

Dear Defender of Cayuga Lake,

We appreciate your recent assistance and now have an urgent appeal for you to take an easy action step. Cargill's mining permit expired on November 1st and the DEC could grant an immediate renewal *without rigorous environmental review*.

Please call Governor Andrew Cuomo TODAY at [518-474-8390](tel:518-474-8390) and then sign the [coalition letter](#) asking him to prevent the automatic renewal of Cargill's permit to mine salt under Cayuga Lake.

The [coalition letter](#) supports the efforts of Assemblypersons Barbara Lipton and Stephen Englebright (Chair of the Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation) by requesting that Governor Cuomo reject a renewed permit for salt mining under Cayuga Lake and require a transition to salt mining only under dry land. CLEAN's scientists have identified several critical issues that must be constructively addressed prior to permitting ANY future salt mining, under land or otherwise. CLEAN is making sure Albany hears the voices from Cayuga Lake supporters. Once our voices are heard, we can make sure the proper environmental review is completed for ANY future mining.

On the Toxics Targeting [website](#), click on the red box that says:

STEP 1: SIGN THE LETTER.

Without YOU expressing concern, New York's Department of Environmental Conservation is likely to automatically renew Cargill's permit to mine salt under Cayuga Lake for another five years.

The catastrophic collapse of the Retsof Salt Mine in 1994, the one-week emergency closure of [Cargill's salt mine under Lake Erie](#) in 2013, and the [Lake Peigneur](#) disaster are evidence that salt mining can be very dangerous and harmful to water resources.

Cayuga Lake provides fresh water to 30,000 residents. This resource is too valuable to put at risk when salt can be mined more safely under land.

Again, Governor Cuomo's phone number: **518-474-8390**

Join more than 700 people who have already signed the [coalition letter](#) to Governor Cuomo asking that he require the DEC to issue no new permits for mining under the lake and to initiate a process to transition to salt mining under land. And please share this as widely as possible. New Yorkers and lovers of Cayuga Lake need to have their voices heard.

Thank you!

The CLEAN Steering Committee

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