

## 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 Buford, Georgia.



## Employee Spotlight



David Reyes (the handsome one) shown here at a Friendship Quarry's last Open House. David is a foreman at the quarry and has worked there for 12 years. David and his wife have three children and he enjoys attending and/or coaching their ball games. He is a major contributor to the success of the Friendship Quarry Neighborhood Advisory Council, and occasionally visits with neighbors to address concerns or questions they may have. He also participates in local events, such as serving hotdogs at the Friendship Elementary School's Fall Festival.



## Friendship Quarry



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## Introduction



Hello, my name is **Don Richards**, Plant Manager of the Lafarge Aggregates Southeast Friendship Quarry. The purpose of this, our first newsletter, is to introduce our employees and our company to the community. We are committed to being good neighbors and to be an asset to the community.

The Friendship Quarry was initially opened to supply materials for Buford Dam and local road construction. It now consists of 388 permitted acres owned by Lafarge.

Many changes have been made at the quarry over the years. It has a long history dating back several decades. Georgia Marble Company acquired the site from Hall Aggregates in 1979, and in 1989 Blue Circle Aggregates purchased Georgia Marble. Blue Circle Aggregates was purchased by Lafarge in 2001.



Today, Friendship Quarry provides crushed stone for construction of houses, buildings, bridges and roads, including the Lake Lanier Dam, in Hall County and surrounding areas. In 2004 the operation produced approximately 1,950,000 tons of stone. The quarry employs 40 miners. Approximately 1/2 of them live in the Hall County area. In addition to our mining operation, a ready-mix concrete plant, also owned by Lafarge, and 2 asphalt plants, owned by E. R. Snell and Metro Materials, are located at this site. Their close proximity to us reduces transportation costs of one of the raw materials of their products, crushed stone. This results in lower costs which are passed on to the taxpayer or end-user, you.

## Environmental Excellence

Lafarge's Friendship 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 Mitchell 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 Friendship Quarry averages 4 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.

## Community Involvement

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



We are currently involved in the Friendship community in a variety of ways:

We are "Partners in Education" with Friendship Elementary School.

We participate in "Adopt a Highway" by routinely patrolling for litter along Friendship Rd.

We have periodic open houses, and we welcome tours from community organizations. The public can view the pit and plant site from the overlook at any time.



We, at Lafarge, understand that our long-term sustainability depends on us being responsive to the legitimate concerns of the community. We meet regularly with a community advisory committee. The committee acts as a liaison between the quarry and the community and has been successful in opening lines of communication so that mutual benefit can be realized.