

Ontario County

Board of Supervisors

Canandaigua, New York 14424

Supervisor Baker offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 306-2013

ONTARIO COUNTY CONCERNS OVER PROPOSED LPG STORAGE PROJECT IN THE SENECA LAKE WATERSHED

WHEREAS, The Town and City of Geneva contain more than nine miles of the total shoreline of Seneca Lake; and

WHEREAS, This Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of Seneca Lake to the State and to the local community as a drinking water source, for recreation, as a natural habitat, and in supporting the thriving tourism economy of the Finger Lakes Region; and

WHEREAS, Inergy Corporation has proposed a large scale liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) storage facility adjacent to and beneath Seneca Lake; and

WHEREAS, Said project would involve storage of LPG in caverns created by the solution mining of salt deposits below and adjacent to Seneca Lake, and movement and surface storage of salt water displaced from said caverns as LPG is pumped into and out of said caverns; and

WHEREAS, This Board is deeply concerned with the potential for dramatic and catastrophic environmental impacts from this project due to:

1. The uncertain geologic stability of the subterranean caverns, and the risk that such caverns could be compromised by even low level earthquakes that are common in this region of New York State.
2. The threat of discharge of large amounts of salt water from surface storage facilities into Seneca Lake or its tributaries.
3. The threat of discharge of large amounts of salt water as it is being moved between subterranean caverns and surface storage facilities during the course of operations.
4. The threat of LPG seepage from said subterranean caverns; and

WHEREAS, The Environmental Quality Committee recommends adoption of this resolution; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors joins State Senator Michael Nozzolio in respectfully requesting that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation withhold approval of any plan for mass storage of LPG adjacent to or under Seneca Lake and

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exercise its power in assisting in determining a more appropriate location for any such storage site; and further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be sent the Clerk of this Board to the Finance Department, Senator Michael Nozzolio, Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb, the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Joseph Martens, Director, 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233-1011; the Permit Administrator for Region 8 of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 6274 East Avon-Lima Road, Avon, NY 14414; Seneca County Board of Supervisors, Seneca County Office Building, 1 DiPronio Drive, Waterloo, NY 13165; Schuyler County Legislature, 105 Ninth Street, Unit 6, Watkins Glen, NY 14891; and Yates County Legislature, 417 Liberty Street, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF ONTARIO }



I do hereby certify that I have compared the preceding with the original thereof, on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at Canandaigua, New York, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original; and that said original was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Ontario County held at Canandaigua, New York, on the 30th day of May, 2013.

Given under my hand and official seal May 31, 2013.

Karen R. DeMay

Clerk, Board of Supervisors of Ontario County, NY