We ask that you seriously consider the concerns raised by scientists, citizens and political leaders, and deny the permit that would allow storage of LPG along the shores of Seneca Lake and in salt caverns beneath Seneca Lake.

Sincerely,

Kevin A Finnegan
1199SEIU Political Director
Town of Brighton,
Town of Rush,
Town of Junius,
Town of Waterloo,
Town of Geneva,
Town of Varick,
Town of Lodi,
Town of Starkey
Town of Seneca Falls,
Town of Fayette,
Town of Romulus,
Town of Ovid,
Town of Ulysses,
Town of Ithaca,
Town of Skaneateles,
Town of Caroline,
Village of Waterloo, and
Village of Watkins Glen

NOW, THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution urges the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to consider the concerns raised by scientists, citizens, political leaders and legislative bodies of the Counties, Cities, Towns and Villages that surround Seneca Lake and requests that the application pending before the New York State DEC from Crestwood Midstream Partners, LP, an organization out of the State of Texas, to allow storage of LPG along the shores of Seneca Lake and in salt caverns beneath Seneca Lake be denied.
August 6, 2015

Marc Gerstman, Acting Commissioner  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-1011

Dear Acting Commissioner Gerstman,

Regarding the plan Texas-based Crestwood Mainstream Partners LP has to store liquid propane gas in salt caverns beneath Seneca Lake:

30 municipalities across the region say NO.
338 local businesses say NO.
1199 SEIU, union of health care workers, say NO.
Tourists say NO.
Geology says NO.
Physics says NO.
Democracy says NO.
New York State DEC says ?

Sincerely,

Gerri Wiley, RN  
19 Lake Street  
Owego, NY 13827  
607-342-3159  
gerriwiley@yahoo.com

Copy: Governor Andrew Cuomo
Date of Correspondence 08/14/15

Judith Falzoi
1739 Athena Drive
Avon NY, 14414

County: Yates

Email: NoEmailSpecified@gw.dec.state.ny.us

I oppose the location of Crestwood Midstream in Seneca Lake area and any other Finger Lakes location. No storage of propane in the salt caverns! No increase in Rail cars or trucks associated with Crestwood's business.
Date of Correspondence 08/14/15

catherine feinen
328 berkeley St
rochester NY, 14607

Email:NoEmailSpecified@gw.dec.state.ny.us
Email received from Website:
It is critical that we do not allow any further contamination of our lakes and land with the storing of fracking waste on the shores of Seneca Lake...Knowing the concerns for fracking already and the tenuous vulnerability of depending on the salt mines for containing the waste, it would be criminal to permit this storage to go on.
Date of Correspondence 08/14/15

Vera Giassi
4194 Rt. 14
Rock Stream NY, 14878

County: Schuyler

Email: NoEmailSpecified@gw.dec.state.ny.us
Email received from Website:

I would like to register opposition to LPG and methane storage along Seneca Lake. Gas storage is incompatible with our expanding vineyards, agriculture, and tourism industries. Heavy industrialization in the Finger Lakes will threaten our regional economy that is so dependent on vineyards, agriculture and tourism which in turn are dependent on clean air and water.
The proposal by Crestwood Midstream to store LPG and methane gas in the salt mines below Seneca Lake, at Watkin's Glen, NY seems like a poor idea. These would be targets in times of war and for terrorists, and if exploded, could cause major changes in the water flow and water quality for a large area of Western NY. Please do not support this plan. The beauty, integrity and water supply of a vast area of the great state of NY might depend on this plan being defeated. Thanks for your consideration. SG
Dear commissioner Gerstman,

I would like to call your attention to a letter in the current issue of the Rochester Business Journal signed by over 120 Finger Lakes businesses. They believe that not only is the proposed Crestwood LPG gas facility on Seneca Lake an enormous threat to public safety, but it also endangers their ability to conduct business in the region. They point out that wine, AG and tourism in the Finger Lakes generates nearly 5 BILLION dollars annually for the New York economy. I hope that you will read the letter, listen to the concerns of the people who live in the Finger Lakes, particularly the Seneca Lake area, and deny Crestwood operating permits for this dangerous industrial facility that is entirely inappropriate for the Finger Lakes.

Thank you for your kind attention,
John Kastner
Date of Correspondence 08/14/15

Suzanne B Staropoli
506 Panorama Trail
Rochester NY, 14625

County: Seneca Lake

Email: suestarl@rochester.rr.com
Email received from Website:
I want to register my opposition to LPG and methane storage along Seneca Lake. Gas storage is incompatible with our expanding vineyards, agriculture, and tourism industries. Heavy industrialization in the Finger Lakes will threaten our regional economy that is so dependent on vineyards, agriculture and tourism which in turn are dependent on clean air and water.
Dear Commissioner,

I ask you to please oppose the plan for storage of LPG and methane near Seneca Lake. The water and air pollution generated by storage / retrieval activities will negatively impact the Finger Lakes area, its agriculture, vineyards and tourism, as well as the people who live and visit there.

