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To Whom It May Concern,

Barton Mines has been beneficial to the economy of the Adirondack region since 1878. The economy of surrounding communities have benefited by Barton hiring local residents. Some of these residents have been living in the Adirondacks for generations. Barton has also hired new employees, who have relocated to our communities. These new employees help support local schools, churches, highway departments, stores, restaurants, health center, etc..

I support Barton's Proposed Mine Permit Modification.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Hutchins
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Hello Corrie Magee,
I have attached a letter concerning the application for expansion of Barton Mine on Ruby Mountain.
Thank you for your consideration.

Peter Horvath
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North River NY 12856
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September 26, 2024

John Ernst
Chair
Adirondack Park Agency
P.O. Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

Barbara Rice
Executive Director
Adirondack Park Agency
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Ray Brook, NY 12977

**RE: Request for Extension of Public Comment Period:
Barton Mines, LLC Application
APA Project No. 2021-0245**

Dear John Ernst and Barbara Rice

Hello,

My name is Dr. Peter Horvath, I have been visiting the North River area for over 40 year and owned property since 1994. My wife and I moved to Garnet Hill full time in 2018. We moved here to be surrounded by nature. The Adirondacks is home to many unique plants and animals. I was trained in Ecology and Nutrition at Cornell University where I received my PhD. I have read the three previous applications for the expansion of Barton Mine on Ruby Mountain. I am concerned about the short comment period of 15 days to make comments. This seems very unreasonable, as a scientist, I would never expect any of my PhD students to make a complete reading of the huge document. Could you please extend the comment period to 60 days?

My primary concern that I would like to address is the effect of Brown Pond Brook and Thirteenth Lake Brook. I have spoken on this issue to the board before, after the first application, but have seen no response, so my concerns are the same. In the first application for Ruby Mountain mining it was stated by DEC that Brown Pond Brook was a breeding stream for the unique Brook Trout of the Adirondacks and 13th lake brook had a thriving population of Brook Trout. I have heard from many in the area that that brook was a favorite fishing stream, but is no longer. I was surprised in the application that no scientific analysis and ecological study has been done on the two streams. As an ecologist I find it amazing that the possible conversion of Brown Pond Brook to basically a storm drain has not been addressed. A full environmental review needs to be done to protect the two streams.

Sincerely

Peter Horvath,
Emeritus Professor, University at Buffalo

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TO: NYSAPA

Corrie Magee
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PO Box 99
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Dear Corrie Magee:

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1. The noise and visual impacts from the expanded mine on the community and on the Siamese Ponds Wilderness and other areas of the Forest Preserve are unacceptable. The mine should not be allowed to expand into the critical environmental area (CEA) by 26.1 acres, or be allowed to cut down 16,678 trees in the CEA. The CEA is supposed to be a legal buffer to protect the designated Wilderness Area.
2. The project will have undue impacts on Park resources because Barton is proposing no mitigation whatsoever for noise impacts, despite numerous complaints from neighboring homeowners about current noise levels.
3. Round the clock 24-hour-a-day mining and processing operations should not be allowed.
4. The expansion of the mine tailings waste pile height by 100 feet will make the pile larger than some peaks in the Adirondacks and Barton has no viable way to revegetate this massive pile. As a result, it will leave a permanent scar on the Adirondack Park.
5. The project will have undue air quality, scenic and aesthetic impacts because Barton's dust suppression efforts have been unsuccessful and the company is proposing no new dust mitigation measures.
6. Although the mine expansion will result in a tripling of heavy-duty truck trips, the continued operation of multiple sources of greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions, and the clear-cutting of approximately 36 acres of forest, Barton has failed to provide any analysis of the climate change impacts of these actions.
7. Independent experts provided information on substantive deficiencies in the Barton Mines application, which the APA has failed to take into account.
8. Barton's application for an expansion should be denied. Please hold an adjudicatory hearing to deny this application.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Aaron/Denise Gagnon <thelittleoldhouse@gmail.com>

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Sincerely,

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Good evening,

I wanted to write again in support of the Barton Mine's proposed operating plan. I'm a Minerva / Johnsbury native and have seen the positive impact on the towns in the area and careful stewardship of the place and people that the Barton organization operates under. They are a positive asset to our community in many ways, and I appreciate the thoughtful process they've gone through to try and do right by their neighbors and the environment while aiming to extend the longevity of their operations in our area. The Adirondacks has long been a place of tension and balance between the environment / tourism and resource harvesting (mining and timber), and that is in part what makes the place as special as it is.

Thank you,
Adam

Adam Pearsall
Queensbury and Johnsbury NY



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(via electronic transmission)

Re: Request for Extension of Public Comment Period for Barton Mines, LLC APA Project #2021-0245

Dear Environmental Program Specialist Corrie Magee,

The Adirondack Council would like to provide comments on the Adirondack Park Agency's (APA) process and environmental and visual impacts for the Barton Mines, LLC project #2021-0245 permit amendment.

Procedural Concerns

1. *Public Comment Period:* A 15-day comment period covering only 10 business days is not sufficient for the scope of the amendment for a 75-year life of mine (LOM) that has activities extending nearly into the next century. The potential impacts to natural resources and scenic qualities of the Adirondack Park, level of public interest, and the sheer volume of materials submitted (2,400 pages for the application alone) are befitting of an extension to this particular permit amendment.

Without dates in some cases, lack of chronological order of the documents, nor clarity on which materials are from the original permit and which primarily pertain to the proposed amendment's impacts, it is difficult to assess the potential changes to the environmental impacts of the mine. It is certainly impracticable to do so within 10 business days.

The APA remains within its timeclock restrictions with the extension to a 45-day comment period though given the public interest in this permit, it would behoove the Agency and the applicant to extend to a 60-day comment period and request the applicant complete a clock extension agreement. Based on the updated public comments uploaded on October 9th, there are numerous calls for extending the public comment period to 60 days from residents as well as environmental groups.

2. *Adjudicatory Hearing:* Given the complexity, scale, and public interest in this permit amendment, the Council requests an adjudicatory hearing be



considered. The Agency is bound to assess whether activities exceed the scope of the project and to investigate noncompliance with the existing permit. Complaints of noise before the permitted working hours and Thirteenth Brook discharges in July and August of 2024 were investigated through email exchanges with the applicant. These concerns merit a deeper look at the operation with careful consideration of studies conducted by field experts to assure permit compliance before approving a permit amendment.

3. *Accountability with Climate Law*: The Council continues to raise concerns with the APA's lack of implementation of Section 7(2) the Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act, which mandates that:

"In considering and issuing permits, licenses, and other administrative approvals and decisions, including but not limited to the execution of grants, loans, and contracts, all state agencies, offices, authorities, and divisions shall consider whether such decisions are inconsistent with or will interfere with the attainment of the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits established in article 75 of the environmental conservation law. Where such decisions are deemed to be inconsistent with or will interfere with the attainment of the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits, each agency, office, authority, or division shall provide a detailed statement of justification as to why such limits/criteria may not be met, and identify alternatives or greenhouse gas mitigation measures to be required where such project is located."

Therefore, we call upon the APA Board to work with staff to identify strategic policy pathways for how the Agency will meet this legal requirement, which should have direct bearings on projects such as this.

Environmental & Visual Impacts

1. Residual Mineral Pile
 - a. *Palliative Dust*: The use of more natural forms of palliative dust treatments of MinCryl and DUST/BLOKR (sugar, starches and minerals) are positive, and yet concerning given that DEC was not aware of the product. Monitoring will be necessary to assess efficacy against rain and wind events to minimize dust migration impacts to the environment and human communities.
 - b. *Structural Integrity*: The Council seeks confirmation of whether the new piezometers have been integrated into the monitoring network. The 4th NIPA noted that Barton would have this completed by mid-September 2024 to track the stability of the Residual Mineral (RM) facility.
 - c. *Visual Impacts*: The photographic simulations of the RM Facility are skewed because the phases of the RM Facility expansion (laterally and vertically) are shown as having vegetation growth which makes it appear as though it will seamlessly blend into the landscape. But the materials in the application do not indicate – and cannot guarantee – that vegetative growth, including trees, on the RM Facility. (p.2325-2329)

2. Residual Mineral Pile – Climate Impacts

- a. It is good to see in the 4th NIPA that Barton will provide to APA and DEC “annual reporting will include orthophotos, piezometric data, cross-sectional geometric analysis, rates of deposition, observations, and data interpretation under the supervision of a licensed New York State professional engineer.” As the only mountain top removal mining operation in the Park, the Commissioners should request that an update on the mine’s monitoring efforts be presented to the Board annually, particularly with increasingly unpredictable and severe climate conditions.

Thank you for reviewing and responding to our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jackie Bowen', with a stylized, cursive script.

Jackie Bowen
Director of Conservation



October 3, 2024

Corrie Magee, Project Review Officer
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David Plante, Regulatory Programs Director
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Re. Barton Mine, Towns of Johnsburg and Indian Lake, APA 2021-0245

Dear Ms. Magee and Mr. Plante,

The Barton Mine expansion proposal is one of the most technically complex and resource impactful private land use applications to come before the APA. The project as proposed touches directly on almost all of the Agency's 37 Development Considerations relating to the potential for adverse impact upon the Park's natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological, wildlife, historic, recreational and open space resources.

The application's impacts concerning noise, visual aesthetics, air, water resources, geology, vegetative cover, topography, erosion and slippage, forest, open space, wildlife, and state land Forest Preserve resources have been raised in four Agency Notices of Incomplete Application (NIPA). We also add the additional greenhouse gas emission potential impacts required to be evaluated under the state's Climate Act.

Following three years of project review, 4 NIPAs, alleged violations of existing permit conditions, and multiple complaints from neighbors about existing conditions, you inexplicably provide the public with just two weeks of formal comment opportunity ending on October 10. Given the application's length and limited response to repeated Agency requests for more information, a two-week comment period is unfair to the public and to the Agency's ability to render a determination of no undue adverse impacts on areas classified Resource Management and Industrial Use. As a matter of fairness and proper procedure for major applications, the Agency ought to extend the public comment period to 30 days at minimum. We ask that you do so.

Even after four Agency NIPAs there are remaining gaps in the information provided to APA by the applicant. With respect to fugitive dust and air quality, what parameters will the applicant measure and monitor, what specific thresholds will trigger responses, and what responses/actions will be specifically taken to mitigate impacts? These questions asked by the Agency still appear vaguely addressed after three years of project review. The same gaps in information are apparent for noise

impacts. What specific engineering and process control means will be employed, triggered by which specific thresholds to reduce noise impacts? With respect to visual impacts, will the Agency require the applicant to provide visual impact and noise information from points within the adjacent Siamese Ponds Wilderness and nearby residences on Garnet Hill? With respect to water quality impacts on area streams, there are also unresolved questions concerning avoidance or mitigation of impacts.

Given the wide scope of complex issues, apparent violations of prior permit conditions, complaints about actual conditions, and the overall controversy of actual and potential impacts upon adjacent private land and public Forest Preserve, there is little question that the APA in prior decades would have sent this project to an adjudicatory hearing, and thereby allow all parties expert testimony, followed by cross-examination before an impartial DEC administrative law judge. Failure to do so in this instance, and to render a final project determination based solely upon a hearing record would mark a low point in Agency environmental practice.

Since 2022 neighbors of the applicant have gone to great length and expense to fill in the informational record and to hire and to provide expert information to the Agency about complex technical questions of the application in subject areas such as visual analysis, noise and fugitive dust. Were these issues and information sources adequately evaluated by the APA? It is our impression that the Agency's NIPAs and final notice of completed application signal limited attention to expert information provided by neighbors and stakeholders, information that could better allow the Agency to render an informed judgement and legally defensible final determination.

There are still about 50 days for the APA to decide to send this application to public hearing. Your decision to do so would be amply justified because the application may not meet statutory and regulatory criteria or standards, and because of the substantive, significant issues already raised by your own staff and by neighbors and other project stakeholders. We therefore ask that you increase the public comment period to 30 days and send the project to adjudication within the month. Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,



David Gibson
Managing Partner

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Cc: Barbara Rice, Executive Director
John Ernst, Chair
Sean Mahar, DEC Interim Commissioner
Ashley Dougherty, Assistant Secretary for Environment

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Thank you.

Regards,
Todd



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To All Concerned:

As a lifelong resident of the Town of Johnsbury, as well as a long time Town Council Member of the Town of Johnsbury, I fully recognize the value of Barton Mines to the Town of Johnsbury, both as an employer and as a valued economic piece in our town's economy. I am fully in support of Barton Mines requested permit presently under consideration by all of the regulating bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Stevens

Town Council Member of the Town of Johnsbury

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Please find attached Friends of Siamese Ponds comments on the Barton Mine expansion application.
Thank you.



Friends of Siamese Ponds
North River, NY

October, 10, 2024

Corrie Magee
Environmental Program Specialist 1
Adirondack Park Agency
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Friends of Siamese Ponds Comments on Barton Mines, LLC Application for Expansion, ID 2021-2045

Dear Ms. Magee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments during the formal public comment period for the Barton Mines permit application. Friends of Siamese Ponds represents citizens concerned with current and future impacts from the Barton Mines North River operation. Over the past three years we have provided extensive comments into the administrative record on the three versions of the Barton application. While some of our environmental concerns have been addressed by the applicant, serious issues remain. The length of APA's public comment period is quite short, only 15 days for an administrative record with over 5000-pages of documents. APA denied a request for extension of the public comment period. Consequently, the following comments will elaborate on only a few of the issues raised previously, all of which we reiterate and incorporate by reference in response to the proposed permit.

The issuance of the initial APA permit for Barton's Ruby Mountain operation was controversial, requiring lengthy administrative hearings in front of APA commissioners. The proposed project was a big test for the Agency in its early years -- a large mountain-top mine directly adjacent to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness, the upper Hudson River and its tributaries, and a long-time community of North River residents. At the time of the application, homes in the community dated back over one hundred years and existing hospitality businesses, such as the Garnet Hill Lodge, had been attracting visitors to the area since 1936.

In 1979 APA issued Barton permit P79-358. The permit required minimization of visual impacts via ongoing revegetation of the expanding tailings pile, maintaining water quality to protect brook trout population in Brown Pond Brook and Thirteenth Brook, unobtrusive noise levels in the wilderness and community, and promised reclamation of mining

impacts at the previous Gore Mountain mine site. In the end, none of this occurred. Now Barton has presented a proposal for a large 70-year expansion.

No Analyses of Alternatives.

Barton has essentially presented its application as an ultimatum---if its application is not approved, it claims without evidentiary basis that it will have to shut down within five years. Even if this claim is true, it's not relevant to its responsibility to evaluate and mitigate current and proposed future environmental impacts. A full evaluation requires analyses of alternatives that would mitigate current and potential impacts, including visual, noise, water quality, dust, and tailings pile stability. But the APA and DEC (hereafter Agencies") have not requested that alternatives analysis and Barton has not provided one.

