

The Honorable Andrew Cuomo  
Governor of NY State  
State Capital Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

As Seneca Lake Property Owners, we wish to re-affirm our opposition to Crestwood's gas storage plan despite its recently proposed changes.

Crestwood claims that their recently proposed changes to the project's above-ground infrastructure is "community driven". The fact is their plan to turn the Finger Lakes into a major hub for gas storage and transport has not changed; only their tactic has. They continue to tell investors that US Salt has 40 million barrels "of previously solution mined cavern capacity convertible to energy storage." <http://www.crestwoodlp.com/operations/marketing-supply-and-logistics/facilities/#USSalt> This is substantially larger than their initial permit request. Their proposed changes only serve to take us off guard and make Crestwood seem like they have listened to the community's serious concerns about the risks. All of this to profit a Texas corporation while we see none of the propane, very few jobs, little tax revenue, increased health, safety, environmental risks, and increased greenhouse gases here in New York.

Crestwood claims that propane consumers will benefit from having propane stored securely nearby. The truth is that there is no need for additional storage, and the propane is not intended for local use. Crestwood admits that 100% of the propane stored at this facility will leave by pipeline and go to a supply terminal in Selkirk, NY that serves New England and the Mid-Atlantic states. Further, as more people move toward renewable energy, there will be less demand for propane in the region, not more. The Finger Lakes Region does not need to be the sacrifice zone for gas industry export.

With Crestwood's new concessions, there is even less benefit to the region. Jobs went from an originally promised 50 temporary construction jobs to "approximately 30", permanent jobs went from 8-10 to "3-5" and property tax revenue is an estimated \$250,000.00. These numbers are underwhelming to say the least, particularly if industrialization of Seneca Lake or an accident threatens the vibrant tourist economy which provides 58,000 jobs and brings in \$2.8 Billion annually into NY's economy.

The Finger Lakes is leading the way toward your REV plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050. We are moving toward renewables and away from the dirty fossil fuel industry, as evidenced by the 21 wineries and countless other businesses and residences that have gone solar. In fact, Finger Lakes Wine Country was awarded the Solar Champion Award by the Solar Energy Industry Association in 2015. We welcome the kind of sustainable, clean and tourism-compatible jobs that renewables create, not the handful of jobs Crestwood is promising; especially at the risk of threatening our water, health, safety, and thriving economy.

Crestwood attempts to downplay our concerns about the potential harm of storing gas in unlined caverns that were never engineered to store anything, along a drinking water source for 100,000

people, on an already stressed lake. Our expert hydro-geologist maintains that the spike in salinity in the mid 1960's corresponds to the initial pressurization of salt caverns to store propane (a practice that has since been abandoned, and propane storage has been transported to engineered rock cavern storage). Neither Crestwood nor the DEC can explain this phenomenon. Even if there is a one in a million chance that re-pressurizing those caverns again for propane could cause a similar spike, should we take that chance?

Storing gas in salt caverns with geology like ours, where rock strata and salt allow for gas to migrate through fissures, has proven to be dangerous. In 2001 in Hutchinson Kansas, gas that was stored in similar geology migrated 7 miles to come up in abandoned brine wells, exploding, leveling buildings, and causing fatalities. There are similar abandoned brine wells just 2 miles away in downtown Watkins Glen-one is located approximately where the "recently voted best waterfront hotel", the Harbor Hotel now stands. Our concerns are real, and we will not be fooled into a false sense of security by Crestwood's half-truths.

Crestwood claims that we will not hear the noise from their compressor stations or the drilling rigs that bore into the hillside. As people who have spent quiet evenings on Seneca Lake, we know that still water carries sound for miles. If the train and truck depot are eventually constructed, we know that more noise will spoil our peaceful surroundings. Crestwood claims that they are moving one of the brine ponds "far away from the lake", but in reality, it is just across the street. If there's a breach, the brine will still flow into the lake. Crestwood claims that we won't see the visual blight of the facility. The truth is, nothing they do will completely hide an industrial gas storage facility in Finger Lakes Wine Country.

Without approval from a qualified, officially appointed State geologist, Judge McClymonds has stated that the permit could be denied. There is evidence that no such state geologist exists, and that the person who signed off on the permit was not authorized to do so. Neither the DEC staff nor Crestwood can offer any proof that the signatory on the permit was authorized.

Crestwood is *not*, despite their claim, fully insured against the inherent risks associated with gas storage and transport. Their 2015 10-K filing with the SEC clearly states, "***Our business involves many hazards and risks, some of which may not be fully covered by insurance.... Although we maintain insurance policies with insurers in such amounts and with such coverages and deductibles as we believe are reasonable and prudent, our insurance may not be adequate to protect us from all material expenses related to potential future claims for personal injury and property damage.***"

<https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1136352/000113635216000018/crestwood-10k2015.htm>

The bulk of the liability lies with the community in the event of an accident.

For the reasons stated above, Crestwood's project remains a bad idea for the shores of Seneca Lake, and their recent concessions do nothing to allay our concerns. As property owners and major taxpayers around the lake, we strongly urge you to do everything in your power to deny all permits for gas storage to Crestwood.

Sincerely,

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