

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**  
**Division of Environmental Permits**

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November 19, 2024

SHAWN WILCZYNSKI CARGILL INC  
191 PORTLAND POINT RD PO BOX B  
LANSING, NY 14882

Re: DEC ID # 0-9999-00075/00001  
CAYUGA SALT MINE

Dear Applicant Agent :

Please be advised that your application for a DEC permit(s) is complete and a technical review has commenced. Notice and the opportunity for public comment is required for this application. Enclosed is a Notice of Complete Application for your project. Please have the Notice published in the newspaper identified below once during the week of 11/18/2024 on any day Monday through Friday.

ITHACA JOURNAL  
123 W STATE ST  
ITHACA, NY 14850

On the Notice of Complete Application, that information presented between the horizontal lines, on the enclosed page(s) should be published. Do not print this letter or the information contained below the second horizontal line. Please request the newspaper publisher to provide you with a Proof of Publication for the Notice. Upon receipt of the Proof of Publication promptly forward it to this office. You must provide the Proof of Publication before a final decision can be rendered on your application. You are responsible for paying the cost of publishing the Notice in the newspaper.

Notification of this complete application is also being provided by this Department in the NYSDEC Environmental Notice Bulletin.

This notification does not signify approval of your application for permit. Additional information may be requested from you at a future date, if deemed necessary to reach a decision on your application. Your project is classified major under the Uniform Procedures Act. Accordingly, a decision is due within 90 days of the date of this notice unless a public hearing is held, which may extend this time frame. If a public hearing is necessary, you will be notified.

If you have any questions please contact me at the above address or phone number above.

Sincerely,

JONATHAN J STERCHO  
Division of Environmental Permits

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**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Notice of Complete Application**

*Date:* 11/19/2024

*Applicant:* CARGILL INCORPORATED  
15407 MCGINTY RD W  
WAYZATA, MN 55391-2399

*Facility:* CAYUGA SALT MINE  
191 PORTLAND PT RD  
SOUTH LANSING, NY 14882

*Application ID:* 0-9999-00075/00001

*Permits(s) Applied for:* 1 - Article 23 Title 27 Mined Land Reclamation

*Project is located:* in SEVERAL COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE

*Project Description:*

Cargill, Inc. proposes to renew and modify the existing Mined Land Reclamation Permit for the Cayuga Salt Mine to receive a new five-year permit term and amend the facility's water storage location within the currently permitted Life-of-Mine area. The proposal consists of the establishment of additional water storage capacity within the 6-Level region, providing storage of water for a minimum of 15 years at current inflow rates. The current permit authorizes mining activities within the approved Life-of-Mine area on approximately 13,579 surface and underground acres. The modification request does not include other changes to existing and approved mining operations and methods, nor does it include a proposed expansion of the previously permitted Life-of-Mine area.

*Availability of Application Documents:*

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

*State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination*

Project is a Type I action and will not have a significant effect on the environment. A coordinated review with other involved agencies was performed and a Negative Declaration is on file.

*SEQR Lead Agency* NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

*State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination*

Evaluation using a Structural-Archaeological Assessment Form or other information has concluded that the proposed activity will not impact registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures.

*DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)*

It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.

*Availability For Public Comment*

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person by mail or e-mail at

Comment.CayugaSaltMine2023@dec.ny.gov no later than 12/20/2024 or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

*Contact Person*

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