As an example, for the tailings pile, what alternatives exist for a smaller yet still economically viable project, one that may increase pile height by 20 or 40 feet, rather than 100 feet, possibly increasing stability and reducing visual impacts? What alternatives are available to prevent the pile from expanding laterally into the Critical Environmental Area adjacent to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area? What are the alternatives to a pile underdrain system that must function in perpetuity to ensure stability?

Likewise, regarding noise impacts, what alternatives are feasible to mitigate the noise during active mining options that is plaguing nearby homeowners and is expected to worsen in the future? What are the options for reducing 24/7 noise from the mill building and tailings pile operations, such as insulating the walls, retrofitting pumps, installing noise berms, replacing old equipment, moving operation to a new building or subsurface. APA should require an analysis by one of the many engineering firms specializing in noise mitigation.

Minimizing Possibility for Catastrophic Collapse of the Tailings Pile

Barton's geotechnical expert Knight-Piesold concludes installation of underdrains beneath the waste pile is critical to reduce porewater pressure, necessary to maintain pile stability. Although these underdrains will need to operate forever to reduce the risk of potentially catastrophic collapse of the pile in the future, there is no discussion of the consequences of failure of underdrains to operate properly, now or in the future. Failure could result from extreme precipitation events, pile shifting or settling, earthquakes, or other unforeseen circumstances. The Barton mine is located near the highest seismic hazard region in New York State as indicated on the USGS seismic hazard map. There is no evaluation of whether inspecting and repairing the drains is possible, as they will eventually be buried under more than 15 million cubic yards of tailings.

During the past two summers in neighboring Vermont, and just a few weeks ago in western North Carolina, flooding resulting from extreme rainfall decimated communities. In North River, local residents have recently reported to the Agencies turbid discharges from Barton operations. Brown Pond Brook, a former brook trout stream and receiving waterbody for Barton site stormwater, has run brown and turbid after heavy precipitation events. It is only because of resident's complaints that DEC and APA are aware of these water quality

violations. Barton has no instrumentation to record turbid discharges, and does not report turbid discharges to DEC and APA, and neither DEC nor APA inspect the facility during or after heavy rainfall events. The impact of extreme rainfall on tailings pile stability, and overall site stormwater discharge must be evaluated.

Post Closure Plan

Barton proposes few details on what the multi-year reclamation process will look like at the end of mine operations. For example, buildings will need to be removed, settling ponds filled in, drainage systems rerouted, wetlands restored, and roads removed and revegetated. The top 20-feet of the massive tailings pile will be removed and placed on top of the quarry, the pile supposedly graded, revegetated with topsoil, compost and fertilizer. Long-term monitoring will be required for the entire site, including measurement of the porewater pressures at the bottom of the tailings pile. Barton, however, has not presented a post-closure plan. Additionally, it has provided no estimate of closure and post-closure costs. The Agencies have no information to determine the amount of financial assurance required of the company to ensure reclamation and post-monitoring and possible remediation occurs. Lack of financial wherewithal at the end of life for a mine is not uncommon in the mining industry. Concern regarding end-of-life reclamation at the Barton North River site is especially justified given the company's failure to perform reclamation at the Barton Gore Mountain mine site.

Failure to Address Current and Possible Future Nuisance Noise

Beginning when the mine commenced operation in 1983, and for approximately 35 years afterwards, noise from active quarry mining, and mill and tailings pile operations, was largely inaudible. Many North River residents did not even realize that some mine operations occurred 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

But more recently, noise during active daytime mining and the 24/7 mill and tailing pile operations has increased significantly. Residents often experience constant noise, night and day, on weekends and holidays. Barton mine noise is audible along all of Thirteenth Lake, a lake DEC designated in 2011 to be motorboat-free to protect its wilderness character, including its soundscape. Barton noise can also be heard deep into the Siamese Ponds Wilderness and at various locations throughout North River. North River residents have documented this pervasive and offensive noise in the record. The noise intensity can vary hourly, daily, and seasonally, seemingly dependent on the presence of interceding landforms that can block sound waves, air temperature and humidity, and amount and seasonality of vegetation. Other variables, for which Barton has provided no information, such as ongoing changes in mine operations (e.g. changes in equipment, processes or throughput (loading)) may have also contributed to increasing noise impacts.

Community residents began to raise noise issues with Barton beginning in 2019. At a second meeting, Barton representatives stated that a noise expert hired by the company suggested that changes to the landforms associated with the mine had created an "amphitheater effect," resulting in increased projection of sound into the North River valley.

Pursuant to its 2021 mine expansion application, Barton did not mention the amphitheater effect nor offer any reasons why the noise levels increased. The Agencies have not requested Barton to analyze the increased noise and how to mitigate it. The Agencies have not even agreed to meet with residents on this issue or visit residents' homes in order for agency staff to hear the nuisance noise themselves. Barton's explanation to the Agencies that "nothing has changed, only the neighbors have" belies logic. Many neighbors observing increased noise have been North River residents for decades. They support the mine and the jobs and tax base it provides. Operating the mine in an environmentally safe manner should create more jobs, not less. Concerned residents are reasonable people with better things to do than make up complaints about noise.

Barton's position now that nothing at the mine has changed recently on their end that would increase noise levels is contrary to its prior recognition of the "amphitheater effect" and needs investigation, which the Agencies have not requested. Has new equipment been installed since 1983? If so, is it larger, more powerful and louder? If not, has the old equipment degraded, possibly resulting in increased noise? Has the number or size of the huge pumps used to move the waste slurry to the top of the tailings pile increased? Has the recent change to crush rock to produce a smaller grain size product changed equipment or process? Has the operation of the ball mills or rock crusher changed? How has the increased size of the tailings pile or the increased surface area of quarry walls increased sound propagation from the site? What is the expected life of the mill building, a 43-year-old metal structure three stories high and an acre in area? Has the integrity of the mill building degraded? There are many more questions that need to be evaluated, questions only Barton can answer. There must be scientific explanations for the recent increase in sound intensity.

Board-certified noise experts from Resource Systems Group (RSG) recently evaluated noise data presented in the Barton permit application. RSG concluded that the increase in projected future noise levels violates the NYSDEC noise policy, Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts. Given this finding, and without understanding why mine noise has recently increased and what can be done to mitigate it, the Agencies cannot reasonably grant the company a permit to expand operations and operate until close to the end of the century.

Effective mitigation of noise from industrial operations is a common occurrence. The Agencies should require Barton to retain an engineering firm specializing in noise mitigation to prepare a report for public review and comment. The burden should not be on the residents impacted by the noise, who have limited knowledge of the specific sources of Barton noise, to identify solutions.

Dust Mitigation Plan

In its most recent application, we are pleased to see Barton propose use of dust suppressants to reduce particulate plumes into the community and surrounding wilderness. We are relying upon the Agencies to ensure the proposed suppressants are safe for use in the environment. However, Barton does not present a plan for monitoring the efficacy of the application of dust suppressants, and implementation of other control

measures if necessary. As detailed in our previous comments, and as is commonly required at similar facilities with dust problems, APA and DEC should require Barton to submit and implement a Dust Suppression Plan, complete with defined numerical limits for air quality at the site fence line.

The Agencies became aware of the Barton dust plumes due to reports from concerned citizens. These offsite plumes violate Barton's NYSDEC Mine Land Reclamation Permit. The Agencies should require the company, not citizens, to monitor and report these violations.

Inconsistency With Wilderness Character

Barton is operating on one of the few locations in the Adirondack Park designated for industrial use. Given the unusual nature of its operations in an area surrounded by wilderness, the agency must ensure that the mine's operation does not impair the natural and wilderness experience on the surrounding lands. Photographs provided by the public to the agency document that the enormous tailings pile is currently an eyesore visible from various vantage points including Moxham Mountain and viewpoints within the Siamese Ponds Wilderness. The proposed permit would allow Barton to increase the height of the pile by the equivalent of a ten-story building, further impairing the public's enjoyment of the Adirondack Park and potentially making the pile visible from additional wilderness viewpoints. As the beneficiary of an unusual industrial use classification, Barton has an obligation to minimize its intrusion into the surrounding wilderness, which it has failed to do.

Sincerely,

Alan Belensz

On Behalf of Friends of Siamese Ponds

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Beth Magee

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Please extend the comment period.

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Dear Chairman Ernst and APA board members,

I am a resident of North River asking you to hold Barton accountable for the increase in noise pollution over the past several years and to ensure that their permit application is not approved until they agree to noise mitigation measures that allow its neighbors to experience the peace they once had.

Chairman Ernst, please close your eyes and picture yourself sitting on the dock at Elk Lake. Peace and quiet. A true Adirondacks experience. Each of you has that place in the Adirondacks where you have those moments of true peace. If that changed dramatically, would you be upset? Would you accept the nuisance that stole your solitude?

When my husband and I began looking for our forever home in the Adirondacks, we hoped for moments of solitude like we'd experienced on Elk Lake, camping on Lake Eaton, and kayaking the Saint Regis. The Garnet Hill community, which predates the Barton mine on Ruby Mountain, was where we found those moments. Sure we have neighbors --occasionally we hear cars on the roads, around the 4th there is likely someone setting off firecrackers, and I'm sure my husband's music is, on occasion, too loud for the neighbors.

BUT for years, we could lay in bed and enjoy moments of peace. Then things changed. Now, even with windows closed we can hear machinery from the Barton mine through the night. The noise is not an even tone that could fade into the background. It is a cyclical whirring of machines, getting louder and then softer, accentuated with rocks banging. It is a damn nuisance! And nuisance noise is not healthy for anyone --people and critters alike.

In August of 2019 my husband and I hosted Chuck Barton, and officers from Barton at our home to explain our concerns. They listened, but made no changes to address the problem. They also gave no indication that they were preparing to submit a 75 year expansion application. ESPECIALLY, they did not admit that they would use the same elevated sound levels that have stolen our peace, as "ambient noise" to the APA and DoE. They were disingenuous to us and have failed to adequately meet the questions about sound brought up in each of their NIPAs.

PLEASE, weigh the PR campaign Barton has waged in lieu of any genuine concern for the well-being of the community. Extend the comment period, demand they meet the agencies' request for further noise evaluation, and call for an adjudicatory hearing. A permit this large and long-lasting should not be rubber stamped until all elements have been fully

evaluated.

Sincerely,
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To Whom it May Concern:

I am a property owner in North River, NY. I am the second generation of my family to live here.

I write this letter with a heavy heart, as Barton's behavior over the past five years has split our community, I believe intentionally, pitting neighbors against one another in a cynical battle. Instead of listening to neighbors with legitimate concerns, the mine chose bullying in the public sphere, and calling anyone with objections to unfettered expansion 'NIMBY', elitist, liberal, "not local", etc. This name calling and has continued in the mine's glib communications reported in the latest Adirondack Explorer article. This petty behavior has unfortunately worked. People who are anything but "pro-Barton" are villains, want people to lose their jobs, etc. We don't want that. We want the mine to deal with two massive issues.

The issues with the mine are simple; they are noise (by far the biggest issue) and the height of the pile. The dust thing and truck traffic are unimportant, as long as they pay for the road to be fixed when it gets potholes from their trucks.

The noise is currently unacceptable. It would be unacceptable in a suburb or small city. The issue is the mill. The mill operates all night and all weekend. It is an incessant drone that interrupts sleep and can be heard *through closed windows over a mile away*. The mine claims that noise has not increased; this is a false claim that is of course unprovable, because no one can go back in time. I'm not sure what has changed in the past decade, but it is far, far worse. I assume it will get ever worse as time goes on. So what is to be done? What should APA do?

Simple: as a condition for approval of the application, Barton should commit to using some of its endless supply of tailings to build noise berms around the mill. They don't want to do this because it will cost them money. Well, they're a business, and they have healthy profits. Use some to hire some local people to use their plentiful earth movers to surround the mill with noise barriers. If they claim this is impossible, then move the mill somewhere, or insulate it in some other way. *The mine should and cannot be allowed to produce this non-stop 24/7 noise forever, filling hundreds of homes with it.* This isn't a "wilderness" issue, it's a basic residential quality of life issue. This wouldn't be acceptable in Queensbury, where most of the company's executives live. Why is it OK in North River? Because we "NIMBY people who aren't real locals" don't matter? We pay taxes, shop at the Tops and eat at Basil and Wicks, and buy gas at Stewarts, just like everyone else. Talk about cynical.

The second issue is the height of the tailings. Once again, I remain confused as to why the mine can't truck tailings off-site instead of continuing to pile them up. You can now see them from Old Farm Road, two miles from the mine, and from the north end of the lake. This will likewise only get worse. I have been told that the fineness of the tailings prevents them from having any other utility. Again, how is this residents' problem? Tailings used to have massive cross-use, as road surface, foundation fill, etc. My house is built on tailings from Hooper. The tailing pit at the top of 4-H road was almost totally emptied. Residents should not pay because Barton chose an unsustainable process. The tailing mountain should be capped at its current height; let the engineers come up with another solution.

Beyond this, I could care less if the mine keeps running. They could hollow out the entirety of the mountain as long as I don't have to hear it at night and on the weekends. I know they need to blast, run trucks and earth movers, and use Thirteenth Lake Road. I've lived with it for 45 years. I object to (1) the endless scope creep; and, (2) the nasty, cynical PR campaign management chose to run, relying on insults, name calling, and naked partisanship to get their way. And rest assured--they chose this strategy, deliberately, instead of asking their neighbors to work with them. They are not a "good neighbor" as they claim. They're only good if you give them their way.

Thank You

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Albany, NY 12202

From: Anthony Croce <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 11:06 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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TO: NYSAPA

Corrie Magee
NYSAPA
PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

Dear Corrie Magee:

Please accept these public comments on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC, application:

1. The noise and visual impacts from the expanded mine on the community and on the Siamese Ponds Wilderness and other areas of the Forest Preserve are unacceptable. The mine should not be allowed to expand into the critical environmental area (CEA) by 26.1 acres, or be allowed to cut down 16,678 trees in the CEA. The CEA is supposed to be a legal buffer to protect the designated Wilderness Area.
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3. Round the clock 24-hour-a-day mining and processing operations should not be allowed.
4. The expansion of the mine tailings waste pile height by 100 feet will make the pile larger than some peaks in the Adirondacks and Barton has no viable way to revegetate this massive pile. As a result, it will leave a permanent scar on the Adirondack Park.
5. The project will have undue air quality, scenic and aesthetic impacts because Barton's dust suppression efforts have been unsuccessful and the company is proposing no new dust mitigation measures.
6. Although the mine expansion will result in a tripling of heavy-duty truck trips, the continued operation of multiple sources of greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions, and the clear-cutting of approximately 36 acres of forest, Barton has failed to provide any analysis of the climate change impacts of these actions.
7. Independent experts provided information on substantive deficiencies in the Barton Mines application, which the APA has failed to take into account.
8. Barton's application for an expansion should be denied. Please hold an adjudicatory hearing to deny this application.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Anthony Croce <crowchee@yahoo.com>

1275 Charley hill road
Schroon lake, Ny 12870

From: Anthony Hanson <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 11:50 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Anthony Hanson <anthonythanson@gmail.com>

653 Jones Pond rd
Rainbow Lake, NY 12976

From: [Paul Hanson](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: APA project #2021-0245
Date: Monday, September 23, 2024 8:44:10 AM

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Good morning,

I am writing to voice my concern regarding Barton Mine's expansion request. Over just this past year their mineral pile has become more and more visible as it grows higher and wider. Allowing further expansion would only continue the degradation of the landscape. I am hoping the APA will not allow further growth in the park.