Sincerely,

Paul F Walker
I urge you to oppose the Houston-based Crestwood’s plans to turn the abandoned salt caverns along the shores of Seneca Lake into “the gas storage/transportation hub for the Northeast.” As such, this project will feed pipelines and compressor stations that cross our state and create misery and threats to public health all the way to distant, out-of-state markets. And it will undermine our collective efforts to fight climate change and invest in renewable energy.

Salt cavern storage of fracked gases is incompatible with a meaningful response to the climate crisis. It encourages more dependency on fossil fuels and fracking infrastructure build-out.

This project is a threat to our wine and tourism industries, and imperils a source of drinking water for 100,000 people.

Whether in terms of economics, health, aesthetics, New York state cannot afford to put the Finger Lakes at risk by storing LPG and methane storage on the shores of Seneca Lake.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Jospé
Date of Correspondence 08/16/15

Francine Martella
5 Landing Road South
Rochester NY, 14610

Email: NoEmailSpecified@gw.dec.state.ny.us
Email received from Website:
I am greatly opposed to LPG and methane storage along Seneca Lake! Please do not allow this to happen!
Date of Correspondence 08/16/15

Clara Mulligan
5325 Barber Road
Avon NY, 14414

Email: NoEmailSpecified@gw.dec.state.ny.us
Email received from Website:
Dear Mr. Gerstman,

The Crestwood facility on Seneca Lake is likely to become, over time, a huge burden on our wine and tourist industry, as well as those who live and play on Seneca Lake. Please stop this expansion project on behalf of all of us. We deserve better than this heavy industry in our future. Solar and wind energy is the only answer to our long term energy needs. It's time to stop bridging to the future with fossil fuels and develop alternatives NOW.

Sincerely,
Clara Mulligan
Dear DEC Commissioner Martens,

We call for New York's Department of Environmental Conservation to reject Inergy Midstream's (now Crestwood) proposal to store Liquefied Petroleum Gas and expand natural gas storage at facilities on the shore of Seneca Lake in Reading, NY. The proposals threaten the health and well-being of residents throughout the region. Specifically:

- There has been almost no documentation of the project's safety. Namely Inergy Midstream (now Crestwood) has failed to show that the toxic contents of the cavern will not migrate into groundwater or into Seneca Lake — a drinking water source for more than 100,000 people.
- The facility will release toxic air pollution, as will emissions from diesel trucks, putting the health of nearby residents at risk.
- Similar facilities have seen catastrophic accidents including storage cavern collapses and explosions such as in Hutchinson, KS and Mont Belvieu, TX.
- Accidents, explosions, spills, and other issues would pose devastating impacts to the region as a whole.
- The facility and associated heavy industrial activity will undermine our region's tourism-based economy and property values.
- Inergy Midstream (now Crestwood) has a history of water quality violations at the site and has already had two brine spills.
- Inergy Midstream (now Crestwood) has performed grossly inadequate scientific reviews, and has refused to make public a critical study of the project's safety.

These proposed projects threaten to jeopardize one of the largest sources of freshwater in the United States, threaten the health of countless residents, and threaten to devastate the vitality of the entire region. We stand with our NYS Senator Michael Nozzollo who has stated these risks in his letter to you. Commissioner Martens, do not put our homes, families, local economy, and one of our most treasured natural environments at risk. As a lifelong steward of New York and open spaces, do not jeopardize the destruction of Seneca Lake on your watch. Please protect us from this negligent corporation. Generations of New Yorkers will thank you for it.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Commissioner Phone: 518-402-8545
Fax: 518-402-8541]
I would like to go on record as being drastically opposed to storage of fracked gas in the abandoned salt mines in the Finger Lake region. Especially in light of the DEC accident of spillage of toxic minerals from a cave out West and the contamination of a river and the probable contamination of Lake Powell which serves as a source of drinking water.

Such an endeavor could prove disastrous in the future not only to the grape industry but to tourism as well not to mention to drinking water.
Greetings Commissioner,

Please firmly oppose the gas storage plan for the abandoned salt mines below Seneca Lake. We need to continue to take the lead nationally, and decisively replace fossil fuel extraction AND infrastructure with sustainable energy technology!

Thank you.

