



2009 Committee Goals & Objectives

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Mission:

The Environmental Committee shall monitor and respond to environmental regulations and policies (in cooperation with the Legislative Committee), impacting the aggregates industry. The Committee shall initiate such action as will improve the industry's ability to operate in a responsible, environmentally sound manner. The Committee shall communicate appropriate information to Association members.

Goals and Objectives:

Land Resources – Maintain close liaison with the Land Quality Section to monitor and guide issues concerning mining and permitting. Issues include staff expansion, permit turn around time, regional inconsistencies, and regional office & outside agency erosion & sedimentation requirements.

Air - Monitor draft rules that may affect our industry. Work to eliminate proposed and existing rules that are unnecessary. Monitor state and national crystalline silica issues.

Water – Work with DWQ to revise the General Water Permit. Continue to educate DWQ about the mining industry. Work to keep DWQ Wetlands rules reasonable.

Other – Monitor NC Mining Commission, Environmental Management Commission, and the Environmental Review Commission. Promote a positive image of mining, and explain the benefits of the industry. Address industry problems encountered in dealing with the public, particularly with regard to permitting and attempts to impose new or stricter regulations on the industry. (This needs to occur on a continual basis, not just when new legislation or situations arise.)

Strengthen alliances and maintain communication with state and national industry associations with regard to industry problems and issues. Advocate professionalism and sound operating practices within the industry by all operators.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mission:

The Legislative Committee shall advocate, monitor or respond, as appropriate, to legislative initiatives impacting the aggregates industry. Activities and proposals to be monitored include those in the NC General Assembly, including out-of-session study commissions and committees, and those of the U.S. Congress. The Legislative Committee shall keep members advised, lobby appropriate measures, testify as needed, and leverage the industry's effectiveness by cooperating with similarly oriented groups including state and national organizations including NSSGA, AGC, CAPA, CRMCA, NC Chamber, NC GO!, TRIP, and others.

Goals and Objectives:

Support State and Federal legislation which would increase funding for transportation by working with State and Congressional delegation, participating in and organizing, where appropriate, effective coalition efforts.

Participate in coalitions to protect the integrity of the NC Highway Trust Fund and Highway Fund including the elimination of transfers from these funds to non-transportation purposes.

Participate in coalitions to affect positive change in the delivery of highway projects – more specifically, work to expedite the environmental permit review process which is one of the leading causes of delays in project delivery schedules.

Monitor and advocate for positive legislative and regulatory programs that benefit the industry, such as, increasing the use of industry products in NCDOT contracts. Coordinate communication with other NCAA committees to provide a unified position to legislative and regulatory agencies.

Diligently review all state legislation for potential impacts to the industry and communicate the same in a timely manner to the membership. Develop white papers / position papers based upon member input and aggressively advocate those positions to the appropriate body. Specifically, oppose attempts to revise NC tax structure concerning aggregate materials and any severance tax proposals.

Involve member companies in contacting legislators both in their districts and those they know personally.

Timely and routine communication of key legislative issues to the full membership.



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MARKETING & TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Mission:

The mission of the Marketing-Technical Committee is to monitor aggregate specifications, quality requirements, markets and sales trends, and take appropriate actions to expand and protect aggregate sales, including development of new or modified specifications and market promotion.

The committee will encourage industry liaison with specifiers and customers, including NC DOT, contractors, and consultants. The committee will share helpful information with Association members.

Goals and Objectives:

Aggregate Base Course Promotion – Develop and report on trends in aggregate use for presentation to NCDOT, contractors, and engineers. Expand the use of Aggregate Base. Collect cost comparison data to monitor benefits. Promote alternative uses of fines.

Pavement Design – Continue to promote inclusion of ABC as alternate base in pavement designs. Establish twice a year meeting with Pavement Management Group to review pavement design trends. Monitor design-build projects and NC Turnpike Authority projects.

Specifications – Monitor asphalt and concrete specification changes.

Quality Control – Improve the acceptance of the Aggregate QC/QA Program by NC DOT. Have NC DOT recognize QC samples as acceptance samples in lieu of requiring roadway (RA) samples. Push NCDOT to accept gradations at the plant and density at the roadway.

Research Implementation – Prepare a model program leading to better preparation, distribution, availability and use of ICAR research data at the producer and state association levels, working with NSSGA and southeastern states.

SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE

Mission:

The mission of the Safety and Health Committee is to monitor state and federal initiatives, including legislation, rules, and policy affecting matters of safety and health in the aggregates and supplier industries, and to provide a timely and appropriate response. Further, the Committee is to help develop industry programs to encourage safe and healthy work places and practices among Association members. The committee will provide relevant information to all Association members.

Goals & Objectives:

MSHA Issues - Encourage continued compliance with Part 46 contractor training and annual contractor refresher training. Support task-training programs, with an emphasis on records and paperwork management. Monitor enforcement of Hazcom, equipment guarding and similar rules and report to members. Work for clarification and uniformity in standards. Monitor rulemaking (including NIOSH) on asbestos and crystalline silica.

Support efforts to stop inappropriate rule development for the aggregates industry. Support MSHA State Grants for training (safety or industrial health), and support joint opportunities for operator training. Monitor MSHA enforcement activity in NC.

Occupational Health and Personal Wellness Programs - Help develop and promote Occupational Health Programs (OHP) for all member companies. Encourage development of employee personal wellness/health programs by member companies of the mining industry. These programs would work to motivate individual employees to make better lifestyle choices that affect their diet, exercise, medications, and overall health. Through classes, medical screenings, health newsletters, and other methods of monitoring and education, the programs would combine with the industry's occupational health programs and personal health plans to improve the individual worker's total quality of life, on and off the job.

Mobile Equipment – Work to improve safety in and around mobile equipment to include alarms, visual and similar devices. Research new methods to prevent accidents involving backing of equipment.

NC DOL – Mine & Quarry Issues - Support consultative mine safety inspections.

Encourage and support opportunities for mine operator training, including the Annual Mine Safety Conference, individual company training sessions, and workshops and seminars. Encourage producers to participate in the NC Mining Star Program. Monitor two-way communications between industry and state agency officials. Work to help assure adequate state budget appropriations for Bureau.

Security – Encourage producers to establish security procedures in plants especially focused on mobile equipment and electrical equipment, and promoting “*Keep Out, Stay Alive*” program.

Cooperative Programs – Coordinate with southeastern states, especially South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia, to sponsor a Safety and Health Regional Conference. Invite other Associations to our meetings.