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## Cemstone Awarded the NRMCA Excellence in Safety Gold Awards for 37 Ready-Mix Plants in 2022

Mendota Heights, Minn. – September 2022 – Cemstone, an Upper Midwest leader in ready-mix, engineered and decorative concrete has been chosen as a recipient for 38 ready-mix concrete facilities located in Minnesota, western Wisconsin and Iowa by the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA), Gold Level, Excellence in Safety Awards Program.

The NRMCA Excellence in Safety Awards Program aims to foster safe practices at ready-mixed concrete plants across the nation and recognize those plants who have great safety records. In November 2008, the NRMCA Safety Task Group updated the “Excellence in Safety Awards Program” to a 3-tier system (Gold, Silver and Bronze) and began basing the winning facilities’ merits on the latest OSHA / Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Incident Rate available for the ready-mixed concrete industry. The Gold level identifies facilities that have an incident rate equal to zero. Starting in 2009, only those plants with an incident rate below the national average received awards. The Bronze level Incident Rate >1/2 but < Total OSHA Incident Rate.

For 2022, Cemstone Concrete Materials, LLC received **24 Gold Awards**, Cemstone Products Company received **10 Gold Awards**, and Cemstone Ready Mix, Inc. received **4 Gold Awards**. Cemstone Concrete Materials received **1 Bronze Award**.

### GOLD CERTIFIED

#### Cemstone Concrete Materials

Albert Lea, MN	Algona, IA
Fairmont, MN	Clarion, IA
Faribault, MN	Emmetsburg, IA
Jackson, MN	Forest City, IA
New Ulm, MN	Garner, IA
Northfield, MN	Gilmore City, IA
Portable - Mankato, MN	Lake Mills, IA
Red Wing, MN	Northwood, IA
St. James, MN	Portable - Fort Dodge, IA
Wells Precast	Rockwell City, IA
Wells, MN	Sac City, IA
Worthington, MN	Storm Lake, IA

#### Cemstone Products Company

Aitkin, MN  
Arlington, MN  
Brainerd, MN  
Delano, MN  
Elk River, MN  
Hackensack, MN  
Portable - Cold Springs, MN  
Portable - St. Paul, MN  
Portable - IA  
St. Paul, MN

#### Cemstone Ready Mix, Inc.

Cameron, WI  
Durand, WI  
Hayward, WI  
Portable Plant - New Richmond, WI

### BRONZE CERTIFIED

#### Cemstone Concrete Materials

Owatonna, MN

“We are committed to eliminating unsafe conditions and minimizing related risks by identifying and supporting safe work practices through promoting safety awareness. We work together to provide a safe, hazard free environment through a culture of shared responsibility with collaborative training and education. I would like to personally thank all the individuals from the gold award winning plants. Zero injuries for an entire year is a great accomplishment. Congratulations to all those who have contributed to achieve our Core Value of Demand Safety.” said Mike Brekken, Safety Director of Cemstone.

Cemstone Companies, founded in 1927, is led by five generations of the Becken family and celebrating its 95th year in business. Cemstone, best known for its blue ready-mix trucks, operates ready-mixed concrete operations across Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa. In addition to concrete, Cemstone offers a complete line of construction materials including concrete-related products, concrete pumping capabilities, aggregates, engineering services, and concrete and masonry supplies.

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