



Photos Top: Portland cement terminal, Portland, Oregon; **Middle:** Durkee, Oregon, cement manufacturing plant; **Bottom:** Rivergate plant maintenance employees.

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ASH GROVE CEMENT COMPANY

Company Description

Ash Grove Cement Company, founded in 1882, is the largest U.S. owned cement manufacturer in the United States. In addition to operating cement plants in eight states across the country,



Ash Grove operates two water dependent facilities located along the banks of the Willamette River. The cement products shipped from the terminal operation are used in the construction of highways, bridges, light rail, sidewalks, commercial and industrial complexes, and single and multi-family homes.

RIVERGATE LIME PLANT:

Constructed in 1963, the Rivergate plant at river mile 2.9 encompasses 30 acres and has been in continuous operation for more than 50 years. Raw materials, limestone and dolomite, are imported from Canada and transported to Rivergate by ocean going barge. The raw materials are processed through grinding mills and dried to produce a



fine powder. The dryers used in the grinding process are fueled in part by landfill gas supplied by Metropolitan nearby St. Johns landfill.

The finished products are used primarily in agriculture (soil amendment) and building materials (asphalt roofing shingles). Two of the three products produced at the facility are certified for use in organic farming.

PORTLAND CEMENT TERMINAL: Located adjacent to the Willamette River at river mile 10.1 on Swan Island, Ash Grove Cement operates a cement distribution and import terminal.

The import terminal is capable of receiving vessels and is equipped with a pneumatic (vacuum) unloading system and three bulk storage tanks. The import terminal is connected to the distribution terminal by a 2,000-foot long tubular pipe conveyor that transfers bulk materials from the import terminal to the distribution terminal.

The distribution terminal receives shipments of Ash Grove cement produced in Durkee via railcar. Railcars are unloaded into bulk storage silos and ultimately loaded into enclosed bulk trucks for distribution to a wide variety of regional ready mix customers.

Sustainable Practices / Recent Investments

Unique to its Rivergate limestone and dolomite grinding facility is Ash Grove's use of landfill gas from the St. Johns landfill as a source of fuel for drying raw materials. Using the landfill gas to do beneficial work saves energy and reduces emissions.

Community Benefit

The Ash Grove Portland facilities are a key contributor to the region's economic development and a pivotal location to distribute cement from Oregon's only cement manufacturing plant in Durkee, Oregon. Ash Grove is committed to leading the industries in environmental compliance and safety. Ash Grove has a legacy of charitable support for the communities in which it operates.