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## SAFETY TOPICS

### SAFETY

Safety is never an accident: it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution! It represents the wise choice of many alternatives!!

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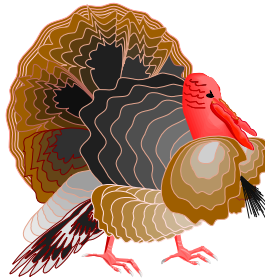
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#### **For What It Is Worth**

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## 92 IMI LOCATIONS HONORED!

The just arrived November issue of "The Concrete Producer" magazine highlights the 2003 NRMCA Safety Contest Winners. The following imi locations are **Excellence in Safety** winners: Lloyd Expressway, Stanley Avenue, and Oak Grove plants in Evansville, IN; McCordsville, Belmont, Morris Street, and Post Road plants in Indianapolis; Marion, Muncie, New Albany, Bedford, Bloomfield, Boonville, Cambridge City, Clarksville, Connersville, Corydon, Fort Branch, Frankfort, Greenville, Hartford City, Haubstadt, Huntingburg, Jasper, Lebanon, Logansport, Madison, Mooresville, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Summit, Noblesville (South-side), Peru, Pittsboro, Remington, Rockport, Salem, Scottsburg, Spring Valley, Tipton, Washington, Whiteland and Winamac plants in Indiana; Bardstown, Bowling Green—Fairview, Brandenburg, Central City, Cynthiana, Elizabethtown, Elkton, Fort Campbell, Franklin, Georgetown, Ghent, Harrodsburg, Hopkinsville, Horse Cave, Lebanon, Leitchfield, Madisonville, Morgantown, Morgantown, Mt. Washington, Oak Grove, Owensboro, Paris, Radcliff, Scotts-



Happy Thanksgiving

ville, Shelbyville, Sheperds-ville, Springfield, Taylorsville, Walton and Warsaw plants in Kentucky; Oxford plant in Ohio; Clarksville, Cookeville, Crossville, Cumberland City, Dover, Jamestown, Lebanon, Lewisburg, Livingston, Manchester, Morrison, Mt. Juliet, Shelbyville—Deason, Smithville, Sparta, Spring Hill and Winchester plants in Tennessee.

nesses.

If you are at one of these plants, give yourself a pat on the back. This is something of which to be proud!

The winners were chosen based on each location's number of lost time accidents, mixer truck accidents, and fatalities divided by the yards of concrete produced. Certificates were awarded to all plants with no accidents and those plants who scored above the 70th percentile within their category.

We had more than a 30% increase in the number of winning locations over 2002!

### Don't Fool Yourself

Carl Metzgar writes a Safety article for *Pit & Quarry* magazine every month. He has more than 30 years experience as a safety professional and writes interesting articles although I must admit that they are over my head many times, but they are always thought provoking. One little excerpt from his latest article says, "Loss control requires

real-time follow-up and reporting on effort, not just delayed information on failures." Out of the entire article, this is the one sentence that jumped out at me. Now what does it mean? Delayed information on failures is our accident reports. Every accident is a failure of our loss control efforts. As time goes by, things change. Are we changing as well? It seems that we are having the same types of injuries over and

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**DON'T FOOL YOURSELF** continued

over "Loss control requires real-time follow-up . . ." Are we keeping with times in our training efforts, our incident investigations, our loss control efforts? Is there appropriate follow-up to assure success?

Was the fact that 92 of our ready mix locations (and 12 of our aggregate locations) won safety awards in 2003 luck or are we being successful in our loss control efforts? In reality it is a combination of both. One way to measure success is the number of safety award winners and another is in \$ and ¢. By both measures we are being more successful than in past years. I am encouraged and I do thank-you for your efforts. But we cannot let up. We have to keep striving for perfection. It takes effort by everyone.

[Help me come up with a safety slogan for 2005! Something catchy and short. Something to keep people thinking safety everyday—all day long.](#)

It may be kinda corny, but it could be fun as well. I will make it worth your while to participate. You have two months to come up with something.

Welcome to the Mt Carmel, Illinois plant. The latest addition to the imi family.

***Prevent Ladder Injuries***

It is that time of year for cleaning the gutters. Got to get those leaves out! Think about this when you get the ladder out:

**I got a report from down south that my Monthly Safety Topics were appreciated and that I need to continue them. Thanks!!!**

- Use the proper ladder for the job.
- Make sure the ladder is in good condition.
- Sit the ladder on a sound level footing.
- Don't use a metal ladder near electrical lines.
- Do not place a ladder in front of a door that is not locked, blocked or guarded.

Keep your body centered between the rails of the ladder at all times. Secure the ladder in place. Never lean, move the ladder.

Use the ladder only for the purpose it was intended.

Stay off of the top and top step of step ladders.

Always follow the Manufacturers instructions and labels.

**Or better yet, hire the work done!**

**Make Safety Soar in 2004**