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GALLAGHER ASPHALT CORP. WINS NATIONAL ECOLOGICAL AWARD FOR ASPHALT PLANTS

Lanham, MD – The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced today that Gallagher Asphalt Corp. of Thornton, Ill., is a winner of the prestigious 2010 National Ecological Award competition in the new plant category. The competition is sponsored by *Roads & Bridges Magazine*. The winners and finalists were recognized on Wednesday, February 9 during the Association's 56th Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla.

NAPA's Ecological Award competition, which started in 1971, recognizes asphalt facilities that best demonstrate safe and responsible environmental practices. Facilities are judged on their design layout, clean operation, maintenance performance practices and community activities.

"NAPA selects the award recipients using rigorous criteria to evaluate the environmental friendliness of their operations," commented Larry H. Lemon, 2010 Chairman of the NAPA Board of Directors. "The judges determined that Gallagher Asphalt Corp. operates in an exemplary manner."

Gallagher Asphalt Corp. won the award for its Joliet plant, which recently installed a new 500tph Astec Double Barrel drying/mixing drum. The plant is equipped with a foam system that enables it to produce warm mix asphalt, which requires less fuel and decreases the production of greenhouse gases. The plant also includes two recycle bins (to allow for recycling of asphalt pavement and roofing shingles), a baghouse to control emissions and a positive dust control system.

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One problem that Gallagher Asphalt addressed with this new plant was noise; neighbors had sometimes expressed concerns about noise coming from the old plant. “We specifically spent a lot of extra time and effort during the specification and design of this plant to make it as quiet as possible. The efforts paid dividends as this is the quietest operating asphalt plant I’ve ever been around,” says Jim Trost, Gallagher’s operations manager. “We also chose a neutral paint scheme to help the plant blend into its surroundings.”

The plant site features extensive landscaping, berms and paving. A significant portion of the land is leased to a local farmer for agricultural use.

“We want to be good neighbors,” Trost says. “We have a good reputation in our industry, with our neighbors and with our customers, so keeping our operations in good order and the facility attractive is consistent with the image our company wants to portray. It also makes good business sense”.

Gallagher Asphalt is actively involved in the community, participating in and contributing to local charities and community organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Junior Achievement and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. It provides assistance to numerous Little League teams, to local police and fire departments and to local park districts. The company provides tours of its facility to groups like the Boy Scouts and community college classes. It conducts employee/family blood drives on site. Company representatives also participate in the local and regional Chambers of Commerce.

The National Asphalt Pavement Association is the only trade association that exclusively represents the interests of the asphalt pavement material 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 asphalt 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, which counts more than 1,100 companies as its members, was founded in 1955.

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