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Foundation Releases Sustainable Concrete Plant Guidelines

Silver Spring, MD – January 28, 2010: The RMC Research & Education Foundation is proud to announce the release of a new tool for the concrete industry: *Sustainable Concrete Plant Guidelines*. The Guidelines were developed by West Main Consultants and William C. Twitty, Jr., with guidance from Lionel Lemay, senior vice president - sustainable construction, with the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association. The concept behind the development of the Guidelines was to further the efforts underway within the concrete industry in the sustainable development field and assist producers by providing additional resources on how to make their own plants and operations more sustainable. The Guidelines will be an evolving document and we seek comments from industry representatives on this released version and the supporting materials.

“Concrete by its very nature is a very sustainable material. These Guidelines are a great tool for producers to identify ways to enhance their manufacturing processes to make concrete even more sustainable,” said James Repman, Foundation Chairman. Repman also noted “These Guidelines complement the other environmental and sustainability initiatives already established within the industry and allow producers to augment those efforts.” Foundation Executive Director Julie Garbini agreed, adding “This document gives producers performance-based metrics by which to measure and demonstrate the sustainability of their operations. It provides specific guidance on how to assess energy and resource consumption for continuous improvement. We are proud to add this new deliverable to the many other sustainable development-related research studies, reports and tools available from the Foundation.”

The *Sustainable Concrete Plant Guidelines* document and supporting materials are available for download from the Foundation’s website at www.rmc-foundation.org. Comments on the Guidelines and materials may be directed to NRMCA’s Lionel Lemay at llemay@nrmca.org. Additional resources are available on the Foundation’s *Research to Support Sustainable Development* CD. The mission of the RMC Research & Education Foundation is to support research and educational programs that will increase professionalism and quality in the concrete industry.

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