# An Overview of the Slag Cement Association

Resources, Programs, Events, and More!

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# PRESENTATION GOALS

- 1. Review SCA's mission, members, committee, and task groups.
- 2. Discuss slag cement tools and resources available to you on SCA's website.
- 3. Review SCA's news and upcoming industry events.
- 4. Provide an update on SCA's educational and promotional programs.



# SCA MEMBERSHIP

The Slag Cement Association is an organization of companies that produce and ship slag cement in the United States; these shipments represent over 95% of all slag cement used in U.S. concrete construction. SCA is the leading source of knowledge on blast furnace slag-based cementitious products. It promotes the increased use and acceptance of these products by educating customers, specifiers, and other end-users on their varied attributes, benefits, and applications. Each member (listed below) has 1 seat on SCA's Board of Directors.

























SCA Board has oversight of association activities including budget setting, strategic planning, and shipment reporting programs.



# SCA'S TECHNICAL & MARKETING COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL TASK GROUPS

**Technical & Marketing Committee:** Oversees all promotional and technical association activities including:

- Slag Cement School and Slag Cement Awards Program
- National-level educational sessions and speaking events
- Marketing/promotional activities
- Technical resource development
- Monitoring of slag cement-related codes and standards
- Industry partnerships

**Promotional Task Groups:** Regional groups dedicated to monitoring local issues with slag cement.

- Maintains relationships with other local groups (DOT, ACI, ASCE, etc.), and the development of local speaking opportunities.
- Currently we have groups for the Great Lakes and Southeast regions



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# MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

**OUR MISSION:** To serve as the leading source of knowledge and technology transfer for the growth of slag cement.

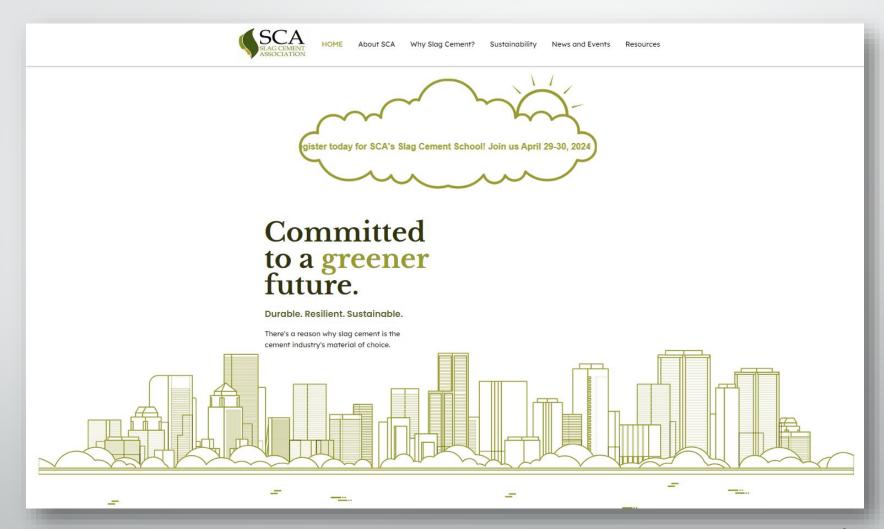
**OUR VISION:** To be the preferred solution for lowering embodied carbon in the design and construction of resilient and sustainable concrete.





# SCA RESOURCES

# SCA WEBSITE (slagcement.org)



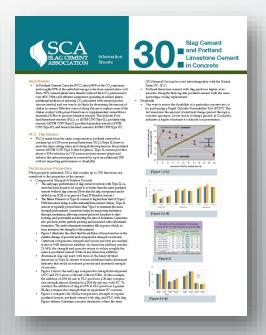


# **INFORMATION SHEETS**

- There are many different applications and uses of slag cement. SCA has produced 30 information sheets on a wide variety of slag cement related topics.
- A few examples include: Slag Cement in Residential Concrete, Use of Slag Cement in Soil Cement, Slag Cement and Portland Limestone Cement in Concrete, and many more!
- Information sheets are developed, revised, and updated by SCA's Technical & Marketing Committee.









# **INFORMATION SHEETS**

- The information sheets can be accessed at **slagcement.org/infosheets**
- Is there a topic you're interested in? Let us know!

