Comparison of Cayuga Salt Mine and Hampton Corners Salt Mine

descriptor	Cargill Cayuga	ARS ¹ Hampton
-	Salt Mine	Corners Salt Mine
Parent corporation gross	\$177B in fiscal	\$40M in 2022
revenues	2023	
Mining under a lake	Yes	No
Water intrusion issues	Into U12?	No
Aver. Water inflow (gpm)	≈34	≈4
Stores shaft leakage	Yes	No
waters in the mine		
Number of employees	≈165	≈400 w trucking
Is workforce unionized?	No	Yes
Geologists on Staff	0	2
Annual production	≈2.4 million tons	≈4.3 million tons
Max. distance between the		
active mine face and		
processing facilities	≈8.4 miles	\approx 3.5 miles
Recognizes NYS authority	No	Yes
to regulate their mining		
Environmental Impact		
Statements done	0 over 54 years	2 in 25 years
No. of fatalities	6^2	0
Max. chloride allowed at		
SPDES outfalls (mg/L)	40,000	No chloride limit
Minimum thickness of	0 to 80 feet at the	About 150-200'
carbonate beam above the	center of the lake	Onondaga Limestone;
mine (feet)	at Profile A	Bertie dolomite≈100'
Pillar technology currently	Mostly Large	Large Pillars only
in use	Pillars 120'x120'	95'x95' w 13' ht.
	with 11' height	\approx 60% extraction ratio
	≈43% extract.ratio	
no. of persons living	390	23
within a 1-mile radius of		
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surface operations		

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¹ American Rock Salt Company

² Since commencement of Cargill management in 1970. Mines in the US keep getting safer, so it's important to realize that only one Cargill death occurred during the time period that the Hampton Corners Salt Mine has been in operation. The other five of the Cargill deaths occurred between 1975 and 1982.