**Comparison of Cayuga Salt Mine and Hampton Corners Salt Mine** 

descriptor	Cargill Cayuga	ARS <sup>1</sup> Hampton
	Salt Mine	<b>Corners Salt Mine</b>
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 water in the mine	Yes	No
Number of employees	≈165	≈400 w trucking
Is workforce unionized?	No	Yes
Geologists on Staff	0	2
Annual production	$\approx$ 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 mining		
Environmental Impact		
Statements done	0 over 54 years	2 in 25 years
No. of fatalities	$1^2$	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		
Population density	192/sq mile	8/sq mile

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> American Rock Salt Company

<sup>2</sup> This fatality occurred at Cayuga Salt Mine in 2010, i.e, almost mid-way through the 24 years that the American Rock Salt has operated the Hampton Corners Mine without any fatalities. Five other fatalities occurred at Cayuga Salt Mine during the period, 1975 to 1982. Cargill has managed Cayuga Salt Mine from 1970 to the present. Quarterly inspections by the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration have helped to greatly improve safety at underground mines since its inception in 1977.