#### Info Sheet #1

#### What is Slag Cement?

Slag cement, or ground granulated blast-furnace slag (GGBFS), has been used in concrete projects in the United States for over a century.

#### Info Sheet #2

#### **Concrete Proportioning**

Concrete proportioning is the selection of proportions of ingredients to make the most economical use of available materials to produce concrete of the required properties.

#### Info Sheet #3

#### Concrete Time of Set

Time of set is defined as the point in time at which penetration resistance reaches specified values.

#### Info Sheet #4

#### What are Saw Cuts?

Saw cuts are a means of cutting joints in concrete.

#### Info Sheet #5

#### Producing and Placing Slag Cement Concrete

Slag cement must be stored in bins or silos to protect from contamination.

#### Info Sheet #6

#### **Reducing Permeability**

Permeability is a measure of how easily water, air or other substances such as chloride ions enter concrete.

#### Info Sheet #7

#### Mitigating Sulfate Attack

Sulfate attack is a common form of concrete deterioration.

#### Info Sheet #8

#### Mitigating the Risk of Alkali Silica Reaction

Alkali Silica Reaction (ASR) is a chemical reaction between the alkalies in Portland cement and materials present in aggregates.

#### Info Sheet #9

#### Reducing Thermal Stress in Mass Concrete

According to ACI 2071, "mass concrete is any large volume of concrete [that] require that measures be taken to cope with the generation of heat and attendant volume change to minimize cracking."

#### Info Sheet #10

#### Greening

Hardened concrete containing slag cement may show mottled green or blue green areas on the surface in the first few days after placement. This temporary condition is commonly called "greening."

#### Info Sheet #11

#### Slag Cement and Fly Ash

Slag cement and fly ash are the two most common SCMs used in concrete.

#### Info Sheet #12

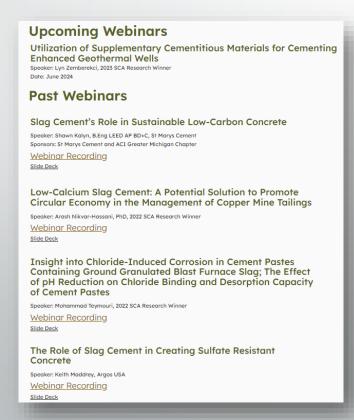
#### Terminology and Specifications

Slag Cement Terminology and Specifications



# **WEBINARS**

- Live webinars with SCA members, research winners, and industry leaders on the use of slag cement.
- Example webinar topics include: Slag Cement's Role in Sustainable Low-Carbon Concrete, The Role of Slag Cement in Creating Sulfate Resistant Concrete, and Avoiding Scaling in Concrete with Slag Cement.
- Webinars are available on-demand on SCA's website (slagcement.org/webinars) and YouTube page.







# **CASE STUDIES**

- There are more than 50 case studies on SCA's website that show the diverse applications of slag cement in the built environment.
- Case studies include the project teams, description of the project, awards received, and application type.
- Incudes Slag Cement in Sustainable Concrete Award winners from the past 5 years

