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### CALPORTLAND'S DUPONT AGGREGATE PLANT EARNS ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD



CalPortland installed this fence and signage to protect a sensitive estuarine marsh at the mouth of Sequatchew Creek near its DuPont plant. The marsh is a vital rearing area for juvenile salmon leaving the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge on their way to the ocean.

**January 18, 2011 – Glendora, CA** CalPortland Company's DuPont aggregate plant in DuPont, WA, has received the highest "Gold Award" from the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (NSSGA) for its superior performance in environmental stewardship.

The awards program recognizes aggregates operations throughout the United States and Canada for their extraordinary commitment to safety, environmental stewardship and community involvement.

“CalPortland makes environmental leadership as well as energy efficiency vital elements of our core culture,” said CEO Allen Hamblen. “This award acknowledges the contributions that are continually being made by every CalPortland employee.”

NSSGA President and CEO Joy Wilson commented that: “Despite the continuing economic challenges this year, the responses from our member companies represent exemplary efforts of their employees on behalf of the aggregates industry. We are so pleased to be able to recognize these operations whose achievements in the fields of safety, environment and community relations remind us of the important role the aggregates industry plays in ensuring a greater quality of life in America.”

CalPortland is a major producer of sand and gravel in the U.S. and the primary source of construction aggregates for the Puget Sound region. The state-of-the-art DuPont aggregate facility is a model of clean, efficient and environmentally conscious mining that meets or surpasses all environmental standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. Ninety-eight percent of material from the mine is used locally, from Everett to Olympia. Access to waterborne transportation allows 80 percent of material from DuPont to be shipped by barge. Each barge carries the equivalent of 150 to 200 truck and trailer loads of material, reducing the number of vehicles on the road. Transporting sand and gravel by barge lowers the region’s carbon output and reduces the economic and environmental cost of traffic congestion and other related road user costs.

The Environmental Excellence Awards program was created in 1992 to provide national recognition for aggregate producers who meet and surpass technical, environmental and regulatory requirements.

### **About CalPortland Company**

CalPortland Company is a major producer of cement, concrete, concrete products, aggregates and asphalt in the western United States and Canada. Founded in 1891 with the principle of providing unsurpassed quality, CalPortland remains a leader in the industry through its commitment to quality, customer service, technical support and environmental leadership. The company maintains its headquarters in Glendora, California and operates in the Western U.S. and two Canadian Provinces. For more information about CalPortland Company, visit [www.calportlandresources.com/dupont/default.aspx](http://www.calportlandresources.com/dupont/default.aspx) or [www.calportland.com](http://www.calportland.com) or call 626-852-6200.