

LAFARGE

BVCAS is preparing to review Lafarge's plans for their expansion as well as their license renewal. We have stressed to Lafarge that we are expecting a net reduction in emissions with either the renewal or the expansion or both. If you would like to assist with this work, please contact info@bowcleanair.org.

Lafarge held their second public presentation/forum in regards to their proposed Exshaw plant renewal application and expansion project. Members of the BVCAS attended these forums and asked questions about how this expansion will affect the future air quality in the Bow Valley. Lafarge has issued a Public Disclosure document in regards to the expansion. If you would like a copy of Lafarge's Public Disclosure document, please [click here](#)

BVCAS' questions and concerns for Lafarge's Exshaw Expansion/Permit Renewal

August 8/07 - BVCAS have reviewed Lafarge's Public Disclosure Document and attended the open houses for the Lafarge Exshaw Expansion Project and Permit Renewal and have a number of questions and concerns as summarized [here](#).

Most of our concerns are a result of what appears to be little or no improvement over current operations from the perspective of absolute air emissions on the environment. Given that this application is effectively for a 10 year renewal, we believe that Lafarge should demonstrate a more substantial continuous improvement over current operations. This would be consistent with the Alberta Government's philosophy of continuous improvement.

August 28/07 - Lafarge has responded to our latest round of questions; [click here](#) to see their response.

October 24/07 - BVCAS has responded to Lafarge on the outstanding issues to our questions and concerns for Lafarge's Exshaw Expansion/Permit Renewal. [Click here](#) to see our response.

Dec. 7/07 - [Click here](#) to see Lafarge's response to BVCAS' questions and concerns sent on October 24/07.

Dec. 11 & 12 - Lafarge's public forums

The two public forums Lafarge held on December 11th & 12th were well attended. Many questions and concerns were expressed about the expected increase of green house gas CO₂ emissions into the atmosphere once the expansion is completed. Presently, Lafarge emits 1,214,915 tonnes of CO₂ per year into the atmosphere. After expansion, Lafarge estimates 1,788,039 tonnes per year of CO₂ will be emitted into the atmosphere - an increase of 47.8%.

Also, concerns were expressed about the expected increase in air pollution from increased truck and rail hauling once the expansion is finished. The emissions report submitted to Lafarge by their consultant did not include what the expected increase in traffic will do to the air quality in the Bow Valley.

BVCAS will continue to push for CO₂ reduction by Lafarge.

Dec. 20/07 Statement of Concerns sent by BVCA S to Lafarge - [click here](#)

Dec. 20/07 - Bow Vally Clean Air Society's Statement of Concerns sent to Lafarge

BVCAS sent in our Statement of Concerns just before Christmas. We now wait to hear from Alberta Environment as to whether BVCAS will be considered an affected party. Our concerns will not be considered unless we are considered to be an affected party. Our next step is to get in touch with the other parties/individuals who also put in Statements of Concerns to determine if there is some common concerns among all parties. If you or someone you know has submitted a SOC, please let us know at info@bowcleanair.org and we can get you on our mailing list. At some point, if need be, we may need to determine how best to get funding if a hearing or appeal takes place.