

In recent years, the AQA have kept more of a low key watching brief on technical issues, overseen by a nominated AQA Executive member. However more recently the AQA came to the realisation that a watching brief was not enough.

One of the first objectives was that the technical committee would provide a focal point and consistent contact for member companies, contractors, consultants and clients.

We have been actively promoting the committee around industry organisations with whom our industry has strong synergies and to date the response has been very positive and encouraging with several organisations highlighting areas of mutual interest that we are already working together on. Most of this is work that simply would not have been possible for AQA to be involved in or influence without the formation of the committee.

Enquiries are now regularly being received and it is pleasing to note that there are already several areas of research involving aggregate topics for which the AQA Technical Committee have been approached to be involved and offer advice on the best way forward and this can only be good for the aggregates industry.

Some of the main areas that the committee is actively involved in are:

- Developing strong links with other Industry Technical committees
- Actively Promoting the AQA Technical Committee through forums, presentations, newsletters
- TNZ M/4 development and T15
- Polished Stone Value of Aggregates
- Coloured aggregates for concrete
- Cement Stabilisation of Aggregates
- Asphalt Plant Accreditation Scheme and it's impact on the Aggregates Industry

The work and progress of the Technical Committee will be regularly updated in the AQA newsletter and on this page

There will also be a review presentation given at the AQA/IOQ annual conference in July 2009 which will look back at what has been achieved over the year and look forward to what lies ahead.

If anyone has a technical topic that is of Industry importance that they believe the Committee should investigate or be involved in then they can either contact the AQA or send an email to [vicepresident@aqa.co.nz](mailto:vicepresident@aqa.co.nz)

Information of a technical nature for the benefit of members and the industry can be downloaded.