



Buildings

Deadline is Tomorrow to Participate in New EPD for Concrete

The deadline to participate in an Industry-Wide Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) for concrete is Thursday, January 31. With trends pushing for environmental impact transparency, NRMCA members are urged to participate in the Industry-Wide EPD (IW-EPD), version 3.0. Due to market drivers (i.e., Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and EPDs in green building standards, most notably LEED V4) NRMCA will develop a third version of the IW-EPD in 2019. NRMCA has recently delivered various correspondence (i.e., E-NEWS, blast e-mails and direct e-mails) and hosted a webinar to describe the market need, project purpose and reasons for participation.

Like past IW-EPDs, ready mixed concrete producers will submit data in a confidential format established by the project's consultant, Athena. Past participants can be found [here](#). Even if a producer participated in the previous versions, there is still the potential to supply data for v3 of the IW-EPD due to evolving disclosure standards.

To participate and compete in the green building marketplace, you must register your company: complete this [form](#) and e-mail to Jacques Jenkins at jjenkins@nrmca.org.

As part of the [Build With Strength](#) campaign, NRMCA promotes sustainable concrete solutions for buildings. For more information, contact James Bogdan at jbogdan@nrmca.org or 412-420-4138.

Government Affairs

Make Plans to Attend NRMCA Government Affairs Committee Meeting

The Government Affairs Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 5, at NRMCA's 2019 Annual Convention. The committee will meet with PCA's Government Affairs Committee in a Joint Advocacy Meeting from 8:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Make plans to attend this meeting for legislative and regulatory updates impacting the ready mixed concrete industry.

[Click here](#) for more information about the convention, including agenda and registration options. For more information on the committee meeting, contact Andrew Tyrrell at atyrell@nrmca.org.

NRMCA Joins Fellow NACA Members to Host Congressional Meet and Greet

On Monday, January 28, NRMCA and other members of the North American Concrete Alliance (NACA) hosted a meet and greet for members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee. More than 15 members of Congress attended as well as staff from dozens of offices.

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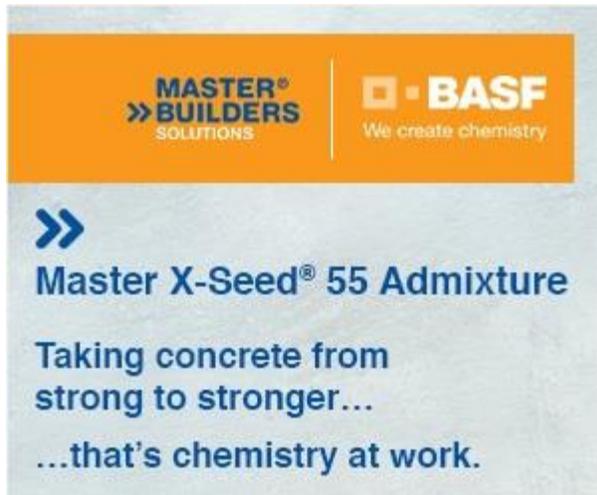
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Congressional Blue Dog Caucus Calls for Infrastructure Bill

On Monday, January 28, a group of centrist Democrats known as the Blue Dog Coalition sent a letter to House Democratic Leadership underscoring the importance of an infrastructure package and requesting that a federal investment be prioritized in this Congress.

[Click here](#) to read the press release and letter. For more information, contact Andrew Tyrrell at atyrrell@nrmca.org.



Pavement

NRMCA Participates in North Dakota Conference

The North Dakota Ready Mix & Concrete Products Association recently held its annual conference in Dickinson, ND.

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Workforce Development

Responses Sought for Survey on Value of NRMCA Classes

How have NRMCA classes helped your career? Please take this anonymous survey. If you ever took an NRMCA class, the Workforce Development Committee would like 10 minutes out of your frantic day.

Have you integrated what you learned to help you execute your job? How has it helped your career? Did you make operational changes when you got back from training? If not, why? If so, how? What would you like the Workforce Development Committee to know about your professional development?

[Click here](#) to take the survey. Question? Comments? Thoughts? Please reach out to Workforce Development Committee liaison Eileen Dickson at edickson@nrmca.org.

