



MEET OAKLAND'S URBAN QUARRY

“We’re in the heart of Oakland, near the bay, which also makes us quite close to downtown San Francisco,” explains Bill Crotinger, of Argent Materials. “We opened to fill the void of a convenient place where both contractors and individuals can get rid of their concrete and asphalt materials without traveling miles into the country.”

Since the company stores and processes aggregate materials within the city, the state

of California has coined the new identification of “urban quarry” to the company.

“We live in a very good time for catering to the needs of the recycling customer. That’s not an epiphany; it’s just that there are multiple state, city and county laws on the books that mandate recycling. And all the government agencies have green-oriented websites that provide information about how to recycle and where to go,” states Crotinger. “So, we tried to pick a very convenient

location and we’ve registered with many of those sites.”

PLUMBERS OUR BEST CUSTOMER

“Plumbing contractors are our most consistent customers. It seems they spend one day chipping away at sidewalks, driveways and walls,” notes Crotinger, “and they then bring what they’ve torn out to us



and sometimes even in the same trip, load up and leave with recycled concrete as part of their trench backfill. Many are here on a near daily basis.” Of course, general contractors working in the city are the largest volume customers.

OUR 95Z7, A GOOD CHOICE

“We were looking for a loader that we felt confident would be reliable, have a small footprint for the work done and with decent

fuel economy,” says Crotinger. “We thought a lot about the competitive loaders and tried a lot of different machines. Size-wise, Price-wise we thought the Kawasaki 95 was the best pick. And we’ve been pleasantly surprised how good the fuel economy is.”

“I like the way the machine operates and the visibility is quite good. We were concerned about the Tier 4 pollution controls. So far, we’ve all been impressed with the regen process on this loader. It’s so seamless that

A single Kawasaki 95Z7 keeps Argent Materials flowing in and out of their Oakland urban quarry.

you just don’t think about it. And, I really like the auto Idle shut-down feature. That’s great, because it is so easy to simply leave the loader running all day—and that’s the biggest fuel waster of all!”

Argent Materials is serviced by Bejac Corporation, Anderson, California.