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WRMCA Supported Legislation Signed into Law by Peter Kammer, WRMCA Governmental Affairs

Counties, municipalities, villages, and towns will see their state aid payments increased at historic levels and continue to grow at the rate of inflation in coming years under a new law recently signed by Governor Evers. WRMCA worked to pass this law that will allow local governments to address deferred maintenance on infrastructure and public works projects. The new law also does away with taxes on business personal property. The law will increase funding to counties, cities, towns, and villages by \$261 million — at least a 15% increase for everyone — over the next two years.

The law aims to increase funding for locals by utilizing a portion of the state's 5% sales tax. This agreement was designed to boost local aid, also referred to as shared revenue. The bill would also repeal Wisconsin's personal property tax, which is paid by businesses on their furnishings and equipment. Efforts to eliminate this tax have been made by lawmakers from both parties in recent years, but a consensus had not been reached until now. Regarding the funding of local communities, the state plans to divert 20% of its 5% sales tax to all local communities. As part of the new law, Milwaukee County has the authority to raise its existing 0.5% sales tax by an additional 0.4 percent. Similarly, the city of Milwaukee would be permitted to impose a 2% sales tax.

WRMCA has also supported legislation over the past three legislative sessions to incentivize new housing construction and rehabilitation. Governor Evers recently signed five bipartisan bills into law that will help expand access to affordable housing for working families. One of the measures will create a residential housing infrastructure revolving loan fund program to cover the costs of installing, replacing, upgrading, or improving public infrastructure related to workforce housing or senior housing. Another would create a main street housing rehabilitation revolving loan funding program to cover the costs of an improvement to workforce housing. The remaining measures establish a new procedure for certiorari review of local land use decisions regarding residential development, providing that the new procedure for certiorari review is the only review available for a decision of a political subdivision regarding an application for approval; make various modifications to the Workforce Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program administered by WHEDA; and create a commercial-to-residential conversion revolving loan fund program to cover the costs of converting a vacant commercial building to workforce housing or senior housing and require the housing associated with a conversion loan to be new residential housing for rent or for sale, consisting of 16 or more dwelling units.

Passage of these new laws are significant legislative wins for WRMCA's advocacy efforts and for WRMCA members.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Concrete Delivery Professional Appreciation Week July 31st-August 4th

Our members' operations are only as strong as the individuals supporting them. Thank you for the hard work, dedication and professionalism while delivering the world's most versatile building product.

WRMCA & Acuity Insurance would like to help show your workers how much they're appreciated! A survey will be sent out on Friday, July 14th to be completed by Friday, July 28th. Winner will receive a \$50 Kwik Trip gift card and will be announced daily during concrete delivery professional appreciation week.

Thank you to Acuity Insurance for sponsoring the driver appreciation week.

Save the Date 2024 Technical Workshop

The 2024 WRMCA Technical Workshop will be held January 18th-19th at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Join the Technical Committee for their next meeting on Tuesday, October 17th. Contact Cherish at cschwenn@wirmca.com for more information.

Save the Date 2024 OES Workshop

The 2024 WRMCA OES Workshop will be held February 8th-9th at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Don't miss out on networking at the We're Partners reception on February 8th. Contact Kim at knovak@wirmca.com for more information.

Save the Date 2024 Annual Convention

WRMCA will be partnering once again with IRMCA for the 2024 Convention that will be held March 5th-7th at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. Create memories that will last a lifetime at the award-winning resort with stunning views of the Gulf Coast. Golf and a boat cruise are being planned with more details to follow. You can check out the hotel at <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/florida/hyatt-regency-coconut-point-resort-and-spa/naprn>. A Save the Date with hotel reservation information will be emailed to you soon!

Concrete Design Awards Call for Entries

The call for entries for the 42nd Annual Concrete Design Awards has been sent to the membership. The deadline to submit an award is **November 1, 2023**. Projects that have been completed in 2022 or 2023 are eligible to enter. **Special thanks to the following co-sponsors - ACI Wisconsin, Euclid Chemical, Oshkosh Corporation, Peters Concrete, Pumps Tire, Premiere Concrete Admixtures, Schmitz Ready Mix, and Sika Corporation.**

ASSOCIATION NEWS

2023 ACI Classes

Thank you to the Certification Committee Chairman Greg Schmidt for his continued dedication and instruction of the ACI classes. 2023 was a successful and challenging year, certifying 154 students. Please consider serving as a supplemental examiner in 2024. Special thanks to the Chief Examiners - Greg Schmidt and Ed Troxell.

ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician – Grade 1 Classes

January 26th in Milwaukee at Riv/Crete, 11 students

Thank you to the supplemental examiners: Andrea Breen, Nicole Carlson, Sean Cleary, Cole Large, Jeff Madsen, and Kevin Schmidt.

March 23rd in Eagle River at Northern Lakes Concrete, 25 students

Thank you to the supplemental examiners: Chris Clifton, Rod Clifton, Paul Dahl, Nick Pitchowski, Erik Skowronek, and Wayne Souts.

April 13th in Green Bay at Carew Concrete & Supply, 25 students

Thank you to the supplemental examiners: Paul Dahl, Tim Hendrickson, Zach Kaup, and Matt Milanowski.

May 25th in Fond du Lac at Carew Concrete & Supply, 9 students

Thank you to supplemental examiner: Jesse Strebelinski

June 8th in Madison at Wingra Redi-Mix, 25 students

Thank you to supplemental examiners: Andrea Breen, Jacob Daniels, and Aaron Peterson

Congratulations to Paul Dahl for winning the supplemental examiner thank you drawing that took place at the WRMCA Scholarship Golf Outing.

ACI Concrete Strength Testing Technician Class

March 16th in West Allis at GeoTest, 6 students

ACI Concrete Flatwork Classes

February 24th-25th in Eau Claire, 19 students

Thank you to Tom Geary for teaching the class. Thanks to the Northwest region for sponsoring the meals.

March 8th-9th in Wausau, 12 students

Thank you to Tom Geary for teaching the class. Thanks to the North Central region for sponsoring the meals.

April 22nd in Milwaukee, 19 students

Thank you to Tom Geary for teaching the class.

WRMCA SPONSORED WEBINAR



Low Embodied Carbon Materials for Concrete Webinar

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 12, 2023; 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Registration Link: <https://cvent.me/QW4aZ1>

Presenter: Larry Sutter, Ph.D., P.E.

Description: This presentation will discuss materials being developed for the concrete industry that will lower the embodied carbon of a yard of concrete. Some materials are ready to use and do not require additional support or alteration of how we produce, place, and finish concrete. Others will require new approaches, new specification, and new understanding of chemistry.

- By the end of the presentation, participants will understand the driving forces for developing materials for the concrete industry that will lower the embodied carbon of a yard of concrete.
- By the end of the presentation, attendees will be able to identify materials that are ready to use and do not require additional support or alteration of how we produce, place, and finish concrete.
- By the end of the presentation, attendees will be able to discuss what will need to be changed in specification and tests.
- By the end of the presentation, attendees will have an understanding of new approaches, new specifications, and a new understanding of chemistry in regards to low carbon materials for concrete.

Communicating Sustainability: How to share your message about sustainable initiatives.

Date/Time: Thursday, August 10, 2023; 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Registration: <https://web.cvent.com/event/3f1d526b-6a48-4775-b783-3bf026a5b131/summary>

Presenter: Kimberly Kayler, CPSM, President AOE

Description:

The concrete industry has a goal of carbon neutrality by 2050. In response to this goal, many industry organizations are tasked with getting their message related to decarbonization and sustainability to their customers, specifiers, and employees. Transparency and recognition of goals and achievements are vital. Kimberly will discuss a variety of methods and materials that should be used to effectively communicate progress. She will help identify key ways to communicate the steps your organization is taking, whether that be in the form of a new product or innovative process, that will help reach your sustainability goals.

SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

WRMCA 23rd Annual Ready Mix Golf Outing Blitz

Thanks to those who joined us at the 23rd Annual WRMCA Golf Outing held on June 15th at Trappers Turn in Wisconsin Dells. It was another great year of golfing and networking with other WRMCA members and their clients. We are happy to report that we had a full course with 114 golfers and over 39 tee hole sponsors.



Thank you to all the companies that donated raffle items. Many thanks to all the companies that sponsored holes noted on page 6. Thank you to the hole sponsors that had fun and interactive tee events. Thanks to Advanced Concrete for helping Premiere Concrete Admixtures run the cannon hole. Insight FS hosted a best and 2nd best drive prize. Wingra Redi Mix had Fireball shots. Xypex had card games and whiskey. Special thanks to Doral Corporation for sponsoring lunch; Riv/Crete Ready Mix for sponsoring dinner; Oshkosh Corporation for the bloody mary bar; and Premiere Concrete Admixtures for creating a second cannon shooter.

