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RE: Annual Report for Mine File #709-3-29-0052; Cayuga Salt Mine
Permit ID#0-9999-00075-00001
Towns of Lansing and Ulysses, County of Tompkins
Town of Covert, County of Seneca

Dear Mr. Podniesinski:

Enclosed is an annual report required in accordance with the Special Conditions section (item numbers 12.a through 12.g) of DEC permit number 0-9999-00075/00001. This report will address each reporting requirement separately (12a.1, 12.a.2, etc.) and drawings are attached as required. As requested, all technical data associated with monitoring of mine stability will be sent to J.T. Boyd and Associates with attention to Dr. Vincent Scovazzo. A copy of this report is in the mail to Lucas Mahoney, the Region 7 Mined Land Reclamation Specialist and to Steven Army, the Region 8 Mined Land Reclamation Specialist.

If any questions arise please bring them to my attention at your earliest convenience.

With Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shawn Wilczynski".

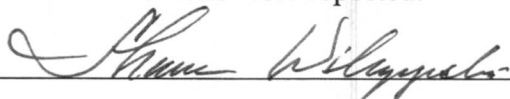
Shawn G. Wilczynski
Mine Manager – Cargill Deicing Technology

Annual Reporting, Monitoring, and Notifications

12.a.1 - Cargill Cayuga Mine Manager Certification:

I, Shawn G. Wilczynski, Mine Manager – Cargill Deicing Technology, certify that all mining activities, to the best of my knowledge, conducted during the reporting period from November 1, 2013 to present were in conformance with the DEC Permit # 0-9999-00075/00001 and the approved plans. No variances occurred and none were reported.

Signed: _____



Date: _____

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12.a.2 - Summary of all non-routine mining incidents:

The Cayuga Mine is not aware of any non-routine incidents associated with the mining, processing, or other mine related activities that would have adversely affected any of the following;

- Mine stability
- Ground and surface water
- Natural resources
- Health, safety, welfare or property of the general public

12.a.3 - 3 Year Mining Plan

A map is attached depicting the current and proposed mining for the next three years.

The Cayuga Mine is currently operating in the northern region of the mine. Active mining is located in panels U-62B and U-72 to the west, and NW-3 to the north. As can be seen on the map, mining is proposed to continue east from U-63 under the land, pending acquisition of mineral rights there. No mining will be done where Cargill does not own the mineral rights or where the Mined Land Reclamation Permit does not allow.

12.a.4 - Summary of In-situ Measurements of Rock Mechanics:

The Cayuga Mine continues to collect mine convergence data in accordance with the guidelines previously established in the Mined Land Use Plan. Convergence stations are typically installed at the "face" of active tunnels in mining panels with a profile of three stations located in the center and edges of the panel. The convergence stations are usually read daily during the first week and then shifted to a weekly schedule until the next profile is installed. The initial profile will then be monitored on a monthly or quarterly schedule for the duration of mining of the panel. After abandonment of the panel, specific convergence stations are monitored quarterly. Currently, there are over 300 convergence stations being monitored. Once the data from the convergence stations has been collected it is evaluated both internally and externally for trends to ensure that each panel and the mine are behaving properly.

Roof sag, measured with extensometers, is also monitored as conditions warrant. This data is reviewed internally and externally as well.

Evaluations of weekly and quarterly convergence data indicate that no unusual trends have been identified and the mine is behaving as expected, with the exception of the U-40B and U12 areas. Since backfill placement in the U40B area has been completed the convergence rates have slowed and are trending back toward historical rates. The U-12 panel also shows higher than normal closure near the breakthrough with SW-2 and near the U-12A sub-panel. These areas are being monitored more

frequently as we try to understand why the rates are increased. Both of these areas in U-12 were backfilled during the 1990's and both areas show a decreasing rate trend at this time.

12.a.5 - Summary of Subsidence Monitoring:

Surface subsidence measurements continue to be performed in accordance with the Mined Land Use Plan. Plans are being made with a new surveying contractor to conduct subsidence surveys of the surface in the 2015 calendar year. Past measurements indicate that the mine is behaving as expected with no anomalous subsidence zones.

12.a.6 Source and Volume of Water Inflow Into the Mine and Disposition of Such Water:

The following is a list of sources and associated flow rates of water into the Cayuga Mine:

- Production Shaft (#1 shaft) – 30 gallons per minute
- Ventilation Shaft (#2 shaft) – 10 gallons per minute
- ED Plant Concentrate discharge – 4 gallons per minute

- Total Water Inflow = 44 gallons per minute

All of the water is directed to a settling pond located on the 4-level of the mine. The water is then pumped from the settling pond to abandoned areas at the far east end of 4-level as well as to various areas of the active mine for dust control. Recent volume calculations indicated that at our current rate of storage (about 16,800,000 gallons per year) we have approximately 7.9 years of storage life remaining on 4-level.

