

## NSC's Green Effort – June 2008 Update

The NSC's environmental initiative is now at the inauguration of its second year! Over the first twelve months, significant work was accomplished to gather accurate data characterizing the environmental impacts of the natural stone industry. The upcoming year will bring the release of much data and several informative tools to communicate the results of this research.

At present, the University of Tennessee Center for Clean Products (UT) is analyzing the collected information and organizing it into formats that will be useable to a variety of audiences, including architects, consumers, and researchers. These materials are projected to be made available by UT according to the following schedule:

Life-cycle datasets	<i>mid July 2008</i>
Best practices	<i>end of August 2008 (and every 3 months thereafter until May 2009)</i>
Case studies	<i>end of August 2008 (and every 2 months thereafter until May 2009)</i>
Material factsheets	<i>mid September 2008</i>
Life-cycle analyses	<i>end of May 2009</i>

The information will be accessible via several vehicles, including the NSC website ([www.GenuineStone.com](http://www.GenuineStone.com)), trade shows (StoneExpo 2008, GreenBuild 2008, AIA 2009), and trade association publications.

Additionally, representatives from the NSC along with the UT Center for Clean Products will be offering a presentation at StoneExpo 2008 to discuss the NSC's current environmental initiative, its outcomes, as well as its future direction.

The NSC and UT would like to thank everyone who has participated in this vital effort to position natural stone in the green building industry. If you are still interested in submitting a survey, please visit the UT website (<http://isse.utk.edu/ccp/projects/surveyresources.html>) or contact UT directly at 865.974.4583 or [cleanproducts@utk.edu](mailto:cleanproducts@utk.edu).

To learn more about the efforts of the NSC Committee on Sustainability, please visit [www.GenuineStone.com](http://www.GenuineStone.com).