Thank you,
Paul Hanson
95 Beach Rd
North River

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: dominique0320@sbcglobal.net
Subject: APA Project 2006-0134A Public Comments
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 4:21:10 PM

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Attn: Keri Surita
Comments from: Dominique Christiane Moore
Email from: dominique0320@sbcglobal.net
Address: 414 E. Las Flores Ave. Arcadia CA 91006
Re: Agency Project 2006-0134A, Shawn McKenna

My Comments:

Dear Ms. Surita,

Hello!

My name is Dominique Moore and I am one of the owners of the house at 5790 Route 30 in Indian Lake are concerned about APA Project P2006-0134a (the "Project").

As a neighbor to the proposed projects, my family and I are concerned about the increase in the number of houses being built in this part of Indian Lake. Over the last few years, the number of families living around us has increased and led to overcrowding in the bay directly across the street from the proposed development. In addition, certain homeowners appear to be renting their homes through short-term rentals. Exacerbating the situation in the bay, is the unfair exploitation of a historical easement held by, as we have been told by our neighbors, a relative to the person seeking approval from Adirondack Park Agency ("APA") for this Project. These trends have led to the massive overuse of the easement, a radical increase in sound pollution and palpable environmental degradation.

With respect to the easement specifically, we note that pursuant to the Indian Lake Zoning Code, Article IX, B appears to state that if 5 or more lots are involved for deeded or granted contractual access to a lake, the frontage must be 100 wide feet on the lake. The current easement, is already used, we believe, by far more than 5 families and, as stated above, is only 20' wide.

We urge the APA to consider adding whatever restrictions it can to this proposed three-lot development to mitigate the risks associated with short-term rentals, absentee ownership and the overuse of a 20' easement across the street from the property.

Our understanding is that the APA has wide authority to impose conditions on new developments to address these types of concerns in order to fulfill its mandate to maintain the ecological and social balance of the Adirondack Park.

We look forward to the opportunity to review and comment on the finalized project plans once they are posted.

Sincerely,

Dominique C. Moore

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: davinastarmand@gmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Davina Thurston
Email from: davinastarmand@gmail.com
Address: 1702 NYS Route 3 Bloomingdale NY 12913
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am in favor of the approval of this application. The Barton mine provides many full time year round good paying jobs for residents of our area.
I am in support of this application because of this.
Thank you

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: kevin.geraghty@townofwarrensburg.net
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: kevin B. Geraghty
Email from: kevin.geraghty@townofwarrensburg.net
Address: 3797 Main Street Warrensburg New York 12845
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

The Town of Warrensburg offers unanimous support to the Barton Mines Project. The company has been in business for many years, have been good stewards of the the environment and offer needed employment within the Park.

Kevin Geraghty
Supervisor
Town of Warrensburg

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: Courtneycorbinvzb@hotmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Courtney Van Voorhis
Email from: Courtneycorbinvzb@hotmail.com
Address: Wevertown
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the amendment Barton Mines is seeking for their North River operations.
Thank you,
Courtney Van Voorhis

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: arthur@arthurwebbgroup.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: arthur webb
Email from: arthur@arthurwebbgroup.com
Address: 40 armstrong road NY 12843
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton Mines is an essential and viable economic engine for our community. They have a proven track record of accomplishment. They have answered many of the major issues that the community had.

This application needs to be approved.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: Dakodawayne@gmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Dakota Heath
Email from: Dakodawayne@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton mines is a part of the Adirondacks and has been since the 1800s. it is huge to have a corporation to have a small town feel and be family ran in this day and age.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: James Williams
Email from: jimjetson24@yahoo.com
Address: PO box 338 North Creek NY 12853
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Bartons should be allowed to expand without any further limitations. Their operations predates the formation of the Adirondack park, and have contributed greatly over the last century to the progress and vitality of town. The very existence of homes near the mine is the direct result of the mines existence: had Barton's not been in Operation when the Park was formed the land would have been deemed forever wild and there would not be a home there. If Barton's is forced to close because of restrictions the homes should be removed!!!!

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Mark Wright
Email from: supervisor@townofticonderoga.org
Address: 132 Montcalm Street Ticonderoga New York 12883
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

As Ticonderoga Town Supervisor, I wish to express my support of this project. All of us who live and work within the Adirondack Park have a sole desire to protect the park while we conduct our daily work and recreational activities. Barton has remarkably demonstrated this ethic since 1878. Continuing in this endeavor by approving this project will allow continued employment for 100 people and provide precious tax dollars to our Adirondack economy at a time when many of our communities are making efforts to stabilize and improve our economic status. The economic boost for each town and community has a ripple effect on all of us. Barton's proposal accommodates good neighbor policies to minimize impacts and good steward economic practices which demonstrates their desire to earn a living while protecting our pristine Adirondacks. It is my hope that the APA and DEC will look favorably upon and approve this project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: aikenchris@icloud.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Christopher Aiken
Email from: aikenchris@icloud.com
Address: PO Box 203 Pottersville NY 12860
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton Mines is and has been an integral part of the North Country economy for well over 100 years. The far reaching devastation that would be imposed upon this area, should the mine become no longer financially viable for the Company would be immediate and widespread.

Not only will the loss of employment affect the actual Barton employees, but as well every supplier of parts and their employees, every fuel supplier and their employees, every store and their employees, the Johnsbury school district and their employees and student, Gore Mt and their operations/bottom line, the retail home and rental market, well the list associated with the negative ripple effect of a mine closer is long and heartbreaking.

Our existence, as people and families in the entire North Country, has been under assault for years and the demographic evidence strongly suggests we have been in decline for decades.

If Barton Mines were to close another big nail would be hammered into the coffin of those of us who are still struggling mightily to live in this beautiful part of America.

It is my firm belief that the desires of the few who are objecting to Barton's survival strategy, need to be over ridden by the needs of the many who would be forever crushed by the mine closing.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Christopher D Aldous
Email from: CALDOUS71@ICLOUD.COM
Address: 6326 NYS Route 30 Indian Lake NY 12842
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Good afternoon- I would like to give my endorsement for the approval of Barton Mines permit modification submitted to the APA and DEC, Barton has a long history with the local communities in their support of local agencies. The manner in which they operated through the years and the plans they have given for the future indicate they can operate within their permit without creating any issues for the surrounding area. Their ability to manage their land to conduct business will continue to support the local economies as well creating stable towns and businesses for others to visit the area and stay. Approving the permit will be a step in creating a brighter future for local communities and those that wish to visit and enjoy what the local areas can provide with local goods, accommodations and the forest scenery.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Bruce Ashline
Email from: horsestock@frontier.com
Address: 144 ARMSTRONG RD, JOHNSBURG, NY 12843-2804 NY 12843
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the Barton Mines application. Bartons is a very important part of Johnsbury and has been for over 100 years. They are a large employer and very good neighbor and taxpayer. They work hard to protect the Adirondacks and keep their neighbors happy. Stop wasting time and taxpayer money and approve their permit.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Scott Beavers
Email from: sabeav@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I would like to express my feelings of support for the Barton Mines LLC Permit.
This year will make my 36 yrs of employment with Barton Mines. It is a great company to work for in the area.
This has provided my employment over the years to be able to live in North Creek and raise my family in the area and support other local businesses in that area also.
Both of my daughters and ourselves were able to live and stay in connection with their other family members and friends in the area.
Being one of the bigger company's for this North Area provides employment for many people and has for many generations. It also provides money and support for other businesses in the area.
Barton follows all environmental laws and rules and safety aspects needed for this to be a successful operation in the Adirondacks and I myself and many many other people support Barton Mines to be able to continue this business in the same area it has been for years and years and help support the locals and other businesses and people for many more years.
It would be devastating for this company not be allowed to continue their business and employ so many people for years to come and keep this area alive.
Thank you

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Scott Ireland
Email from: sireland1@gmail.com
Address: 1417 Charley Hill Road Schroon Lake NY 12870
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I write as an individual that recreates in this general area frequently, and while I have some concerns about the project, my bigger concern is the extremely short window open for public comment. I request you consider extending the time to comment, in keeping with the goal of an informed public - a project of this size, and with the many changes along the way, cannot be reviewed in this short of a time period.
Thank you for your consideration.
Scott Ireland

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: nancyblair611@hotmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Nancy Blair
Email from: nancyblair611@hotmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mines, they are environmentally conscientious and do great things for the community and economy.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: Kahayes97@gmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Kyle Hayes
Email from: Kahayes97@gmail.com
Address: 974 Big Brook Rd Indian Lake NY 12842
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I'm a truck driver with Barton Mines and have been for 9 years. Barton has allowed me to call the Adirondacks home during that time. If Barton does not get its expansion permit approved then it will have to shut down and myself as well as about 100 other employees will be out of a job and have to move elsewhere. Barton benefits the community by not only providing jobs but also by supporting other small businesses, sponsoring sports teams, as well as providing renewable energy with its solar farm to the local area. Please consider approving Barton's expansion permit so it can continue to benefit its employees and the local area. Thank you.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: jwolf@barton.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Joyce Wolf
Email from: jwolf@barton.com
Address: NY 12866
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Hello,

Please approve Barton Mines Corporation's application for mine permit modification. As an employee since 2007, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact the company has on the people and the communities of the Adirondacks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Joyce

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Matthew J Simpson
Email from: simpsom@nyassembly.gov
Address: 4 Southwestern Ave Suite 3 Queensbury NY 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I write to share my support for Barton Mines LLC's mine permit modification application. This modification application will allow Barton Mines to continue operating for more than 60 additional years, increase residual mineral storage to backfill mined-out areas, extend the quarry footprint within existing Barton property, and increase the number of allowable truck trips inside while reducing total trucking hours.

Barton Mines is a family-owned company that has been operating in the Adirondack region since 1878 and conducting mineral extraction and processing on at its current location since 1983. The company has been an important part of the Warren County economy and community throughout its history and without approval of its permit modification request, will be forced to cease operations within the next 5-7 years. The presence lost from a company that has lineage pre-dating the Adirondack Park would be considerable. Over 100 individuals would lose employment, \$8 million in wages and benefits would be lost, and \$7 million in company-direct spending with fellow North Country businesses would also disappear on top of the hundreds of thousands of dollars in company-direct local taxes paid annually. All activities conducted on the site is permitted under APA land-use and the company continually maintains good standing in its compliance with APA, DEC, and MSHA regulations. Finally, when all operations have reached maturity, the totality of the mine will still not exceed 30% of the 849-acre property and will still host nearly 600 acres of forest coverage.

Barton Mines has been an exceptional partner to the Adirondack and North Country community for nearly 150 years and further, is a notable partner in one of the longest running human-interactive environmental conservation experiments in the nation. I offer my wholehearted endorsement of this request and fully entrust them to continue being the good neighbor they have been for many decades to come.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Debra Molinski
Email from: Skideb.home@gmail.com
Address: 134 We-Yo Trail Indian Lake NY 12842
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I hope the APA approves the Barton proposal so many more generations can continue this unique, important and historical business.

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Comments from: James Monty
Email from: supervisor@lewistownhall.com
Address: 8574 US Rt. 9, PO Box 59 Lewis NY 12950
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am writing to offer my support for Barton Mines. This company has been operations for many years and has many employees from southern Essex County. The impact on the economy of Essex County and the local area is vitally important. They are a very enviromently conscious company who works to ensure the beauty and vitality of our Adirondack Park. As the Town Supervisor of a community that hosts a mining company, I know how important it is to the local economy, while still protecting our enviorment. I encourage you to approve this application, for not only economic considerations, but also for the fact that this company has been mining in the current location for 41 years and has been completely responsible.

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Comments from: Darrin Harr Jr.
Email from: darrinharrjr@icloud.com
Address: Indian Lake NY 12842
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am very much in support of Barton mines. They contribute a lot of tax revenue to the area and support a lot of families through employment. There's a shortage of decent employers in the area for aspiring families as it is, so it's great that Barton is here. The permit amendments are very reasonable. I am hoping everything is approved and goes smoothly.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Alexander Passino
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Address: new york 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support barton mines.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Paxton Hunt
Email from: paxhunt426@gmail.com
Address: 27 Maple Dr Queenbury New York 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am writing in support of Barton Mines' mine permit modification application, which must be approved to extend the life of the company's Adirondack operations – providing critically important jobs and economic benefits for future generations.

I have worked for several industrial companies within the capital region and have found a home at Barton Mines. Barton's commitment to its employees and the environment have set them apart from any other company I have worked for and many other places I have heard of. This permit modification has my full support and understanding. It seems a very logical next step to take in the life of the mine on Ruby Mountain.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Shanon Passino
Email from: shann137@hotmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Hello,

I would like to take a moment to express my support for Barton Mines. I hope that you will consider supporting a long standing and important employer in our region.

Thank you,
Shannon

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Jeffrey Puckett
Email from: Jeffreypuckett@me.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

While jobs are certainly important and there is strong support for maintaining and growing the economy, the concern is over approval of such a long term plan. Such long term approval seems very unbalanced with all the stated concerns over the noise, visual impact, stability of tailings, and other unforeseen outcomes. I would think the APA would want to have defined methods and review processes to monitor negative outcomes on shorter (5 year) cycles. So many things can happen over the next 50 plus years. Keeps everyone aligned to a balanced approach. And we know that there could be new owners at some point in the future. And the new owners may not be nearly as aligned as the generational ownership structure that is currently in place.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Michelle Roethke
Email from: michellear33@yahoo.com
Address: 11 Byrne Ave Glens Falls NY 12801
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I have been working for Barton for the past 8 years (and counting). This company is very involved in the local community and charities and we do a lot to improve/maintain the beauty of the Adirondacks such as trails through the property, and building an outside classroom at the local school. We also adopt families at Christmas time and provide meals and presents for them. We need this permit to be approved so we can continue this legacy.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Victoria Smith
Email from: trailer.curly@yahoo.com
Address: Route 28 North River, NY 12856
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Connie Magee: Barton Mines has been a large part of North River for over 150 years. They employ many people from around the area that need the work to survive here. They are needed here, many of my family have worked at Bartons from my grandfather, uncles, father, brother and sons to my grandson. They have to be let to keep operating.

