The trains that come into that location travel over an 80 year old trestle that travels over the V-shaped glen in Watkins Glen State Park. If, God-forbid, tank cars loaded with hydrocarbons were to fall into that glen, the village at the bottom of the glen would be nothing but match-sticks. The tourists who come by the thousands to walk the glen would definitely be killed if such an incident should occur. Watkins Glen is one of most visited parks in our state, and many of the tourists who come to the NASCAR race track also visit the glen.

Our wine industry and vineyards are a significant part of our economy, and loss of the lake as a fresh water supply for 100,000 people would devastate this region.

There are some things that just cannot be mitigated, and thus must be prevented. The storage of 1000s of cubic feet of hydrocarbons in salt caverns with a history of cave-ins is one of those things. The only municipalities surrounding Seneca Lake that have agreed to the Crestwood venture are Schuyler County and the town of Reading within Schuyler County. Two legislators from Schuyler County gave depositions at the issues conference against this venture on the basis of the lack of a developed plan of action in case of accidents. Upon looking at the liability insurance that Crestwood has, I am well aware that they do not have adequate insurance for a major catastrophe here. Their only plan would be to declare bankruptcy and move anything left back to Texas.

This area has many options for economic development if the agencies and local legislatures in charge of such planning would stop blaming the governor for all their problems and get on with renewable energy and energy efficiency processes. We have the workforce and the industries available to do this.

I would appreciate your answer to this letter, and your help in supporting the local movements in getting Crestwood to move out before the gas is stored here. "Gasfree Seneca" and "We Are Seneca Lake" are the local movements working night and day on this. You can find them both on Google.

Sincerely,

Ruth S. Young
retired Schuyler County legislator
retired chemistry and biology teacher
WHEREAS, this Common Council understands the importance of protecting areas such as Seneca Lake and Skaneateles Lake, which not only provide clean drinking water, but are also attractions for tourists and residents alike for the recreational activities and natural beauty that they provide; and

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WHEREAS, this Common Council is opposed to the issuance of an operating permit for the storage of LPG on the shore of and beneath Seneca Lake;

NOW, THEREFORE;

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution urges the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to consider the concerns raised by this Common
Council but in particular those raised by the Common Council of the City of Geneva, New York and the other 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 Mainstream 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to Mayor Stephanie A. Miner, County Executive Joanie Mahoney, the Onondaga County Legislature, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, U.S. Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, U.S. Representative John Katko; NY State Assembly Members Roberts and Magnarelli, NY State Senate Members Valesky and DeFrancisco, and the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Joseph Martens, Director, at 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-1011; the Permit Administrator for Region 8 of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, at 6274 East Avon-Lima Road, Avon, New York 14414; and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.
March 23, 2015

Permit Administrator
Region 8 NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
6274 E. Avon-Lima Road
Avon, NY 14414

Subject: Syracuse Common Council Resolution No. 10-R 2015

Dear Permit Administrator:

At the direction of the Syracuse Common Council, I am forwarding for your information and consideration, a certified copy of Common Council Resolution No. 10-R 2015, adopted by a unanimous vote on Monday, March 16, 2015.

Resolution – To The New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in support of the request made by the Common Council of the City of Geneva, to deny Crestwood Midstream Partners LP an operating permit to store liquid propane gas along the shores and in salt caverns beneath Seneca Lake, the source of drinking water for Geneva, New York.

Your consideration of this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John P. Copanas
City Clerk

Enc.

