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RE: Modification of Operating Permit issued by Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to Cargill, Inc for Cayuga Salt Mine, Permit application (permit ID # 0-9999-00075/00001, Mined Land ID 70052) in the Town of Ulysses, Tompkins County, NY

Dear Ms. Glance,

Thank you for recently extending the public comment period related to the brine storage at the Cayuga Salt Mine. An extension of at least 45 days would significantly help the public and municipal entities to be able to substantively comment, given the busy holiday/end-of-year season in our communities.

The Town of Ulysses remains concerned about the proposed flooding of the S3 Zone related to serious safety and environmental integrity issues pertaining to Cayuga Lake, particularly in light of prior instability noted in this area and the implications of storing not-filly-saturated brine beneath the lake.

At this juncture, the Town of Ulysses is requesting that the DEC denies Cargill's permit application, or, alternatively, rescinds the Negative Declaration and require the preparation of a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement to assess all the potential environmental risks associated with the proposed activities.

Additionally, we respectfully request the DEC to conduct a public hearing to allow for community input and address the substantive concerns raised by residents and stakeholders regarding the application. We continue to believe that any activity within the S3 area constitutes a material change in mine management and should therefore be subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Katelin Olson, Town Supervisor



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