

## 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 Newton County.



## Employee Spotlight



Eric Cantrell has worked at the Newton County Quarry for the past 9 years as the Quality Control Technician. He performs analyses of the materials produced to ensure our products meet customers' specifications. Many of our products are purchased for use on Georgia Department of Transportation projects and must meet stringent quality requirements.

Eric has been a resident of Newton County for 17 years. His wife, Renee, works at Pinnacle Realty in Covington and homeschools their 3 children, Heather (17), Zach (13), and Bethany (9). Eric and his family attend the Central Community Church and 2 of his children play on the softball team at the Covington Christian Church. His hobbies are spending time with his family, hiking, swimming, fishing, and playing ball.

Eric's mother-in-law, Joanne Wilson, also works at the Newton County Quarry as Scale House Operator. Everyone at the Newton County Quarry, even his family, agree that Eric has an "attitude of excellence". The quality of his work is exceptional, and he encourages his co-workers to take pride in their work also.

Employment Opportunities Available



## Newton County Quarry



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## Introduction



Hello, my name is **Bruce Golden**, Plant Manager of the Lafarge Aggregates Southeast Newton County Quarry. The purpose of this, our first newsletter, is to intro-

duce our employees and our company to the community. We strive to be good neighbors and to be an asset to the community.

The Newton County Quarry first started operations in 1978 and now consists of 255 permitted acres, some owned by Lafarge but most leased from others.

Upon start up of the quarry in the late 1970s, ownership belonged to Georgia Marble Company. In 1989 Blue Circle Aggregates purchased Georgia Marble, and in 2001 Lafarge purchased Blue Circle Aggregates.

Newton County Quarry provides crushed stone for construction of houses, buildings, bridges and roads in Newton County and surrounding areas. In 2004 the operation produced 915,000 tons of stone. Stone from Newton County has been used to build the Eastside and Indian Creek schools, the new elementary and high schools (still under construction), the jail, Longhorn Steakhouse, Almon Bridge, and the Georgia International Horse Park, as well as many other concrete and asphalt projects. The quarry employs 27 miners. Approximately 1/2 of them live in the Newton County area.

In addition to our mining operation, a ready-mix concrete plant, also owned by Lafarge, and an asphalt plant, owned by Pittman Construction Company, 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 Newton 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.



Any process water discharged from the site is monitored and must meet stringent requirements to ensure water quality in Little Gum 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 Newton County Quarry averages 2 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. Newton 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.