



October 8, 2015

Marc Gerstman, Acting Commissioner
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233

Re. Saratoga-North Creek Railroad (SNCR)

Dear Marc:

We write to thank you and the Department for urging SNCR-Iowa Pacific Holdings not to store used DOT-111 oil tankers on the Tahawus Rail Spur in Essex County.

DEC's expressions of concern about this ill-advised proposal from the outset were very helpful. More importantly, DEC's actions to discourage it were clearly effective in persuading SNCR to drop this idea and to instead pursue active use of the rails for the removal of tailings at Tahawus.

Thank you for weighing the many concerns we and others expressed about the SNCR proposal to the Governor, DEC and APA in August.

Sincerely,

David Gibson & Dan Plumley
Staff Partners with Adirondack Wild

Cc:

Basil Seggos, Executive Chamber
Leilani Ulrich, NYS Adirondack Park Agency
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