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NRMCA Names California Man 2019 Driver of the Year



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NRMCA has named David Buoncristiani of Central Concrete Supply, a US Concrete Company, the 2019 Ready Mixed Concrete Delivery Professional Driver of the Year. A panel of industry judges selected Mr. Buoncristiani the top driver from a group of outstanding applicants from across the United States. Mr. Buoncristiani (*shown here*), whose home plant is the South San Francisco facility in Francisco, was honored for his career achievements, outstanding safety record, professionalism, driving competency and customer service skills. On Mr. Buoncristiani's application, Central Concrete Supply's

Operations Manager, Joe Cerrito wrote, "While hauling over 15,000 cubic yards of concrete, incident free in 2018, David navigated some of San Francisco's most challenging roads and terrain with exceptional driving skill, intuition, and attention to detail."

The judges also selected three runners-up: Mike Salo, from GCC Ready Mix in Aberdeen, SD; Eddie Thompson of Chandler Concrete Company in Burlington, NC; and George Weaver of Wayne Concrete in Shinglehouse, PA.

As the winner of the 2019 award, Mr. Buoncristiani will receive a \$5,000 check from the Truck Mixer Manufacturers Bureau. As runner-ups, Mr. Salo, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Weaver will each receive a check for \$1,000. The 2019 Driver of the Year winners will be honored at NRMCA's Annual Convention during the Awards Luncheon Ceremony on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 in Tampa, FL. The Chicago-based trade magazine *Concrete Products* is a cosponsor of the Driver of the Year program.

For more information, contact Gary Mullings at gmullings@nrmca.org.

Reminder: OSHA 300A Summary Logs Must Be Posted by February 1

Beginning Friday, February 1, employers must display their OSHA 300A log where employees have access to it. The summary log needs to stay posted until April 30, 2019.

[Click here](#) for more information on OSHA recordkeeping requirements please and [here](#) to access OSHA 300A forms and instructions. You may also contact Gary Mullings at gmullings@nrmca.org or Kevin Walgenbach at kwalgenbach@nrmca.org.

Tier II/Community Right-to-Know Reporting Deadline is March 1

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) put into law in 1986 requires industries to report on the "storage, use and releases of hazardous chemicals (and materials) to federal, state, and local governments." This specific reporting requirement under EPCRA is commonly referred to as

Community Right-to-Know (CRTK) reporting, Tier II reporting and/or Section 311/312 reporting. The reporting deadline is Friday, March 1.

[Click here](#) to learn more about EPCRA, chemical/material thresholds and how to report. For more information, contact Gary Mullings at gmullings@nrmca.org or Kevin Walgenbach at kwalgenbach@nrmca.org.

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Just Two Spring Plant Manager Certification Courses Remain

The March Plant Manager Certification Course in St. Louis and the April class in Portland, OR, remain open for registration. After those dates pass, the only other class will be December 10-13, in Orlando. The 4-day course is industry-specific and concentrates on issues that challenge plant managers all across the county. The intense learning course includes the latest on product knowledge and technical standards, safety culture and OSHA-based regulations, operational and maintenance skills, current environmental issues and regulations from EPA as well as labor law issues and the challenges of supervision and training of industry personnel.

The NRMCA Plant Manager Certification is required for all Army Corps of Engineers jobs and is considered the industry gold standard of training for all ready mixed concrete plant managers.

[Click here](#) to access more information and staff contact for each of the three courses.

Engineering

Course on Improving Concrete Quality Scheduled for Denver in Mid-April

NRMCA, in conjunction with the Colorado Ready Mixed Concrete Association, is presenting the one-day course, Improving Concrete Quality, intended for concrete producers, ingredient material suppliers, engineers, testing labs and contractors, on April 16 in Denver.

[Learn More...](#)



Calendar

A Look Ahead

**Please note that e-mail and direct links to each event listed below can be accessed from NRMCA's [Web site](#).*

February 5 – 6, Phoenix
Insulating Concrete Forms (ICFs) Roundtable & Site Tour
Email: Lionel Lemay, 847-918-7101

February 11 – 15, Orlando, FL
Regional Short Course
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 240-485-1152

February 19 – 22, Charlotte, NC ***Sold Out**
Plant Manager Certification Course
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 240-485-1152

February 27, Milwaukee
Handling Concrete Specifications
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 240-485-1152

March 26 – 29, St. Louis
Plant Manager Certification Course
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 240-485-1152



April 9 – 11, Orlando, FL
Ready Mixed Concrete Safety Course
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 240-485-1152

April 16, Denver
Improving Concrete Quality
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 240-485-1152

April 23 – 26, Portland, OR
Plant Manager Certification Course
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 240-485-1152

December 10 – 13, Orlando, FL
Plant Manager Certification Course
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