Community Education and Outreach from the Aggregate Mining Industry in Illinois

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As members of a uniquely important industry, one often misunderstood by the public, mining companies and equipment manufacturers are coming to understand and embrace their responsibility to engage the public on behalf of the mining industry. The Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers and its Public Information and Education Committee are committed to helping members educate the general public about the aggregate industry and its importance in our everyday lives.

During this presentation you will learn how committee members representing mining companies, equipment manufacturers, consulting firms, state agencies, and educational institutions accomplish this goal by sponsoring or participating in many educational events around the state. The Committee also develops and makes available numerous educational materials relating to earth science, geology, mine reclamation, and the many uses for products made from minerals, crushed stone, sand and gravel. By doing so, members think they are enhancing the image and public perception of mining in Illinois and helping its citizens to better appreciate the raw material resources found within this state.