Joe Pullman
Date of Correspondence 08/17/15

Joan Schumaker
2050C Paine Rd.
Dalton NY, 14836-9750

Email: jschumaker38@gmail.com
Email received from Website:
I urge you to take action to stop Crestwood Midstream’s fracked gas storage expansion project in Watkins Glen. We do not want LPG and methane storage along Seneca Lake.

Crestwood cannot be allowed to turn the abandoned salt caverns along the shores of Seneca Lake into “the gas storage/transportation hub for the Northeast.” As such, this project would feed pipelines and compressor stations across our state and create misery and threats to public health all the way to distant, out-of-state markets. And it will undermine our collective efforts to fight climate change and invest in renewable energy.

Salt cavern storage of fracked gases is incompatible with a meaningful response to the climate crisis. It encourages more dependency on fossil fuels and fracking infrastructure build-out.

This project is an existential threat to our wine and tourism industries, the foundation of the Finger Lakes economy, and that of the whole state. This project imperils a source of drinking water for 100,000 people.

Please keep Crestwood out of Watkins Glen, the third most popular State Park in the US, and out of all of New York State.

Thank You!
Date of Correspondence 08/18/15

vicky southall
5611 godfreys pond rd
bergen NY, 14416

Email: linjed2003@yahoo.com

Email received from Website:

Please stop the plan by Crestwood to store gas in any form under Seneca Lake. It makes no sense to ban drilling from fracking and then allow a dangerous project of this type.

Salt cavern storage of fracked gases is incompatible with a meaningful response to the climate crisis. It encourages more dependency on fossil fuels and fracking infrastructure build-out.

This project is an existential threat to our wine and tourism industries, the foundation of the Finger Lakes economy and a goose that lays golden eggs for the whole state.

This project imperils a source of drinking water for 100,000 people.
Dear Commissioner,

I write to express my opposition to LPG and methane storage along Seneca Lake. Gas storage is incompatible with New York’s expanding vineyards, agriculture, and tourism industries. Heavy industrialization in the Finger Lakes will threaten the already fragile regional economy.

Thank you,

Kristin Bebelaar
From: Jean Finch <NoEmailSpecified@gw.dec.state.ny.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 2:33 PM
To: dec.sm.Commissioner
Subject: gas storage in Watkins Glen

Date of Correspondence 09/08/15

Jean Finch
country 26
cooperstown NY, 13326

Email:NoEmailSpecified@gw.dec.state.ny.us
Email received from Website:
It is insane that the gas companies want to risk endangering, the land, people living around the salt mines for the money- Is it worth it. I don't think so like to visit that area, please don't blemish it.
October 9, 2015

Marc A. Gerstman
Acting Commissioner of the NYS
Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-1011

Dear Commissioner Gerstman:

Although I have not had the pleasure of meeting you, I know many people, including wonderful Tom Alworth, who speak very highly of you.

Below is my background prior to becoming interested in the Seneca Lake issue. My practice as a psychiatrist has focused on the care of people with cancer. From considering causes of cancer I became interested in the effects of toxics on health and have been learning for over 40 years. When I heard that fracking involved the use of carcinogens such as benzene, toluene and formaldehyde, I became concerned and for the past six years collected over 100 articles on fracking and health. I synthesized them into a one-page summary, which guided an hour discussion with the Acting Commissioner of Health before the New York State ban, etc.

As a physician, I am concerned that LPG storage in the same salt cavern from which industry removed stored gas for undisclosed reasons, will lead to further salination of the fresh water lake, which is already now not drinkable for people on a severely salt-restricted diet. The technical details of the salination are clearly outlined in the enclosed March 13, 2015 letter from Sheila Bushkin, M.D. to Judith A. Enck, Region 2 Administrator of the EPA. The most striking detail to me is why did the industry remove the gas from the cavern (same as where the LPG will go) to a specially engineered cavern nearby? One has to surmise, absent explanation, that it was to avoid the salination issue. Recently, I also wrote to Governor Cuomo and Dr. Zucker about the salination issue.

As Chair of the New York State Parks, I also wrote to Governor Cuomo about the safety issue of the trains carrying LPG over a gorge in Watkins Glen State Park, on a trestle built in 1876 and rebuilt in 1935, which appears visually unsafe on the surface and rusted on its structural underside. Since New York State DEC also has some responsibility for the safety of the public, I hope that you will look into this issue, clearly discussed by Hector Town Supervisor, Benjamin Dickens in a letter dated July 22, 2015, enclosed. To date, the railroad has not released safety or structural integrity reports. Senator Gillibrand is requesting them.

