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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF
AIR AND RADIATION

Spencer Weitman
President
National Cement Company, Inc.
2000 Southbridge Parkway, Suite 600
Birmingham, Alabama 35209

Dear Mr. Weitman:

I am pleased to inform you that the Ragland Plant has been awarded the 2011 ENERGY STAR[®] by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for superior energy performance. The ENERGY STAR is the distinguishing mark of energy efficiency for cement plants in the United States and identifies this plant's status among the most energy-efficient based on its performance in EPA's ENERGY STAR energy performance scale.

The employees at the Ragland Plant and your Plant Manager, Jean Claude Brocheton, should be commended for their ability to reduce energy use and protect the environment through energy efficiency. Strong energy performance in a corporation starts at the top, and your commitment and support can help National Cement Company, Inc. reach new levels of achievement.

We look forward to receiving applications for the ENERGY STAR for other National Cement Company, Inc. plants in the future.

Congratulations on your accomplishment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean M. Lupinacci".

Jean Lupinacci
Director, Commercial and Industrial Branch
ENERGY STAR

cc: Jean Claude Brocheton