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Comments from: Brian Hammond
Email from: bhammond1388@gmail.com
Address: 30 stagecoach rd. Chestertown NY 12817
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Hello, my name is Brian Hammond, I am writing in support of the Barton Mines mine permit modification application, which must be approved to extend the life of the company's Adirondack operations providing critically important jobs and economic benefits for future generations. I am proud to be born and raised in the Adirondack Park, and to work for a great company (Barton Mines) which has provided a livable wage for me and my family for 24 years! they are one of the best employers around and They truly care for their employees. Barton is family oriented, and they truly treat you like family which is hard to find. If it was not for Barton, I would have to move my family out of the are in search for a job or travel a far distance. Barton has managed its Ruby Mountain operation in a safe and responsible manner since opening in 1983, and I have confidence that Barton is designed to minimize community impacts. Barton is a major employer, providing approximately 125 good paying jobs. Barton is also an important taxpayer, and customer to many other area businesses.
The Adirondack Park needs responsible natural resource managers like Barton who keeps local people employed and our local community thriving. I urge you to approve the company's permit application and enable Barton to provide these types of community benefits far into the future.

Thank you,
Brian Hammond

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Email from: rgjenks@barton.com
Address: 2 woodcrest drive Queensbury New York 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton's ask related to the extension of the mine permit is disproportionate to and pales in comparison to the extensive, time proven, local/regional/national benefits that accrue to the North Country on account of the operational excellence provided by the Barton organization.

The Adirondack Park needs responsible natural resource managers like Barton who keep local people employed and our local community thriving. I urge you to approve the company's permit application and enable Barton to provide these types of community benefits far into the future.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Patrick Teague
Email from: patteag@yahoo.com
Address: 55 Lakeview Lane North River New York 12856
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Dear Corrie Magee:

I am writing to the DEC and APA re: comments about the completed Barton Mine permit application number 2021-0245. First of all, why has APA shortened the comment period to 15 days? Is this a rubber stamp of approval to prevent any meaningful analysis of the 1,000 plus page complex application documents? We understand that this project is on the APA's November agenda, indicating that the agency is attempting to avoid an adjudicatory hearing for this complex project. This abbreviated comment period totally disregards the public who will have to live with the APA's decision for the next 75-years and beyond.

As a neighbor residing in the Garnet Hill area, I am extremely concerned about the state's approval and oversight of Barton's mines current and future operations. The main areas of concern for many of us who live in the area are:

- The constant 24-7 noise emanating from the mine and incomplete Barton sound studies.
- The visual impact of the growing tailing piles, and Barton's plans to increase the size of the pile from 73 acres to over 88 acres, as well as lowering the quarry floor of the mine from 1,860 feet to 1,790 feet.
- The lack of engineering for the planned increase in tailing piles needed to be done to ensure their stability and safety.
- The lack of a dust management plan and incomplete revegetation plan.
- The proposed increase in trucking up 13th Lake Road from 5 to 16 trips per day.
- Finally, the mine is seeking to expand its presence by applying for a 75-year permit, in which they do not propose any meaningful efforts to mitigate these issues.

We would like answers to understand what the state agencies are doing to protect the surrounding wilderness and the interests of those who live in the area.

Noise Comment

Those of us who live in the area are exposed to an increase in the noise that emanates from its mill operation, 24-7. Six or seven years ago, this noise was not present, indicating that something has either changed in their operation or the landscape of the mine has changed. Having read the voluminous sound studies they conducted, I remain skeptical of their reported results as the agencies' comments indicate that the reported results are inconsistent in terms of data and do not answer state their questions to have them redone so they include a consistent methodology and are done at the agencies' recommended locations and times. While measuring the sound emanating from the operation makes sense, my question is related to the actual noise, which cannot be measured. The DEC's definition of noise reads:

“Noise is defined as any loud, discordant, or disagreeable sound or sounds. More commonly, in an environmental context, noise is defined simply as unwanted sound. Certain activities inherently produce sound levels or sound characteristics that have the potential to create noise. The sound generated by proposed or existing facilities may become noise due to land use surrounding the facility. When lands adjoining an existing or proposed facility contain residential, commercial, institutional, or recreational uses that are proximal to the facility, noise is likely to be a matter of concern to residents or users of adjacent lands.”

My question is, what can be done to mitigate the unwanted noise that we are constantly hearing from our homes, on 13th Lake and from the surrounding wilderness area? Surely, there are engineering solutions to reduce the noise exposure that the wildlife and residents of the area are experiencing. We neighbors approached Barton about this issue in 2019 before and again after they submitted their permit, only to be ignored and read in their application that the “noise” is “quiet noise.” Is there such a thing as quiet noise? We read in the initial application that the noise from the mill was considered by Barton to be ambient noise, which everyone knows is untrue, thus my skepticism.

Visual Impact Comment

As the mine expands its tailings, which are really waste materials, are there plans to revegetate the area? One wonders what will grow on the powder-like material that they now produce from their new products. Aren’t their “residual mineral” tailings actually waste materials, with their so-called intention to sell this as a product, just a way around the state regulations, i.e., have they found any buyers for the dust?

In reading the permit application, they have not tested any vegetation in many years, and provided outdated information from decades ago. The waste material has changed resulting in increased dust as well as the growing unsightliness of the tailing piles. Is this safe for the surrounding wilderness and wildlife? Will this affect the tourist industry for the Garnet Hill Lodge where guests have complained about the noise while hiking in the area?

Engineering of the Tailing Piles Comment

Has a complete engineering plan and program been developed to ensure the stability and safety of the increasing size of the tailing piles? In reading the previous iterations of the permit application, this was lacking. Clearly, this is an issue of the utmost concern. Likewise, when the mine eventually closes in 75 years, who will monitor the stability of the tailing piles? Does the state have the expertise to monitor the stability of these piles?

Dust Comment

As the state agencies are aware, there have been several occasions when dust clouds have been seen blowing off the tailing piles atop Ruby Mountain. When the dust clouds are reported, we get boiler plate answers that this occurred due to high winds, with no solutions. The obvious questions are:

Are the minute dust particles harmful to humans and animals? The change in their process has reduced the size of the particles used in their new product from 0.6 cm to .025 micron. This is a dramatic change in their process that no one in the state agencies seems to have considered.

Can the piles be revegetated?

Is it really possible to spread dust retardant, as proposed, over such an extensive area? If so, is it being done?

Trucking Comment

Is increasing the trucking trips from 5 to 16 per day protecting the environment? Is it ok to permit an additional nuisance to those who live in the area? Will Barton be required to invest in electric vehicles to reduce the noise and additional carbon emissions they plan to create?

75-Year Permit Comment

My questions are:

- Why is a permit being granted for such an extended period and what steps are the state agencies taking to monitor the mine’s compliance?
- At one point, the APA was recommending incremental 5-year reviews before the next phase of the expansion could proceed. Is this requirement still in place?

In closing, I remain hopeful that the APA and DEC will protect those of us who live in the area and protect the surrounding wilderness. Surely, Barton Mine can step up to mitigate these concerns if they want to live up to their PR campaign of being a good neighbor and friend of the wilderness.

Thank you,

Patrick Teague

North River, NY

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Comments from: Melissa Clifford
Email from: mclifford@barton.com
Address: 112 Karen Lane Gansevoort NY 12831
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

During my 17+ years of working at Barton Mines, I have seen first-hand the commitment to our employees, the community and the environment. Our core values are incorporated into our daily decision-making process with a focus on our employees and the community.

Our employees have a rich history as generations of families have completed their careers at Barton. Without Barton in the North Country, these families would be forced to relocate. The community and economic impact would be significant. Our employees and their families enjoy the region and want to remain in their homes where generations of their families reside, their children attend school and there are dedicated to their small communities.

As a family-owned company that has been responsibly mining in Johnsburg since 1878, we urge you to approve our application. Barton has helped me provide for my family and without the North Creek operations, I would be forced to look for another opportunity outside of the region. I urge you to consider the positive contributions Barton has made to the local community and will continue to make for many years to come.

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Comments from: Michael Cameron
Email from: mcameron624@gmail.com
Address: 43 Pine Valley Drive South Glens Falls NY 12803
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Hello Corrie,
Writing to you to express my support of the Barton Mines permit. Barton is a critical business in our North Country and has been following ethical business practices for over 140 years. It is extremely important to my family and all of Barton's employees' families that we keep this mine in operation.

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Email from: mmarkwica@johnsburgcsd.org
Address: 165 Main Street North Creek New York 12853-2304
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton Mines has been a vital company and partner to our community. They employ many of our residents with high-paying and life-fulfilling jobs. There are very few employers of the magnitude of Barton's, and the thought that this community could ever lose them is highly concerning. The economic hardship would be devastating. In addition, I have been working at Johnsburg Central School as the Superintendent for the past twenty years. Barton Mines is very active in our school and town communities. They have supported us in several endeavors, including an outdoor classroom with solar panels installed for our student's educational experience, donated to our building project by providing a garnet cornerstone, and annually supporting our Dollars for Scholars fund.

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Comments from: Lisa Manning
Email from: llmanning72@gmail.com
Address: 22 Timbira Drive Wilton NY 12831
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

To whom it may concern,
I'm writing in regards to Barton Mines and the mining permit application for expansion. As an employee of Barton mines I have refrained from commenting to allow for the general public to have their say. Now I feel it's time to also have some input from myself as an employee from the lower level. I have been employed by Barton Mines for approx. 10 years now and came to Barton after working for a large corporation Quad Graphics who employed over 12,000 employees. I can tell you coming from such a large corporation and beginning employee with Barton I was attracted to Barton due to the Culture and the beliefs of the company. They treat the employees like family and the same can be said as how they feel about the communities they do business in. I'm proud to see what they have accomplished, the integrity that is demonstrated at all levels of the company and the community involvement. This company is remarkable in my opinion, and genuinely does the right thing in all actions. I felt it was finally necessary to speak out as an employee and a resident of Warren County for nearly most my life, until I got married and move to Wilton, in Saratoga County. I have dozens of family members in Warren County. Including several family members who were former police officers, Queensbury Highway Department officials, board members and EMS & fire volunteers of whom have the upmost respect for Barton Mines and their community efforts.

In addition as an employee I have gotten to know many of the employees that reside up North and rely on Barton Mines to provide for their families and what Barton does in the community.

Please consider these comments during your process. Thank you

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Andrew J. Lewis
Email from: ajlewis9@gmail.com
Address: Gravel road Bakers Mills NY 12811
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

To Whom it may concern,

I am a lifelong resident of the town of Johnsburg. I have worked for Barton International for over 18 years. What started as a temporary job while I attended college soon turned into a career that I am extremely proud of. As a proud, loyal member of the community I would like to express my support of the Barton Mines' APA permit modification application.

- I am the 4th generation of my family that Barton International has employed. I have a picture of my great grandfather working in the pit on Gore alongside the grandfather of our current haul truck driver.
- Because of Barton's I am lucky enough to work alongside my brother and several of my cousins.
- Barton is a family of its own. Employees take care of each other not only at work but outside of work on a regular basis.
- Without Barton I would be forced to work out of town or worst-case scenario move my family to a location where I could adequately provide for them.
- Johnsburg and Barton are my home. It is where my family, friends, and everything I love is located. I am privileged to drive from the wilderness to the wilderness to make a living.
- Barton means being able to afford to raise my children in one of the most beautiful locations. It means being able to teach them to appreciate a quiet life. It means showing them that it's possible to thrive respectfully in the Adirondacks, as generations before them have.
- There is little other opportunity in the area and few if any employers as positive and family oriented in the country.

Barton has allowed me to provide for my family, and for that I will forever be grateful. I ask you to respectfully consider the positive contributions Barton has made to the local community and approve their mine permit application.

Respectfully,
Andrew J. Lewis

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From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: kim@revrail.com
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Comments from: Kim LaScala
Email from: kim@revrail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am writing in support of Barton Mines' mine permit modification application, which must be approved to extend the life of the company's Adirondack operations – providing critically important jobs and economic benefits for future generations.

Barton has managed its Ruby Mountain operations in a safe and responsible manner since opening in 1983, and I have confidence that Barton's plan is designed to minimize community Impacts.

Barton is a major employer, providing approximately 125 good jobs. Barton is also an important taxpayer, and a customer to many other area businesses.

The Adirondack Park needs responsible natural resource managers like Barton who keep local people employed and our local community thriving. I urge you to approve the company's permit application and enable Barton to provide these types of community benefits far into the future.

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Email from: eknoop@barton.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Good afternoon,

My name is Evelyn Knoop and I am an employee of Barton Mines Co. LLC with 18 years of service in the Finance Department living in Queensbury, NY. My commitment to this company is of the utmost importance to me along with their economic stability in our region providing secure job growth for Adirondack area families, their own future long-term prosperity and continued local neighboring partnerships rooted in upstate New York.

Sincerely,
Evelyn

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Comments from: Charles Kashiwa
Email from: charlie.kashiwa@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

My name is Charles Kashiwa, and I am honored to represent the sixth generation of family ownership in our company. Newly a full-time resident of Glens Falls, both my parents were born and raised in the Adirondacks and my commitment to our community, and its well-being, is deeply personal. For 146 years, Barton Mines has consistently supported its employees and the surrounding community. Our legacy is built on a foundation of unwavering commitment to the best practices of environmental stewardship, and we take great pride in our history and of the positive impact we have had in the community. In keeping with our tradition of responsible and sustainable operations, we respectfully request the APA's approval of our Mine Permit Application, confident that it will bring continued prosperity to our community, while maintaining our commitment to environmental stewardship.

From: [Kim Meusel](#)
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To: John Ernst and Barbara Rice,

My name is Kim Meusel. I have been a visitor of North Creek since 1989, homeowner and tax payer since 2006.

First, PLEASE EXTEND THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR BARTON MINES, LLC APA PROJECT NO. 2021-0245 TO 60 DAYS. 15 days is not sufficient time. The permit is thousands of pages long and the public is not getting a fair chance to review this. If permitted to expand Barton Mine will change the character of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area and quality of life for many.

One of my biggest concerns in Barton Mine expansion/extension is the noise nuisance and impact on the character of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. My road (Ruby Mtn.) is close to Barton Mine, so we are perhaps the first ripple in the ripple effect. You can draw a circle around Barton Mine equal distance to Ruby Mtn view and it's fair to say the noise nuisance will be similar all around including the wilderness area and will expand as Barton's work expands.

NOISE NUISANCE- The mine is running 24 hrs./ 7 days a week and it can be heard at some level of intensity any hour of the day. Sometimes it can be heard inside the house with doors and windows closed. This is the situation now, BEFORE expansion of the mine.

When noise from Barton Mine is heard

-first thing in the morning 7am when having coffee and sitting at the computer, this is usually truck and machinery noise. The back up beeping can be heard for miles around.

-morning/afternoon- when outside working in the yard or hiking the neighborhood, again trucks, back up beeping, machinery, jack hammers.

-late afternoon-when all the trucks descend Thirteenth Lake Road, it is *extremely* noisy as the dump trucks are huge and struggle to slow down that steep slope.

- evening/night-7, 8, 9 PM when grilling dinner or having a campfire, we hear the mill and machinery running. Sometimes this is a dull humming noise and sometimes it is a louder noise that grows louder and louder and louder, then subsides and grows louder again-repeatedly.

-late night 11PM/12AM when taking the dog out and looking at stars we hear the industrial mechanical noise.

-throughout the night- if we sleep with windows open, it is the mine we hear. It's become a constant backdrop.

