

## Construction material supplier will pay \$740,000 penalty and spend \$8 million updating its compliance programs to resolve Clean Water Act allegations

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Lafarge North America Inc., one of the largest suppliers of construction materials in the United States and Canada, and four of its U.S. subsidiaries have agreed to resolve allegations by the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) that it committed various Clean Water Act violations. The EPA alleges it uncovered violations at 21 stone, gravel, sand, asphalt, and ready-mix concrete facilities in Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, and New York. According to the EPA, Lafarge was responsible for unpermitted discharges of stormwater. Stormwater flowing over concrete manufacturing facilities can pollute water sources and have a significant impact on water quality because stormwater can carry debris, sediment and pollutants, including pesticides, petroleum products, and chemicals.

As part of its agreement with the EPA, Lafarge will pay a \$740,000 civil penalty. Additionally, Lafarge will implement a nationwide evaluation and compliance program at 189 of its similar facilities to ensure all facilities meet Clean Water Act requirements. Lafarge must review the permits at all facilities, inventory all discharges to U.S. waters, and ensure that best management practices are in place. The company has also been ordered to identify an environmental vice president who is responsible for overseeing compliance with stormwater requirements. It is estimated that Lafarge will spend approximately \$8 million over five years to develop and maintain this robust compliance program.

For more information about this settlement, see the [EPA press release](#).