Is there an Alabama Cement Plant that trucks in Limestone from 470 miles away?

Fact checking CEMEX Officials

Example Provided by CEMEX Official at Sep 1st Hearing

"I'd like to give you an example of how extreme sometimes these situations are. There is a cement plant in the United States near Mobile, Alabama. It sources its limestone and shale-type materials from a location in Florida. It's more than **360 miles away as the crow flies, about 470 miles away by road.**"



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Holcim Theodore Cement Plant, Mobile, Alabama

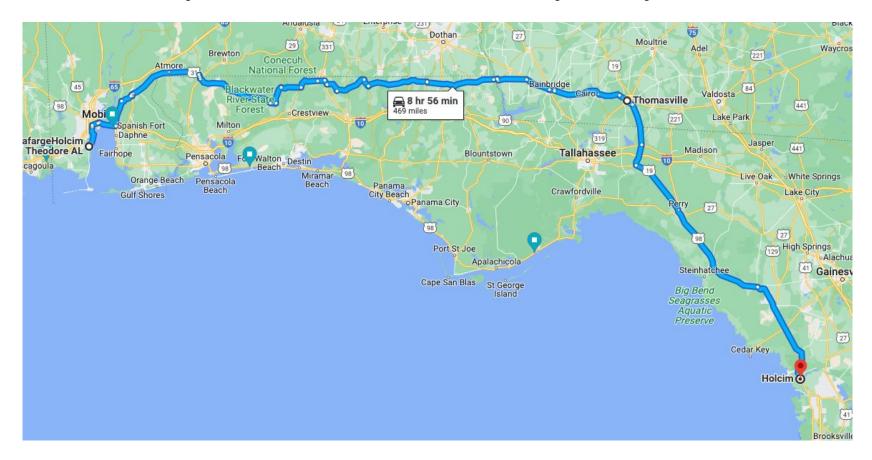


Holcim Limestone Quarry Crystal River, Florida

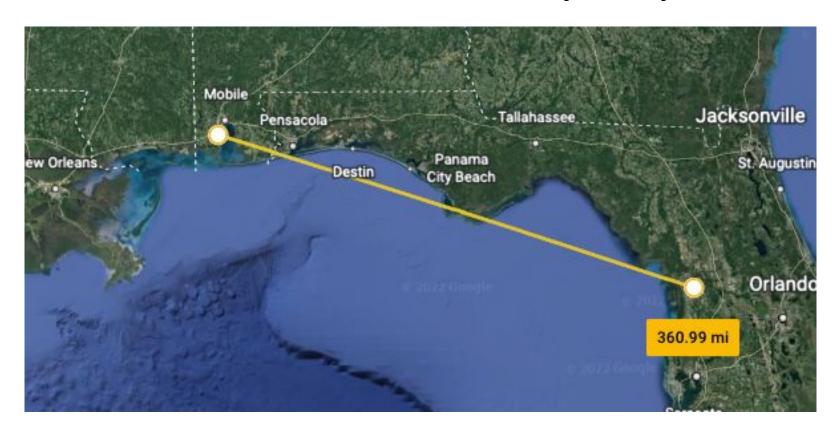




470 Miles by Road from Plant to Quarry in Crystal River, FL



360 Miles as the Crow Flies to Quarry in Crystal River, FL



"470 miles is farther away than the 90 miles by road CEMEX mentioned in the August 17th meeting. Maybe it really is feasible for them to truck materials in..."



Boulder County Planning Commission Board

...except there's one tiny detail that the CEMEX Official conveniently failed to mention....

"All the limerock mined at the Crystal River site is shipped by barge to the company's cement plant in Theodore, Ala."

Tampa Bay Times

Source: <u>Tampa Bay Times article</u>

Bulk Transportation Costs

- Trucks are >600% more expensive than Barge.
- Rail is >150% more expensive than Barge.
- Barge is the least expensive form of bulk transportation.

The Art of Misdirection

There's a reason the CEMEX official **didn't say** "315 nautical miles by barge."



A friendly reminder from Good Neighbors of Lyons

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You **must never take** anything they say at face value*



-Paul Graham Founder, YCombinator Early investor in >25 Unicorns (\$1B+ companies)