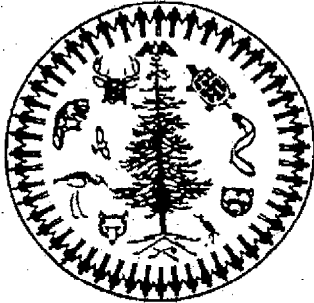


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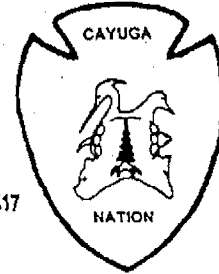
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Re: Cayuga Nation response to recommendations for Environmental Justice  
Program Plan.

Dear Ms. Conley:

Greetings from the Cayuga Nation Chiefs, Clan Mothers and Peoples. We hope that all  
Ois well with you and your family.

The Cayuga Nation fully supports and endorses the recommendations made by the  
Advisory Group in the Strategic Environmental Justice Program Plan based upon  
concerns raised at our August 24, 2000 meeting held at the Onondaga Nation.

The Cayuga Nation is delighted to see recommendations that uphold Indian Nations'  
sovereignty, self-governance and self-determination as recognized by the United States  
and International Law. Indian Nations are not the general public, nor are we one racial  
or ethnic minority group. We are six sovereigns living upon our lands since time  
immemorial with a unique way of life that governs our Nations.

The Cayuga Nation is supportive of all six recommendations made by the Advisory  
Group. We are ready to develop a government to government relationship with the  
State of New York, one that has not existed for years. If you should have any further  
questions, please feel free to contact us at (716) 532-4847.

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