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Dave Lauriski to Visit Arizona in Honor of Rinker's Safety Award



Assistant Secretary of Labor for
Mine Health and Safety
David D. Lauriski

Phoenix, Arizona - The Arizona Rock Products Association is pleased to announce that Rinker Materials' 19th Ave. operation was the 2002 recipient of the Sentinel of Safety Award. This award is the most prestigious award for safety currently awarded the mining industry. On Monday, March 29th, David D. Lauriski, the seventh Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, will be visiting Rinker's 19th Avenue plant to honor the members of the company for their commitment to safety. Like Rinker, Mr. Lauriski is committed to safety and understands the challenges that our industry faces. Prior to his confirmation as Assistant Secretary, Mr. Lauriski spent 30 years in the coal mining industry, with a focus on safety for much of his career. Since his confirmation by the U.S. Senate on May 9, 2001, he has been dedicated to carrying out the Mine Safety and Health Administration's mission of protecting the health and safety of the miner.

Mr. Lauriski is recognized throughout the United States for his leadership skills in safety management. Along with those skills, he has brought the Mine Safety and Health Administration a vision designed to enhance miner health and safety and the Agency's

operating efficiency. This vision reflects the President's call for Federal agencies to become citizen-centered, results-oriented and innovative.



President Dan Speck of Rinker Materials Accepts and the Sentinels of Safety Award from Irvin Hooker of MSHA

Sentinels of Safety Award

Each year one mining operation is honored as being the safest mining operation, for its division, in the nation by the Mine Safety and Health Administration, a division of the Department of Labor. The award began in 1926 by Secretary of Commerce and future President Herbert Hoover. The objective of the award is to stimulate greater interest in safety among the nation's mineral-extractive industries and to encourage the development of more effective accident-prevention programs by according national recognition to operations achieving outstanding safety records. This award is considered the most prestigious award in the mining industry and is the oldest established award for occupational safety.



The Sentinel of Safety Award

The annual award was presented on October 2, 2003 at a luncheon sponsored by the National Mining Association in Washington D.C. Ten Rinker employees were present to accept the award and bring it back to Arizona. Rinker had an award luncheon on Thursday, October 23rd at the 19th Avenue Plant to honor all of the employees that made the award possible. Honored guests included State Representative Gary Pierce from District 19, former State Senator Russell "Rusty" Bowers, Irvin Hooker, Mountain District Manger of the Mine Safety and Health Administration's Denver, Colorado office, Jerry Kissell Safety Inspector from the Mesa Office of the Mining Safety and Health Administration, and John Sanchez from the Department of Public Safety, Governor's Safety Detail. Rinker's 19th Avenue Plant, which produces hot mix asphalt, ready-mix

concrete, and aggregate materials, for the Phoenix metropolitan area is one of 37 operations the company owns statewide.

For nearly 50 years, the Arizona Rock Products Association (ARPA) has been providing representation for over 55 member companies involved with the production of aggregates, asphaltic concrete, ready mix concrete, asphalt, lime products, and portland cement. Out members, along with over 85 associate members providing related transportation, contracting, and consulting services, make ARPA one of the most influential public and private policy advocates in Arizona today.