

November Dinner meeting review—Managing the Risks in Concrete Construction by Jeffrey Venzie

Howard D. Venzie, Jr. presented on the topic of managing the risks of defects in concrete construction at the EPD-ACI dinner meeting on November 13, 2008.

In the meeting, Mr. Venzie discussed standard contract clauses relating to warranties, submittals and substitutions, and performance and design criteria, and offered strategies when performing repairs and corrective work.

Mr. Venzie emphasized the following points during his seminar as being critical to the risk management process:

- Start submittals, approvals and purchase contracts as early as possible in the construction process.
- Don't shortcut the submittal process because of the press of the project schedule.
- When preparing and submitting shop drawings, be sure to bring any deviations from the specifications to the attention of the Owner's design professionals.
- Insist upon definitive "approval" of submittals by the Owner's design professionals.
- Don't proceed without approval of submittals.
- Document field events that could effect quality of concrete.
- Ensure that purchase orders require manufacturers, suppliers and other sellers of material, products and systems to meet the performance and quality requirements set forth in the Contract Documents for the project.
- Don't perform repair/corrective work without approval of a written submittal setting forth the details of the repair/corrective scope of work, procedure, testing, inspection etc., and an acknowledgment by the Owner or its design professionals that such repair/corrective work will bring the defective work into compliance with the Contract Documents.
- If required to provide design services in connection with a scope of work, retain an independent, outside design firm to perform such services and obtain Errors & Omissions insurance coverage covering the design firm's work with an extended reporting period to cover defects that may not be discovered until after project completion and a specific project endorsement applying the coverage limits to the project.

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March Dinner Meeting — The "Ins" and "Outs" of Pervious Concrete by Ken Crank

Please mark your calendars for our dinner meeting on March 26, 2009. Mr. Ken Crank is scheduled to speak about pervious concrete.

The meeting will discuss some of the details of pervious concrete, how it is placed, proper applications and maintenance. It will also touch on mix design and admixtures.

Mr. Crank is the Director of Concrete Promotion with the Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association (PACA).

PACA is the industry's unified voice in Harrisburg, representing more than 200 member companies, large and small, across the state. PACA was formed in the 1982 by the consolidation of the Pennsylvania Aggre-

gates Association and Pennsylvania Ready Mixed Concrete/Sand and Gravel Association.

The meeting will be at the Park Ridge Hotel and Conference Center, 480 N. Gulph Road, King of Prussia.

Reservations will open soon so check back to the EPDACI website for more information as the time draws nearer.