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Fourth Annual Rock Solid Safety Awards

The IAAP Safety Committee developed the Rock Solid Safety Award program to recognize members who set high safety and health standards at their operations, thereby encouraging other companies to adopt systems that prevent injuries or illnesses. The Committee first generated a comprehensive list of activities required for a successful safety and health program and then assigned 1, 2 or 5 points for undertaking and documenting each of these critical activities. Using this point system, the Safety Committee created the **Rock Solid Bronze (14 points)**, **Rock Solid Silver (22 points)** and **Rock Solid Gold (30 points)** award levels plus a special award category for exceptional performance. The highest award level, **Rock Solid Excellence in Safety**, goes to companies that achieve Gold Status plus: (a) experience Zero MSHA reportable or OSHA recordable injuries; (b) experience Zero MSHA S&S Citations (or OSHA Equivalent); and (c) attain a total of 15 points from the five point categories.

The following awards for Calendar Year 2005 were presented at the IAAP's Annual Convention:

Bronze Award Winners



Company

Christian County Limestone Quarry Co.
Martin Marietta Aggregates
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Prairie Material Sales, Inc.

Location

Pana Limestone Quarry Company
Cave in Rock Quarry
Kaskaskia Mine
Northside Aggregate 99

Silver Award Winners



Company

Location

Allendale Gravel Company, Inc.
 Cessford Construction Company
 Evenson Explosives, LLC
 Feltes Sand & Gravel Company, Inc.
 Fred Weber, Inc.
 Martin Marietta Aggregates
 Prairie Material Sales, Inc.
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 Prairie Material Sales, Inc.
 Rogers Ready Mix & Materials, Inc.
 Vulcan Materials Company

Pinkstaff Plant
 Biggsville Quarry

 Feltes Sand & Gravel - Elburn
 Quality Sand, Inc.
 Rosiclare Quarry
 Northside Aggregate 57
 Northside Aggregate 88
 Northside Aggregate 91
 Rockford Limestone Quarry
 Cypress Quarry

Gold Award Winners



Company	Location
Austin Powder Company	Kankakee, Illinois
Central Stone Company	Antonia Plant
Central Stone Company	Central Stone Portable #2
Central Stone Company	Central Stone Portable #3
Central Stone Company	Huntington Plant
Central Stone Company	Taylor Sand & Gravel
Central Stone Company	Tennessee #53
Fred Weber, Inc.	Bluff City Minerals
Illinois Cement Company	-----
Knox County Stone	Edina Plant
LeClaire Investments, Inc.	LeClaire Portable Crusher #1
Material Service Corporation	Algonquin Sand & Gravel
Material Service Corporation	Fairmount Stone Quarry
Material Service Corporation	Federal Stone Quarry
Material Service Corporation	Indian Point Quarry
Material Service Corporation	Lincoln Quarry
Material Service Corporation	Thornton Quarry
Meyer Material Company	Algonquin Pit #5
Rein, Schultz & Dahl of Illinois	Joliet Sand & Gravel Company
Rein, Schultz & Dahl of Illinois	The RS & D Mine
Rein, Schultz & Dahl of Illinois	Tuscola Stone Company
RiverStone Group, Inc.	Midway Stone
Southern Illinois Stone Company	Buncombe Quarry
The Western Sand & Gravel Company	Aux Sable Stone Company
The Western Sand & Gravel Company	Utica Stone Company
U.S. Silica Company	Ottawa Plant
Vulcan Materials Company	Bolingbrook Mill and Quarry
Vulcan Materials Company	Kankakee Mill and Quarry
Vulcan Materials Company	Laraway Quarry
Vulcan Materials Company	Lemont Underground
Vulcan Materials Company	Macon County Sand and Gravel
Vulcan Materials Company	Manteno Quarry
Vulcan Materials Company	McCook Quarry
Vulcan Materials Company	Pershing Road Recycle
Vulcan Materials Company	Plainfield Quarry
Vulcan Materials Company	Rochester Sand and Gravel
Vulcan Materials Company	Sussex Quarry #326
WMC, Inc.	-----

