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Mr. Russell S. Givens Cayuga Mine Manager 191 Portland Point Rd. Lansing, NY 4882-9013

Re:

Cayuga Salt Mine MF#70052

Town of Lansing, Tompkins County

Dear Mr. Givens:

I am writing in response to your letter dated November 29, 2010, where you provided an overview of the issues discussed at the August 18, 2010, annual meeting. I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify the Department's position on these issues.

A 1,000' stand-off from the Frontenac Point Anomaly was identified by Cargill as mining resumed to the north. This stand-off was reasonable and agreeable. If further consideration is to be given to this distance, additional information will need to be submitted to the Department for review and approval.

As the mine layout for the northern reserves is developed, preliminary information should be directed to Dr. Scovazzo to facilitate an expedited review, and promote an open dialogue between parties. Once the mine layout is finalized, Cargill will need to submit the final report to the Department for review and approval.

If you have any questions or comment as to the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (585) 226-5372.

Sincerely

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