

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 Jefferson, Georgia.



Continual Improvement

Lafarge Aggregates Southeast, Jackson County Quarry is located northeast of Atlanta off Interstate 85 in Jefferson, Georgia, . The site consists of approximately 137 acres and is bordered primarily by commercial sites.

Recently the Jackson County Quarry was awarded the First Step Award in National Sand Stone and Gravel Association's 2005 About Face Awards Program.

The Jackson County Quarry recognizes the need in presenting an appealing and practical exterior and minimizing the overall environmental effects of their operations, and has made it's "first steps" of continual improvements by enhancing the quarry's entrance and approach. Other exciting improvements and upgrades are now underway. Some entrance enhancements are:

"Lafarge" signs were installed at the highway entrance, and a landscaped flower bed was erected upon entering the quarry area.

The entrance road has been paved and fixed water sprays installed along the first 900 feet of the customer road.

Three flag poles were installed for the American, Georgia and Lafarge flags, as well as professionally landscaped grounds.

Attractive white vinyl fencing was installed at the entrance to the quarry.

The Jackson County Quarry is currently in the process of moving stockpiles on the roadside at the entrance and installing more vinyl fencing.



Jackson County Quarry



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Introduction

Hello, my name is **Charles Gibson**, Plant Manager of the Lafarge Aggregates Southeast Jackson County 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 Jackson County Quarry was opened to supply materials for the surrounding community, such as local road construction. It now consists of 130 permitted acres owned by Lafarge.

Many changes have been made at the quarry over the years. Blue Circle Aggregates acquired the site from Morgan Corporation in 1997, and was purchased by Lafarge in 2001.



Today, Jackson County Quarry provides crushed stone for construction of houses, buildings, bridges and roads in Jackson County and surrounding areas. In 2005 the operation produced over 1,000,000 tons of stone. The quarry employs approximately 20 miners, many of which live in the Jackson County area. In addition to our mining operation, a ready-mix concrete plant, also owned by Lafarge, and an asphalt plant, owned by E.R. Snell, 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 Jackson County 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.



A water truck is used to keep dust at a minimum.

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Any process water discharged from the site is monitored and must meet stringent requirements to ensure water quality in Opposum 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 Jackson County 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.

Lafarge has taken significant care to develop a visually appealing and professionally landscaped entrance to the quarry. Jackson County 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.