

NJ ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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We continue our commitment to inform our members about important industry news and issues. To that end, we welcome story contributions, member highlights, and any suggestions to include newsworthy information.

Please contact Stacey Lindenmuth, <u>staceyl@njapa.com</u>, in the Association office if you have any press releases, company news or other information you would like to share with the Association.

NJAPA Part of Successful Effort to Limit NJDEP Regulatory Expansion

An NJAPA member was recently asked to report to NJDEP on fugitive air emissions from quarry blasts/explosives for purposes of air permitting emission statements. After consultation with our members and in partnership with the NJ Concrete & Aggregate Association, NJAPA advised Association Counsel that we were not aware of any NJAPA member quarry having to report or calculate such information in connection with any air permitting issues. NJCAA confirmed the same with their membership. NJAPA through Counsel, assisted by advising NJDEP that emissions related to quarry blasts cannot be accurately measured or calculated.

Specifically, air emission factors in AP-42 Section 11.19.2 for crushed stone processing and pulverized mineral processing states:

"Emission factor estimates for stone quarry blasting operations are not presented because of the sparsity and unreliability of available tests. While a procedure for estimating blasting emissions is presented in Section 11.9, Western Surface Coal Mining, that procedure should not be applied to stone quarries because of dissimilarities in blasting techniques, material blasted, and size of blast areas."

In light of this, we advised NJDEP that such emission information for quarry blasting cannot be properly calculated, and thus NJDEP's request was improper. We further advised that we are not aware of anyone in the industry who reports such information.

NJDEP ultimately agreed with our assessment and stated that they will not expect any such reportable non-source fugitive emissions from blasts or explosives used in rock quarrying.

NJDOT Adopts New Baseline Document Changes

NJDOT has adopted several new baseline document changes which impact asphalt paving and production operations. BDCs have been posted for the following topics:

Stone Matrix Asphalt Production, linked <u>HERE</u>

Rumble Strips, linked <u>HERE</u>

Micro-Milling and Profile Milling, linked HERE

International Tolling Association Names NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti as 2022 President The International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) has announced that NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, will serve as the association's 2022 President.

"We are thrilled to have Diane at the helm of IBTTA for 2022, where she will employ her vast experience leading large transportation agencies to serve our worldwide association and the tolling community as a whole," said Pat Jones, Executive Director and CEO of IBTTA. "Roadway infrastructure is facing both challenges and opportunities in the coming year, and Diane will help us meet the moment and continue to advance our mission to promote and enhance user financed transportation."

Gutierrez-Scaccetti was elected President by the IBTTA membership during IBTTA's 89th Annual Meeting & Exhibition this past October. During her one-year term, Gutierrez-Scaccetti will lead the IBTTA Board of Directors, which is composed of five executive officers and 20 directors from agencies and tolling operators from around the world.

"The tolling and road-usage charging community must focus on three things: resilience, leadership and opportunity," Gutierrez-Scaccetti said, outlining the theme for her IBTTA presidency. "Our industry must shore up what it currently has and ensure we can quickly respond to new challenges, lead the charge for sustainable, user-financed transportation funding, and find new ways to make the most of new opportunities to better serve the roadusing public. That's what my focus will be as IBTTA president, and I'm excited to lead such a vibrant group of professionals at such a pivotal time for the transportation sector."

NJAPA extends our congratulations to Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti on this well-deserved honor.

National Asphalt Pavement Association Launches "The Road Ahead" Initiative to Move Industry Towards Net Zero Emissions

The National Asphalt Pavement Association recently announced a long-term, strategic initiative to lead our industry to net zero emissions. The plan was developed over the past year by the NAPA Climate Stewardship Task Force and was unveiled at the recent NAPA Annual Meeting. The NAPA Climate Stewardship Task Force has stated, *"We believe that, over the next several decades, reducing carbon emissions will be the industry's foremost imperative, persisting even amid changing political or economic situations."* NAPA outlined 4 goals and related tactics to represent

how the asphalt pavement industry is taking action now.

You can learn more about this important and timely effort here:

Climate - National Asphalt Pavement Association

New CDL Training Requirements for Entry Level Drivers in Effect as of February 7, 2022

New federal Entry-Level Driver Training requirements went into effect February 7, 2022, establishing a single, national standard for obtaining a commercial driver's license. The revised ELDT regulations apply only to drivers seeking to:

- Obtain a CDL for the first time;
- Upgrade their existing CDL from Class B to Class A; or
- Obtain a new hazmat, passenger or school bus endorsement.

In most cases, current CDL drivers are not impacted.

The new requirements establish a standard curriculum for driver training and require both a written/knowledge test and a skills/road test.

There are no minimum training hours required however the rule does require training providers to register with the national Training Provider Registry, making it easier for prospective drivers to find training centers.

More information is available HERE:

Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) | FMCSA (dot.gov)

2022 Annual New Jersey Virtual Work Zone Safety Conference

The New Jersey Work Zone Safety Conference promotes work zone safety awareness on local and state roadways for multi-disiplinary audience of construction, engineering, public safety,

maintenance and operations personnel.

The conference will be held VIRTUAL on April 7, 2022 from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. Registration will be free but required at <u>https://cait.rutgers.edu/event/2022/</u>

For more information, contact <u>caitregistrar@soe.rutgers.edu</u> or Dave Maruca at <u>dem200@soe.rugers.edu</u>

65th Annual NJ Asphalt Paving Conference

The 65th Annual NJ Asphalt Paving Conference will be held VIRTUALLY. The conference is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1 and Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

This year registration and payment will be managed through an online process. Once your online registration is complete you will automatically receive a link for the conference 24 hours prior to the event. You may also submit your registration by mail however you must also email to <u>StaceyL@NJAPA.com</u> to ensure your registration is received in time and to receive a link to the program. You may mail a check/voucher to NJAPA, 100 Horizon Center Boulevard, Suite 118, Hamilton, NJ 08691.

Certified HMA Construction and Plant Technologists are required to earn at least 20 hours of continuing education over a 5-year period to maintain NJSAT certification. This conference offers 4 hours per day towards this requirement.

Also, the conference will offer 3.5 PDHs on March 1, 2022 and 4 PDHs on March 2, 2022 for continuing professional competency credits for professional engineers.

Please CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE

WHEN YOU ARE REGISTERING MORE THAN ONE EMPLOYEE, MAKE SURE YOU ARE ENTERING EACH EMPLOYEE'S INFORMATION. IF YOU DO NOT THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE THE LINK TO THE CONFERENCE!

If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Lindenmuth in the NJAPA office at 609-838-1867 or email her at <u>staceyl@njapa.com</u>.

NJAPA Paving Awards Application

The Paving Award Applications are due on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. Paving Awards will be awarded at the NJAPA Awards Reception on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at the Wave Resort, Long Branch, NJ.

Please email your application and requirements to Stacey Lindenmuth in the NJAPA office at staceyl@njapa.com Please <u>click here</u> to view the Award Application and Categories.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Lindenmuth in the NJAPA office at 609-838-1867. Thank you.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

March 1 & 2, 2022 - 65th Annual NJ Asphalt Paving Conference, VIRTUAL

March 10, 2022 - NJAPA Executive Committee & Board Meeting - Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ

March 29 - 31, 2022 - World of Asphalt, Nashville Music City Center, Nashville, TN

April 7, 2022 - Work Zone Safety Conference - VIRTUAL

May 5, 2022 - NJAPA Awards Reception, The Wave Resort, Long Branch, NJ

December 1, 2022 - NJAPA Holiday Luncheon, Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth, NJ

Contact the NJAPA office if you have any questions.

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