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Rinker Wins Highest Safety Award

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. 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 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.