A NEW NRMCA COURSE

Improving Concrete Quality
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015, MILWAUKEE, WI

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Improved concrete quality has far reaching benefits—in improved performance, reduced time and costs, a lower environmental footprint of concrete and an overall improvement in the quality of concrete construction. However it is hard to find a course focused on the subject of improving concrete quality. Based on quality surveys and award submissions, it has been observed that the industry does not commonly track quantifiable quality indicators and, as a result, the return on quality investments is not well understood. Improving Concrete Quality, a book authored by one of the instructors addresses these issues. That book, as well as other NRMCA resources provides the basic content for the course.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

• How do you know if you have good quality? What should be your quality metric?
• How to become more profitable through better quality?
• What are all the key statistical calculations you need to know in concrete?
• How to control the mixing water content in concrete?
• How to deal with temperature and delivery time variations?
• What is the most effective way to ensure that your material ingredients are of good quality?
• How to improve batching accuracy, mixing uniformity?
• How to identify non standard testing and curing? How to improve testing quality?
• Tests a producer should do, internal audits and many more...

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course will be of significant value to concrete producers who will come away with readily implementable steps to manage variability and attain a more consistent product thereby seeing performance benefits and cost savings. Concrete ingredient material suppliers will benefit by understanding the needs of their customers and to develop information on variability that can help their quality systems. The course will be of interest to contractors and testing laboratories. The course will help testing labs measure and improve testing quality. Design professionals can benefit from this course by recognizing the opportunity for improved quality in concrete construction and the evolution to performance based specifications.

TEXT/HANDOUTS – PUBLICATIONS WORTH $350+

• NEW Improving Concrete Quality book
• Print out of the presentations
• NRMCA QC Manual Section 1 – Ready Mixed Concrete Quality Control Guide
• Quality Management System for Ready Mixed Concrete Companies (on CD)

• NRMCA Quality Certification Criteria
• NRMCA publication No. 179 - Variables that Influence Measured Concrete Compressive Strength
• NRMCA/ASCC Pre-Construction Checklist
• Related Technology in Practice topics
• Related Concrete in Practice topics

INSTRUCTORS

Kevin A. MacDonald, FACI, is President and Principal, Beton Consulting Engineers LLC, Mendota Heights, MN, with specific expertise in the production and performance of concrete. He is a licensed professional engineer in Minnesota and Ontario, Canada, and is a Fellow of ACI. MacDonald Co-Chairs ACI Subcommittee 130-B, Production/Transport/Construction; ACI Committee 306, Cold Weather Concreting; Chairs the NACE Task Group; and the TAC Awards Task Group and is an active member of several ACI Committees. He is the current President of the ACI Minnesota Chapter and serves on the Steering Committee of the Aggregate and Ready Mix Association of Minnesota. He is an active member of ASTM Committees C01, Cement; C09, Concrete and Concrete Aggregates; and C15, Manufactured Masonry Units; the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE); and Professional Engineers Ontario. He has published a number of papers dealing with the durability of concrete and is a recipient of the ASCE Charles Pankow Award for Innovation for work on high-performance concretes with 98% reclaimed materials. MacDonald received his Master’s and PhD in engineering materials from the University of Windsor where he has own many awards for academic achievement.

Karthik Obla, Ph.D., P.E., FACI, is Vice President, Technical Services at NRMCA. With over 20 years of experience in concrete technology he is responsible for producer quality initiatives, research and is involved in training and publications at NRMCA. A Fellow of ACI and a winner of ACI’s Young Professional Achievement Award and ASTM Award of appreciation from the Sustainability Committee, Dr. Obla is an active member of various ACI, ASTM, and TRB technical committees. He serves or has served as chair for ASTM 09.49—Pervious Concrete, ACI 232—Fly Ash and Natural Pozzolans. He has published a book and has over 75 technical articles in journals. He holds a Ph.D. in civil engineering from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Maryland. He served as Vice-president and President for the ACI San Antonio Chapter.
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Tuesday, December 15, 2015, Milwaukee, WI

**COURSE SCHEDULE:**

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<td>Quality Management System (developing a Quality Plan)</td>
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**COURSE LOCATION:** Wildwood Lodge, Pewaukee, WI 53072

**HOTEL INFORMATION:**
Wildwood Lodge  
N14 W24121 Tower Place  
Pewaukee, WI 53072  
Phone: 262.506.2000  
www.thewildwoodlodge.com/pewaukee

**PARKING:**  
Free parking at hotel

**CLOSEST AIRPORT:**
General Mitchell Airport (25 miles to hotel)  
www.mitchellairport.com

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GO Riteway Transportation Group – 800.236.5450  
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www.mitchellairport.com/ground-transportation

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- □ $295 Members and non members

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MEETINGS DEPT., NRMCA  
(301) 565-8200

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