Action plans are in place to continue to reduce the inflow into the mine. A system for collecting the #1 shaft water inflow and for pumping it to surface for processing has been installed and is now operational. It is being optimized now. Once the processing system is fully operational it is expected to reduce inflow by an additional 3 gpm (~1,500,000 gpy). A new sump monitoring system has been installed at the "lower" salt storage pad which diverts water to the ED plant system only when it exceeds NYS PDES allowable limits. This will reduce the volume of water that is processed at the ED plant.

The shaft water inflows have been increasing over the past 10 years and have become a concern. The Cayuga Mine is now pursuing contractors that can help grout the #1 shaft inflows to reduce them to tolerable levels.

12.a.7 - Summary of SPDES Monitoring Data:

There were no exceedances of the SPDES limits for the outfalls or the Waste Water Treatment Plant to report during the time of this report. The data is included here as an attached spreadsheet. If an exceedance occurs it is reported to the DEC in two ways. Once an exceedance has been identified the DEC is informed via telephone of the occurrence. Each event is also captured in the monthly Report of Non-Compliance, which also lists corrective action taken.

12.b - Notification of Non-routine Mining Incidents:

There were no incidents meeting the guidelines for notification as identified in section 12.a.2.

12.c. - MSHA Correspondence Involving Non-routine Mining Incidents:

The Cayuga Mine has not received any citations or correspondence from MSHA regarding non-routine mining incidents as identified in section 12.a.2.

12.d. - Changes in Mining Method:

There have been no changes to the Cayuga Mine layout in the past year.

12.e. - Surface Subsidence:

Surface subsidence surveys continue to be done in accordance with the Mined Land Use Plan. See section 12.a.5 of this report.

12.f. - In-situ Rock Mechanics Measurements:

See section 12.a.4 of this report.

12.g. - Written Citizen Complaints:

No written complaints from citizens were received since the last report (November 2013).

2014 DEC Report Outfall Results (Nov 2013 through Oct 2014)

Red = exceedance

CYANIDE									
	OUTFALLS								
Permit Limit	001	002	003	004	005	006	007	008	012
Month/Year	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
				Eliminated	Eliminated			Eliminated	
November	0.92	<.01	<.01			NF	<.01		<.01
December 2013	0.24	<.01	<.01			<.01	<.01		<.01
January 2014	0.38	<.01	<.01			NF	NF		<.01
February	0.18	<.01	<.01			NF	NF		NF
March	0.13	NF	NF			NF	NF		NF
April	0.37	0.03	<.01			0.02	<.01		<.01
May	0.065	<.01	<.01			<.01	<.01		<.01
June	0.24	NF	<.01			NF	<.01		<.01
July	0.32	0.014	<.01			NF	<.01		<.01
August	0.065	<.01	<.01			<.01	<.01		<.01
September	0.39	<.01	<.01			<.01	<.01		<.01
October	0.29	<.01	<.01			<.01	<.01		<.01

CHLORIDE									
	OUTFALLS								
Permit Limit	001	002	003	004	005	006	007	008	012
Month/Year	40,000 mg/l	10,000 mg/l	10,000 mg/l			5,000 mg/l	5,000 mg/l		5,000 mg/l
				Eliminated	Eliminated			Eliminated	
November	36,000	1,300	600			-	400		1,900
December 2013	22,000	2,500	690			2,100	290		1,300
January 2014	28,000	1,400	1,200			-	-		2,400
February	30,000	2,100	940			-	-		-
March	30,000	-	-			-	-		-
April	25,000	1,500	1,000			1,200	420		1,000
May	17,000	4,500	2,000			1,400	260		1,200
June	26,000	-	680			-	300		1,600
July	29,000	3,300	2,700			-	390		1,600
August	15,000	2,400	630			790	300		2,000
September	33,000	3,300	780			900	470		4,000
October	23,000	3,800	690			1,800	560		3,100

TDS									
	OUTFALLS								
Permit Limit	001	002	003	004	005	006	007	008	012
Month/Year	80,000 mg/l	40,000 mg/l	40,000 mg/l			10,000 mg/l	10,000 mg/l		10,000 mg/l
				Eliminated	Eliminated			Eliminated	
November	54,000	2,300	1,800			-	1,100		3,200
December 2013	38,000	4,600	2,500			4,100	910		2,800
January 2014	44,000	2,600	3,000			-	-		4,700
February	5,700	4,000	2,500			-	-		-
March	47,000	-	-			-	-		-
April	35,000	2,800	2,400			2,100	800		2,100
May	30,000	7,700	5,200			2,700	900		2,600
June	39,000	-	2,500			-	1,200		5,700
July	47,000	7,100	5,700			-	1,400		3,200
August	25,000	4,400	2,200			1,800	950		4,000
September	55,000	5,600	2,600			2,000	1,300		7,300
October	36,000	6,100	2,100			3,200	1,400		5,800

