

MINING DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL 2004

Mining Day 2004 was held on April 14th, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the 3rd Floor of the Capitol Rotunda. The theme for this year's event, "Mining - The Backbone of Florida's Future" included lunch on the 22nd Floor of the Capitol. The keynote speaker was Representative Curtis Richardson (introduced by Anthony L. Fedd of Engelhard Corporation) and Ben Hart of the DEP/Bureau of Mine Reclamation was the Master of Ceremony. Twenty-one (21) legislative offices were represented at the luncheon.



The Mining Day sponsors were Florida Limerock & Aggregate Institute, Florida Minerals & Chemistry Council, Florida Phosphate Council, and the Hernando County Mining Association. Exhibitors included Austin Powder Company*, Cargill Crop Nutrition*, CF Industries*, Conrad Yelvington Distributors, DEP/Bureau of Mine Reclamation, Engelhard Corporation*, Florida Geological Survey, Florida Rock Industries, IMC Phosphates Company*, Kelly Tractor Company*, Rinker Materials*, Titan America*, Vulcan Materials*, and Yates Construction* (*Denotes Co-Sponsors of Mining Day).



Participants were on-hand to answer questions about what makes "Mining - the Backbone of Florida's Future" and they were eager to share facts about the countless number of jobs the mining industry provides to Floridians and how a great deal of this state's economy profoundly depend on this industry. Participants also met with legislators to discuss key legislative issues affecting our mining industry.





The Florida Mining Industry wishes to thank all who contributed to the success of Mining Day at the State Capitol 2004.

Participants:

Dave Veres, Judy Osbourne, and Mike Osbourne of Austin Powder Company

Debbie Burdett, Kaley Miller, and Paul Samuels of Cargill Crop Nutrition

Stefan Kataras of CF Industries

Greg Murray of Conrad Yelvington Distributors

Ben Hart of DEP/Bureau of Mine Reclamation

Anthony L. Fedd and Sherri Nix of Engelhard Corporation

Walt Schmidt and Steve Spencer of Florida Geological Survey

Jean Casey of Florida Rope & Supply and Jack Banning of Florida Limerock & Aggregate Institute

Andy Ellis of the Florida Phosphate Council

Michael O'Berry and Michelle Burns of Florida Rock Industries

John Ed Hull of Hernando County Mining Association

Mike Monahan of IMC Phosphates Company

Gene Miranda and Paul Laya of Kelly Tractor Company

Mark Edwards, Jeff Ferrell, Jerry Vinesett, Bill Meyer, Buck Phillips, Stuart Bozeman of Rinker Materials

Curtis Leonard and Craig Leonard of Titan America

Richard Bailey, Alan Stotz, Myron Cantin, and Phil DiEulio of Vulcan Materials

Robin Tucker of Yates Construction

The Mining Day Committee consisted of Jack Banning of the Florida Limerock & Aggregate Institute, Mike Batts of Phoenix Environmental, Andy Ellis and Mary Lou Rajchel of the Florida Phosphate Council, and Sherri Nix of Engelhard Corporation.