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ARPA Community Relations – Iowa Club takes an Aggregate Industry Tour



ARPA participants included Vulcan Materials Company, Lafarge, CalPortland and CEMEX. Participants from state and local agencies included the Maricopa County Air Quality and Environmental Services Departments, Arizona State Mine Inspector's office, Arizona State Land Department and Iowa Club Tour participants pictured to the left.

El Mirage, Arizona - On February 2, 2017, the Arizona Rock Products Association coordinated with Douglas Plum of the Iowa Club to host a free industry bus tour for Iowa Club members to visit neighboring aggregate facilities including Vulcan Materials Company, Lafarge and one of CalPortland's batch plants located in Sun City.

The objective of the tour was for aggregate facilities to open their doors to neighbors like Gayla Coffman of Sun City West, who participated in her first mining tour. "This was very informative and all your speakers were very informative and eager to answer all our questions. This was a wonderful tour. Keep up the good work," Coffman said. Speakers from each facility answered questions and educated participants on the various types of operations and unique mining equipment, as well as further describing the labor, safety and environmental controls and technology required to effectively extract construction materials and ultimately process those resources that help to create and enhance our beautiful cities.

State and local agencies participating included the Maricopa County Air Quality and Environmental Services Departments, Arizona State Mine Inspector's office and the Arizona State Land Department.

For almost 60 years, the Arizona Rock Products Association (ARPA) has served as the oldest mining association in Arizona and has been providing representation for 44 member companies involved with the production of aggregates, asphaltic concrete, ready mix concrete, asphalt, lime products, and portland cement. Our 44 producer members, along with more than 55 associate members who provide related transportation, contracting, and consulting services, make ARPA one of the most influential public and private policy advocates in Arizona today.