JPC/scw
City of Syracuse

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

I, JOHN P. COPANAS, City Clerk of the City of Syracuse, New York do hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a RESOLUTION:

Adopted by the Common Council on March 16, 2015

TO:

Mayor
Assessment Commissioner
Aviation Commissioner
Board of Elections
Bureau of Accounts
Citizen Review Board
City Auditor
City School District
Code Enforcement
Neighborhood and Business Development
Finance Commissioner
Corporation Counsel
United States Congressperson
Governor of New York State
New York State Senate
New York State Assembly
New York State Senator
Onondaga County Legislature

Management & Budget Director
Parks & Recreation Commissioner
Personnel & Labor Relations Dir.
Police Chief
Public Works Commissioner
Public Works/Bookkeeper
Purchase Department
Real Estate Division
Research Director
Water Department
Zoning Administration
United States Senator
Department of Engineering
Finance/Treasury
Finance (Water Bureau)
Fire Chief
Grants Management Director
Board of Education
RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, NEW YORK TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (NYSDEC) IN SUPPORT OF THE REQUEST MADE BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, NEW YORK AND THE VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF OTHER AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF SENeca LAKE SEEKING THE DENIAL OF THE REQUEST BY CRESTWOOD MAINSTREAM PARTNERS, LP FOR APPROVAL OF A PLAN FOR MASS STORAGE OF LIQUID PROPANE GAS (LPG) ADJACENT TO OR UNDER SENeca LAKE

WHEREAS, the City of Syracuse Common Council was contacted by members of the City Council of Geneva, New York seeking our support in the form of a resolution to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to deny the application of Crestwood Mainstream Partners, LP for an operating permit that would allow the storage of liquid propane gas (LPG) along the shores of Seneca Lake and in the salt caverns beneath the Lake; and

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NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-1010

Dear DEC Commissioner Martens,

I am calling for New York's DEC to reject Inergy Midstream's proposal to store liquefied petroleum gas and expand natural gas storage at facilities on the Shore of Seneca Lake. The proposals threaten the health and well-being of residents throughout the region.

Thank you,

Tom Myers
Dear DEC Commissioner Martens,

I am writing to urge the Department of Environmental Conservation to reject Energy Midstream's (including Crestwood) proposal to store liquefied petroleum gas and to expand natural gas storage at facilities on the shore of Seneca Lake in Reading, NY.

There has been no documentation of the project's safety: Crestwood has failed to show that the toxic contents of the cavern will not migrate into groundwater and into Seneca Lake, the drinking water source for 100,000 people. Similar facilities have seen catastrophic accidents. The facility and associated heavy industrial activity will undermine our region's tourism-based economy and property values. Crestwood has a history of water quality violations at the site and has already had two brine spills. These proposed projects threaten to jeopardize one of the largest sources of freshwater in the United States.

Please do what you can! Sincerely,

Tessa Flores
154 Compton Rd
March 29, 2015

Dear DEC Commissioner Martin,

I am asking that DEC reject Energy Midstream’s proposal to store liquefied Petroleum Gas and expand natural gas storage at facilities on the shore of Seneca Lake. The proposal threatens the health and well-being of residents throughout the region.

Cortlandt has a history of water quality violations at the site and has already had two lime spills. Accidents, explosions, spills, and other issues pose devastating impacts to the region as a whole. As a citizen of the region, an educator and a grandparent, I want this stopped.

Thank you,

[Signature]

458 Application Rd
Ithaca, NY 14850
Commissioner Martens  
NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY  
12233-1010

Dear DEC Commissioner Martens,

I request that the DEC reject Energy 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 facility and associated heavy industrial activity will undermine our region's tourism-based economic and property values.
- The facility will release toxic air pollution, as will emissions from diesel trucks, putting the health of nearby residents at risk.

These proposed projects threaten to jeopardize one of the largest sources of fresh water in the United States!

Sincerely,

Julie Nichols Kulik

[Signature]

Julie Nichols Kulik  
313 E. Miller Rd.  
Ithaca, NY 14850

March 30, 2015
March 1, 2015

Dear DEC Commissioner Morten,

This is an URGENT plea for your help and attention. Crestwood Midstream Partners LP plans to turn their facility on Seneca Lake into “the gas storage hub of the Northeast” (via their website). The massive associated brine ponds pose a particular threat to the lake, which provides drinking water for over 100,000 people. Several years of brine seepage into the lake via pressurized gas storage along its banks poses yet another large potential catastrophe.