Where noise from Barton Mine is heard- Siamese Ponds Wilderness are- along the trail on the west side of Thirteenth Lake heading up to Peaked Mtn. and kayaking on Thirteenth Lake. Thirteenth Lake has many free campsites all around it, a public boat launch, and picnic area that is wheelchair accessible. Thirteenth Lake is truly a wilderness experience for everyone.

Barton Mine noise is heard in the Garnet Hill neighborhood and at The Garnet Hill Lodge. (an important local business employing 50 + and bringing 6,000+ to the area each year) Some people make a living and raise families off service jobs. My husband's family did.

Noise travels and as Barton Mine expands, the ripple effect of noise will grow larger and larger. Barton Mine claims there is no impact, and no mitigation needed. This is simply not true. How can it be? Industrial noise is not natural, and it ruins the peaceful character of this area. The mine was not audible in the past and Barton should have strict guidelines in place to get back to that and not disturb the peace.

Since Barton Mine is almost surrounded by wilderness, there are few people to speak up about the noise. Please listen to those that do, we also speak for the land and animals.

Most birds and mammals use sound to survive. They rely on sound to find food and mates, to guide their young, and to protect themselves. Constant industrial noise disrupts this.

Please consider the dire effects of Barton Mine on residents and the WILDERNESS AREA.

Put specific and measurable noise guidelines in place.

Thank you,

Kim Meusel

From: [Larry Blackhurst](#)
Subject: APA project number 2021-0245. Barton Mines, Corrie Magee
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 4:34:25 PM

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To the attention of Ms. Magee,

I am a resident of North River, NY who values the “forever wild” Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area, especially Thirteenth Lake. I live year round on Birch Mtn Road, about a mile from the mine at an elevation of 1950 feet.

**The mine lights are visible at night from my property.
The processing and mining noise is audible year round from my property.
The tailings pile is visible in the winter from my property.**

**Why can't the light pollution be reduced
Can't noise abatement techniques be
implemented
Can the tailing's pile be removed to the
original site
to the large mine hole at the top of
Barton Mines Road**

Please let me express my appreciation for your openness to hearing from all stakeholders as you proceed with your evaluation. I look forward to your continued advocacy on behalf of the shining gem, The Adirondack Park.

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From: [Mary Blackhurst](#)
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As a full-time North River, NY, resident for over 37 years, I have the following concerns about the Barton Mine permit application:

The constant 24-7 noise emanating from the mine and incomplete Barton sound studies.

The visual impact of the growing tailing piles, and Barton's plans to increase the size of the pile from 73 acres to over 88 acres, as well as lowering the quarry floor of the mine from 1,790 feet to 1,860 feet.

The lack of engineering for the planned increase in tailing piles needed to be done to ensure their stability and safety.

The lack of a dust management plan and incomplete revegetation plan.

The proposed increase in trucking up 13 th Lake Road from 5 to 16 trips per day.

Finally, the mine is seeking to expand its presence by applying for a 75-year permit, in which they do not propose any meaningful efforts to mitigate these issues.

Mary Blackhurst
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North River, NY 12856

From: tom.meusel@gmail.com
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments: Magee, Corrie \(APA\)](#)
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Hi Corrie and the APA, I have been visiting the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area since the mid-1980's and have been a resident and taxpayer in Johnsburg since 2006. I'm writing to express my strong objections to the proposed expansion of Barton Mine on Ruby Mountain bordering the Siamese Pond Wilderness area (APA Project Number 2021-245). The proposed expansion raises serious concerns that I believe have and will continue to negatively impact the environment, community, economy and quality of life for residents and visitors in the surrounding area. I urge you to carefully consider these concerns and take the necessary steps to protect this sensitive region.

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Negative impact from the Expansion of Barton Mine:

1. Constant 24/7 Noise and Incomplete Sound Studies

The ongoing noise generated by the mine, which operates around the clock, is already a significant disturbance to the surrounding areas. The noise pollution is not only disruptive to the local community but also to the natural habitat in the Siamese Pond Wilderness. The sound studies provided by Barton are self-serving, incomplete and do not adequately address the impact of the continuous noise they create. It is crucial that a comprehensive sound study be conducted to assess the true impact of continuous operations on the environment and local residents.

2. Visual Impact of Growing Tailing Piles

The visual impact of the expanding tailing piles is another critical concern. Barton plans to increase the size of the tailing pile from 73 acres to over 88 acres while also lowering the quarry floor from 1,790 feet to 1,860 feet. This significant alteration of the landscape will have a lasting visual impact, detracting from the natural beauty of the surrounding wilderness area. Such a dramatic change in the landscape needs to be carefully evaluated to minimize the disruption to the scenic views of this pristine region.

3. Lack of Engineering for Tailing Pile Stability

I am deeply concerned about the absence of adequate engineering plans for the increased tailing piles. Without proper engineering studies and assessments, there is no guarantee that the stability and safety of these piles will be ensured and certainly not to hold up for 75 more years. It is essential that a detailed engineering plan is developed to address the risks associated with the increased tailing piles to prevent potential hazards.

4. Lack of Dust Management and Incomplete Revegetation Plan

Barton Mine's expansion proposal lacks a sufficient dust management plan to mitigate the impact of increased operations. Dust from the mine can have severe effects on air quality, local ecosystems, and nearby residents' health. Additionally, the revegetation plan presented by Barton is incomplete and lacks specificity on how they will restore and manage the

disturbed land. A comprehensive dust control and revegetation strategy is needed to mitigate the environmental damage caused by the mining activities.

5. Increase in Truck Traffic on 13th Lake Road

The proposed increase in truck traffic from 5 to 16 trips per day on 13th Lake Road raises concerns about road safety, noise pollution, and further environmental impact. Increased trucking activity will not only affect the residents living along this route but also disrupt the peace and tranquility of the area. The cumulative impact of this additional traffic on the local infrastructure and community must be thoroughly evaluated.

6. 75-Year Permit with No Meaningful Mitigation Efforts

Finally, I am concerned that Barton Mine is seeking a 75-year permit without proposing any significant efforts to address or mitigate the issues mentioned above. A permit of such an extensive duration should not be granted without clear, enforceable commitments from Barton to minimize noise, visual, and environmental impacts and to ensure the health and safety of the local community and environment.

7. Impact on local businesses and the economy

Although Barton claims to employ almost 100 people in Warren County, the vast majority sit in their “green” building in Glens Falls. Ironically there’s nothing “green” about their operation on Ruby Mountain. The few employees that reside in Johnsbury are no more important than the employees that drive the true economy in the area, which is tourism. Hospitality, recreation and other outdoor activities far out number the jobs that Barton claims. With the continued expansion of Barton mine you, the APA and DEC, put those jobs at risk.

In light of these concerns, I strongly urge the APA and DEC to thoroughly review and reconsider Barton Mine's expansion proposal. It is imperative that Barton addresses these issues with a focus on sustainability, environmental protection, and community well-being before any permit or approval is granted. The protection of the Siamese Pond Wilderness area and surrounding regions should be a top priority, and I believe the current proposal does not meet the necessary standards to safeguard this valuable natural resource.

To that end, if the concerns above are not effectively addressed nor mitigated, I request an official adjudicatory public hearing if this project is to move forward.

Thank you for considering my comments. I trust that you will make a decision that prioritizes the long-term health of our environment and the communities that depend on it.

Sincerely, Tom Meusel

From: [Austin Clayton Yahoo](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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Re: APA Project #2021-245 September 30, 2024

Dear Ms. C. Magee and Ms. B. Magee,

My name is Austin Clayton. I am a resident of North River, NY. Specifically, my property adjoins 13th Brook and faces the Barton Mine Operation on Ruby Mountain. I have serious concerns about the increasingly intrusive and disruptive operations at the Barton Mine on Ruby Mountain in Johnsbury, NY as well as their proposed plans to apply for a 75-Year extension and expansion of their permit with the Adirondack Park Agency. The Adirondack Park Agency and the Department of Environmental Conservation need to fully assess this application.

Like many of my fellow residents in North River, I am not opposed to the continued operation of the mine, which has been a consistent and generally good member of our community for many decades. I am concerned though by the recent request to greatly expand their operations without adequate mitigation and in a manner consistent with its location on the edge of the "forever wild" Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area.

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As proposed, the proposal Mine Plan would expand the mine from 195 to 267 acres, a more than 30% increase. With that expanded footprint comes increased blasting, additional waste disposal proposals (increasing the height of the tailings pile by more than 100feet, making it higher than many ADK summits in the Siamese Pond Wilderness Area), and heavy duty truck traffic entering and leaving the mine site.

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/s/ Austin Clayton

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Dear Corrie Magee,

I am writing to plead with the Adirondack Park Agency to carefully review Barton Mine's Ruby Mountain mine application and put in place safeguards and requirements that will protect the surrounding neighborhoods and wilderness for the next 75 years. I am not a scientist and can not begin to follow the thousands of pages in the application so I must put my faith in the APA to protect the interests of not just the mine but also the hundreds of people that live within proximity to the mine and the many more people that enjoy 13th Lake and hiking on the surrounding trails .

I have been visiting and camping in the area for more than 40 years and have owned a home off 13th Lake Road for twenty years and in recent years the presence of the mine has noticeably changed. While there used to be an occasional dynamite explosion, now there is a near constant drone - the silence of nature no longer exists. There is also now dust which coats everything and where before you could not see the mine, now it is visible from the road and many other sites around the area. This is before the application is approved and explains why I am so concerned with this new application to expand the mine.

I respectfully request the APA to require:

- Mitigation and a cap of the noise emanating from the mine. If mitigation isn't possible then have days (weekends / holidays) when the machines don't operate. I understand that the current application has no mitigative measures included. Does the APA really want constant noise permeating 13th Lake and the Siamese Wilderness? and how much worse could it get without a cap? I know Barton says they aren't doing anything differently but if that is the case then they have changed the topography so that previous natural barriers to the noise no longer exist.
- Dust Control that is proven to work. The current dust is very fine and I believe

comes from a relatively new process. I trust that the APA has thoroughly studied it to ensure that it is safe to breathe.

- Vegetation reclamation that is also proven to work and begins well before the end of the license period.
- Reduction of the pilings increase. I understand that with a 100 foot increase, the pilings will be seen from 13th Lake. In addition to the visual impact, I worry about the stability of the pilings in the event of a major rain storm. I trust that the APA has taken into account the impact of ever stronger storms and climate change.
- A shorter license period - say 30 or 35 years with a reduced pilings increase. It doesn't look like the 100 foot increase is even necessary until year 35 so why not reassess the situation at that point before agreeing to the height increase now? This provides some incentive for Barton to be a good neighbor vis-a-vis the other issues and allows the APA to formally check in on the state of the mine at this future time point.
- Frequent regulatory monitoring to ensure compliance with permit.

Given the complexity and long-term impact of what is proposed in this application, I would also request for a longer comment period so that there is time for expert review of Barton's latest response to the most recent NIPA. This input would be helpful to ensure the best possible safeguards are required. Since we will live with the results of what the APA approves in this mine application for a very long time, it does not seem appropriate to limit the comment period to a mere 15 days instead of the more normal 60 days.

Finally, while Barton says they have "incorporated feedback from neighbors to minimize community impact", that is not true. Instead they have mounted an aggressive PR campaign in an expanded geographic region (not actual neighbors) to drum up support with the threat of losing jobs in the area. They have mischaracterized neighbors' efforts to look for mitigation of the most troublesome aspects of the mine's operations as being an attempt to close the mine. No one wants the jobs to go away but there must be a middle ground that also protects the wilderness and neighbors' quality of life. (As a side note, I do hope that the APA is ensuring that local employment levels are maintained during the life of the mine

permit.)

Barton also frequently touts that local homeowners knew what they were getting when they bought homes near a mine. But the truth is that there were many homes in existence before the mine existed and the APA approved the Garnet Hill 100+ home subdivision in 1977, before the mine was approved and began operations in 1983. And as noted above, for many years our experience was that the mine did not intrude on the environment. I wonder if the APA contemplated this large of a mining operation back in 1983 when it approved a mine so close to the Siamese Wilderness and a relatively densely populated part of the Park.

In closing, I sincerely hope that the APA balances the needs of the mine with the protection of the wilderness by requiring some safeguards as it would be such a shame to lose this slice of heaven that is 13th Lake. It really is one of the Adirondack Park's gems that should be protected!

Fran Bonham
North River, NY

OCT 09 2024

MONDAY — October 7, 2024

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Modification Project

("PROJECT 2021-0245")

(BARTON MINES, LLC.)

CORRIE MAGEE

John M. Arcate
JOHN M. ARCATÉ
225 WEBBER AVENUE
SLEEPY HOLLOW, NY
10591-2004

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Marie E. Arcate
MARIE E. ARCATÉ
225 WEBBER AVENUE
SLEEPY HOLLOW, NY
10591-2004

Mr. J. H. Jones

Dear Mr. Jones:
I am writing you to inform you that the
product of the project is now ready
for shipment.

The product of the project is now ready
for shipment. It is a very good
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satisfied with it.

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Very truly yours,
J. H. Jones
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From: Ashley Thompson <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 11:47 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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TO: NYSAPA

Corrie Magee
NYSAPA
PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Ashley Thompson <iaksatiio13@gmail.com>

311 saint regis road hogansburg ny
Hogansburg, Ny 13655



MATTHEW J. SIMPSON
Assemblyman
114th District

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ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

OCT 04 2024

Corrie Magee
Adirondack Park Agency
P.O. Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

RE: Barton Mines' Mine Permit Modification Application

Dear Corrie,

I write to share my support for Barton Mines LLC's mine permit modification application. This modification application will allow Barton Mines to continue operating for more than 60 additional years, increase residual mineral storage to backfill mined-out areas, extend the quarry footprint within existing Barton property, and increase the number of allowable truck trips inside a reduced window for trucking hours.

Barton Mines is a family-owned company that has been operating in the Adirondack region since 1878 and conducting mineral extraction and processing on at its current location since 1983. The company has been an important part of the Warren County economy and community throughout its history and without approval of its permit modification request, will be forced to cease operations within the next 5-7 years. The presence lost from a company that has lineage pre-dating the Adirondack Park would be considerable. Over 100 individuals would lose employment, \$8 million in wages and benefits would be lost, and \$7 million in company-direct spending with fellow North Country businesses would also disappear on top of the hundreds of thousands of dollars in company-direct local taxes paid annually. All activities conducted on the site is permitted under APA land-use and the company continually maintains good standing in its compliance with APA, DEC, and MSHA regulations. Finally, when all operations have reached maturity, the totality of the mine will still not exceed 30% of the 849-acre property and will still host nearly 600 acres of forest coverage.

