



2021 IRMCA Environmental Stewardship Award

Submissions for Award Deadline

To be considered for this award, a completed submittal and supporting documentation are due in the IRMCA office (irmca@concretestate.org) no later than December 15, 2021, by 5:00pm.

Description of Award

The Environmental Stewardship Award celebrates a producer's environmental culture and commitment to protect the environment by not only meeting, but exceeding, government compliance and maintaining sound best maintenance practices through plant and staff investment.

Award Eligibility

Companies eligible to apply for the award must be IRMCA Producer members and meet the criteria and qualifications as outlined herein.

This award will be given to Iowa IRMCA Producer member companies based on the number of trucks involved in Ready Mixed production at a specific plant location. One award will be presented in each of the following categories with the runners-up being recognized.

Categories:	Class A	1 – 2 trucks
	Class B	3 – 4 trucks
	Class C	5 – 7 trucks
	Class D	8 – 14 trucks
	Class E	15+ trucks

Individual plants are eligible only if ready mix trucks are permanently stationed at that location.

Award Criteria and Qualifications

Criteria and qualifications for this award are outlined in the following pages. Each criterion will be given a point value ranging from 0-10 points. To be considered for this award, requested documentation must be provided for each item.

Submittals for Award

A submittal for the Environmental Stewardship Award shall have the following:

- Cover page
- Table of Contents
- Responses with supporting material should be in the same order as listed in the "Documentation required for Criteria"

Documentation Required for Criteria

All criteria will be awarded 0-10 points based on completeness and the IRMCA Environmental Committee's understanding of the applicant's commitment to their environmental program. Each applicant must provide the following:

I. Cover Page

- a. The cover page must include the name of company, Iowa-based truck number, address, environmental representative, and contact information.
- b. Also, include in the following information
 - i. Did the company location receive any Notice(s) of Violation for environmental non-compliance from a federal/state/local level during the award submittal year?
 - ii. Number of years without Federal Violations
 - iii. Number of years without State Violations
 - iv. Number of years without Local Violations
 - v. If no Notices of Violations were received, a simple sentence stating so will satisfy this requirement.

II. Table of Contents

- a. Include a table of contents of the required documentation.

III. Essay

- a. In 500 words or less highlight the environmental excellence and/or innovative practices that makes this plant location award worthy.
- b. The essay should also outline all work done during the past year to uphold and build the company's environmental program to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

IV. Community Engagement

- a. What community education efforts is your location/company actively using in your local community. Examples would be open houses, social media, commercials, school outreach, etc.

V. Environmental Policy

- a. Does the company have an Environmental Policy? If yes, please include Policy in submittal.
- b. Does the company have an environmental mission statement? If yes, please state it.

VI. Waste Management Program

- a. An explanation of the company's waste management program. The explanation should address how the company handles all solid and and/or hazardous waste.

VII. Sustainability Efforts

- a. Documentation of sustainability efforts. The explanation could include the company's work toward the most recent sustainability practices including any energy efficiency practices, carbon reducing technologies, etc.

VIII. Return Concrete Efforts

- a. Explain how your location handles returned concrete i.e., block making, recycle crushing, etc.

IX. Training

- a. Documentation of training conducted to meet applicable State and Federal Regulations as it pertains to environmental laws and regulations. This may include an outline of topics/areas covered, dates, or other materials showing required environmental related training was conducted.

X. Air Quality

- a. Provide an explanation of the company's mitigation efforts for reducing fugitive and point source dust.
- b. Please provide evidence that these efforts were successful by including photos of the mitigation efforts in action, the company's baghouse(s) operating and/or other dust suppression methods used on the sites. (These pictures should be included in Section XIV as outlined below)

XI. Water Quality

- a. Provide a copy of the cover page of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan and include the Iowa Department of Natural Resources NPDES permit number.
- b. Include any additional best stormwater management practices currently employed at your location.
- c. Include a description of process water management on site.
- d. Include a description of current mixer chute washdown procedures and jobsite countermeasures employed.

XII. Spill Prevention and Response

- a. Did any spills occur where a hazardous condition was created?
- b. Documentation of spill response, including photos, of spill response kits on site and on ready mixed trucks.

XIII. Annual Environmental Review

- a. Provide a brief description of in-house and/or third-party reviews of environmental policies, permits, and programs, applicable to environmental laws and regulations, conducted during the submittal year. Areas reviewed may include air quality, waste or storm water management, best maintenance practices or environmental policy/procedures. Please include a summary of changes made to the company's specific programs after the review.

XIV. Pictures

- a. Submit a minimum of 5 pictures (up to 15) representing your company's efforts to showcase the listed categories. Include at least 1 picture of your plant site showcasing landscaping, screening, and facility condition.

Judging and Award Notification

Award submittals will be judged by members of the IRMCA Environmental Committee and a Staff member of the Iowa Ready Mixed Concrete Association. Prior to the IRMCA Annual Convention, February 27 – March 1, 2022 in Des Moines, the award winner will be notified to allow for a representative from the company to be present to accept the award.