



# Press release

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Lafarge North America Inc.

## **LAFARGE RAVENA PLANT MODERNIZATION PROJECT ADVANCES**

Proposed Project Improves Environmental Performance, Plant Efficiency  
and Helps Protect Local Jobs

Officials from Lafarge Ravena are marking a significant milestone with the Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) public release of the Notice of Completion Application for Lafarge's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) – a key step in the approval process for the company's proposed modernization project.

The DEC simultaneously announced that the public information session for the proposed multi-million dollar Ravena plant modernization project will occur on December 8, 2010 and the public comment hearing will occur on January 20, 2011. The public comment period began November 24 and ends February 22, 2011.

"The public noticing of our Environmental Impact Statement is a key step in the process that will enable Lafarge to have an even cleaner and more efficient facility," said Martin Turecky, Ravena plant manager. "If approved, the project will help us remain competitive for the long term and protect good paying jobs right here in Upstate New York."

In July of 2008, the Lafarge Ravena Plant, a cement manufacturer with a current workforce of 180 employees, announced plans to replace its existing wet process cement kilns with a cleaner, more efficient, single dry process cement kiln.

The move would upgrade the 48 year old plant with a state-of-the-art new kiln line including air pollution control technology to reduce specific air emissions and continuous monitoring systems to ensure continuous compliance with stringent emission limits. The new dry kiln technology would also bring about 42% reduction in fuel use per ton of product, produce 40% less solid waste, use less water, and allow for zero waste water discharges, making the new facility even more efficient.

Pending permit approval, construction of the new line would start between late 2011 and early 2012 and be completed in 2014.

Lafarge Ravena has established a public information resource website for the proposed modernization project.

The site, [lafargeravenafacts.com](http://lafargeravenafacts.com), provides the local community with a convenient and transparent method for tracking the project's progress and is currently hosting the modernization project DEIS and draft permits for viewing and download.

Hard copies of the documents are also available at the Coeyman's, Stuyvesant, Chatham, Kinderhook, Schodack, and New Baltimore town halls and the Kinderhook Memorial, North Chatham Free, RCS Community, Chatham Public, and Valatie Free libraries.

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#### **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 90,000 employees in 76 countries, the Lafarge Group posted sales of 17.6 billion Euros and net income of 1.9 billion Euros in 2007. Lafarge North America Inc., a Lafarge Group company, is the largest diversified supplier of construction materials in the United States and Canada. Its materials are used for residential, commercial, institutional and public works construction.

The Lafarge Group is the only company in the construction materials sector to be listed in the 2008 “100 Global Most Sustainable Corporations in the World.” The Lafarge Group has been committed to sustainable development for many years, pursuing a strategy that combines industrial know-how with performance, value creation, respect for employees and local cultures, environmental protection and the conservation of natural resources and energy. To make advances in building materials, the Lafarge Group places the customer at the heart of its concerns. It offers the construction industry and the general public innovative solutions bringing greater safety, comfort and quality to their everyday surroundings.

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