Please help us stop gas storage on Seneca Lake.

Sincerely,

Julie Nichols Kulik

Julie Nichols Kulik
313 E. Miller Rd.
Ithaca, NY 14850
Dear Mr. Gerstman,

Thank you for your response of March 19, 2015 on behalf of Governor Cuomo and Commissioner Joseph Martens. I originally wrote the governor giving some of my reasons for my opposition to Texas-based Crestwood Mid-stream’s application to store LPG and Butane in salt caverns on Seneca Lake, in addition to natural gas.

In your letter you listed various reasons others have given in letters supporting the project. Crestwood has worked very hard to convince the decision makers in Albany that there is significant local support for this project. They have hired two Public Relations firms who appear to use half-truths and deception to accomplish their goal. The reasons listed in your letter are very similar to the Crestwood talking points – and are arguments that are largely untrue. The statement about the prior history of safe gas storage in the region is flawed. They say that it has been safely stored in the caverns for 50 years. The actual history reveals that during the 20 year period from 1964 – 1984 when it was stored in two caverns, Teppco abruptly moved the gas into specially designed, lined caverns away from the lake. We can presume this to be at great expense and the reason has never been disclosed. The spike in salinity of the water during mid-sixties when the caverns were being pressurized is being questioned by experts because of the concern that the storage of the gas under pressure, may have in some way contributed. Because gas storage in salt caverns next to Seneca Lake was done in the past, does not mean that it is safe to do it again, especially with the addition of liquefied propane and on an even greater scale. The salt level of Seneca Lake is already four times greater than any of the other Finger Lakes and the Sodium level exceeds levels recommended for drinking water for some groups of people. This is of concern as Seneca Lake provides drinking water for 100,000 people including the city of Geneva.

Another point listed in your letter that is supposedly a reason for support is the need for local storage to keep prices low for local residents and businesses. There are already more facilities than are needed to meet local demand with three facilities that are within sixty miles of Watkins Glen. Some of Crestwood’s own information shows that this provides enough capacity to heat 600,000 homes when in the entire state less than 235,000 homes rely on propane. This issue is a “Red Herring” anyway when we all know that gas is a market driven commodity with the prices fixed at the hub. More local storage will not affect local prices. And if local storage were a valid argument, what about the 600,000 barrels of butane they intend to store? The company has said that it is intended for gasoline blending – and the nearest refinery capable of blending gasoline is in New Jersey. I could go on but perhaps I have made my point.

Crestwood claims to have local support. They list 188 businesses and organizations on their website when they claim to have 350 in support. Of those listed, seventeen are propane gas associations not businesses and very few are located in the Finger Lakes. In fact, they are so desperate for local support that in a recent press release they referred to one “supporter” who is an owner of a trucking firm as a Vintner, when his business actually hauls propane. His secretary told a news reporter that she is a “grape inspector” which is a position that appears to not exist. This is just one example of their attempt to show local wine industry support for the project, when the local wine industry is overwhelmingly opposed. This entire scenario was discussed a couple of weeks ago on "Connections", the respected WXXI public radio program with Evan Dawson.

My husband and I have owned our property on Seneca Lake for over 25 years. It is located minutes from the Crestwood site. Eleven years ago we put much of our life savings into enlarging our home for use as a retirement business – which
we have operated for the last ten years. We have worked extremely hard to build the thriving business we have today—a premier bed and breakfast in the heart of the beautiful Finger Lakes Region of the State. Hundreds of business owners, including world class wineries, bed and breakfasts, privately owned restaurants and other tourist attractions and services have risked everything they have to build the world renowned brand that the Finger Lakes has become. According to a 2014 report by Cornell professor, Susan Christopherson, PhD., Finger Lakes tourism is a 2.8 billion dollar industry which supports approximately 58,000 jobs. The result is almost 200 million in local taxes and $152 million to the state. Ironically, Schuyler County, where the LPG facility is proposed is the most dependent on tourism dollars. Over 12% of total employment in Schuyler is attributed to tourism. Crestwood’s project will result in less than a dozen permanent new jobs. They have already had their taxes cut in half with the remaining comparatively small tax benefit going to Schuyler.

