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CalCIMA Presents Safety Excellence Awards

Individuals, Mines, & Plants Honored

Sacramento. The California Construction & Industrial Materials Association (CalCIMA) announces the recipients of its 2015 Safety Awards – the Excellence in Safety and Outstanding Safety Leadership Awards.

“These awards honor mines, plants, and individuals for excellence and outstanding achievement in safety innovations, culture, and leadership,” said Gary Hambly, President & CEO of CalCIMA.

“The awards look beyond the numbers and more deeply at what mines, plants and individuals are doing to improve safety, seek out innovations, take leadership, and have a broader impact on their company, industry, and colleagues’ lives,” said Hambly.



MSHA's Paul Belanger presents a 2015 Excellence in Safety Award to Christine Granquist, EHS Manager for Lhoist North America's limestone/dolomite mine in Salinas, California

The Excellence in Safety Awards are for mines and plants. Categories include cement, ready mixed concrete, industrial mineral, and aggregate (large and small operations). The winners by category are:

Small Aggregate Mine
Large Aggregate Mine
Industrial Mineral Mine
Cement Mine & Plant
Ready Mixed Concrete Plant

Lehigh Hanson's Oakland Tidewater Mine
Graniterock's A.R. Wilson Quarry
L'Hoist No. America's Natividad Mine
Lehigh SW Cement's Tehachapi Plant
Lehigh Hanson's San Luis Obispo Plant

The Outstanding Safety Achievement Award is for individuals at mines and plants. The winners are:

Brad Riechers – Plant Operator & Loader Operator - *Graniterock's* Southside Sand & Gravel

Gerardo Valencia – Safety Coordinator - *L'hoist No. America's* Natividad Plant

The award applications are reviewed and winners selected by a judging panel from CalCIMA's Safety & Health Committee.

The awards were presented by Paul Belanger, assistant western district manager for the Mine Safety & Health Administration (MSHA), at the 2015 CalCIMA Education Conference.

CalCIMA is a trade association for aggregate, ready mixed concrete, and industrial mineral producers in California.

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