



Press release

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Lafarge North America Inc.

STATEMENT FROM LAFARGE RAVENA ON DEC PUBLICATION OF DRAFT TITLE V OPERATING AIR PERMIT

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) today made available for public comment the draft Title V Operating Air Permit for the Lafarge Ravena Cement Plant located in Coeymans, New York.

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

Statement from Lafarge Ravena Environmental Manager, John Regan:

"We are reviewing the draft permit that creates a first-of-its-kind cap on mercury emissions for a New York cement manufacturer. As with any manufacturing process, our emissions are dependent on how much is produced in a given year. Under the new draft permit, Lafarge would continue to operate under the cap going forward.

It is important to note that our plant has been operating safely for years according the strict regulations provided by federal and state authorities and we continue to find ways to further reduce all emissions while producing the building materials necessary for our economy.

Protecting the environment and enhancing the quality of life in Ravena are issues we've been focused on for several years, and is why we are in the beginning steps of modernizing our plant which will further optimize our environmental performance. That is our commitment to the community and something that will continue."

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. With 83,000 employees in 78 countries, the Group posted sales of 19.0 billion Euros in 2008. 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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