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August 21, 2008

Luis Cuellar  
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Re: SEQR Positive Declaration  
Lafarge Ravena Plant Modernization Project  
Town of Coeymans, Albany County

Dear Mr. Cuellar:

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), serving as SEQR Lead Agency, has determined that the proposed action to modernize the existing Lafarge cement facility may have a significant impact on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) must be prepared. The proposed action intends to replace the existing facility that uses a wet manufacturing process with a dry manufacturing process.

A copy of the Positive Declaration, which includes the reasons for supporting this determination, is enclosed. This application can not be considered complete until a DEIS has been prepared and accepted for public review.

A draft scoping outline which will identify the potential impacts that must be addressed in the DEIS will need to be submitted to the Department. For more information on scoping, please refer to 6 NYCRR §617.8 which provides the regulatory framework for the SEQR process. Department staff believe that a public comment period on the draft scope is warranted, therefore a notice will need to be published to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the scoping outline before it is finalized. After we receive the draft scope from you, staff will provide you with the public notice to be published in the local newspaper. Upon completion of the public comment period on the draft scope, Department staff will review any comments that are submitted and will provide you with a final written scope. This final scope will then serve as the basis for the content of the DEIS.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sarah H. Evans  
Environmental Analyst

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# SEQR

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## Appendix E

### State Environmental Quality Review

# POSITIVE DECLARATION

Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft EIS  
Determination of Significance

**Date: August 21, 2008**

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action described below may have a significant effect on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared.

**Name of Action:**      **Modernization of Lafarge Cement Facility  
Ravena Plant in Coeymans, Albany County**

**SEQR Status:**        **Type 1**

**Description of Action:**

The proposal is to modernize the existing Lafarge cement facility, replacing the existing wet manufacturing process with a dry manufacturing process. The proposed modernization includes the construction of a new tower of 525 feet, and increased carbon monoxide emissions. Other emissions and operations such as water use, effluent discharge, and generation of solid waste will decrease or remain relatively unchanged.

**Location:** (Include street address and the name of the municipality/county. A location map of appropriate scale is also recommended.)

The facility is located in the town of Coeymans, Albany County, east of Route 9W approximately 2.25 miles north of the intersection of Route 143 and Route 9W.

# **SEQR POSITIVE DECLARATION**

Modernization of Lafarge Cement Facility, Coeymans

## **Reasons Supporting this Determination:**

The proposal to modernize the existing cement facility may have a significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

Construction of pre-heating tower approximately 525 feet in height  
Potential increase in emissions of carbon monoxide

**NOTE:** The above supporting reasons are not necessarily inclusive. Additional potential impacts may be identified during the scoping process.

**For Further Information:** New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Region IV  
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