AGGREGATE FACTS

- Aggregate is a term used to describe sand, gravel and crushed rock mixtures.

- In the U.S. we use about 3 billion tons of aggregate every year!

- Every person living in Minnesota consumes about 58 pounds of aggregate per day.

- We use aggregate to make…
  - Roads, freeways and runways
  - Homes, schools and offices
  - Toothpaste, glass and pharmaceuticals

- We consume aggregate in the following ways:
  - 25% Roads
  - 25% Public Facilities
  - 25% Residential
  - 25% Commercial

- Aggregate is mined in all 87 counties in Minnesota.

- Aggregate resources are not distributed evenly across the state.

- There are three main sources of aggregate:
  - Sand and gravel mined from glacial fluvial or alluvial deposits.
  - Crushed carbonate rock mined in southeastern Minnesota.
  - Crushed rock mined from granite, trap rock (basalt), and quartzite in other parts of the state.

- In addition, “recycled aggregate” resulting from demolition of roads, sidewalks, driveways and the like can be reused in many of the same applications as mined aggregate.