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Foreword

This document is based on a paper written for the 9th Conference on Asphalt Pavements for Southern Africa (CAPSA '07), held in September 2007 in Gaborone, Botswana. The author was asked to describe the ongoing approach used by the asphalt industry in the U.S. to work on complex environmental, health and safety issues. This approach has yielded milestone achievements that have been cited by government agencies as a model for other industries. Several examples of these accomplishments are summarized in the paper. The common factors have been to be proactive in preserving and promoting the welfare of our workers, to fully involve key stakeholders, to engage in international communications, to encourage best practices, and to be data/science driven. Emerging issues and future challenges are also identified. Since many of these challenges are global in nature, there are opportunities for increased communication and expanded partnerships between the asphalt pavement associations of the various nations.

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