



NSSGA®

NATIONAL STONE, SAND
& GRAVEL ASSOCIATION

The Aggregates Industry

... Holds Safety & Health as a Core Value

- In a 2018 study, the Bureau of Labor Statistics found that retail workers are more likely to be injured on the job than workers in both manufacturing and construction.
- The stone, sand and gravel industry continues to experience a steady decline in reportable injuries; however, NSSGA will not be satisfied until every employee goes home safely at the end of each shift and is able to retire in good health when ready to do so. That is why we remain vigilant in our safety and health efforts and continuously strive to achieve our goal of zero injuries, illnesses and fatalities.

... Is a Steward of the Environment

- Removing aggregates from the ground is clean and safe. Chemicals are not used in the extraction or processing of aggregates.

The National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA)

is the leading voice and advocate for the aggregates industry. We advance public policies that protect and expand the safe, environmentally responsible use of aggregates that are essential to America's infrastructure, energy production, manufacturing and economic prosperity. NSSGA represents more than 90 percent of the crushed stone and 70 percent of the sand and gravel produced annually in the United States. For any questions about the aggregates industry, please visit nssga.org.

- All NSSGA member operators closely follow federal, state and local requirements for environmental regulations.
- Each state in the U.S. has an agency overseeing the mining sector to ensure their operations align with established environmental and safety standards.
- The industry relies on the earth for aggregate materials and deeply understands how important it is to do business sustainably.
- Once quarrying stops, facilities reclaim the land to protect the environment and ensure the community's safety. Reclamation aims to give the land a new life after the aggregate resources have been extracted.



... Is a Good Neighbor

- Facilities play an essential role in their communities by sourcing local materials and providing jobs. Facilities also work to maintain strong, positive relationships with communities and routinely communicate with neighbors.

■ When facilities blast they follow their site specific blast plan and are scheduled to minimize impacts to the community. Aggregates operations follow the ground vibration and limits established by the U.S. Bureau of Mines and most operations operate at a fraction of the regulatory limits.

■ Operations give back locally to the community in many ways, such as donating materials for parks and playgrounds; offering spaces for events like quarry runs; hosting community picnics or “touch a trucks” and supporting schools with educational field trips.



■ After production stops, facilities work with their communities and will plan for new, innovative uses of the land, such as upland wildlife habitats, wetlands, wildlife sanctuaries, water reservoirs, parks, golf courses, theme parks, amphitheatres, housing developments and agricultural land.



... Helps Build our Communities

■ These materials are the building blocks of our infrastructure; and they are used in all residential, commercial and industrial construction.

■ Aggregates are crucial in everything we touch, from roads, railways, bridges, tunnels, water supply, sewers, electrical grids, telecommunications, televisions, phones and other consumer electronics.

■ To maintain our standard of living, each person in the U.S. requires over 40,630 pounds of minerals yearly, including 10,765 pounds of stone, 7,254 pounds of sand and gravel and 685 pounds of cement.

■ They significantly contribute to the economy by employing over 100,000 workers.

■ Every dollar of aggregate sales produces nearly \$4 in other industries.

