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GALLAGHER ASPHALT CORP. EARNS DIAMOND QUALITY COMMENDATION

Lanham, MD — The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced that Thornton Plant, Gallagher Asphalt Corp., in Thornton, IL, has earned NAPA's Diamond Quality Commendation.

The Diamond Quality Commendation is a nationally recognized program that focuses on plant practices resulting in excellent product quality. NAPA Chairman, John Harper stated, "The Diamond Quality Commendation is an honor in which a company, their customers, their employees and the industry can take great pride. It clearly demonstrates a corporate commitment to quality."

NAPA developed the Diamond Quality program in 2009. The areas evaluated through the self-assessment process include quality management, aggregate RAP and RAS handling, asphalt binder storage, drying and mixing, air quality, fines control systems, silos and surge bins, control rooms and safety. Earning the Commendation is a mark of distinction signifying a company that follows responsible practices and the blueprint for excellence in the production of pavement material that is produced.

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.