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DEC TO REQUIRE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LAFARGE MODERNIZATION PROPOSAL

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced today that it will require Lafarge North America, Inc. to prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for its proposed cement plant modernization in the town of Coeymans (Albany County).

Lafarge is proposing to modernize its existing cement production facility by replacing the existing wet manufacturing process with a dry manufacturing process. Any potential changes in the facility will be evaluated in the DEIS and approval process.

As a preliminary step to the preparation of a DEIS, a so called draft scoping document must be prepared. The final scope will serve as the basis for the content of the DEIS. When the draft scope is available, the public will have an opportunity to review and comment to DEC before it becomes final. When the application package including the DEIS is complete, it will be subject to public review and comment before any final decision is made.

DEC is serving as lead agency under the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) process for the plant modernization.

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