Barton Mines has been an exceptional partner to the Adirondack and North Country community for nearly 150 years and furthermore, is a notable partner in one of the longest running human-interactive environmental conservation experiments in the nation. I offer my wholehearted endorsement of this request and fully entrust them to continue being the good reliable neighbor they have been for many decades to come.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Simpson
114th Assembly District

From: Barb Willson <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 10:35 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Sincerely,

Barb Willson <dibby0708@gmail.com>

Erie Street
Rotterdam Junction, NY 12150-9732

From: Barbara Roberts <barob99@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 2:37 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments; Magee, Beth A (DEC)
Subject: APA Project Number 2021-245

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Dear Corrie Magee and Beth Magee,

I am a resident of North River NY who greatly values the forever wild Siamese Ponds wilderness area around Thirteenth Lake. I am very concerned about the proposed expansion of operations at the Barton Mine on Ruby Mountain in Johnsbury, NY.

The noise from the mining operations is significant and we hear the mine every day, some days there are loud booms that shake our home, other days we hear trucks and a din. Noise mitigation measures need to be addressed or hours should be limited if the mine expands operations. Also, dust levels are increasing. Our back yard faces Ruby Mountain and grey, gritty dust and fragments from the mine settle on our deck, windows, patio furniture etc. and it is almost impossible to clean this off. More stringent measures to control dust need to be enforced during mining activities.

Please consider these concerns. It is most important that the APA continue to protect the forever wild of the Adirondacks. Thank you for your support in gathering feedback from all stakeholders in this matter.

Barbara Roberts
119 Harvey Road
North River NY 12856

From: [David Hudson](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#); [Magee, Beth A \(DEC\)](#)
Subject: Barton Mine expansion
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 8:51:04 AM

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Good morning,

I have been receiving regular letters from Barton Mines asking for my support for their expansion.

The latest on 9/25/2024 has the loaded gun to our heads with the threat of closure if their expansion plan is not approved.

It reminds me of Paper Mills that I have worked with over the years asking for environmental allowances and other state help for issues that they avoided tackling in a timely manner. Newton Falls is an example.

The increase in truck traffic bothers me and the fact that everytime I go by the entrance to their plant, there is a help wanted sign. If they are having difficulty attracting workers now, how will they meet labor needs for increased production?

The large trucks do bother me, especially when bicycling, they are dangerous and in my experience reckless.

I leave all of this in your capable hands. You have a better understanding that I. I trust in you to study the issue and come up with a well thought out decision.

Sincerely,

David Hudson
seasonal resident (May to October)
Griffin Road
Indian Lake, NY
permanent residence
6 Konig Road
Ghent, NY 12075
518.441.0941 cell
518.392.6448 land line

From: [John Fallon](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Barton Mine Permit
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 8:04:15 AM

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Dear Corrie Magee:

Please consider the Barton Mine Permit, with the knowledge that the town of Johnsburg cannot survive without the mine and the mine employees.

I will hold you personally accountable if the mine land becomes a Real Estate Development for the wealthy entitled that don't care about the residents of the Park.

Thank you very much,

John Fallon
914-714-2682

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mike Corey](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Barton Miner Permit Mod
Date: Monday, September 30, 2024 12:18:09 PM

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Greetings - overall, I'd say this is a reasonable permit modification request - everything will be on Barton's property, played out surface mines will be used for dumping tailings, etc.

It's the change in trucking that I wonder about. The hourly change is a good thing. But upping the truck trips on local roads from five to an average of 16 is a substantial change. How will the additional trips affect the integrity of the roads traveled? This will mean more wear and tear on municipal roads, which could easily mean more local repair money will be needed to fix/repair those roads. Is Barton willing to kick in \$ to the local municipality, including Warren County for road upkeep?

thank you

Mike Corey
P.O. Box 921
Minerva, NY. 12851

From: [Bill Museler](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#); [Magee, Beth A \(DEC\)](#)
Cc: [will](#); [Rich Weltz](#)
Subject: Barton Mines Application for Permit Modification
Date: Monday, September 30, 2024 6:49:56 PM

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Adirondack Park Agency and
NY dept. of Environmental Conservation

The Triple F Club has owned 75 acres in Johnsbury, NY for the past 60 years. We use the land for camping and hunting, and have had it responsibly logged twice in that period. We are good stewards of our land and are supporters of the Adirondack Park and its excellent record of conservation and responsible use of the park and its "overwatch" of the overall Adirondack area. One of our members was a "76'er", having hiked all of the major peaks in the Park.

After looking into the application of Barton Mines to expand the use of its land for mining purposes, we are supportive of their application as long as the appropriate laws and environmental regulations are followed and enforced. We support the application for two reasons:

1. The park's "dual use" structure provides for development as long as the land use is compatible with the Park's charter and practice.
2. Upstate NY needs more economic development to support the people who live and work in the area.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (410) 693-5955 or museler@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

William J. Museler, Treasurer, Triple F Club

cc: Will Museler, President, Triple F Club
Richard Weltz, VP, Triple F Club

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BILL MUSELER
museler@gmail.com
Cell: (410) 693-5955

From: [Bud Werner](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Barton Mine's application Project 2021-0245
Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 9:20:00 AM

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Regarding: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

Hi,

Just writing in support of Barton's mine application to modify their mining permit. Nice employees, seems like a good idea.

Fred Werner (Indian Lake camp owner).

From: [Ralph Coon](#)
To: [Magee, Beth A \(DEC\): APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Barton Mines Mine permit modification
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 9:27:43 AM

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As a native from Blue Mountain Lake, NY and a concerned citizen for all the year round residents who reside within the Adirondacks [Inside the Blue line and throughout its periphery] I am claiming my support for Barton Mine's future existence and therefore approval of their Proposed Mine Permit Modification Proposal by the Government Bureaucracy's who have jurisdiction in the approval process. These being the NYSDEC and the APA, and Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Barton Mines is a responsible ethical Business that has existed in the Adirondacks for in excess of 146 years with no serious Environmental incidents on property that is classified for this industry. They are a major private employer within the ADK park and affect the lives of many families, town budgets, School enrollments and employees, and possibly NYS budgets. . They are a community philanthropist when needs arise. The Agencies who have regulatory power over them can not only reject their permits but also put so many restrictions on them that profitability is no longer sustainable and another natural resource will be shopped to another supplier which may end up being a foreign government and loss to NYS and the entire United States.

We do not want another Remington Arms relocation to a different State due to personal preferences. Nor do we want what is happening in Plattsburg, NY with Nova Bus who is also a major employer in this State. All because our Government is not a companion or friend to business's but a regulator without foresight. Government employees have no skin in the game. They will have jobs regardless of the impact their decisions make.

Many of the larger Tourism business's are including guest worker designs into their plans, trying to save employee costs or due to lack of local help, or the low salaries they pay that can't support resident employees.

Northern NY does not begin at White Plains, It begins at Glens Falls NY.

Check School enrollments within the Blue line and do the right thing, Approve the Barton Mines Modified permit and help the ADK employment opportunities stabilize or improve.

From: [Helen Glass](#)
To: [Magee, Beth A \(DEC\); APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: info@barton.com
Subject: Barton Mines mining permit modification
Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 3:24:53 PM

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I urge you to approve the Barton Mines Mining permit modification application. We need industry in this community so as to attract residents and retain our young people - the absence of real job opportunities in this area is a severe detriment to our economy and our sustainability as a viable community. Barton Mines employs many from the area and is a great contributor to our economy. Please approve their application so their good works can continue.

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Only injustice and hate profit by silence.

HELEN GLASS, Esq.

Tel: (518) 648-5072

From: [J.bennett](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#); [Magee, Beth A \(DEC\)](#)
Subject: Barton Mines project 2021-0245
Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 4:32:29 PM

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Dear Regulators and Reviewers,

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed Barton Mines expansion project. As a property owner in the Adirondacks (Indian Lake), I believe it is important to foster a climate for businesses to flourish in the region. Well thought out plans , with regard to the land and the people living in the area , are imperative to the continued growth in the region. I have enjoyed hunting , fishing, hiking, and camping all over the Adirondack region and believe that businesses like Barton are a critical part of the continuing success of the our area. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards

Jeff Bennett
37 St John's Drive
Gansevoort NY, 12831

From: [Town of Elizabethtown](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 1:33:34 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I write in support of Barton Mining's application requesting to modify their permit. They are a long-standing family-owned large local employer and have operated in a responsible manner for more than 100 years. Please support the history, and the contribution, Barton makes to our Adirondack communities.

Best Regards,

Cathleen A. Reusser, Supervisor
Town of Elizabethtown
P.O. Box 265
7563 Court Street
Elizabethtown, N.Y. 12932
(518)873-6555- office
(518)578-5480- cell

From: [Diane Hood](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Barton Mines
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 3:32:16 PM

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I urge you to approve the Barton Mines application.

Yours truly,
Diane DeAngelis
401 Vanderwalker road
Chestertown, NY 12817

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This is courage, to bare unflinchingly what heaven sends..... Euripides

Live, Love, Laugh
Diane
Ordinary Person

From: [Pasquale DeAngelis](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Barton Mines
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 1:20:57 PM

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Yours truly,

Pasquale DeAngelis
401 Vanderwalker Road
Chestertown NY 12817

From: [David Peartree](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Barton Mines
Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 10:43:57 AM

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I am writing in support of Barton Mines' application to modify their mining permit. I am a property owner in the Town of Indian Lake and am very familiar with the area occupied by the mining operations. I vacationed in the area before acquiring property in Indian Lake and I have made extensive use of the surrounding the back country on hiking and backpacking trips. Their current operations have a minimal impact on the use and enjoyment of the area. The proposed modifications don't indicate any substantial change to this apart from slightly higher truck traffic, to be offset by reduced operating hours. This appears to be a reasonable balance and will ensure continued employment for many. I ask that you approve their permit modification request.
David Peartree

From: 4harrison@frontiernet.net
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Barton Mining Permit
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 12:43:08 PM

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Dear Corrie Magee,

As a 5th generation resident of North River, my family has been affiliated with garnet mining for years. I am also the assistant fire chief of North River Volunteer Fire Company. The only new, young members that we have are Barton Mines employees.

As a major employer and tax payer, the importance of Barton Mines to this area cannot be overstated. Please approve Barton Mines' permit modification request. Thank you.

Jim Harrison

From: bdicksonsales@aol.com
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Barton Proposed Mine Permit Modification
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To Whom It May Concern;

I am an owner of property in Indian Lake. I have read about Barton's proposed permit modification to allow them to use residual minerals to backfill mined out areas. I hope you will strongly consider this permit modification as it seems like a logical solution. I feel the company operates responsibly and that it would be a shame for Barton to have to close the business due to constraints from the current permit.

Sincerely,
Boyd B. Dickson
585-738-1608

Property;
194 Pratt Rd
Indian Lake

From: Benn, Nancy <NBenn@barton.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 12:38 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: "Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee"

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Good Afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Nancy Benn, I am writing in support of Barton Mines' mine permit modification application, which must be approved to extend the life of the company's Adirondack operations – providing critically important jobs and economic benefits for future generations.

Barton has managed its Ruby Mountain operations in a safe and responsible manner since opening in 1983, and I have confidence that Barton's plan is designed to minimize community impacts.

Barton is a major employer, providing approximately 125 good jobs. Barton is also an important taxpayer, and a customer to many other area businesses. I have personally worked for Barton for 17 years and they are any amazing company to work for. They realize you have a family outside of work and do whatever they can to accommodate whatever you have going on in life while also getting the job done.

I urge you to approve the company's permit application and enable Barton to provide these types of community benefits far into the future.

Thank you
Nancy Benn
Credit Administrator
The Barton Group
518-615-2052
Fax 516-612-0094



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From: Beverly Alloco <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 2:28 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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PO Box 99
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Sincerely,

Beverly Alloco <horsey_mom1@yahoo.com>

1517 Kenyon rd
Ontario, NY 14519

From: bmollc.kl <bmollc.kl@gmail.com>
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project Barton Mines

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We approve this. It is good to have an industry in this rural area.
Barton Mines employs many people in this community.
We ask the regulators to approve the permit modification request.
Thank you
Ernest and Kim Laprairie
Blue Mountain Lake

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: Bradley Bean <bbean@rozellind.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 8:15 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Morning Corrie,

The company is a multi-generational company that drives the economy in the area year-round. If you have ever been to North Creek, you will instantly realize that the career options for locals to choose from are slim pickings. Barton Mines gives the locals an opportunity to work for a company that cares about their employees as well as the environment. While working up there it is easy to see the environment has always been the biggest concern, from dust and noise control to safe and proper practice procedures. Instead of shutting another mill down in our state why not try to help? Send them funds for research and development to find a use for the tailings. Send consultants to help be part of a solution. Anything besides denying the permit, taking over 100 people's jobs, destroying the economy in the area, and adding another closed mill on the list for our once great state. In my opinion, the mill is doing nothing wrong but continuing to do what they have been doing since the late 1800's. It's the people complaining that are in the wrong.

Thank you for your time,

Bradley T. Bean

Cell: 518-415-2809



ROZELL INDUSTRIES, INC.

129 Park Rd | Queensbury, NY 12804

From: Brenda L Dann <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 4:00 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Corrie Magee
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PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

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9. No mining of any sort should ever have been allowed.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Brenda L Dann <bldann79@gmail.com>
210 Graves Road,
Central Square, NY 13036

From: Bronwyn Johns <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 12:27 PM
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Sincerely,

Bronwyn Johns <kawenahawe3@gmail.com>

P.O. Box 198
Kahnawake, QC J0L 1B0

From: Brooke Splicer <info@protectadks.org>
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Brooke Splicer <bsplicer@gmail.com>

280 nugent road
Jay, NY 12941

Barton Mines are very important in our Area
because Jobs are low in our Area. Without
Jobs Not very many could stay here, I am
one of them - Born here & hope to Die here.

I am now 91 years.

A Native

Elva L Brown

P. S. People wouldn't be able To Pay Taxes.
Getting close to that now.

Elva

Our Proposed Mine Permit Modification

Helping Sustain & Grow Our Business for Generations to Come

Barton Mines is a family-owned company that has been mining garnet in the Adirondack region since 1878. Since 1983, our mining and initial mineral processing has occurred on Ruby Mountain in the Town of Johnsbury, hamlet of North River. Final processing takes place at our plant four miles away in the Town of Indian Lake.



At Barton, we pride ourselves on being a major local employer and taxpayer, and managing our operations in a way that minimizes impacts to our neighbors and the environment. We provide jobs for approximately 100 people in the Adirondack Region, with a regional economic impact of approximately \$20 million per year. We hope to continue in this role for generations to come.

Barton employees turn Adirondack garnet from our Johnsbury quarry into world-class abrasive products for the U.S. military, as well as the aerospace, automotive, and medical device industries, among others. Our mining-related activities are regulated by the Adirondack Park Agency (APA), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration, and our property is classified by the APA for this type of use.

Not all of the minerals we extract from the quarry can be used in our products. Those we don't use are stored at our onsite storage area. Under our current permit, we have approximately five years of storage space left for these "residual minerals." Once our storage space is full, we will be unable to continue operating.

To address this challenge, we are seeking DEC and APA approvals to modify our permit so that we can continue operating for more than 60 additional years.

