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GALLAGHER ASPHALT CORPORATION EARNS DIAMOND ACHIEVEMENT COMMENDATION

Lanham, MD -- The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced that Thornton Plant, Gallagher Asphalt Corp., Thornton, IL has earned NAPA's 2009 Diamond Achievement Commendation for Excellence in Hot-Mix Asphalt Plant/Site Operations.

The Diamond Achievement Commendation is a unique and respected self-assessment program that encourages and recognizes responsible hot-mix asphalt (HMA) operation practices and cultivates good community relations. As NAPA's Chairman Larry H. Lemon noted, "The Diamond Achievement Commendation is an honor in which a company and a community can take great pride. It clearly demonstrates a corporate commitment to excellence with a community focus."

NAPA developed this successful program in 1999. The self-assessment process addresses six essential facets of the HMA plant/site: appearance, operations, environmental practices, safety, permitting and regulatory compliance, and community relations. Earning the Commendation exemplifies the commitment to excellence in all aspects of HMA facilities, and symbolizes continuous improvement in operations and community relations.

Thornton Plant, Gallagher Asphalt Corp. has joined the elite ranks of the asphalt paving industry by earning the coveted Diamond Achievement Commendation. All HMA plants/sites are eligible to earn the Commendation. The standard of excellence is challenging, but can be accomplished with genuine dedication to responsible practices and continuous improvement.

The National Asphalt Pavement Association is the only association that exclusively represents the interests of the hot-mix asphalt producer/contractor on the national level with Congress, government agencies, and other national trade and business organizations. NAPA supports an active research program designed to improve the quality of HMA pavements and paving techniques used in the construction of roads, streets, highways, parking lots, airports, and environmental and recreational facilities. The Association provides technical, educational, and marketing materials and information to its members; supplies product information to users and specifiers of paving materials; and conducts training courses. The Association, whose members number nearly 1,100 companies, was founded in 1955.