More than 325 small and medium businesses, many of them tourism related, belong to a business coalition that opposes the Crestwood LPG project. The coalition continues to grow and has no need to hire a PR firm. These local businesses are joined by thousands of ordinary citizens who believe that Finger Lakes residents and tourists should be able to rely on clean water, clean air, and a safe environment. Five counties in the area other than Schuyler, nine townships, and five cities and villages, including Geneva at the north end of the lake, and Watkins Glen at the south, have spoken out against the project and the majority have passed formal resolutions opposing it. All of these individuals, businesses, and municipalities have only one hope: that our state government—charged with the duty to protect its citizens, will ultimately do so by denying the permit to Crestwood to go forward with this project.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Schiesser, Co-owner
Sunrise Landing Bed and Breakfast

cc.
The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Commissioner Joseph Martens
Office of the Commissioner
New York State DEC
625 Broadway, 14th Floor
Albany, New York 12233

Director Paul D’Amato
DEC Region 8
6274 Avon-Lima Rd.
Avon, NY 14414-9516
April 13, 2015

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I am the President of Dunkirk Flavors, Inc, located in Dunkirk, New York. I bought it at a bankruptcy auction in 2010, rather than let it just close/move and be added to the list along with ConAgra, heaping more blight on our area. As an owner of Upstate manufacturing, I am writing to express my support for Crestwood’s LPG storage project.

Manufacturers use propane as feedstock, to heat their buildings, and to fuel their operations. My employees live very rural heat their homes with propane, as do their neighbors. Lower energy prices are beneficial to manufacturers and their employees throughout the State, and scrambling to cover needs costs.

Natural gas and propane have been stored at the proposed site in Reading for almost 40 years. My searches online didn’t result in any empirical documentation supporting the denial of this project. If I missed any, please forward it to me. You should be aware of the benefits of this project to Upstate without me delineating them.

This project seems to make sense for New York on many levels. Please step up and support this Finger Lakes LPG storage facility for Upstate New York.

Kindly,

Rosemary Banach
April 14, 2015

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I am the President of Elna Ferrite Laboratories DBA Elna Magnetics located in Saugerties New York. As a staunch supporter of Upstate manufacturing, I writing in express my support for Crestwood's LPG storage project.

Manufacturers use propane as feedstock, to heat their buildings, and to fuel their operations. Manufacturing employees, particularly those in predominantly rural communities in Upstate New York, heat their homes with propane. Lower energy prices are beneficial to manufacturers and their employees throughout the State.

Crestwood proposes to utilize existing salt caverns to store propane. The practice of storing fuels in caverns is commonplace throughout the world. New York is home to about 30 gas storage facilities, and propane has been stored in salt caverns since the early 1950s. Importantly, natural gas has been stored at the proposed site since 1997 and propane was stored onsite for 20 years before that.

By connecting with Enterprise’s nearby pipeline, Crestwood’s facility will be able to receive propane for storage during the summer months and deliver propane back into the pipeline during the winter months for downstream delivery. This means stored volumes can be delivered to propane dealers at Enterprise’s Harford Mills and Selkirk terminals, which are the primary supply sources for propane dealers serving consumers located in eastern New York. Crestwood’s facility also improves supply chain reliability and creates price competition for consumers in western New York.

The proposed storage facility will create jobs and significantly grow the tax base of Upstate communities in need of additional funding for schools and community services. It will promote the development of cost-effective, commercial equipment fueled by clean-burning propane. Increased consumption of domestic fuels also helps our nation become more energy independent.