Key parts of our proposal are:

- Increasing our residual minerals storage capacity by using some of those minerals to backfill mined-out areas of our quarry instead of storing them at the above-ground storage area, and by gradually extending the footprint and height of the area (remaining entirely on Barton property). As sections of the storage area reach capacity and are closed, we will plant native vegetation to help the facility further blend in with the surrounding landscape. **The height of the storage area will not begin to increase beyond its current height for another 25 years.**
- Gradually extending our quarry's footprint and depth over a six-decade period, remaining entirely on Barton property. When our operations are complete, we will have occupied only 30% of our 849-acre property, leaving nearly 600 forested acres.
- Increasing the number of allowable truck trips from the mine from an average of five trips per day to an average of 16, and reducing trucking hours from the current 7 a.m.-10 p.m. to 7 a.m.- 5 p.m.

These modifications are necessary for Barton to continue our Adirondack operations and provide good jobs for local people.

Questions? Contact us at (518) 798-5462, ext. 2024 or permitquestions@barton.com.

To show your support for Barton's application, please visit www.barton.com/mine-permit-information

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ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

OCT 07 2024

Adirondack Park Agency

Atten: Corrie Magee:

I am writing to strongly support Barton Mines', (Barton), application to modify their mining permit for many important reasons. The Barton family and their business have been essential to the fabric of the Town of Johnsbury ever since I arrived in town in 1966 and, in fact, ever since its founding.

The family and the company have always been sensitive to the needs of the community, their employees, the larger surrounding area, and also to the environment in which they operate. The family and the company have always been a supportive partner to the community, the school, and the various entities involved with the Town of Johnsbury.

The product they provide, garnet, is a very important and necessary product for many applications. Yes, it is procured by the process called mining and by its very nature it is disruptive to the environment. The family and company have always been sensitive to that fact. Indeed, by the very fact that they have embraced the process to extend their mining operation and attempted in every way to address the concerns of those affected, is commendable.

Please do not be distracted by those, a small but short-sighted minority, wishing to detract from the facts for personal and misguided reasons.

Please support the Barton Company and its right to continue mining in the Town of Johnsbury. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Lloyd K. Burch

From: C Stratton <cstratton.peak@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 3:06 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Barton Mine Expansion Comment

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Hi APA,

I have a deep and profound appreciation for the role of the agency in stewardship of the Adirondack Park, and its unique resources. My grandparents brought my father skiing at Gore mountain, traveling up the only route to get there on Route 9. I have skied there for 35 years, and now my children 5 and 1 will grow up skiing there. For years, we had a second home in North Creek, were married there, and consider the park the gem of NYS.

The Barton Company has been an exceptional regional neighbor, providing both industry and employment for an area in need of consistent employment and living wages. The expansion is a net positive, and a way for the APA to demonstrate its understanding of Theodore Roosevelt's wise words that "conservation means development, as much as it does protection". The park is a unique public private partnership and commerce has to be part of the strategy to keep the park vibrant now, and into the future.

Please accept this comment as strong support for the mine expansion.

Caleb Stratton
518-423-8124

From: Cal <ccline@nycap.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 11:31 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments; bethmagee@dec.ny.gov; permitquestions@barton.com
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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In support of the above-captioned Permit Modification Request (the "Request") I submit the following:
Barton Mines ("Barton") has a long and storied history in the Adirondacks, which has been recognized and appreciated by visitors, residents and governments throughout the region. Barton's reputation is unimpeachable, and the plans evidenced by their Request will only continue to burnish its reputation and contributions to the quality of life in the Adirondacks and beyond.

Regards,
Calvin N. Cline and Kathleen A. Cline
112 Citation Way
Ballston Spa, NY 12020
ccline@nycap.rr.com

From: Cangemi, Mario <mcangemi@barton.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 8:53 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Magee, Beth A (DEC)
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Dear Ms. Magee,

In my 30 plus year career, working in environmental, health and safety, I can attest that Barton Mines has been, by far, the greatest company I have ever had the privilege to work for. Eleven years ago, I started my employment with Barton and I would not have stayed this long if it were not for Barton's commitment to upholding an "employee/family atmosphere", Barton's commitment to environmental stewardship and Barton's commitment to the local community.

Barton Mines provides an invaluable, environmentally safe hard rock garnet mineral that supports a critical supply chain for many products we all enjoy in our daily lives. Barton Mines hard rock garnet is literally the best in world and the local community should be very proud to have such great company in its backyard.

I have been intimately involved with this project since its inception. We have gone to great lengths to ensure project due diligence to minimize any and all impacts. It has been a very balanced approach with more sacrifice on the longevity of the project to ensure impacts are in fact minimized. The project involves complete restoration to the natural aesthetic as project develops and concludes. The Agencies staff have been thorough in their reviews and Barton has responded to any all questions. We have gone to great lengths to meet with the local community, listened to their voices and respected their concerns into the project plan. I am confident in the balanced approach by this project.

I urge the APA Board to vote in favor of this project. Barton is proud to be a part of the local economy and wish to continue for many more generations to come.

Sincerely,
Mario Cangemi
Director of Health Safety and Environmental
Barton Mines

Mario Cangemi
Director of Health, Safety and Environmental
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

carl remscheid <cremscheid@gmail.com>

870 Old State Rd
Northville, NY 12134

From: Carla Sternberg <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 11:08 AM
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Sincerely,

Carla Sternberg <Carlatwohorsetrade@gmail.com>

827 State Route 86
GABRIELS, NY 12939

From: Carolyn Hutchins <adkskiers@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2024 2:38 PM
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We have reviewed the brief summary of Project 2021-0245 provided by the Barton company. The description of the mining permit modifications appear to be a reasonable method of providing additional residual storage.

We believe that the Barton uninterrupted, continuous operation is of the utmost importance to the local economy. In addition to being the largest employer in the Town of Johnsbury, the family and company have made numerous contributions to the Town and the local ski industry for many decades. We trust the permit will be improved.

Thank you for your consideration,

James E. Hutchins, PE
Carolyn D. Hutchins

October 3, 2024

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ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

OCT 09 2024

Corrie Magee
Adirondack Park Agency
PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

Re: Project 2021-0245
Barton Mines, LLC

Dear Corrie Magee:

I am writing to express my opinion that Barton Mines should be allowed the modifications necessary to keep their North Creek facility open. It appears they have worked carefully with the appropriate agencies to plan for an environmentally workable solution to their permit issue. They have been clear about what they will do and have listened to the concerns of local citizens. I especially appreciate the limitations added which decrease the hours that trucks will be allowed to operate.

Barton Mines has been a major employer in the southern Adirondacks for over 100 years. Loss of these jobs would be catastrophic to the area where there are few good paying jobs. Their long term investment in the area should not be squandered.

Sincerely,

Catherine Carr
261 Durant Road
Blue Mt. Lake, NY 12812

From: Carrie Gorton <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 7:00 PM
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Sincerely,

Carrie Gorton <ckgorton@outlook.com>

PO Box 193
Marion, Ny 14505

From: Catherine Hill <chill@skidmore.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 10:37 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: APA Project Number 2021-245

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Dear APA Board,

I write concerning Barton Mines Expansion proposal for their mine in North Creek, NY. We built a house in the Garnet Hill subdivision in 2000. We were aware of the mine when we bought the land and built our house. The Barton mine, 20 years ago, was a good neighbor. They mitigated fugitive dust, they limited truck traffic to reasonable hours, they limited working hours to reasonable hours. Honestly, until five years ago, I never heard the mine or saw a tailings pile. Approximately five years ago, that all changed. The permit to expand the mine would forever change the Siamese Ponds Wilderness, 13th Lake and endanger the land surrounding the mine. I do not have a problem with the mine existing as did 20 years ago. I have a problem with how the mine has been run in the last five years and take great exception to how the mine proposes to expand over the next 75 years.

As proposed, the Barton Project would increase the tailings pile by 15 acres and raise the elevation of the waste pile by more than 100 feet. That means the tailings pile would be more than 2,300 feet above sea level, which means that you could see it while hiking in the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area, paddling on 13th lake and skiing at Garnet Hill. I also worry as the impacts of climate change increase, there has not been enough analysis of the structural integrity of a 2,300 tailings pile. We experienced tornadoes this summer, and it is predicted that heavy rainfall will increase. What proof do we have that these increasingly severe weather events will not impact the tailings, leading to potentially catastrophic events for downhill neighbors? These impacts are not consistent with the nature of the park as I understand it.

Barton Mines has asked that it be permitted to operate industrial equipment at the site 24 hours a day, seven days a week, increase the hours of operation of on-site trucking and mining vehicle operation and increase the frequency of blasting. That was not the case when I built my house 20 years ago. It is also an unreasonable burden on those living near the mine. I cannot imagine that any project operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, would have been permitted in any other neighborhood I have lived. When the APA approved the construction of homes at Garnet Hill, it should have contemplated that homes would be built there and that the mine and the neighbors had to live together. It is shocking to me that in the most protected of places, such a request would be permitted. I also worry about the safety of increasing truck traffic on 13th Lake Road at night. The road is not lit, is very narrow and curvy, and could become very dangerous if truck traffic increases at night.

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Best,
Catherine Hill
887 Thirteenth Lake Rd.
North River, NY

From: Catherine Hill <chill@skidmore.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 9:10 AM
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Corrie Magee

Environmental Program Specialist 1

Adirondack Park Agency

1133 NYS Route 86, Ray Brook, NY 12977

October 7th, 2024

Dear Ms. Magee,

I write concerning Barton Mines Expansion proposal for their mine in Noth Creek, NY. We built a house in the Garnet Hill subdivision in 2000. We were aware of the mine when we bought the land and built our house. The Barton mine, 20 years ago, was a good neighbor. They mitigated fugitive dust, they limited truck traffic to reasonable hours, they limited working hours to reasonable hours. Honestly, until five years ago, I never heard the mine or saw a tailings pile. Approximately five years ago, that all changed. The permit to expand the mine would forever change the Siamese Ponds Wilderness, 13th Lake and endanger the land surrounding the mine. I do not have a problem with the mine existing as did 20 years ago. I have a problem with how the mine has been run in the last five years and take great exception to how the mine proposes to expand over the next 75 years.

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Environmental Program Specialist 1
Adirondack Park Agency
1133 NYS Route 86, Ray Brook, NY 12977

October 18th, 2024

Dear Ms. Magee,

I write concerning the Barton Mines proposal to expand their mine in North Creek, NY. My husband and I own 887 Thirteenth Lake Rd., which we built in 2000. My husband attended the APA meeting concerning the permit yesterday. Based on his account of the meeting, I have some additional comments. Thank you for extending the comment period so that I can make these comments.

First, I find the procedural posture of this process confusing. It feels like Barton Mines is taking the position that the permit should be issued because there is no noise problem, no dust problem, no traffic problem, no visual impact of the tailings pile, and no issues in general with issuing a permit for the mine in the Adirondack Park. The mine has been there for years, Barton owns the land, so they should be issued the permit as a matter of right, without the APA even holding a hearing. I raised my children in Loudonville, a much less protected area than the Adirondack Park, and a permit would never have been issued there without a hearing to determine the impacts of the project on the community. I respectfully request that a hearing be held to determine the impacts of the issuance of this permit on the Adirondack Park and the community surrounding the mine. I do not take the position that the mine should be closed. I am advocating that the impacts of the mine are real and should be mitigated.

Second, I live next door to Gaye Byrne, who spoke at the meeting yesterday. Gaye said that she did not hear noise from the mine. I don't either at my house. I do hear it on Thirteenth Lake and at the lodge. I do occasionally hear blasting at the mine, but not often. The fact that Gaye does not hear noise can be true at the same time that those who live closer to the mine, or while staying at the lodge, do hear noise. And, although the fish in Thirteenth Lake are not likely to be impacted by the mine, the fish and water in the Hudson River may be impacted by the mining operations as proposed. I remind you that the water in the Hudson is a source of drinking water in Manhattan.

Third, Barton Mines is asking for a 75-year permit. That is at least three generations. All of the equipment and probably structures at the mine will have to be replaced at least three times, before that permit expires. We are living in uncertain times. We are only beginning to see the impacts of climate change. Seventy-five years is an unreasonable and unnecessary length of time for a permit with these current and potential impacts. Please hold a hearing. Please consider the impact of this permit on the Park and the community surrounding the mine. Thank you for considering my views.

Best,
Catherine Hill
887 Thirteenth Lake Rd.
North River, NY

From: cbird47@frontiernet.net
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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I have lived all but 5 years of my 77 years in the Adirondacks between Indian Lake and Raquette Lake. I have known or been related to well over 50 people who have worked for Barton Mines over the years. My uncle, James Bird, served on the APA for a while and I'm sure he would want me to send a message of support for approval of their application to modify their mining permit.

This company has been an asset to our area communities and has always had the environment as a priority as well. I would hate to see this company have to close down and their quality garnet lost. They have come up with a plan that they could continue with just a small, short-term inconvenience, but if they have to close down, it would be devastating to the area. They have the long-term effects in mind.

Common sense tells us to look around and see how the North Country is losing population because of jobs leaving the area. Please keep the mine running and approve their plan.

Thank you,

Carol B. Mitchell
221 State Route 28
Raquette Lake, NY 13436

From: Cheyenne Hakes <info@protectadks.org>
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Cheyenne Hakes <cheyennehakes@gmail.com> PO BOX 224 Averill Park, NY 12018

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Chimene R Loncher <hawthorn7@gmail.com>

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From: Chris Heidrich <chrsheidrich@gmail.com>
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Adirondack Park Agency
P.O. Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for Barton Mines' proposed garnet mine in the Town of Johnsbury, New York. The establishment of this new mine is not only a significant economic boon but also a remarkable opportunity for our local community.

First and foremost, the mine is projected to generate an annual economic impact of \$20 million. This substantial financial influx will invigorate our local businesses, enhance public services, and contribute to the region's overall prosperity. The mine will also create over 100 jobs, providing stable employment opportunities for our residents.

Beyond the economic benefits, the employees of Barton Mines are active and dedicated members of our community. They contribute their time and skills in various volunteer roles, including as Boy and Girl Scout leaders, nurses, coaches, and volunteer firefighters. Their commitment to the community enhances the quality of life for all residents and fosters a sense of unity and shared purpose.

The proposed garnet mine represents a harmonious balance between economic development and community well-being. I urge the Adirondack Park Agency to consider these significant benefits and approve the establishment of the new garnet mine in the Town of Johnsbury.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Christopher J. Heidrich

From: Christine Ammon <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 6:40 AM
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Christine Ammon <camgardener402@earthlink.net>

5 Broad Street
Schroon Lake, NY 12870

From: Christine Powers <christine@asaadironack.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 10:12 AM
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On behalf of the North Creek Business Alliance covering the Town of Johnsbury, we submit the letter of support below for Barton Mines' Modification of Permit. Thank you.

