

## 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 Morgan County.

## Community Relations Projects

The Morgan County Quarry is located in historical Madison, Georgia area and in close proximity to the environmentally sensitive Lake Oconee. We recognize the need to operate within the community without degrading the qualities that attracted our neighbors to the area in the first place. This means presenting an appealing and practical exterior and minimizing the overall environmental effects of our operations.

The Morgan County Quarry was awarded first place in the 2002 Keep Georgia Beautiful Awards Program for Beautification and Community Improvement. Morgan County Quarry was also awarded First Step in National Sand Stone and Gravel Association's (NSSGA) 2002 About Face Program, and most recently Outstanding Achievement in Georgia Mining's 2005 Good Neighbor Awards Program and NSSGA's 2005 Showplace Award.

Morgan County Quarry has become involved with the Wildlife Habitat Council and is well on the way to certification in that program. One 2006 project is to construct approximately 500 feet of nature trail through the forest and wetland areas for public and school use, and will include an outdoor classroom area and overlook of the pond.



Keith Horton, Plant Manager, and Fred Kempf, AC&A President, mapping out course of planned nature trail



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## Introduction



Hello, my name is Keith Horton, Plant Manager of the Lafarge Aggregates Southeast Morgan County 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 Morgan County Quarry was initially developed to supply crushed stone during the construction of Interstate 20. The site lay dormant for many years until 1999 when it was re-opened by Blue Circle Aggregates, now Lafarge Aggregates Southeast.

Morgan County Quarry provides crushed stone for construction of houses, buildings, bridges and roads in Morgan County and surrounding areas. In 2005 the operation produced over 600,000 tons of stone. Stone from the Morgan County Quarry has been used to construct I-20, the surrounding establishments, paving most surrounding roads, as well as many other concrete and asphalt projects. The quarry employs 20 miners, most of which live in the Morgan County area.

Also on site is an asphalt company owned by Pittman Construction Company. 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.



Screening Berm  
Planted With  
Wildflowers

## Environmental Excellence

Lafarge's Morgan 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.



This bald eagle was a visitor at the quarry



Any process water discharged from the site is monitored and must meet stringent requirements to ensure water quality in Sugar 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 Morgan County Quarry averages two 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. Morgan 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.