Finally, I mentioned to Governor Cuomo and Dr. Zucker that in the draft SEIS, there is no analysis of health impacts (singly or combined) of the air emissions of this project on the health of the residents and tourists.
Perhaps, if DEC does not turn down the water permits for this project on the salinity issue, you might consider the wise course followed with fracking and request a health impacts assessment from Dr. Zucker. As you well know, fracking was banned in New York State, based on health concerns identical to those in this project.

In summary, I hope you will deny the water permits for this project due to the potential that it could make the lake too salty to drink. As you know, once the chemistry of the lake was thus changed, there would be no way to fix it; unlike a spill in a river, and the drinkable water might be permanently lost.

Thank you for your consideration of these important issues.

Best wishes,

Lucy Rockefeller Waletzky, M.D.
October 20, 2015

Marc Gerstman, Acting Commissioner
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-0001

Mr. Gerstman:

Attached is Memorializing Resolution File Number 15-0278 that has recently been submitted to the Monroe County Legislature. Please view both the Memorializing Resolution and Signature Pages.

File No. 15-0278: the attached Signature Pages are an expression of 10 of the twenty-nine legislators of the Monroe County Legislature.

Sincerely,

Jamie L. Slocum
Clerk of the Legislature

Attachments.
September 4, 2015

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
39 West Main Street
Rochester, NY 14614

RE: Memorializing the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to Withhold Approval of Liquefied Petroleum Gas Storage Adjacent to Seneca Lake.

Honorable Legislators:

Western New York is a unique and beautiful region composed of eleven Finger Lakes. These lakes are not only important for recreational activities and tourist attractions, but are also crucial sources of drinking water. Seneca Lake in particular provides drinking water for a large segment of the population in Seneca County. Unfortunately the future of Seneca Lake is in jeopardy due to a recently proposed gas storage facility.

This project, by Inergy Midstream Liquefied Petroleum Gas, would store liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) on Seneca Lake. The site of the proposed storage, Well 58, had been previously plugged and abandoned by its prior owner, US Salt, who stated that it was deemed no longer appropriate for storage. State Senator Michael Nozzolio has stated that Inergy was not forthright in a previous report they submitted to the Department of Environmental Conservation, in which they failed to mention that the facility was abandoned by US Salt due to a roof collapse from a minor earthquake.

This critical piece of information raises numerous red flags regarding the safety of this location as well as the integrity of Inergy. It is vital that a storage facility for LPG needs to be adequately vetted and that the safety of the water, fish and wildlife of Seneca Lake is given top priority. Given the history of Well 58, it would be in the best interest of the region to determine a more appropriate location for LPG storage. Reusing this facility puts our region at risk for contamination of our drinking water, and that is unacceptable.
Therefore, we urge you to join us in memorializing the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to withhold approval of liquefied petroleum gas storage adjacent to Seneca Lake.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Morelle, Jr.
Legislator -- District 17

Carrie Andrews
Democratic Leader

Willie J. Lightfoot
Assistant Minority Leader

Justin Wilcox
Legislator -- District 14

Dorothy Styk
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Ernest S. Blagden Mitchell
October 26th, 2015

Acting Commissioner Basil Seggos
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-0001

Dear Acting Commissioner Seggos:

Congratulations on your new appointment as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation. We are very fortunate to have your leadership, expertise and integrity in such an important position. Good luck!

Here is my background prior to becoming interested in the Seneca Lake issue, which I am addressing in this letter. As a practicing psychiatrist, I focused on the care of people with cancer. From considering causes of cancer, I became interested in the effects of toxics on health and have been learning for over 40 years. After learning that fracking involved the use of carcinogens such as benzene toluene, and formaldehyde, I became concerned and over six years, collected 100 articles on fracking and health. I synthesized them into a one-page summary and sent it to Governor Cuomo. This document also guided an hour-long discussion with Dr. Zucker.

When I learned about the Seneca Lake gas storage project, I again began studying and concluded it was the kind of project I thought we banned when Governor Cuomo so wisely and bravely banned fracking. As DEC Commissioner, I hope that you will deny the water permits for said project to protect the fresh drinking water from becoming salty and the health of tourists, park visitors and grapes from the toxic air emissions resulting from the massive gas infrastructure accompanying gas storage. Governor Cuomo has done so much to promote tourism, vineyards, wineries and wine-related businesses in the Finger Lakes region, that it defies common sense to convert this beautiful lake destination area into a highly toxic, loud and visually unappealing industrial site that tourists would avoid, and people connected to the wine business would deplore.

Turning down this project will contribute to Governor Cuomo’s ever-growing legacy as the world’s leading climate superhero.

Best wishes,

Lucy Rockefeller Waletzky, M.D.