

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 Dekalb County.



The Lafarge Lithonia Quarry was formerly called Rock Chapel Mountain, and before that, Little Stone Mountain. The above photo was taken in the early 1920s.

Community Relations Projects



The Lithonia Quarry is Partner's in Education with Rock Chapel Elementary School for the past 15 years. Some of our ongoing projects are:

- Participate in Career Day at the school to educate the children on the mining industry
- Give Donations for the Accelerated Reading Program
- Conduct tours of the quarry, provide snacks, and hand out mining related coloring books and crayons
- Provide and serve an annual teacher's breakfast for over 100 teachers, and all lunchroom and janitorial staff, including a raffle for cash prizes
- Monetary award for Teacher of the Year
- Provide donuts for staff on first day of school
- Donate supplies upon request
- Member of the school council

Lafarge is also partners with the Clean Air Campaign to promote smog reduction.

Lafarge is currently working with Dekalb County to install a traffic signal at an alternate location to route truck traffic away from the school and neighbors.

The Lithonia Quarry provides an exciting and safe environment for Wildlife Manager to educate the local Tiger Scouts Pack 209.



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Introduction



Hello, my name is **Ray Pearson**, Plant Manager of the Lafarge Aggregates Southeast Lithonia 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 Lithonia Quarry first started operations in the early 1900s and consists of 1,156 permitted acres out of 1,612 acres owned by Lafarge.

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.

Lithonia Quarry provides crushed stone for construction of houses, buildings, bridges and roads in Dekalb County and surrounding areas. In 2004 the operation produced 1,636,000 tons of stone. Stone from the Lithonia Quarry has been used to build the Stonecrest Mall roads and parking areas, the surrounding establishments, repave 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 Dekalb County area.

In addition to our mining operation, Lafarge also has a sand dredging operation on the Yellow River.

Also on site is an asphalt plant, owned by Pittman Construction Company, Ernst Concrete Company, and the Quikrete Company (bagged 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.

Environmental Excellence

Lafarge's Lithonia 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 Swift 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 Lithonia 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. Lithonia 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.