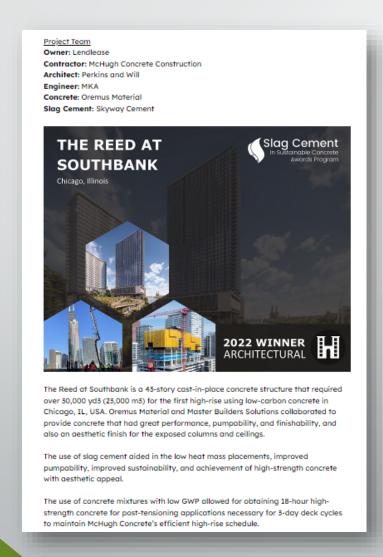


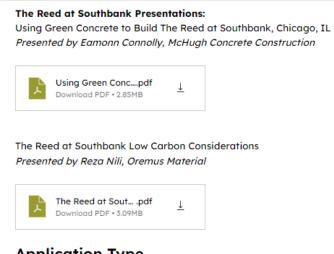




# **CASE STUDIES**

• Slag Cement case studies are available at slagcement.org/casestudies





#### **Application Type**

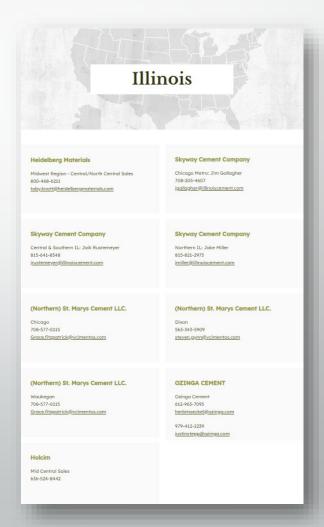
% Slag Cement Replacement	20%-50%	
% Portland Cement	30%-70%	
% Portland Limestone Cement		
% Other SCM (if applicable)	Class F ash (20%)	
Aggregate	Crushed Granite	
Water/cement ratio	.3346	
7-day strengths		
28-day strengths	3000 psi - 10000 psi	



# FIND SLAG CEMENT

- Interested in finding slag cement in your state? SCA's provides an interactive map to find SCA member sales offices/contact information in your region!
- Can search by state or by SCA member.
- Located at slagcement.org/findslagcement



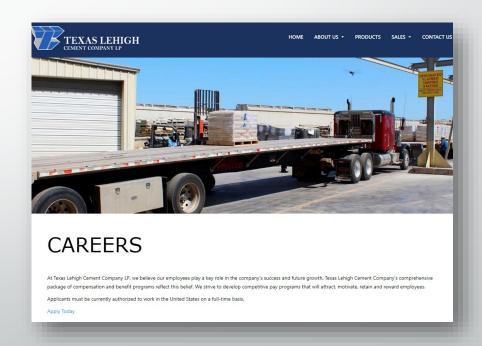




# **MEMBER JOB BOARD**

- The Slag Cement Association's member companies are hiring! Explore your career possibilities and join the industry.
- Easy access to SCA members' career and contact webpages.
- Can be accessed at slagcement.org/memberjobs

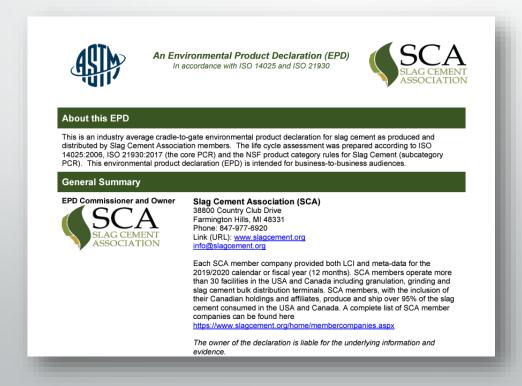






# SUSTAINBILITY RESOURCES

- SCA provides a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) Calculator
- The LCA calculator allows you to enter custom concrete mixes and then substitute varying amounts of slag cement through a simple dashboard interface. You simply select a preset mix or enter the details of a custom mix and the calculator will allow you to increase or decrease the percentage of slag cement and calculate LCA results in real time.
- A slag cement Product Category Rule (PCR) and Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) are also available on the website. Both available at **slagcement.org/epd**





# SCA NEWS AND EVENTS

# SCA NEWS AND UPDATES

- SCA provides industry news and updates on the SCA website.
- Includes award winning slag cement projects, updates from SCA members, new partnerships, and more.
- You can find all SCA news and updates at slagcement.org/news



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#### **SCA MEMBERS WIN DURING** 9TH ANNUAL ACI EXCELLENCE IN CONCRETE...

Farmington Hills, Mich., November 7, 2023 - The American Concrete Institute (ACI) announced the winners of the 2023 ACI Excellence in..



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#### SCA AND NEX COLLABORATE THROUGH MEMORANDUM OF **UNDERSTANDING**

Farmington Hills, Mich., (Nov. 14, 2023) - The Slag Cement Association (SCA) and NEx, an ACI Center of Excellence for Nonmetallic...



### **SLAG CEMENT ASSOCIATION** WELCOMES CALPORTLAND

Farmington Hills, Mich., (Apr. 16, 2024) - The Slag Cement Association (SCA) announces the addition of CalPortland as its newest member...



