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**Dear Friends of Cayuga Lake,
2024**

December

The DEC has given a notice of Negative Declaration to Cargill as they seeks to renew and modify its Permit to receive a new five-year permit term and to amend its permit in order to dispose of up to 360 million gallons of wastewater (brine) in the 6-level region of the Mine beneath Cayuga Lake. The comment period ends December 20th. Please consider sending a request to extend the comment deadline. Given that the current comment period coincides with the holiday season, many stakeholders may face difficulties in submitting their feedback within the allotted time. Additionally, the timeframe does not allow for adequate consideration of the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) responses, which are essential for informed commentary. Comments can be directed to the following email addresses: Comment.CayugaSaltMine2023@dec.ny.gov and jonathan.stercho@dec.ny.gov.

Below is a suggested template for your request, though you are welcome to articulate your concerns in your own words.

Dear Mr Stercho,
I am writing to formally request an extension of the current comment period concerning Application ID 0-9999-00075/00001. The existing deadline of

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meaningful feedback. Additionally, with the upcoming holiday season, many individuals may find it challenging to allocate time for their comments during this period.

Please extend the comment period to at least February 18, 2025, to allow for adequate time for review and meaningful public engagement in the comment process. Extending the comment period would ensure that all interested parties can participate fully, allowing for a more comprehensive and constructive dialogue.

Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to your positive response.
Sincerely,

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