

Association & Industry News

NRMCA Honored for Efforts in Build With Strength Campaign

NRMCA was recently named Trade Association of the Year for its effort in helping to create and promote the Build With Strength campaign by the Reed Awards in the Grassroots category. The award occurred earlier this month in Philadelphia and is named after Campaign & Elections founder Stanley Foster Reed. Build With Strength is a coalition led by NRMCA that consists of civic organizations, fire service professionals, architects, engineers and industry experts committed to enacting safer and more sustainable building standards.

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Buildings

Build With Strength Issues January - February 2019 Advocacy Report

This first activity report for 2019 summarizes activity in state and local legislation for January and February. Locations of interest are municipalities throughout New Jersey, Philadelphia and Los Angeles.

[Click here](#) to access the advocacy report. For more information, contact John Loyer at jloyer@nrmca.org.



Products & Services

NRMCA's Newest Video Helps Producers Comply with OSHA's Respiratory Protection Regulation

The latest lesson in NRMCA's video safety series focuses on how to determine if respiratory protection applies to your ready mixed concrete operation, based on OSHA's Code of Federal Regulations at Title 29, Section 1019. 134. It includes the common areas of a plant that require respiratory protection, pre- and post-use inspection, maintenance, cleaning and storing of respiratory protection, the required medical questionnaire and employee medical clearance procedures, the two forms of respirator fit-testing, along with cartridge selection, and the required training ready mixed concrete companies must complete. Additionally, it discusses the respiratory protection program basics that likely will be part of any written exposure plan for compliance with OSHA's new silica rule.

The video was developed with support from the RMC Research & Education Foundation. It is a MUST on your shelf of safety lessons specific to our industry.



[Click here](#) for details and clips about this and other lessons. For more information, please contact Jacques Jenkins at jjenkins@nrmca.org.

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NRMCA Announces Results from February Regional Short Course

The NRMCA Concrete Technologist Training and Certification (Short Course) held in February in Orlando, Florida, was attended by 46 industry personnel (*group photo seen below*).



The following were the number of certifications awarded:

- NRMCA Field Technician Grade II – 30 (32 passed the exam but some did not have the pre-requisite ACI Grade I certification)

- NRMCA Concrete Technologist Level 2 – 26
- NRMCA Concrete Technologist Level 3 – 15

Congratulations to all who attended and to those who received certifications. The following are recognized for achieving highest scores in the relevant exams:

- Andrew Midthun, Peak Ready Mix (CO); and Christopher Livingston with Martin Marietta (TX) for NRMCA Field Grade II (98%)
- Christopher Livingston with Martin Marietta (TX) for Concrete Technologist Level 2 (98%)
- Ronald Holcomb with Cemex (FL) for Concrete Technologist Level 3 (92%)

The next Short Course will be offered from November 11-15 in Baltimore. [Click here](#) for registration, hotel, staff contact and other information.



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](#).***

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

May 1, Charlotte, NC
Handling Concrete Specifications
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 240-485-1152

May 14 - 16, Portland, OR
Concrete Durability Course
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 240-485-1152

December 10 – 13, Orlando, FL
Plant Manager Certification Course
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 240-485-1152



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