Rock Solid Excellence in Safety Award Winners



Company

Location

Buckhart Sand & Gravel	Buckhart Dredge Mill
Central Stone Company	Chambersburg Plant
Central Stone Company	Fort Bellefontaine
Central Stone Company	Moscow Mills Plant
Conmat, Inc.	Portable #1
Meyer Material Company	Dyer Lake Pit #3
Meyer Material Company	Marengo Pit #39
Nokomis Quarry Company of Illinois, Inc.	Nokomis Quarry
Prairie Material Sales, Inc.	Northside Aggregate 56
Prairie Material Sales, Inc.	Northside Aggregate 58
Prairie Material Sales, Inc.	Northside Aggregate 90
Prairie Material Sales, Inc.	Northside Aggregate 95
Prairie Material Sales, Inc.	Northside Aggregate 96
Prairie Material Sales, Inc.	Northside Aggregate 98
Raimonde Drilling Corporation	-----
RiverStone Group, Inc.	Valley Quarry
Rockford Sand & Gravel Company	Cunningham Quarry
Rockford Sand & Gravel Company	North Shore
The Western Sand & Gravel Company	Galena Platteville
Vulcan Materials Company	Bartlett Underground
Vulcan Materials Company	Jonesboro Quarry
Vulcan Materials Company	Lake Bluff Rail & Recycle Yard #546
Vulcan Materials Company	Racine Quarry #383
Vulcan Materials Company	119th Street Recycle / Blue Island

Multi-Year Rock Solid Excellence in Safety Award Winners



Company	Location	Awards
Central Stone Company	Florence Quarry #33	04-05
Conmat, Inc.	Dwyer Portable	02-04-05
Conmat, Inc.	Eustice Portable	04-05
Dyno Nobel Inc.	DNNA Amboy	04-05
Dyno Nobel Inc.	DNNA Pittsfield	04-05
Material Service Corporation	Morris Sand & Gravel	03-05
Material Service Corporation	Nokomis Quarry	02-05
Material Service Corporation	Romeoville Stone Quarry	02-05
Meyer Material Company	Crystal Lake Pit #10	04-05
Meyer Material Company	Harvard Pit II	04-05
Meyer Material Company	McHenry West Pit #26	04-05
Mid-America Sand & Gravel Company	Webb Pit	04-05
Rein, Schultz & Dahl of Illinois	Fox River Stone Co.	02-05
RiverStone Group, Inc.	Albany / Cordova Dredge	04-05
RiverStone Group, Inc.	Allied Stone	04-05
RiverStone Group, Inc.	Cleveland Quarry	04-05
RiverStone Group, Inc.	RiverStone Permanent Wash Plant	04-05
RiverStone Group, Inc.	RiverStone Portable MC48	04-05
Rockford Sand & Gravel Company	Airport	04-05
Rockford Sand & Gravel Company	Irene	04-05
Rockford Sand & Gravel Company	Nimtz	04-05
Rockford Sand & Gravel Company	Rockview / Mulford	04-05
Rogers Group Inc.	Interstate Sand & Gravel	04-05
Rogers Group Inc.	Newton County Stone	04-05
Rogers Group Inc.	Wabash Gravel	04-05
The Western Sand & Gravel Company	Sheridan Plant	04-05
The Western Sand & Gravel Company	Triumph Plant	04-05

