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**ADVANCED CONCRETE TECHNOLOGIES AND OLDCASTLE PRECAST
TEAM UP FOR FIRST-EVER BATCH PLANT PREVENTATIVE
MAINTENANCE TRAINING SEMINAR.**

Portsmouth, NH – Advanced Concrete Technologies (A.C.T.), the leader in turnkey concrete mixing and batching solutions, recently teamed up with management at Oldcastle Precast – Central Division to stage a first-ever three-day, batch plant preventative maintenance training seminar. Working closely with the management of Oldcastle Precast - Central Division, Advanced Concrete Technologies acted as the training program developer for this seminar.

The three-day seminar was part of A.C.T.'s developmental plan to launch a comprehensive maintenance training program that can be offered to customers through its new P3 Extended Service Program, a first for the concrete products industry.

Among those representing Oldcastle Precast during the program, were Ray Rhees, Central Region President; Clint Brookhart, Vice President of Development; and Cal Larson, Safety & Claims Executive. The program opened with an introduction by Ray Rhees emphasizing to the attendees the importance of having a comprehensive “preventative maintenance” plan. To the mixing/batching plant operators and maintenance teams attending, Ray emphasized his management’s commitment to supporting their plant personnel with the tools and skills they need to maintain their facilities for maximum plant reliability.

“The focus of the Oldcastle Precast training program was on preventative maintenance of mixing and batching plants, the heart of any concrete production operation,” stated Hugh Scott, Application Engineer and liaison for A.C.T. “This is where quality is controlled and ultimately where profitability for a plant is maintained.”

Larry Miller, Regional Engineering Manager with Oldcastle Precast – Central Division, added “The mixing and batching plant is the center of our universe. We in Central Division are committed to providing the training and tools necessary to insure that our plants are producing and delivering only the highest quality concrete possible to our customers. Advanced Concrete Technologies really came through in providing the kind of training our production and maintenance managers need for this commitment to stay firmly in place.”

Following Ray Rhees’ introduction, the program began with an overview on the importance of a “proactive” preventative maintenance program, then went on to

thoroughly break down the mixing and batching plant into all of its distinct components. Participants were then given detailed training on proper preventative maintenance for each component, from aggregate material handling all the way to finished concrete discharge. On the second day of the program, participants met at the recently modernized Utility Vault Company in Auburn, Washington, for hands-on training in control systems and call stations, moisture control, mixer safety, and associated maintenance practice.

The training program ended with an important session entitled “How to make consistent concrete.” This last component summarized the entire program and required participants to present their own maintenance programs with associated schedules.

Thirty-six maintenance and production managers attended this mid-summer session. In addition to Hugh Scott, representing Advanced Concrete Technologies were Max Hoene, President and Martin Wieland, Managing Director of Wiggert+Co.

Advanced Concrete Technologies, Inc., the American division of two major German equipment manufacturers Wiggert + Co. and Würschum GmbH, is a single source supplier of turnkey concrete mixing, batching, and automatic color metering systems that draws on over 40 years of experience and more than 4,000 installations worldwide. This year, the company marks a milestone with the installation of its 1,000th HPGM countercurrent mixer. The company’s equipment and plant designs are renowned for producing superior quality concrete in applications that require extreme consistency from batch to batch. The firm’s plants are designed to provide reliable, efficient, and safe operation with maximum flexibility allowing concrete producers to be up and running faster, and with greater profitability.

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PHOTO CAPTIONS

(OldcastleTrainingPhoto1)

Hugh Scott, Application Engineer and Advanced Concrete Technologies liaison conducts one of the Oldcastle Precast – Central Division program’s seminars in preventative maintenance.

(UtilityVaultQualityAwardsPhoto2)

A history of quality awards given to Utility Vault Company in Auburn, Washington attest to the company’s commitment to the benefits of preventative maintenance.