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ARPA Partners with the Arizona Mining Association (AMA)

On Thursday, September 17, 2009 ARPA's Safety & Transportation Committee held a joint meeting with the Arizona Mining Association (AMA). The collaboration of the Associations has proven to be a great asset when considering common issues and goals for both industries. ARPA was grateful to have AMA's input at this critical safety & transportation meeting. Discussions included initiatives and projects that will be brought to fruition in future joint meetings such as site specific hazard training for transportation, regulatory updates and initiation of other key projects, just to name a few. On behalf of ARPA and its membership, we thank the AMA for their participation in our monthly meeting and look forward to working with them in the near future.

Meetings/Events

Human Resources (HR) Meeting:

Join us for the next ARPA HR meeting to participate in the "Employee Free Choice ACT (EFCA) Preparedness" presentation that will be given by one of ARPA's newest Associate members, Attainment, Inc. The meeting will be held at the ARPA office on Wednesday, October 14th at 9:00am.

ARPA Annual Holiday Steak Fry:

Mark your calendars for the Holiday Steak Fry on December 17, 2009 at the ARPA office! As always there will be good food, friends and fun! **We are looking for a member to volunteer their grill as well as volunteers to cook the steaks so please contact Laura Post if you are able to help out. (602-271-0346)*

MAG Sections 701 and 725 Revisions

On Wednesday, October 7th MAG voted on the recommended changes to section 725 and 701 and it was unanimously approved without any additional discussion. Congratulations to the ARPA Concrete Technical and Education Committee and the MAG working group for months of successful hard work and Jeff Hearne of Salt River Materials Group for his leadership in this process.



ASMI Conference

The Arizona State Mine Inspectors Office hosted the Hart Administration's first Fall Mining Mixer, Conference and Awards Program on October 1st, 2009. ARPA members were instrumental in assisting with the event. An ARPA committee helped to develop the line-up of speakers and support the event through generating sponsorships. Aggregate industry speakers included Dan McQuade of Salt River Materials Group, Ben Dorris of Gila River Sand and Gravel and Eric Campbell of Brown and Caldwell.

This Year's ASMI Safety Award Winners Included:

- Vulcan Materials Receiving Awards for No Lost Time Accidents for their West 43rd, Sun City, Val Vista, Black Angus, Marana, Litchfield, and Mesa plants.
- ABC Sand and Rock Receiving the Accident Free Award.
- Ben Dorris, Gila River Sand & Gravel, Receiving the Statewide Safety Professional of the Year Award.

Vulcan
Materials Company



ABC
SAND & ROCK
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Introducing ARPA's Newest Staff Member

Elaine Trujillo is the newest addition to the ARPA staff, joining the team as the Administrative Assistant. She has several years of experience in the construction industry and understands ARPA's objectives and goals. She has had the pleasure of meeting some of you and looks forward to working with the entire ARPA membership. Please be sure to introduce yourself when you come by the office. We are happy to have her as part of our dynamic team!

Multi Sector General Permit

ARPA Would like to recognize and thank the following people for their work on the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's proposed Multi Sector General Permit. Chairman Dave Mack of Granite Construction, Angelo Balliet of Brown and Caldwell, Lucky VanHorne of Vulcan Materials, James Silversmith of Salt River Materials Group, Stephanie Colleran of Hanson Aggregates, Scott Hughes of CalPortland, Ed Lattimer of AMEC and Dwight Clark of Ninyo and Moore. The group will attend a mining sector only meeting this Thursday to further discuss the permit and APRA's proposed changes. The group will consist of all mining subgroups operating throughout Arizona. ARPA has partnered with the Arizona Mining Association to develop the best permit possible.

ARPA Members Participate in State and Community Affairs

The nucleus of ARPA's aggressive participation in State and community affairs are the proactive committees that meet on a monthly basis to discuss and solve industry related issues. As a member of the Arizona Rock Products Association, you have the benefit of participating in these committees which also provide the necessary information, education and networking for the continued success and growth of your company. To get more information about ARPA Committees and to participate in a future meeting, please contact the ARPA office at the following phone number or email addresses:

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ARPA Receives Variance Letter from EPA

Maricopa County recently received a letter from EPA allowing a variance from the 4% moisture content on materials feeding into hot mixed asphalt plants. The Arizona Rock Products Association submitted an analysis regarding the benefits of emissions reduction and fuel cost savings, after initial approval by the Maricopa County Air Quality Department, it was then sent to the EPA. The approval allows members to avoid using valuable water resources to reduce emissions created from burning additional fuel thus creating more emissions while drying the materials for processing. A special thank you goes out to Barb Sylvester of Brown and Caldwell for her efforts on the analysis. For a copy of the letter contact Steve Trussell at steve@azrockproducts.org.

ARPA Represented on Arizona Geologic Survey Mapping Committee

ARPA has been participating in the Arizona Geologic Mapping Advisory Committee alongside State Geologist, Dr. Lee Allison. Bob Linsell of Granite Construction and Eric Mears of Brown and Caldwell have graciously stepped up to assist the State in identifying critical areas to be mapped. Both are registered geologists and have extensive experience in this area. The documents that result from their efforts will be used by the state, counties and municipalities to identify, among other things critical resource areas of potential reserves that will need to be considered in general planning.



EPA Tracking Greenhouse Gases

On September 22nd, the Environmental Protection Agency finalized a rule requiring large emitters of greenhouse gases to monitor and report emissions. Reporting takes effect January 1, 2010 and the first reports being submitted in 2011. The rule covers roughly 10,000 facilities and about 85% of all U.S. emissions. It would apply to emitters of 25,000 tons or more of CO2 equivalent each year, including carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and hydro-fluorocarbons. The EPA also released a draft rule, on September 30th that would require such emitters to obtain permits for their emissions.

ARPA Represented on State Land Reform Committee

ARPA is working with State Land Commissioner Maria Baier, the Governor's Natural Resources Policy Advisor Mike Anable and key stakeholders to develop a House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) and succeeding legislative bill language to address state land use, planning and resource management. ARPA currently sits on the State Land Reform Committee and three subsequent subcommittees and has added the reform bill as one of its legislative agenda priorities.



From left: Steve Trussell, Dick Hrubes & Maria Baier

MISSION STATEMENT:

ARPA promotes and preserves the sustainability of the rock products industry through active involvement in the community, regulatory, and political processes.