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Thelen Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Fox Lake Plant	04-05
Vulcan Materials Company	Casey Quarry	04-05
Vulcan Materials Company	Crest Hill Recycle	04-05
Vulcan Materials Company	Elk Grove Village Recycle	04-05
Vulcan Materials Company	Franklin Quarry #306	04-05
Vulcan Materials Company	Grayslake Rail Yard #248	04-05
Vulcan Materials Company	Kenosha Rail Yard #265	04-05
Vulcan Materials Company	Lake Villa Rail Yard #263	03-04-05
Vulcan Materials Company	Sycamore Quarry	03-05
Wendling Quarries, Inc.	Terry Adler Wash Plant Dept. 475	03-04-05
Wendling Quarries, Inc.	Trenkamp Portable Crushing Dept. 435	04-05

Participation in the IAAP's Rock Solid Safety program has grown steadily each year. For calendar 2002, the first year of this program, the Safety Committee received applications from 12 IAAP members for 62 operations. For calendar year 2005, 30 IAAP members received awards for safety and health achievements at 115 operations – an impressive record. **The Rock Solid Safety Award program has had a successful fourth year and will help implement a key Association goal: encouraging a proactive safety culture within our industry.**

IAAP Hard Hat Sticker

The IAAP Safety Committee printed up 10,000 hard hat stickers to celebrate a wonderful event: **zero Illinois aggregate mine fatalities in 2005**. The Safety Committee distributed a large number of these stickers during IAAP's Annual Convention. More stickers were mailed out last month. However, we still have plenty left in stock ready for distribution to your employees.



If you would like more of these hard hat stickers, please contact the IAAP Office.

Responsible Bidder Requirements for Local Road Projects – An Update

On June 14th, IAAP Executive Director John Henriksen, IAAP Treasurer Ron Koehler (Nokomis Quarry Company of Illinois, Inc.) and IAAP Vice President Everett Lawrence (Lawrence Gravel, Inc.) met with representatives from IDOT, organized labor and downstate road contractors to discuss how “responsible bidder” requirements are being applied to local let projects.

Section 30-22 of the Illinois Procurement Code (“Code”) provides that bidders on all State construction contracts certify compliance with a series of “responsible bidder” requirements. When this requirement was signed into law two years ago, IDOT properly applied these new requirements to all State highway contracts. However, IDOT then elected to extend these requirements to local let contracts by issuing new agency procedure memoranda, a decision evidently linked to a series of bid protests.

IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and Streets (BLRS) initially issued Procedure Memo 2005-3 requiring all local let MFT **construction contracts** to add responsible bidder language to the bid documents. These requirements include the bidder’s certification regarding participation in an approved apprenticeship and training program, as outlined in Section 30-22(6) of the Code.

This new agency policy upset township, municipal and county officials throughout Illinois given that the Illinois Procurement Code clearly does not apply to contracts let by local units of government. Then, after a few more bid protests, IDOT issued BLRS Procedure Memo 2006-01. This agency policy served to apply Section 30-22 to **material proposals that require the contractor to perform work at the jobsite**. That’s when the IAAP became involved.

As we explained during this meeting, a number of aggregate producers who deliver aggregate materials to local let projects, as well as producers who spread aggregate materials and/or seal coats on existing roadways for local units of government, are concerned about compliance with these responsible bidder provisions. Although IDOT is not currently applying Section 30-22 to pure material contracts, these companies remain concerned about losing a local let bid for “chip and seal” work because of a failure to participate in the apprenticeship and training program

The IAAP stressed that IDOT should modify its policies to reflect that Section 30-22 of the Code governs **construction contracts** rather than local let material proposals for the routine maintenance of existing structures. The IAAP’s argument is based upon the plain language of Section 1-15.20 of the Illinois Procurement Code that defines “Construction” as follows: “building, altering, repairing, improving, or demolishing any public structure or building, or making improvements of any kind to public real property. **Construction does not include the routine operation, routine repair, or routine maintenance of existing structures, buildings, or real property.**” (Emphasis added).

