



December 11, 2024

Interested Parties and Cayuga Lake Stakeholders

**RE: Cayuga Salt Mine
Mined Land Reclamation Permit Modification
DEC ID#: 0-9999-00075/00001
Multiple Town in Multiple Counties**

Extension of Comment Period to January 19, 2025

Dear Interested Parties and Cayuga Lake Stakeholders:

As you may be aware, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) determined Cargill Incorporated's Mined Land Reclamation permit modification application for the Cayuga Salt Mine was complete on November 19, 2024. The application is for the establishment of additional water storage capacity within the 6-Level region, providing storage of water for a minimum of 15 years at current inflow rates.

In accordance with 6 NYCRR 621.7(b)(6)(iii) of the Uniform Procedure Act Regulations, the 30-day public comment period was originally set to expire on December 20, 2024; however, DEC has received multiple requests to extend the public comment period to allow sufficient time to compose technical comments on the application.

In response to these requests, DEC has extended the public comment period an additional 30 days, which now will conclude on **January 19, 2025**. All comments on this project shall be submitted in writing by that date. Enclosed, please find the DEC Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period. This notice will also be published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on DEC's website. All substantive comments regarding the current application before DEC for the permit modification will be a part of the environmental record and considered when making final determinations on the application.

Please contact this office at (315) 426-7438 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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**NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC)**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Date: December 11, 2024

Applicant: Cargill, Inc.

Facility: Cayuga Salt Mine, 191 Portland Point Road, PO Box B, Lansing, NY 14882

Application Number: 0-9999-00075/00001 – Article 23 Title 27 Mined Land Reclamation Permit Renewal and Modification

Project Location: Several Counties Throughout the State

Prior Notice:

On November 19, 2024, the DEC issued a Notice of Complete Application, with subsequent publication in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on November 20, 2024. Public comments were originally due December 20, 2024.

Current Notice:

This notice serves to provide the public notification of the extension of the public comment period until January 19, 2025.

Project Description:

Cargill, Inc. proposes to renew and modify the existing Mined Land Reclamation Permit for the Cayuga Salt Mine to receive a new five-year permit term and amend the facility's water storage location within the currently permitted Life-of-Mine area. The proposal consists of the establishment of additional water storage capacity within the 6-Level region, providing storage of water for a minimum of 15 years at current inflow rates. The current permit authorizes mining activities within the approved Life-of-Mine area on approximately 13,579 surface and underground acres. The modification request does not include other changes to existing and approved mining operations and methods, nor does it include a proposed expansion of the previously permitted Life-of-Mine area.

Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

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