# SLAG CEMENT IN SUSTAINABLE CONCRETE AWARDS

- SCA holds the Slag Cement in Sustainable Concrete Awards annually.
   The awards program honors construction and research projects for their exceptional use of slag cement.
- The awards program is held in conjunction with ACI's spring convention.
- Construction projects are awarded in 6 categories: Architectural,
   Durability, Infrastructure, High Performance, Innovative Applications,
   and Lower Carbon Concrete.
- Research winners are awarded the Michael Thomas Research Award and receive a travel stipend to attend ACI's convention and present their research during the awards ceremony.
- Technical & Marketing Committee votes on and selects winning projects at the beginning of the year.





# SLAG CEMENT IN SUSTAINABLE CONCRETE AWARDS

 Construction and research project nomination forms are available for the 2024 Slag Cement in Sustainable Concrete Awards.

- Deadline to nominate a project is November 30, 2024.
- Awards ceremony is to be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada during the ACI Concrete Convention.
- More information available at slagcement.org/awards







## **INDUSTRY EVENTS**

- SCA participates in various local and national conferences and conventions. Including speaking engagements and being an exhibitor.
- A few examples include: World of Concrete, The Precast Show, ACI Concrete Convention, NRMCA's Concrete Works, and Greenbuild.
- These events are identified by SCA's Technical & Marketing Committee.







# SCA PROGRAMS

### **SLAG CEMENT UNIVERSITY**

- Slag Cement University is a central source of educational resources on slag cement use in concrete construction for university professors and students. Professors can easily incorporate the content of Slag Cement University into existing construction management course material.
- Content was curated and developed by SCA members and staff to provide an overview of the applications, uses, and benefits of slag cement use. Content includes syllabus, slide decks, and pre-recorded presentations.
- Slag Cement University is available at slagcement.org/university





### **SLAG CEMENT UNIVERSITY**

- SCA members and staff developed 80-question exam provides a testing method for universities incorporating slag cement university materials into their curriculum. The exam set includes:
- > Online exam option
- ➤ 80 question exam (download)
- > Flashcards
- > Exam answer key
- > Exam syllabus





### SCA PROMOTIONAL PARTNERSHIP

- The Slag Cement Association developed a Promotional Partner program at the end of 2023.
- The Promotional Partner program was developed as a way for non-slag cement producers/suppliers to support SCA's mission and to grow/improve its offerings.
- Information on SCA's Promotional Partnership program can be found at slagcement.org/partners



#### **Event Partner**

Become a partner of SCA's
annual events, including Slag
Cement School and the Slag
Cement in Sustainable
Concrete Awards.



#### **Education Partner**

Become a partner of SCA's
educational programs,
including Slag Cement
University, instructional videos,
and webinars.



### SCA PROMOTIONAL PARTNERSHIP

- Promotional Partnership includes Event, Educational, or Á La Carte options.
- Benefits include an article in SCA's newsletters, logo representation on SCA's website, speaking opportunities, input on Slag Cement University features, and more.
- The program is new so please send us your feedback!

Benefits	Event Partner (\$3000)	Education Partner (\$2000)	À La Carte Options (\$500/ea)
(500 Word) Partner Article in SCA Monthly Newsletter	$\checkmark$	<b>✓</b>	$\checkmark$
Logo Included on SCA Website	$\checkmark$	<b>✓</b>	$\checkmark$
(1) Free Ticket for Slag Cement School	$\checkmark$		
Speaking Opportunity at Slag Cement School	$\checkmark$		
Access to Slag Cement School Attendee List	$\checkmark$		
Logo included in SCA Awards Ceremony	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
Input on Slag Cement University Features		$\checkmark$	
Access to Slag Cement University Contact List		$\checkmark$	
Access to SCA Webinar Attendee List		<b>✓</b>	
Logo included Before SCA Webinars		<b>✓</b>	$\checkmark$



### **NEWSLETTER AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

- SCA has a monthly newsletter that provides information on slag cement, updates from our membership, upcoming SCA events, and additional resources to readers.
- Subscribe to SCA's newsletter at slagcement.org
- SCA is also on social media follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube!













# QUESTIONS? FEEDBACK?

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