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Arizona Portland Cement Company Celebrates 9 Years without Loss Time



The proud employees of Arizona Portland Cement Company's Rillito facility.

Rillito, Arizona – On April 1, the Governor and the Arizona State Mine Inspector's Office awarded Arizona Portland Cement Company's (APC) Rillito facility, west of I-10 north of Avra Valley Road, a commendation for operating nine consecutive years without a loss time accident making them the number one ranked cement facility in the nation in terms of safety. There are approximately one hundred similar facilities nationwide which makes the accomplishment one that the 161 employees of APC are particularly proud of.

At a recent meeting in Tucson Hector Lovemore, a Mine Inspector for the State, commented, "This was no easy accomplishment, it took hard work and commitment." He lauded the efforts of the company to improve their safety record from what Frank Obregon, Safety Supervisor for APC, characterized as a situation needing improvement. He explained that it all started with an incentive program that transferred into company pride. "Do it right, do it safe" is the current philosophy, "no matter what the cost," says Obregon. "We feel very fortunate to work for a company where top management promotes safety first, production second."

Other special guests at the celebration were members of the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) which included Peter Montalia, Special Assistant to the Administer, Jake DeHerrera, with the Rocky Mountain District, Dave Brown, newly appointed Supervisor, from the Mesa, Arizona Office and the Deputy Director from the Southern Arizona Governor's Office.

During the award luncheon held in honor of the employees that made it happen, participants had the opportunity to enjoy a company hosted steak fry as they looked on to see the State Mine Inspector and the Governor's office present to the employees of APC an award symbolic of an accomplishment nothing short of amazing. Obregon would like to prove that it was not a fluke and continues to work diligently to improve working conditions and attitudes toward their goal of zero loss time accidents for ten years.

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. Our 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