This project makes sense for New York on many levels. We urge you to support Crestwood’s LPG storage project.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Petagna
E-Mail info@elnamagnetics.com  
Website http://www.elnamagnetics.com

(800) 553-2870 (845) 247-2000  
Fax (845) 247-0196

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES, NEW YORK TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (NYSDEC) IN SUPPORT OF THE REQUEST MADE BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, NEW YORK AND THE VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF OTHER AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF SENeca LAKE SEEKING THE DENIAL OF THE REQUEST BY CRESTWOOD MAINSTREAM PARTNERS, LP FOR APPROVAL OF A PLAN FOR MASS STORAGE OF LIQUID PROPANE GAS (LPG) ADJACENT TO OR UNDER SENeca LAKE

WHEREAS, the Town of Skaneateles has become aware that the City Council of Geneva, New York has resolved to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to deny the application of Crestwood Mainstream Partners, LP for an operating permit that would allow the storage of liquid propane gas (LPG) along the shores of Seneca Lake and in the salt caverns beneath the Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Skaneateles Town Board recognizes the importance of Seneca Lake to the State of New York and the surrounding community as a drinking water source, for recreation, as a natural habitat, and in supporting the thriving tourism of the Finger Lakes Region; and

WHEREAS, this Town Board understands the dangerous precedent that would be set by allowing the storage of LPG along the shores of Seneca Lake and in the salt caverns beneath the Lake as the residents of the Town of Skaneateles get their drinking water from Skaneateles Lake; and
WHEREAS, the Town board understands the importance of protecting areas such as Seneca Lake and Skaneateles Lake, which not only provide clean drinking water, but are also attractions for tourists and residents alike for the recreational activities and natural beauty that they provide; and

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WHEREAS, the Town Board is opposed to the issuance of an operating permit for the storage of LPG on the shore of and beneath Seneca Lake;

NOW, THEREFORE;

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution urges the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to consider the concerns raised by the Common Council of the City of Geneva, New York and the other legislative bodies of the Counties, Cities,
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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at 888 First Street, NE,
Washington, DC 20426.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles,
Skaneateles, New York, on April 16, 2015 the foregoing Resolution was duly moved by
Supervisor Sennett and seconded by Councilor Brace, a quorum of five (5) members of the five-member Board being present, and each voted on the Resolution as follows:

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The Resolution was, therefore, duly adopted.

Dated: April 16, 2015

Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk
Town of Skaneateles
Resolution 61 of 2015

Resolution Opposing Expansion of Natural Gas (LNG) Storage and Development of Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) Storage in Underground Salt Caverns at Seneca Lake

A motion was made by Mr. Witmer and seconded by Ms. Weiser

Whereas, Crestwood Midstream Partners LP is planning to develop LPG and expand LNG storage near Seneca Lake at Reading, NY

Whereas, storage of hydrocarbons in salt caverns clearly poses unacceptable risks 1,2

Whereas, salt caverns in New York are unstable because of faults, earthquakes, and dissolution in groundwater 3,4

Whereas, persistent uncontrolled discharges of brine from LPG-storage salt caverns reveals their lack of integrity, posing risks to human safety and water quality 5

Whereas, salt formations occur throughout New York State, including an active salt mine near Cayuga Lake in Lansing 6

Whereas, industrialization of the Finger Lakes region from expansion of gas storage in salt caverns threatens the thriving agrarian livelihoods of our region and our vibrant tourism industry7

Whereas, New York State has banned horizontal high-volume hydraulic fracturing for natural gas and natural gas that would be stored in the salt caverns would come from HVHF operations in other parts of the country

Whereas, renewable energy technologies currently exist and are flourishing that can and must replace natural gas, LPG, and other fossil fuels in order to avert catastrophic climate disruption 8

Therefore, be it Resolved that the Caroline Town Board opposes expansion of gas storage in salt caverns at Seneca Lake because of the threat to the welfare of Seneca Lake communities, and ultimately other Finger Lakes communities, and because build out of gas storage infrastructure is an irresponsible course given the clear imperative of society to transition swiftly to renewable energy sources.