At the conclusion of this meeting, IDOT Director of Highways Milt Sees expressed his desire to resolve this issue and welcomed workable solutions from all parties. The IAAP therefore submitted the following language to Director Sees for incorporation in a new BLRS Procedure Memorandum that modifies Memorandum 2006-01:

“Procedure Memorandum 2006-01 issued on March 28, 2006 applied the responsible bidder requirements set forth in Section 30-22 of the Illinois Procurement Code to local let material proposals that require the contractor to perform work at the jobsite. The Office of Chief Counsel has since determined that these requirements should not apply to local let material proposals that require the contractor to perform routine maintenance of existing structures as follows:

- The placement of Aggregate Surface Course, Type A.
- The placement of Aggregate Surface Course, Type B.
- The application of Bituminous Surface Treatment Class A-1.
- Minor pavement patching required for the work set forth above.

The Section 30-22 apprenticeship and training certification is therefore not required for material proposals if: (a) the material is being delivered to stockpile; (b) the local agency is transporting the material to the jobsite; or (c) the material proposal includes routine maintenance work, as set forth above. Procedure Memorandum 2006-01 is hereby modified in accordance with these provisions.”

The IAAP’s proposal reflects the Illinois General Assembly’s intent that Section 30-22 apply to construction contracts rather than to routine maintenance of existing roads. In addition, this proposal is a fair and workable solution to the problems caused by applying responsible bidder requirements to local road MFT projects. **Stay tuned for further developments.**

The IAAP Returns to Washington

On June 7th, the IAAP traveled to Washington D.C. along with representatives from the Indiana and Ohio aggregate associations. This year’s Illinois group consisted of **Bob and Christine Furlong (Prairie Group – Aggregate Division) and John and Kay Henriksen (IAAP).**

Our lobbying effort began on June 8th with a breakfast and issue briefing at the Capitol Hill Club arranged by the Indiana Mineral Aggregates Association. We then walked to the House Office buildings for our meetings with the Illinois Congressional delegation.

Our group spoke with Congresswoman Biggert and Shimkus as well as legislative staffers for Speaker Hastert, Senators Durbin and Obama. During each of our meetings we thanked our delegation for resisting efforts to suspend the federal gas tax. We also expressed our concerns about some troublesome provisions in the new federal mine safety legislation.

Although summer is a very busy time for everyone, our group agreed that this DC lobbying trip was time well spent. These personal contacts with the Illinois Congressional delegation and their staff will be helpful as we strive to answer a question critical to the long-term health of the aggregates industry: **how should our Nation fund the next federal highway bill?**

We plan to return to Washington in June 2007. Please plan to participate in this important Association program. **Always remember -- the people who fight our industry are never too busy to come to Washington!**

Calendar

July 11, 2006: IAAP Environmental Committee Meeting; IAAP Office, Springfield, Illinois.

July 17-19, 2006: IAAP Science Teachers Workshop; Pere Marquette State Park, Grafton, Illinois.

July 19, 2006: TFIC Steering Committee Meeting; Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, Chicago, Illinois.

August 4, 2006: IDOT Bid Letting; Hanley Building, Springfield, Illinois.

August 9, 2006: IAAP Technical Committee Meeting; IAAP Office, Springfield, Illinois.

August 14, 2006: IAAP Annual Golf Outing; Springfield, Illinois.

August 15, 2006: IAAP Board of Director's Meeting; IAAP Office, Springfield, Illinois.

August 16, 2006: IDOT/Industry Joint Coop Meeting: AGCI Headquarters, Springfield, Illinois.

August 29-30, 2006: Illinois Mining Institute Annual Meeting; Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Illinois.

September 5, 2006: McHenry County Gravel Advisory Council; McHenry County Government Administration Building, Woodstock, Illinois.

September 13, 2006: IDOT/Industry Policy Committee Meeting; Hanley Building, Springfield, Illinois.

September 20, 2006: TFIC Annual Meeting; Location TBD.

September 22, 2006: IDOT Bid Letting; Hanley Building, Springfield, Illinois.

September 26-27, 2006: NSSGA/State Executives Meeting: NSSGA Office, Alexandria, Virginia.