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### ARPA Concrete Technical and Education Committee Specifier Tour



The *Concrete Technical and Education Committee* is comprised of members from the private, state, county and local technical divisions including: Arizona Department of Transportation - Pavement Design Section, Flood Control District of Maricopa County, Maricopa County Air Quality District, Arizona Rock Products Association, Arizona Materials, CEMEX, Vulcan Materials Company, Rock Solid, Ninyo & Moore and Reuter Equipment

Phoenix, Arizona - On October 11, 2016, the Arizona Rock Products Association's (ARPA) *Concrete Technical and Education Committee* hosted a free industry bus tour at the CEMEX 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue hot mix asphalt plant in order to explain an aggregate mining operation, ready-mix concrete batch plant and asphalt plant in full operation.

The objective of the tour was to further educate participants on the various types of operations, the unique mining equipment and processing complexities, and further describe the labor, safety and environmental concerns, and technology required to effectively and safely extract rock and ultimately process those materials into building materials. Representatives from CEMEX and Vulcan Materials Company offered

process explanation specific to a typical aggregate, ready-mix concrete and hot mix asphalt operation and fielded technical questions. Although the tour focused on the process flow, best management practices and quality control initiatives taken by each plant, there was significant discussion centered on safety, health and environmental initiatives taken by the respective operations (e.g., air permitting, storm water, permitting).

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*For almost 60 years, the Arizona Rock Products Association (ARPA) has served as the oldest mining association in Arizona and been providing representation for 46 member companies involved with the production of aggregates, asphaltic concrete, ready mix concrete, asphalt, lime products, and portland cement. Our 46 producer members, along with more than 59 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.*