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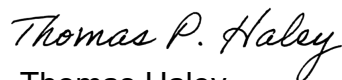
Dear Public Commenters,

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has reviewed your comments regarding the above referenced project. DEC would like to acknowledge the effort and expertise that went into reviewing the application materials and developing these comments. We thank those individuals and entities that invested considerable time and resources to provide this feedback. These comments were received by this office during the public notice and comment period.

In addition to DEC review, your comments were provided to the applicant for their review and response. A copy of their June 8, 2023 response is attached for your review. The responses to public comments developed by the project sponsors do not reflect DEC's view but the determined it was appropriate to share GCEDC's response to comments because many of the comments expressed were outside the scope of the Part 182 application currently under review.

In addition to the applicant's response to comments, DEC provides the following supplemental responses and comments focused on the species subject to our Part 182 regulatory authority. Given the number of comments received, these responses do not address each specific point raised in the comments. Instead, they are intended to broadly reflect and address key issues raised or alluded to in the comments received:

Sincerely,



Thomas Haley
Regional Permit Administrator