

commitment to environmental excellence AWARDS

The 17th annual Commitment to Environmental Excellence Awards program recognized 11 ready mixed facilities in six states and Canada as industry leaders in environmental stewardship. Winners in each of four categories were honored for not only satisfying, but surpassing governmental compliance measures through plant and staff investment. The competition's cosponsors, Concrete Products and the Environmental Task Group of the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association's Operations, Environmental and Safety Committee, honored award recipients in late-September at NRMCA's ConcreteWorks Conference & Expo in San Diego.

To select winning operations, a panel of judges consisting of regulatory officials, industry and environmental consultants, reviews written reports and photographs to

evaluate entries. Submissions are evaluated on the basis of 10 criteria, including site aesthetics, documented plant procedures, training and employee involvement, air- and water-pollution control methods, noise-abatement measures, community relations, operating challenges, and overall management commitment.

Environmental Excellence program entries were divided into four categories based on 2010 production volumes: A for plants producing less than 25,000 yd.; B for plants producing 25,001 to 50,000 yd.; C for plants producing 50,001 to 100,000 yd.; and, D for plants producing 100,001 to 200,000 yd.

Any NRMCA member company in good standing, owning a fixed U.S. or Canadian plant that has operated in full compliance

with federal, state and local environmental regulations for a minimum of two years is eligible to enter the Environmental Excellence Awards program. Since contestants' participation is vital to sustaining the competition, producers are encouraged to enter their plants for the 2012 event. Entry forms are available at www.nrmca.org.





Cemstone Products Company
Dayton, MN Location

CATEGORY C HONORABLE MENTION

CEMSTONE Dayton Plant, Dayton, Minn.



The Dayton Plant is a seven-acre parcel containing a batch plant and maintenance shop. A weir system is located onsite allowing for the process water to be re-used in the batching of new concrete. Process water flow is limited to the triangle of loading point, weir and wash racks. All returned concrete is trucked to nearby Elk River, Minn., where it is crushed into recycle fill and 3-in. rock. Furthermore, the central mixer is connected to a central dust collection system to minimize any airborne dust.