ZINC**OUTFALL**

Permit Limit	001 20 mg/l
Month/Year	
November	0.2
December 2013	0.2
January 2014	0.2
February	0.38
March	0.2
April	0.2
May	0.2
June	0.24
July	0.2
August	0.02
September	0.02
October	0.29

NON CONTACT COOLING WATER**Outfall #014**

Permit Limit	Min/Max Intake Water Temp. deg. F.	Min/75 Max Effluent Water Temp. deg. F.	500 Max Gpm. Flow Rate Effluent Gross
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Month/Year			
November	45.3/45.3	48.9/48.9	67
December 2013	42.4/42.4	46/46	54
January 2014	37.1/37.1	42.9/42.9	25
February	36.2/36.2	40.4/40.4	17
March	34.7/34.7	44.8/44.8	15
April	40.2/40.2	45/45	14
May	56/56	56/56	194
June	61/61	63/63	219
July	57/75	57/75	286
August	61/75	66/75	300
September	61/73	66/75	273
October	54/68	65/68	250

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**Outfall #009**

Item	Flow Rate Avg Gal / day	BOD		pH		Total Suspended Solids		Settleable Solids Daily max	Total Residual Chlorine Max Daily Avg	Fecal Coliform # per 100 ml	
		Avg 30 Day	Max 7 Day	Min	Max	Avg 30 Day	Max 7 Day			Avg 30 Day	Max 7 Day
Permit Limit	Report	30	45	6	9	30	45	3.0 ml/l	1.0 mg/l	Report	Report
Month/Year											
November	958	10.8	10.8	6.5	6.8	8	8	<0.1	0.8	48	48
December 2013	1067	4.8	4.8	6.5	7.1	20	29	<0.1	0.6	0	0
January 2014	2608	5.7	5.7	7	7.8	8	8	1	0.4	8	8
February	1028	8.4	8.4	6.7	7	17	17	<0.1	0.5	8	8
March	818	18	18	6.8	7.1	24	24	<0.1	0.5	0	0
April	692	8.4	8.4	6.9	7.1	23	23	<0.1	0.6	0	0
May	729	4.5	4.5	6.9	7.1	5	5	<0.1	0.5	0	0
June	591	7.2	7.2	6.8	7	9	9	<0.1	0.5	0	0
July	916	7.8	7.8	6.8	7.3	19	19	<0.1	0.7	0	0
August	1000	7.8	7.8	6.6	7.2	19	19	<0.1	0.6	0	0
September	1000	5.1	5.1	6.7	7.7	10	10	<0.1	0.6	0	0
October	1000	4.2	4.2	6.8	7.2	20	20	<0.1	0.8	0	0

Water Volume Calculation
Ultimate Pond Potential Volume
3-Nov-14

Area	Total Area	Pillar Area	Fillable Area Ft2	Roof Height	Volume	Gallons
Far East Pond	6,598,278	2,831,750	3,766,528	12	45,198,336	338,083,553
Overflow Basin	832,750	64,788	767,962	10	7,679,620	57,443,558
Small Pond #2	128,409	0	128,409	7	898,863	6,723,495
Bowl Edge Pond	Not planned					
Small Pond #1	Not planned					
Southern Pond	Not planned					

Total Gallons	402,250,606
Incoming gallons per year @ 40gpm	21,021,000
Ultimate Pond Life (yrs) as of 6 Feb 2001	19
Water added = (46 months/12 mo.) X 21,024,000 = (6 Feb 2001 - 1 Jan 2005)	80,592,000
Water added during 2005 (measured)	16,030,800
Water added during 2006 (measured)	18,272,329
Water added during 2007 (measured)	13,507,200
Water added during 2008 (measured)	10,886,400
Water added during 2009 (estimated)	10,401,624
Water added during 2010 (estimated)	8,894,769
Water added during 2011 (estimated)	10,669,680
Water added during 2012 (flow meter)	11,861,287
Water added during 2013 (flow meter)	15,102,252
Water added during 2014 (flow meter)	16,844,053
Mar 2010 Adjustment (Final fill -1520 elevation to -1540 elevation)	55,753,706
Volume remaining	133,434,506
Remaining Pond Life @ 2014 inflow rates.	7.9

Pond volumes are calculated by using the "area" function of Auto Cad. A polygon is drawn around the perimeter of the entire pond and Auto Cad is used to calculate the area of the polygon (in square feet). A polygon is drawn around each individual pillar within the pond limits and an area is calculated using Auto Cad. The pillar area's are subtracted from the total area to give the total pond area. Roof heights are determined by visual inspection, historical information where available, and the use of raw estimates. Water added values are estimates from the mine pumping system flowmeter.