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Foundation Announces Release of Plant Inspector's Guide

Silver Spring, MD – November 26, 2007: The RMC Research & Education Foundation announces the release of NRMCA's Plant Inspector's Guide. The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) administers a plant certification program that ensures that the production facilities used to manufacture concrete are in compliance with industry standards and are capable of furnishing quality concrete. The inspection is conducted by a licensed professional engineer who goes through a thorough checklist. Requirements and policy for the program are established by the NRMCA Research Engineering and Standards (RES) Committee. The Plant Inspector's Guide instructs the inspector on the intent of requirements of the certification program. The Guide will be used as a basis to qualify inspectors to conduct plant inspections. The RMC Research & Education Foundation Board of Trustees funded the development of this guide to facilitate a uniform understanding of the plant inspection requirements for both the inspector and the ready mixed concrete producer.

"The plant inspection and certification program is an important aspect of furnishing quality concrete. The development of the Guide ensures that this long-standing program is consistently performed by all engineers who administer it," said RMC Research & Education Foundation Chairman Dominique Calabrese adding "The Plant Inspector's Guide will enhance the credibility of the certification program, particularly for those state departments of transportation that require it or are considering it as a requirement." Foundation Executive Director Julie Garbini added, "Another aspect of this project was a study to evaluate the accuracy of batching concrete. This part of the study was used in establishing guidance to inspectors and will be used to ensure that industry standards have achievable requirements. The Plant Inspector's Guide will be a tremendous tool for all engineers who perform the inspection and will help concrete producers gain a better understanding of the process as well."

The plant certification program is administered through NRMCA. For more information on the NRMCA Plant Certification Program visit www.nrmca.org. 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. Additional information about the RMC Research & Education Foundation and those programs funded by it may be found at www.rmc-foundation.org.

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