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**NOTICE OF FORMULATION OF DRAFT UIC PERMIT
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OF DRAFT PERMIT**

Public Notice No. 2017-11
Application No. **NYU105431**

Date: March 24, 2017

Cargill, Incorporated, 518 East Fourth Street, Watkins Glen, New York 14891 has applied to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300f et. seq (the Act), for a new Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit to continue the operation of its Class III salt solution mining injection wells. The wells are located at approximately 42.383829 north latitude and -76.865265 west longitude, 518 East Fourth Street, Watkins Glen, New York. The operating, monitoring and reporting requirements specified in the draft permit are the same as those in the prior permit except as noted in the Statement of Basis.

Fresh water and/or recycled brine generated by Permittee's salt production processes will continue to be injected into the Syracuse Salt Formation at a depth of approximately 1,750 feet below the surface. Injection pressure, as measured at the surface, shall not exceed a maximum of 570 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) for wells injecting fresh water or fresh water mixed with recycled brine. The maximum permitted injection pressure for wells injecting recycled brine with process precipitates (Wells 14 and 16) is 406 psig.

This notice is being given to inform the public that EPA has prepared a draft permit, and to solicit public comment. The permit contains standards, prohibitions and other conditions necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act. Should there be significant interest displayed by written public comment, a Presiding Officer shall conduct a public hearing on the above-identified draft permit. The purpose of this public hearing will be to receive comments from interested parties and the public on the draft permit prepared by EPA. Notification of the Hearing will be published in advance so that all interested parties may participate. Once all public comments are submitted and a public hearing, if necessary, is held, the Director of the Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance of EPA Region II will make a final decision on whether or not to issue a permit and if issued the applicant will be required to comply with all conditions of the permit.

Written comments must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this notice (no later than **April 24, 2017**) to the following address:

Nicole Foley Kraft, Acting Chief
Water Compliance Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II
290 Broadway, 20th Floor
New York, New York 10007-1866

All information submitted by the applicant is available as part of the administrative record, subject to provisions of law restricting the public disclosure of confidential information. The administrative record for the draft permit can be inspected at any time between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. It is recommended that you contact EPA at region2_uic@epa.gov to schedule a date and time to review the administrative record to allow time for EPA to make the necessary arrangements for your visit. Copies of documents comprising the administrative record can be obtained by submitting a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request online at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home> or by mailing a request to:

Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. EPA Region 2
290 Broadway, 26th Floor
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Kathleen Anderson, Acting Director
Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance