



Your Homes...
Your Roads...
Your Future.

Contact: Rusty Bowers
Arizona Rock Products Association
916 W. Adams
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Phone (602) 271-0346
Fax (602) 255-0363
shari@azrockproducts.org

Contact: Steve Trussell
Arizona Rock Products Association
916 W. Adams
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Phone (602) 271-0346
Fax (602) 255-0363
steve@azrockproducts.org

Arizona Rock Products Association News Release

March 10th, 2004 – *For Immediate Distribution*

Dr. Fellows of the Arizona Geological Survey Visits with Southern ARPA



Tucson, Arizona – At a meeting hosted by Mike Smith of Tucson Ready Mix on Wednesday, March 10th, Dr. Fellows, Senior Geologist of the Arizona Geological Survey (AZGS), discussed with the Southern ARPA Committee the manifold duties of the agency and addressed potential partnership opportunities with industry. Bob Linsell of Kalamazoo Materials echoed the opportunities that were available and recommended that the agency be utilized as a resource. Characterizing rock and mineral potential for planners and industry and map generation are just some of the many offerings of the agency. Dr. Fellows explained that the AZGS continuously answers the call for more industry specific information and cited several examples including aggregate deposition, development, and uses. The AZGS also honors requests for mapping of non-documented areas.



Dr. Fellows discussed with the group the importance of understanding the asbestos issue and was heavily involved in research done to address claims of asbestos being entrained in the air as a result of aggregate mining. The result is a document based on extensive research that affords the aggregate industry the information necessary to arm itself against misinformation. Dr. Fellows also pointed out additional ancillary information available through AZGS which included information on salt deposits, helium, and radioactive materials.



The AZGS works very closely with Richard Hubbard and Mike Rice from the offices on Mark Winkleman in the State Land Department. He has been asked to work on state trust land issues, Arizona Department of Transportation on material source issues, and has participated in many workshops with various State agencies connecting geological principles and natural resources interests to responsible planning.



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