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Dear AG Schneiderman,

Some months ago, I submitted to your office a petition with around 3000 signatures on it, asking you to intervene in the fight over a proposed gas storage facility in salt caverns on Seneca Lake. I must commend Peter Washburn of your staff for taking the time to explain that the Environmental Bureau cannot intervene in a matter where there is a proper regulatory process already in place through another agency. I am writing now because new evidence reveals that, in fact, a proper regulatory process is not taking place.

There can be no proper regulatory process, because the DEC does not actually know what substances are in the salt caverns. This has at least three clear consequences:

- 1 – If the DEC doesn't know what's in the caverns, it cannot be meaningfully regulating them, because it is impossible to regulate something when you don't know what it is.
- 2 – Neither we nor our environment are being protected.
- 3 – The owners of the facility had to know that no one was checking the contents of the caverns, meaning that they had a virtual invitation to use them for the illegal disposal of toxic materials. Whether or not there actually are such materials in the caverns we cannot know, unless someone with the authority to do so actually checks their contents.

By the time you receive this letter, I will have made a public announcement about this matter. You will find a video archive of that announcement and the supporting documentation at <http://nofrackalmanac.com>.

On behalf of the thousands of people who signed the petition, I request that, in light of this new evidence, you investigate the Reading storage complex and find out what's in the wells there. Surely, we have a right to the state's protection in this matter.

Sincerely,

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