The Tournament Results Follow:

1st Place Team (-22): Shaun Heimerman, Sean Clarey, Don Van Rueden & Scott Steenbock

2nd Place Team (-18): Grant Stafford, Josh Jankowski, Derek McCutchin & Lee Howery

3rd Place Team (-16): Josh Donahue, Tyler DuBord, John Morgan & Jamie Navis

Flag Event Winners:

Closest to the Pin – Jackie Spoor

Closest to the Pin from Off Green – GR Lyons

Closest to the Pin – Padrick Dunn

Longest Drive in Fairway – Chris Clifton

Longest Putt – Al Koepsell

Closest to the Pin in 2 – Chris Cardinal

Closest to the Barber Pole – Chad Ishman

Closest to the Pin – Bob Zignego

Closet from Off Green—Cassie Krause

Longest Putt – Jeff Blasczyk



1st Place Team

We'd like to give a special thanks to We're Partners for sponsoring the beer on the course.

The WRMCA Scholarship Committee has awarded the 2023-2024 scholarships to Alana Morgan and Jennifer Zignego. The WRMCA outing is our primary fundraising event that makes these scholarships possible.

Our sincere thanks go out to all golfers, sponsors and volunteers for making this year's outing a huge success! Please plan on joining us for a day of fun in 2024. Pictures from the golf outing can be viewed at <https://wrmca.com/resources/member-resources/>.

SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

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INDUSTRY NEWS

Reminder: Toxics Release Inventory Reporting Deadline is July 1st

Does your facility need to report to the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program? Have you run the calculations to determine if your facility does? Do you know what the requirements are and/or how to report if necessary? Now's the time to obtain answers to these questions. Remember, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) TRI Program "tracks the management of more than 650 toxic chemicals that may pose a threat to human health and the environment." Specifically, "U.S. facilities in certain industry sectors must report annually how much of each chemical is released to the environment and/or managed through recycling, energy recovery and treatment." This information is then submitted annually to the EPA and compiled in the TRI.

Facilities that handle toxic chemicals, including ready mixed concrete plants, are required to calculate the quantities that were handled and, if any quantity is over an allowable threshold, that chemical and amount need to be reported under the program.

EPA Revising the Definition of "Waters of the United States"

Final Revised Definition of "Waters of the United States"

On December 30, 2022, the agencies announced the final "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'" rule. On January 18, 2023, the rule was published in the *Federal Register* and the rule took effect on March 20, 2023. The agencies developed the 2023 Rule with consideration of the relevant provisions of the Clean Water Act and the statute as a whole, relevant Supreme Court case law, and the agencies' technical expertise after more than 45 years of implementing the longstanding pre-2015 "waters of the United States" framework.

This rule also considers the best available science and extensive public comment to establish a definition of "waters of the United States" that supports public health, environmental protection, agricultural activity, and economic growth. More information about the final rule is available at <https://www.epa.gov/wotus/revising-definition-waters-united-states>.

White House Publishes 2023 Spring Regulatory Agenda

Last week, the White House Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) published its updated Spring Unified Regulatory Agenda. The Unified Agenda is the clearinghouse for public access to federal regulatory agencies' respective regulatory actions, covering 60 departments, agencies and commissions. Included in the spring agenda are new timelines and updates on issues including OSHA's Heat Illness Prevention, Union Walkaround rules, and Tracking of Injury and Illness rule. Also included are DOL's overtime rule, Davis-Bacon rewrite and Independent Contractor rule, DOT's Automatic Braking Systems and Side Underride Guards proposals, FMCSA's Safety Fitness Procedures and Electronic IDs, EPA's Heavy-Duty Truck Emissions and Fly Ash updates. Plus, NLRB's Joint-Employer rule, and Election Procedures revision, to name two more agenda items. To view the updated regulatory proposals/rules and their timelines, go to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain>.



GREATER FOCUS ON RECENT VIOLATIONS

Only calculating percentiles for safety categories in which a carrier has received a violation within the last 12 months to focus on carriers with more recent safety issues.

About the Proposed Change

HOW IS THE METHODOLOGY CHANGING?

In SMS, motor carriers may be prioritized in HOS Compliance, Vehicle Maintenance, HM Compliance, and Driver Fitness even if they have not received a recent violation in these categories.

The new methodology would only calculate percentiles in a safety category if the motor carrier has received at least one roadside violation in that category within the past 12 months. This means that a carrier with violations in a safety category that are all 12 months or older will not be assigned a percentile and would not be prioritized in that category based on roadside inspection data alone.

