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DEC AGREES TO EXTEND COMMENT PERIOD FOR LAFARGE RAVENA DRAFT TITLE V OPERATING AIR PERMIT Move Follows Request to Provide Community with Additional Time

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today notified Lafarge Ravena that it would extend the public comment period for its draft Title V Operating Air Permit. The move comes after Lafarge Ravena's formal request for an extension of the standard 30-day time period for public comment.

The public will now be able to submit comments on the draft permit until January 11, 2010.

"Public involvement in the renewal process is absolutely critical and we're pleased that the DEC agreed to extend the comment period," said John Reagan, Lafarge Ravena environmental manager. "With the additional time, the community will be able to carefully review and provide input about Lafarge Ravena's draft permit."

Lafarge Ravena yesterday issued to the DEC a formal request for an extension on the 30-day comment period. Since then, the DEC chose to add an additional 38-days to the comment period.

The permit, which is up for renewal, governs the level of air emissions from the facility located in Coeymans, New York. The permit is available for download on the NYSDEC website: http://www.dec.ny.gov/dardata/boss/afs/draft_atv_1.html

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Lafarge Group is the world leader in building materials, with top-ranking positions in all of its businesses: Cement, Aggregates & Concrete and Gypsum. Lafarge North America Inc. ("Lafarge North America" or "Lafarge"), a Lafarge Group company, is the largest diversified supplier of construction materials in the United States and Canada.

In 2009 and for the fifth year in a row, the Lafarge Group was listed in the "Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World". With the world's leading building materials research facility, the Lafarge Group places innovation at the heart of its priorities, working for sustainable construction and architectural creativity.

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