

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
Kenneth B. Keating Federal Office Building
100 State Street Room 4195
Rochester, NY 14614

Re: Crestwood Plan for Gas Storage on Seneca Lake

Dear Senator Gillibrand,

We have sent you over 1000 letters to your Washington DC office. We hope that 1000 more will get your attention and help to stop Crestwood Midstream.

The Finger Lakes urgently needs your help and attention. Crestwood Midstream Partners LP plans to turn their facility on Seneca Lake into “the gas storage hub of the Northeast,” according to their website. This Texas-based company threatens the water quality, air quality, health, and economy of the Finger Lakes by storing methane, propane and butane in abandoned unstable salt mines along Seneca Lake. Expansion of gas storage on Seneca Lake poses a terrible threat to the lake, which provides drinking water for over 100,000 people.

Since 1972, most instances of catastrophic failure of underground gas storage facilities have occurred in salt caverns. Many have included explosions with fire and loss of life, and some have required the evacuation of entire towns.

The Finger Lakes Region has a successful and growing wine, tourist and agriculture industry, attracting thousands of people to its natural beauty. Even if Crestwood could operate with a perfect safety record - which seems unlikely given the inherent dangers - the industrialization brought with Crestwood’s plans will certainly harm our economy.

TWENTY EIGHT municipalities, representing over 750,000 people, have passed resolutions opposing Crestwood’s expansion project (see list below). Responding to the threat to our families and homes, thousands of people have come forward and signed a commitment to non-violent direct action to stop the construction of the facility and **298 arrests** have been made for peacefully blockading the gates of Crestwood. You must step in and help us stop this project.

Please help us stop gas storage on Seneca Lake. FERC has “rubber stamped” their approval, and NYSDEC is still reviewing permits for the project to go forward. Please step in and contact these agencies to stop this project that puts our beautiful Finger Lakes Region at great risk.

Sincerely,

_____ Name _____ Signature

_____ Street Address

_____ City, State, Zip

Regional governments that passed resolutions opposing gas storage in salt caverns on Seneca Lake:

Counties: Ontario, Yates, Cayuga, Seneca, Tompkins

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Townships: Brighton, Caroline, Fayette, Geneva, Ithaca, Fayette, Junius, Lodi, Ovid, Romulus, Skaneateles, Starkey, Rush, Seneca Falls, Varick, Ulysses, Waterloo

Cities and Villages: Geneva, Ithaca, Rochester, Syracuse, Waterloo, Watkins Glen