The proposed change applies to the following safety categories:

- HOS Compliance;
- Vehicle Maintenance;
- Vehicle Maintenance: Driver Observed;
- HM Compliance; and
- Driver Fitness.

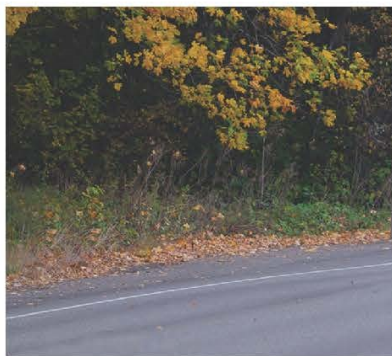
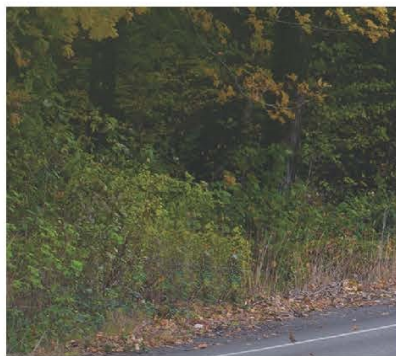
WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

This change will improve FMCSA's focus on carriers with recent violations and higher crash risk.

Learn more

Download the [New Prioritization Methodology Foundational Document](#) to read the analysis behind this proposed change.

https://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov/Documents/New_Methodology_for_Prioritization_Foundational_Document_112222_508.pdf



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Safety Vests – Now You See Me!

Safety Vests and the Ready Mixed Concrete Industry

It doesn't matter if you are a company president or yardman, a plant manager or driver, safety vests and reflective clothing are an essential part of every ready mixed concrete operation's personal protective equipment (PPE) plan. The purpose of safety vests is to allow the wearer to be seen and to alert all that a person is present, especially in a low visibility situation. At the plant or at the jobsite, ready mixed concrete employees are exposed to vehicles coming and going in a multitude of light and weather conditions that make wearing a reflective garment an absolute requirement and create a safety mindset for your company.

What to Know About Safety Vests and Reflective Garments

A safety vest is a known way to prevent traffic fatalities, especially in construction zones. Safety vests or High Visibility Garments have a required amount of background material and reflective material. Broken into three different classes, safety vests are created for a variety of different purposes and suited for nearly all visibility situations. An ANSI Class 1 safety vest provides very little bright or reflective material and is better suited for bright day time settings. It has the minimum amount of required material to distinguish an individual from the environment and is intended for someone who is separated from traffic which is travelling less than 25 mph. ANSI Class 2 vests provide enhanced visibility during inclement weather and are intended for workers who must work near vehicles traveling 25-50 mph. ANSI Class 3 safety vests provide high visibility and can be used in any poor visibility setting. It also is designed for workers who have tasks which expose them to imminent danger from approaching traffic traveling in excess of 50 mph. According to many state OSHA requirements, if you work in a street or highway right-of-way and you're exposed to traffic or construction equipment, you must wear a highly visible upper-body garment. It's a federal law for construction workers who are working on a federal roadway to wear a class 2 or 3 safety vest for safety. Lastly, all vests and reflective garments should be fitted for the individual and the individual task. Loose fitting vests should be avoided to minimize risk of getting caught in machinery and equipment. Some companies consider zipped versus Velcro safety vests to accomplish this.



Safety Vest Do's and Don'ts

- Think first, and wear a safety vest when required
- Avoid loose fitting safety vests
- Replace vests that are torn, damaged or faded
- Keep reflective garments cleaned and washed regularly
- Pretreat stains before washing
- Do not use hot water to clean reflective garments
- Do not wash with other clothing
- Hang dry after washing, do not wring
- Do not use bleach, it can damage fabric
- Logoed/unique vests can help create a company brand and promote teamwork

Resources

NRMCA Safety Series: [Highway Safety for Mixer Drivers](#)

OSHA: [Safety Vest Interpretations](#)

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Truck Mixer Drum Cleaning

Truck Mixer Drum Cleaning and the Ready Mixed Concrete Industry

Whether operating front discharge or rear discharge mixer trucks, when hauling ready mixed concrete, truck mixer drum interiors will need to be cleaned to remove and/or prevent concrete buildup. Maintaining a clean drum allows for carrying the maximum load possible, lengthens the life of the mixer drum, and ensures the drum rotates correctly and safely. There are generally three common methods used for removing concrete in a mixer drum, 1.) using high pressure water to cut away the concrete; 2.) entering the drum with a chipping hammer and manually chipping away the concrete; and 3.) "rock-out", whereby coarse aggregates and water are placed in the drum and rotated at mixing speeds to dislodge any concrete buildup. Each method carries its own safety risks that need to be mitigated.

What to Know About Truck Mixer Drum Cleaning

Regardless of the method being used to clean a mixer drum, whether your company cleans out your drums or a 3rd party comes in to perform the work, there are a couple steadfast safety procedures that should be followed. One of the most common safety practices is to use lockout/tagout (LOTO) procedures on the truck and drum to prevent movement while cleaning. Failure to correctly utilize LOTO can result in injury or worse. Another common safety practice used when a drum needs to be manually chipped out, is confined space procedures. Following confined space procedures prevents injuries and illnesses through monitoring



of the various hazards and alerting any entrant of observed dangers. There are a number of hazards that exist inside a mixer drum and during cleaning, including, in part, loud noise, high pressure water, slippery conditions, engulfment, heat, dangerous atmosphere, sharp edges, sparks, falling debris, and improper lighting. In addition to LOTO and confined space procedures, these hazards should be mitigated through following respiratory protection program procedures, deliberate work practices, ventilation, and atmospheric testing, and likely observing minimum personal protective equipment (PPE) use for head, eye, ear, hand and foot protection, and coveralls. High-pressure water and rock-out procedures require ear protection even outside the drum. Producers should review any 3rd party's LOTO, confined space and PPE procedures and compare with their own established procedures/practices to confirm adequacy. Finally, producers should verify a 3rd party's scope of work, whether they are bonded and insured, any waivers or other agreements necessary to perform the work.

Truck Mixer Drum Cleaning Do's and Don'ts

- Think first and assess mixer drum hazards before cleaning
- Establish and follow all lockout-tagout procedures when chipping out a mixer drum
- Establish and follow all confined space procedures when entering a mixer drum
- Have a rescue plan prior to entering a confined space such as a mixer drum
- If utilizing 3rd parties to clean mixer drums, ensure they follow established safety procedures
- Ensure all personnel who enter a mixer drum are thoroughly trained on associated hazards and safety procedures
- Use proper PPE at all times
- Document all safety procedures used during mixer drum cleaning

Resources

NRMCA Safety Series: [Mixer Drum Cleaning Program](#)

NRMCA Safety Series: [Safe Drum Cleaning Video](#)

NRMCA Safety Series: [Truck Mixer Lockout/Tagout Training Program](#)



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EVENTS CALENDAR

WRMCA & Industry Events

Date	Event	Organization
July 10	Self-Consolidating Concrete Testing Technician	ACI Midwest
July 12	Low Embodied Carbon Materials	WRMCA
July 13	Adhesive Anchor Installer Training	ACI Midwest
July 14	Post-Installed Concrete Anchor Installation Inspector	ACI Midwest
July 18	The Top 10 Ways to Reduce Concrete's Carbon Footprint	ACI
July 27	WRMCA Board of Directors Meeting	WRMCA
July 31-August 4	Ready Mix Driver Week	NRMCA/WRMCA
August 1	Type 1L—What We've Learned Over the Year	ACI
August 3	Adhesive Anchor Installer Training	ACI Midwest
August 9	Finishing Concrete Slabs to Minimize Risk of Surface Distress	CP Tech Center
August 10	Communicating Sustainability	WRMCA
August 16	The Role of Concrete in Carbon Neutrality	WRMCA
August 21	Concrete Strength Testing Technician	ACI Midwest
August 25	Concrete Flatwork Course	ACI Midwest
September	WRMCA Board of Directors Meeting	WRMCA
September 12	Tilt Up	ACI
September 13	Architectural Concrete	WRMCA
September 25	Concrete Field Testing Technician	ACI Midwest
September 29-October 3	NRMCA ConcreteWorks	NRMCA
October 3	Discover Curing: The Secret to Durable Concrete	ACI
October 18	ABCs of Carbon Neutral Concrete	WRMCA
October 20-November 2	ACI Concrete Convention	ACI
November 1	Concrete Design Award Deadline	WRMCA
November	WRMCA Board of Directors Meeting	WRMCA
November 8	Evaluation of Concrete Core Results According to ACI	WRMCA
December	Annual Pheasant Hunt	WRMCA

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