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Mary Ann Coogan, Supervisor
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Dear Supervisor Coogan:

As a follow-up to your recent correspondence and various public meetings regarding the Onondaga Lake dredging plan and the Sediment Consolidation Area (SCA) on Wastedbed 13, enclosed please find a completed response to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). Working with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New York State Department of Health (DOH), the DEC provides the enclosed document to answer questions raised at various forums on the issue. Many similarly worded questions were lumped together in an attempt to consolidate related issues; in total there are answers to 52 FAQs that we've received on the project. The document is the product of the work of many engineers, scientists and others within the agencies.

The DEC intends to widely distribute the FAQs in a variety of ways. The document will be available on our website at: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37558.html (under the "Onondaga" heading). In addition, the document will be distributed electronically via our Onondaga Lake News email listserv which includes approximately 700 people who have signed up to have Onondaga Lake information forwarded to them electronically. We will also be distributing the document at various public meetings such as the Lead Community Participation Working Group meeting scheduled this afternoon, April 8, 2010. Lastly, the DEC will be distributing a post card notice to the community to let residents know how they can access the FAQ document and other information regarding the Lake cleanup project.

We encourage the Town of Camillus to assist in disseminating this information. It would be appreciated if you could make this document available at the Town Hall, include it on your website, and distribute it via other means you deem appropriate.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kenneth P. Lynch
Regional Director

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Enclosure

cc: Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand, Congressman Maffei,
Senator DeFrancisco, Assemblyman Barclay