and demonstrated a commitment to environmental excellence through plant and staff investment. Eligible plants include NRMCA producer members located in the U.S., its territories, or Canada. The entries were of the plants that clearly demonstrate the incorporation of environmental systems into the plant's operation. The West Nashville Plant will also be featured in an article in an upcoming edition of *Concrete Products* magazine.

The Plant Manager for West Nashville is Perry Griffin. Perry and all the employees at the plant have done a great job incorporating environmental controls. These controls include maintaining a four-stage settling basin with an overflow that also collects storm water and pumps it through an on-site filter into a 1500 gallon storage tank. Water is removed from the storage tank by trucks and used as job-site wash-off water. This closed loop system eliminates discharges from the West Nashville Plant to the Tennessee River which the plant is directly adjacent to. Bring back concrete is used as fill off-site and is made into bin blocks at the plant. Congratulations to Perry Griffin, Operations Manager Fletcher Taylor, imi Tennessee President John Curtis and the entire staff at imi West Nashville, Tennessee.



The Award Winning West Nashville, Tennessee Plant



Plant Manager Perry Griffin and Brian Hood, imi Director, Environmental Affairs.

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FOR!!



