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GALLAGHER ASPHALT CORP. EARNS DIAMOND ACHIEVEMENT COMMENDATION

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

The Diamond Achievement Commendation is a unique and respected self-assessment program that encourages and recognizes responsible asphalt operation practices and cultivates good community relations. As NAPA's Chairman Kurt Bechthold noted, "Earning the Diamond Achievement Commendation enhances both the image of your individual facility and the image of the asphalt pavement industry. It clearly demonstrates a cooperative commitment to excellence with a community focus".

NAPA developed this successful program in 1999. The self-assessment process addresses six essential facets of the asphalt 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 asphalt facilities, and symbolizes continuous improvement in operations and community relations.

Joliet Plant, Gallagher Asphalt Corp. has joined the elite ranks of the asphalt industry by earning the coveted Diamond Achievement Commendation. All asphalt 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 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.