

Safety and quality are priorities at PCI

Because this issue of *PCI Journal* is dedicated to repair and rehabilitation, I was struck by the fact that PCI members devote an enormous amount of time, resources, and energy to getting quality right the first time. Owners who select precast/prestressed concrete for their buildings and bridges expect not to need repair and rehabilitation beyond normal maintenance for many decades after a structure is in place.

To keep up with this customer expectation, PCI has provided a quality assurance program that has attained world-class status and recognition for nearly 50 years. We are particularly proud of the milestone PCI reached earlier this year when the program achieved accreditation from the International Accreditation Service for our plant certification program, meeting international standards for quality. With this recognition, and backed by the reputation of PCI as a technical body, we can truly state: PCI Plant Certification—There Is No Equivalent!

While PCI-certified plants have earned the recognition for meeting quality standards, even more important to PCI members is attention to safety. We will be making safety an even higher priority at PCI, helping our members with best practices and relentlessly emphasizing that safety be the number-one priority every hour of every day in our plants and jobsites. The PCI staff looks forward to working with members of the Plant Safety and Environmental Committee and Erectors Committee to update our manuals and provide best practices to members. Safety is the one area in which members need to be continuously collaborating to identify best practices. No safety practice or tip should be a secret!

PCI can also provide added value to members by offering guidance on how best to comply with safety regulations. No area is more immediately relevant to PCI members than the recently released Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations on monitoring and handling crystalline silica dust. Many allied industry groups are challenging these regulations in court, and PCI has taken a seat at the table on your behalf. In the meantime, PCI will be providing workshops and materials on how best to comply with these regulations in time to meet the compliance deadlines in 2017 and 2018. Check the Members Only section of the PCI website at www.pci.org for up-to-date materials and information on these new regulations. ■

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