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Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers Selected for 2019 Business Assistance Providers Environmental Leadership Award

The National Steering Committee (NSC) of Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs) & Small Business Ombudsmen (SBO’s) has recognized the Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers (IAAP), headquartered in Springfield, IL, for its leadership in the areas of improving environmental performance, pollution prevention, sustainability, and mentoring.

The Illinois Small Business Environmental Assistance Program nominated the IAAP for their partnership with the program and their efforts to improve the industry’s environmental knowledge and compliance through annual convention presentations and educational seminars with a focus on topics such as: New Source Performance Standards, clean construction and demolition debris as fill, Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure requirements, storm water plans, LEED, sustainability and green initiatives, among others. In addition, the IAAP has included the IL SBEAP on their Environmental and Sustainability Committees and provides industry insight on IL SBEAP publications and initiatives such as the ROSS program guidance.

“With strong support and technical assistance from experts working for large national companies as well as family-run, small companies, IAAP takes pride in the educational opportunities it provides to the whole mining industry in Illinois as it meets the environmental and technical challenges of numerous regulatory programs,” said the Illinois Association of Aggregate Producer’s Assistant Director, Shawn McKinney.

“The Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers is committed to protecting the environment and provides proactive environmental leadership for their industry. They are a valuable program partner and help us ensure the aggregate industry has the information and tools they need to voluntarily comply with complex environmental regulations,”
said Annette Fulgenzi, Manager of the Illinois Small Business Environmental Assistance Program.

The SBEAP/SBO NSC Awards are the States’ premier awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental leadership among small businesses and small business assistance providers. These awards recognize small businesses, SBEAP/SBO programs and individuals, trade associations and other business assistance providers who have made significant contributions to protecting the environment. The awards program is sponsored by the SBEAP/SBO NSC in partnership with U.S. EPA Asbestos and Small Business Office.

The NSC Awards were presented at the 2019 Annual SBEAP/SBO Training in Chicago, IL on May 15, 2019.

More information about the state SBEAP/SBO is available at https://nationalsbeap.org/.

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**About the Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs and Small Business Ombudsmen**

*The Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAP) and Small Business Ombudsmen (SBO) were created under Section 507 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. For more than 25 years, the SBEAP/SBO have provided extensive, hands-on technical assistance to small businesses across the country to help them understand and comply with complex environmental regulations. The SBEAP/SBO website, https://nationalsbeap.org/, is a resource for program participants and small businesses. Find your state specific contact at: https://nationalsbeap.org/states*