

Who is Lafarge?



Lafarge is a world leader in construction materials, holding top-ranking positions in each of its four divisions: Cement, Aggregates & Concrete, Roofing and Gypsum. Lafarge currently employs 85,000 people and operates in 75 countries.

Lafarge North America is the largest diversified supplier of building materials for residential, commercial, institutional, and public works construction in North America, and is one of the top five producers of construction aggregates in North America with approximately 1000 active mine sites.

It has always been Lafarge's policy to implement the highest standards of safety and environmental protection. Our environmental program relies on the commitment of each of our employees working in every location across North America. This continues to be true with our crushed stone quarry in Douglas County.

Community Relations Projects



The Douglasville Quarry became a charter member of the U. S. National Environmental Protection Agency's Performance Track Program in 2001. This program is a working partnership with business and the regulated community. Charter members range from small local businesses to large multinational corporations all over the U.S. The Lafarge Douglasville Quarry is the only aggregates operation to participate in this program. To be eligible for Performance Track, they had to meet certain criteria, such as a proven record of regulatory compliance, an Environmental Management System, and a public commitment to continuing improvement. Once accepted, they remained in the program for three years by successfully meeting set environmental goals, and in 2004 they reapplied for another three years. Douglasville Quarry's current set of goals are to enhance and preserve a wetlands area through participation with the Wildlife Habitat Council, and to reduce discharges of total suspended solids from their process water leaving the site. An annual report is submitted to Performance Track detailing the progress of their goals.



Plant Manager, Mike Astin (left) and LASE Environmental Manager, Joyceann Lee (right), met with Wildlife Habitat Council biologist to determine possible wildlife projects at the Douglasville Quarry.



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Introduction

Hello, my name is **Mike Astin**, Plant Manager of the Lafarge Aggregates Southeast Douglasville Quarry. The purpose of this, our first newsletter, is to introduce our employees and our company to the community. We strive to be good neighbors and to be an asset to the community.

The Douglasville Quarry first started operations in the 1950s as part of Consolidated Quarries. Through the 1970s, ownership belonged to Georgia Marble Company. In 1989 Blue Circle Aggregates purchased Georgia Marble, and in 2001 Lafarge purchased Blue Circle Aggregates.

Douglasville Quarry provides crushed stone for construction of houses, buildings, bridges and roads in Douglas County and surrounding areas. In 2005 the operation produced over 1,500,000 tons of stone. Stone from the Douglasville Quarry has been used to build the Arbor Station Mall roads and parking areas, the transportation hub used for car-pooling, the surrounding establishments, repaving Interstate 20 and most surrounding roads, as well as many other concrete and asphalt projects. The quarry employs 35 miners. Approximately 1/2 of them live in the Douglas County area.

Also on site is a ready-mix concrete plant, owned by Lafarge, two asphalt plants, C.W. Matthews and Baldwin Paving, and another concrete plant, Wayne Davis Concrete are located at this site. Their close proximity to us reduces transportation costs of one of the raw materials of their products, crushed stone and/or sand. This results in lower costs which are passed on to the taxpayer or end-user, you.



Spring blossoms at the Douglasville Quarry

Environmental Excellence

Lafarge's Douglasville Quarry strives to be a good environmental steward. To aid in this, we have developed an Environmental Management System that is "beyond compliance" focused. We strive to do even better than what's required by law.

The quarry is regulated by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), which imposes rules on all aspects of our mining operations: air quality, storm water, process water, surface mining, etc. These state rules ensure that federal environmental standards are met. The quarry maintains permits for these categories, each of which has many conditions attached to them. In addition to random EPD inspections, Lafarge performs internal environmental audits annually.

To ensure proper air quality, water spray techniques are used to keep dust at a minimum. Daily inspections of the dust suppression system are done to ensure that everything is working properly.

Storm water is routinely monitored and inspections are performed to ensure that any storm water run-off is clean and following the proper channel.



Any process water discharged from the site is monitored and must meet stringent requirements to ensure water quality in Mobley Creek is protected.

The site also has an EPD approved mine plan that maps out the mining process and controls to be used as the mine progresses. A surety bond is in place with EPD to ensure reclamation after mining ceases.

The Douglasville Quarry averages four blasts per month. Seismographs monitor all blasts for vibration and air pressure. Records indicate that our blasts are well below the limit allowed by the State Fire Marshall's Office, who regulates blasting.

Lafarge has taken significant care to develop a visually appealing and professionally landscaped entrance to the quarry. Douglasville residents can be sure that Lafarge will continue to take appropriate measures to ensure the property is maintained in a respectable condition.

Let us know how we're doing. Your input is important to us.