Be it further Resolved that this resolution be sent to Gas Free Seneca (P.O. Box 333, Watkins Glen, NY 14891; gasfreeseneca@gmail.com) indicating that the Town of Caroline is signatory to their petition opposing development of salt-cavern gas-storage at Seneca Lake (http://gasfreeseneca.com/?page_id=682).

Be it further Resolved that this resolution be sent to Commissioner Joseph Martens, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, as well as U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirstin Gillibrand, New York State Senator James Seward, New York State Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, President Barack Obama, Administrator Gina McCarthy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission.
Sources:
1 Between 1972 and 2004 all 10 catastrophic accidents at gas storage facilities in the U.S. occurred in association with underground salt caverns; salt caverns represented only 7% of the nation’s 407 underground gas storage sites (Hopper, J.M. Gas storage and single-point failure risk. Natural Gas: www.documbase.com/Gas-Storage-And-Single-Point-Failure-Risk.pdf). Industry analysis and summary of gas storage methods and history of catastrophic failures at salt caverns in the U.S.

2 An independent risk-assessment of gas storage at Seneca Lake has concluded that there would be >50% chance of a moderate to extremely serious accident from LPG storage within the next 25 years (Mackenzie, D.R. 2014. Independent High-Level Quantitative Risk Analysis Schuyler County Liquid Petroleum Gas Storage Proposal (revised for amended transportation expectations).

3 NYSDEC projects that gas-storage salt caverns will enlarge by 67% over 25 years (www.dec.ny.gov/enb2006/20060419/Reg7.html).

4 A geological study found that a 400,000-ton chunk of cavern roof had fallen at Seneca Lake cavern (Jacoby, C.H., 1969, Storage of Hydrocarbons in Bedded Salt Deposits Formed by Hydraulic Fracturing, Proceedings of the Third Symposium on Salt, Cleveland, Ohio, 463-469.)

5 Similar to the situation at Seneca Lake, the nearby LPG gas storage facility at Harford Mills, NY has frequently exceeded its discharge limits for chlorides and total solids (Community Science Institute: http://communityscience.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Owego-Creek-Report-final.pdf)


7 Farms maintain 30% of the land in Tompkins County and contribute $100 million annually to our local economy, while tourism generates $156 million annually (Tompkins County Council of Governments: www.tompkins-co.org/tccog/)


STATE of NEW YORK }
COUNTY of TOMPKINS }
TOWN of CAROLINE }

I hereby certify that the above resolution is a true copy of a motion made by the Town Board for the Town of Caroline at a meeting held on January 14, 2015, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended, or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Marilou Harrington-Lawson, Town Clerk
Date

April 20, 2015
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Paul J. D’Amato, Regional Director
DEC, Region 8
6274 East Avon-Lima Road
Avon, New York 14414-9485

Dear Mr. D’Amato:

Since you were obviously very annoyed about my observations concerning the behavior of the lawyers for DEC at the Issues Conference in Horseheads on February 12 and 13\textsuperscript{th}, I will suggest to you as I did in the letter to Mr. Martens, that you read the transcripts of the hearing or watch the video of it. The evidence speaks for itself. You do not need to take my word for their questionable behavior.

The DEC has a difficult if not impossible chore in that it is tasked with having to protect and regulate the legislation having to do with the environment and also “permit” the industrial degradation of the environment. It would be a healthier world for all of us if you realized that the process of “permitting” also includes the right and the obligation to NOT permit all corporate behavior.

I strongly urge Commissioner Martens to not permit the Crestwood corporation to store its hydrocarbons near and under Seneca Lake in an area that has already had a large cave-in and is full of faults. The Finger Lakes Region is growing a world renowned wine industry and complementary agriculture and tourist industries. It does not fit well with becoming the hub of a “dying industry”. Fossil fuels need to be fazed out quickly to stabilize the climate, hence we do not need to increase the infra-structure for that which needs to stay in the ground for the health of the planet. Thank you for having the courtesy to answer my letter.

Sincerely,

Ruth S. Young—retired Schuyler County legislator and chemistry/biology teacher.