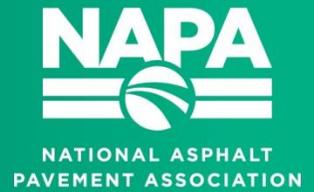


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GALLAGHER ASPHALT CORPORATION EARNS DIAMOND ACHIEVEMENT COMMENDATION

Lanham, Md. — The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced that Bourbonnais Plant, Gallagher Asphalt Corporation, Thornton, IL has earned NAPA's Diamond Achievement Commendation for Excellence in Asphalt Plant/Site Operations.

The Diamond Achievement Commendation is a nationally recognized and respected program that encourages and recognizes responsible asphalt plant operational practices and cultivates good community relations. NAPA's Chairman John Haper stated, "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 corporate commitment to excellence with a community focus."

NAPA developed the Diamond program in 1999. The self-assessment process addresses five essential facets of an asphalt plant/site: appearance, operations, environmental practices, safety, and community relations. Earning the Commendation exemplifies a company's commitment to excellence in all aspects of an asphalt facility, and symbolizes continuous improvement in operations and community relations.

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.