NRMCA Congratulates Top Scorers at Miami Plant Manager Class

NRMCA’s second Plant Manager Certification class was held in February in Miami. Two attendees ranked first, missing a total of just two questions on both exams. In alphabetical order, they were Mathew McCown from Martin Marietta, metro San Antonio, and John Molnar, Silvi Concrete, Fairless Hills, PA. The three remaining 2020 Plant Manager Certification classes have seats open: Boston, March 24 - 27; New Orleans, April 28 - May 1, and Phoenix, December 15 - 18.

Click here for more information, registration options and staff contact.
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**Workforce Development**

**Workforce Development Committee to Meet in May in Chicago to Discuss Labor Issues**

Our industry, as well as others all across the U.S., is competing to hire and retain good employees. It's been very tough and the future looks even tougher. As a result, the Workforce Development Committee invites member producers to help develop employment-related solutions for our future. As directed by the Board of Directors, the committee’s goals are to address industry-wide recruitment and retention, leadership development and industry-based training, as well as engage in labor and employment-related regulatory and legislative issues.

How does the industry pull together, divide the work into task groups and provide sound insight producers can incorporate into their own employee-centric business models? YOUR company has a stake in the answer. Give YOUR voice by sending your key human resources person(s) to Chicago on May 11 - 12 (please note the committee is an active, working group that meets three times a year).

Is your company ready to step up to the plate? To RSVP your key executive as an attendee, please e-mail Eileen Dickson at edickson@nrmca.org, NRMCA staff liaison to the Workforce Development Committee. “It takes the village…”
Buildings

Concrete Industry Lowers Carbon Footprint by 13% in Five Years

NRMCA members have lowered their carbon footprint by 13% in five years according to a new report. Through a process called Life Cycle Assessment, or LCA, NRMCA has been tracking environmental impacts of its members since 2014. NRMCA recently published the 2019 version of the LCA report which indicating NRMCA members have significantly lowered their environmental impacts.

“This represents a significant step toward meeting our carbon reduction goal,” said Lionel Lemay, executive vice president for structures and sustainability at NRMCA. “NRMCA members established sustainability goals to reduce environmental impact early on and are truly leading by example in this very important industry-wide initiative.”

In 2011, Architecture 2030 announced the Challenge for Products, with a goal for the materials industry to reduce carbon footprint by 50% by 2030. NRMCA became one of the first industry groups to adopt the 2030 Challenge in 2012 and, following the Architecture 2030 protocol, published its benchmarks for carbon footprint in 2014.

“The analysis is based on a survey of 155 NRMCA members representing 1,954 ready mixed concrete plants,” explains James Bogdan, senior director, sustainability initiatives for NRMCA. “The 13% reduction in carbon footprint is for 4,000 psi (pounds per square inch) concrete, the most frequently used concrete in the United States. Carbon footprint reduction ranged from 8% for 2,500 psi concrete and 20% for 8,000 psi concrete.”

Click here to learn more or contact Lionel Lemay at LLe lays@nrmca.org or 847-922-7995.

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A Look Ahead

*Please note that e-mail and direct links to each event listed below can be accessed from NRMCA’s Web site.

March 17 – 19, Dallas
CCSP Module IV: Sales Fundamentals for Sales and Non-Sales Staff
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 703-706-4852

March 24 – 27, Boston
NRMCA Plant Manager Certification Course
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 703-706-4852

March 25, Winchester, KY
Insulating Concrete Forms (ICF) Symposium & Training Course
Email: James Bogdan, 412-420-4138

March 25, Washington, DC
Concrete Day in Washington, DC
Email: Lionel Lemay, 847-918-7101
April 15 – 17, Indianapolis
Concrete Durability Course
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 703-706-4852

April 17, Sweetwater, TN
Pervious Concrete Contractor Certification Program (Sponsored by TCA)
Email: dsparkman@tnconcrete.org

April 28 – May 1, New Orleans
NRMCA Plant Manager Certification Course
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 703-706-4852

April 29, Charlotte, NC
Improving Concrete Quality Course
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 703-706-4852

May 13 – 15, Glendora, CA
Concrete Safety Course
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 703-706-4852

May 20, Nashville, TN
Handling Concrete Specifications, Low Strength Problems and Mixture Submittals
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 703-706-4852

September 25 – 29, Denver
NRMCA's ConcreteWorks
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 703-706-4852

October 20 – 22, Mendota Heights, MN
Concrete Safety Course
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 703-706-4852
November 17 – 19, Glendora, CA
Environmental Course for the Ready Mixed Concrete Industry
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 703-706-4852

December 15 – 18, Phoenix
NRMCA Plant Manager Certification Course
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 703-706-4852

*For sold out courses if you wish to be added to the course waitlist, please send your request to meetings@nrmca.org.