APA Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

North Creek Business Alliance
P.O. Box 280, North Creek, NY 12853

October 10, 2024

Beth Magee
Deputy Regional Permit Administrator
NYSDEC
232 Golf Course Rd.
Warrensburg, NY 12885
Beth.magee@dec.ny.gov

David Plante
Deputy Director for Regulatory Programs
Adirondack Park Agency
PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977
rpcomments@apa.ny.gov

RE: Barton Mines APA/DEC Mine Permit Modification

Dear Ms. Magee and Mr. Plante,

As North Creek Business Alliance representatives, we are reaching out to express our strong support for approving the requested permit modifications. Barton Mines is a pivotal family-owned business that greatly benefits our local economy and they have developed a mining plan that will enable Adirondack operations for decades to come while minimizing any impacts to the surrounding environment and community.

One of the core values of the North Creek Business Alliance is to foster the growth and prosperity of local businesses. We firmly believe that a thriving economy leads to year-round livability and enhances the overall well-being of our community. In this regard, we cannot overstate the significance of Barton Mines and its contribution to our region.

Barton Mines plays a crucial role in our community by providing approximately 100 jobs locally, benefiting not only individuals and families but also the local workforce as a whole. Notably, Barton Mines employment opportunities extend from Glens Falls to Indian Lake, covering a wide area and positively impacting numerous communities. Moreover, Barton Mines is one of the few businesses that offers year-round employment along with valuable benefits for its employees.

As an essential taxpayer and a valued customer to numerous area businesses, Barton Mines' economic health is intricately connected to the prosperity of our entire community. Their continued success is vital not only for their own business but also for our region's collective well-being and growth. We hope to see them continue to be a healthy business for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The North Creek Business Alliance Board

Molly McCarthy & Christine Powers Co-Chairs

Peter Burns, Kristen Cartwright, Lily Gaechter, Robert Harte, Penny Kowalski, Justin Prybyla

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With gratitude,

Christine Powers

Founder & CEO

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From: Chuck Law <clawz1313@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2024 12:46 PM
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After much research and love for the ADK mountains, it is my comment that the Barton's application for an expansion should be denied.

Thanks Chuck Law

From: Cindy Gianfrancesco <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 6:49 AM
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From: evarnai@comcast.net
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: [Magee, Beth A \(DEC\)](#); SimpsonM@nyassembly.gov; stec@nysenate.gov
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Elizabeth Varnai
115 Old Farm Road
North River, NY 12856
September 29, 2024

Corrie Magee Environmental Program Specialist 1
Adirondack Park Agency
1133 NYS Route 86, Ray Brook, NY 12977

Re: APA Project #2021-245

Dear Corrie Magee,

As a decision nears on Barton Mine's application to expand and extend their operations for 75 years, please take into consideration the valid concerns of residents of the area (including me) and members of the public at large.

The concerns center on increased pollution of the air we breathe, the dirtying the watershed, distressing noise, and damage to the main road from greatly increased heavy truck traffic. Many adverse effects would reach well beyond the immediate area.

NOISE. Mining noise has increased significantly and can be heard a long distance. If a new permit is issued noise mitigation should be addressed.

AIR POLLUTION: Dust levels are increasing on surfaces throughout the area, even far from the mine. This dust settles not only on objects, but also into our lungs as we breathe. Any new permit must address mitigation of dust particles.

WATER POLLUTION: The discharge of water from Barton Mine into Thirteenth Brook is often cloudy and discolored. Such pollution, which reaches the Hudson River, damages the health of the waterway and the wildlife in it. Any permit for continued operations must include mitigation measure to ensure the brook remains healthy.

DAMAGE TO ROADWAYS: Barton Mines expects truck traffic to triple to one truck trip every 15 minutes or so. These trucks are large and very heavy, and use Thirteenth Lake Road, which was not built for such use. It is already cracked and rutted. Any permit should limit the size and frequency

of truck traffic.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Barton Mine exists in a residential area and borders wilderness. Operating procedures and hours must maintain the serenity of the area, especially at night, when it is normal to have "quiet hours." A permit must limit nighttime hours of operation.

PERIOD FOR EXTENSION OF PERMIT: 75 years is too long an extension. Such a long period would prevent interventions if needs become apparent before then, and bind future generations to decisions that may turn out to be unwise and damaging.

ACCOUNTING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE: Already we see climate change accelerating and bringing increased rain and flooding to the Adirondacks. The effect of catastrophic rain on the ever-higher tailings at the mine must be considered, as well as increased runoff into area waterways. The newly passed Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act mandates that all state agencies consider the impact of climate change in permitting decisions, and this mandate applies when considering Barton Mine's application.

Thank you for being sentinels and guardians of Adirondack Park.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Varnai

From: CLARA O'CONNOR <info@protectadks.org>
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**RE: Comments on Application by Barton Mines, LLC
APA Project No. 2021-0245
Ruby Mountain Mine Expansion
Town of Johnsburg, Warren County**

Dear Ms. Magee:

Protect the Adirondacks! ("PROTECT") submits these comments to the Adirondack Park Agency ("APA") on the application by Barton Mines, LLC ("Barton") for expansion of its mountaintop Ruby Mountain Mine in the Town of Johnsburg, Warren County ("the Project").

Summary of Comments

As discussed in detail below, Barton's application and the expert reports submitted by PROTECT and others previously and during this public comment period demonstrate that the Project will have undue adverse impacts on the natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological or open space resources of the Adirondack Park. Among other things, the Project will:

(i) significantly alter and degrade the Critical Environmental Area ("CEA") adjoining the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area by extending Barton's open pit mining operations and mine tailings waste pile onto more than 26 acres of the CEA, necessitating the removal of over 16,000 trees. In addition, Barton's current encroachment into approximately 3.5 acres of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness CEA is not authorized by Barton's current APA permits;

(ii) have an undue adverse impact on Adirondack Park resources because Barton has not demonstrated that the tailings waste pile, which has not been engineered, is currently stable and that the proposed lateral expansion of the

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waste pile by 40 acres and vertical expansion of the pile by 100 feet in height will not result in catastrophic failure of the pile;

- (iii) have undue adverse visual and aesthetic impacts because of the massive scale and height of the mine tailings waste pile, which will be visible from multiple public viewpoints in the Forest Preserve and from sensitive receptors on private land such as Garnet Hill Lodge. Barton's claim that visual impacts will be mitigated by revegetating the waste pile is unsupported because Barton's pilot revegetation efforts have been unsuccessful;
- (iv) have undue air quality, scenic and aesthetic impacts because Barton's dust suppression efforts have been unsuccessful and the company is proposing no new dust mitigation measures as part of its application; and
- (v) have an undue adverse impact on Park resources because Barton is proposing no mitigation whatsoever for noise impacts, despite numerous complaints from neighboring homeowners about current noise levels and an expert noise consultant has concluded that the increase in projected future noise levels violates the DEC noise policy.

In addition, Barton's application and APA's review suffer from the same fatal legal deficiency because Barton has failed to provide, and APA has failed to require, an analysis of the Project's greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions as required by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. Moreover, Barton has failed to provide an analysis of the climate change impacts of the Project's proposed clearcutting of approximately 36 acres of forest—an analysis specifically requested by APA staff—and Barton's brief and conclusory statements about the project's climate change impacts are woefully insufficient for a project of this magnitude.

It bears emphasis that Barton's application is singularly lacking in discussion of alternatives to the magnitude, scope, and operations of the Project as originally proposed. The application makes clear that Barton has not seriously considered, much less proposed or evaluated, a less intrusive, massive and environmentally disruptive expansion of its mine. As acknowledged by Barton, the mine can continue to operate as currently permitted for another eight years. Although Barton has claimed in its public relations materials that the massive mountaintop mine expansion is necessary for the continuation of its business, to our knowledge the company has failed to provide any financial or mineral resources projections or data to APA to support this claim. Thus, there is no basis for APA to assume that a more modest expansion of the mine would not be financially viable.

For all of these reasons, PROTECT urges APA to deny Barton's permit application because the APA Board cannot, based on the current administrative record, make the requisite statutory finding that the Project will "not have an undue adverse impact upon the natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological, wildlife, historic, recreational or open space resources of the park or upon the ability of the public to provide supporting facilities and services made necessary by the project, taking into account the commercial, industrial, residential, recreational or other benefits that might be derived from the project." Executive Law § 809(10)(e). At the very least, APA must hold an adjudicatory hearing due to the numerous substantive and significant issues raised concerning

Barton's application and the high degree of public interest in the proposed mine expansion. *See* 9 NYCRR § 580.2.

Background

Environmental Setting of the Project

The Project is located in the Adirondack Park and borders Forest Preserve lands that are part of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. As recognized by the New York Court of Appeals, “[t]he Forest Preserve is a public owned wilderness of incomparable beauty.” *Protect the Adirondacks v. New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation*, 37 NY3d 73, 79 (2021); *see also Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve v. New York State Adirondack Park Agency*, 34 NY3d 184, 187 (2019) (“The Adirondack Park is a world-renowned treasure in our own backyard . . . [I]ncorporating more territory than Yosemite, Yellowstone, Glacier, Grand Canyon, and Great Smoky Mountain National Parks *combined*, there are 3,000 lakes and ponds and 30,000 miles of rivers and streams in the Adirondack Park.”) (emphasis in original). As recognized in the Adirondack Park Agency Act (“APA Act”), “[t]he Adirondack park is abundant in natural resources and open space unique to New York and the eastern United States. The wild forest, water, wildlife and aesthetic resources of the park, and its open space character, provide an outdoor recreational experience of national and international significance.” Executive Law § 801.

The Project site consists of approximately 580 acres located on the slopes of Ruby Mountain and Big Thirteenth Lake Mountain. The Project site is roughly bisected by Brown Pond Brook, which flows in a southerly direction. Lands east of Brown Pond Brook, which contain the active mine face, are classified Industrial Use by the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan. Lands west of the brook, which include the mine tailings waste pile, are classified Resource Management. A small portion of the site, located southeast of Thirteenth Lake Road, is classified Rural Use. *See* Figure 1.

The Project site adjoins State-owned Forest Preserve lands on the east, west and north sides that are part of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. Those portions of the Project site located within one-eighth mile of the Wilderness boundary are designated as a CEA pursuant to statute. Executive Law § 810(e)(1)(d).

Scores of residences are located in close proximity to the Project site. Garnet Hill Lodge, a tourist accommodation facility, is located on Thirteenth Lake Road.

Thirteenth Lake is a popular recreational resource located approximately one mile from the Project site. The lake is bordered almost entirely by Forest Preserve lands that are part of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area, and has a public boat launch that is accessible from Thirteenth Lake Road.

The Project site is located approximately 0.5 miles northeast of Thirteenth Lake and 0.2 miles east of Thirteenth Brook. Drainage features and stormwater from the Project site discharge into Thirteenth Brook. Thirteenth Brook enters into the Hudson River approximately four miles to the east of the Project site.



Figure 1. Photograph showing the mine tailings pile in the foreground, Thirteenth Lake in the middle, and the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area in the background.

Current Mining Operations

Barton is the only mountaintop open pit mining operation in the Adirondack Park. The currently permitted Life of Mine area is 194.5 acres. Barton mines garnet-bearing rock by drilling and blasting, with a current lateral excavation limit of 28.8 acres and an excavation depth limit of 1,880 feet. Material is loaded from the active mine face by front-end loader and/or excavator into an off-highway haul truck and transported to an on-site crusher. Crushed material is conveyed to an on-site mill for further processing.

Waste tailings from the mill are disposed of in a massive on-site waste disposal site, euphemistically referred by Barton as the “residual materials facility.” The tailings waste is

separated by a cyclone system into fine-grained and coarse-grained waste. The fine-grained waste leaves the cyclone system in the form of a slurry that is disposed of in two ponds, and the coarse-grained waste is disposed of on the waste pile. The tailings waste disposal site occupies approximately 73 acres and is 2,275 feet above mean sea level (“amsl”) in height.

Barton is currently permitted to operate its milling operations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Barton’s on-site mining vehicles can operate between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Barton operates its crusher Monday through Saturday; an excavator and truck are used to feed the crusher on Saturday. Garnet produced at the Mill is permitted to be hauled to Barton’s Hudson River Plant by a single on-road haul truck for five trips per day. No truck traffic is permitted on Thirteenth Lake Road on any day between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. Contractor truck traffic associated with the mining operation is restricted to 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Barton claims that it is currently permitted to conduct mining operations, including mining, extracting ore, conducting “support operations,” stockpiling material and constructing roads, in approximately 3.5 acres of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area CEA. Barton Applic. at 4. However, neither the conceptual approval for the Barton Mine (APA Order 78-401) nor its current permits (APA Permit 79-358 and Permit 87-39B) authorize Barton to conduct any mining operations within the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area CEA.

Proposed Expansion of Mining Operations

Barton has applied to APA and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) for amendments to its current permits to allow the following expansion and increase in mining operations:

- Expansion into, and destruction of, an additional 26.1 acres of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area CEA;
- Expansion of the Life of Mine area from 194.5 acres to 267 acres, a net increase of 72.5 acres;
- Expansion of the lateral excavation limit of the mine from 28.8 acres to 69 acres;
- Expansion of the excavation depth of the mine from 1,880 amsl to 1,720 amsl;
- Expansion of the lateral extent of the tailings waste disposal site from 73 acres to 113 acres, an increase of 40 acres;
- Increasing the height of the tailings waste disposal pile from 2,275 feet amsl to 2,375 feet amsl;
- Modification of the reclamation within the quarry to allow placement of fine-grained tailings waste in containment cells to be created in the formerly mined out area; and

Increasing off-site truck trips from 5 to 16 trips per day.

Comments

I. The Proposed Mine Expansion Will Have Undue Adverse Impacts on Adirondack Park Resources and the Permit Application Must Therefore be Denied

A. Barton's Existing Expansion of its Mining Operations into the CEA Violates its APA Permit and its Proposed Significant Further Expansion of the Waste Pile and the Open Pit Mine into the CEA Will Have an Undue Adverse Impact

1. The CEA Provides a Critical Buffer Between the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area and Barton's Industrial Mining Operations

The Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area consists of approximately 113,000 acres and is one of the largest Wilderness areas in the Adirondack Park, extending about 23 miles from north to south and about 17 miles from east to west at its widest part. Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (Aug. 2019) ("Master Plan") at 78. The Siamese Ponds Wilderness includes 99 water bodies and 61 miles of trails. *Id.* at 79. The Master Plan notes that the Siamese Ponds Wilderness "is known for its lovely natural features . . . [including] Thirteenth Lake, Chimney Mountain, Puffer Pond, Siamese Ponds, Auger Falls on the West Branch of the Sacandaga River, the East Branch of the Sacandaga River, and John Pond." *Id.* at 78.

As stated in the Master Plan, "[a] wilderness area, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man--where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. A wilderness area is further defined to mean an area of state land or water having a primeval character, without significant improvement or permanent human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve, enhance and restore, where necessary, its natural conditions . . ." *Id.* at 22.

The APA Act reinforces the Master Plan's definition of Wilderness by classifying those portions of private lands located in Resource Management that are within one-eighth mile of a Wilderness area as a CEA. Executive Law § 810(e)(1)(d). *See also* 6 NYCRR § 617.2(i) (defining a CEA as "a specific geographic area having exceptional or unique environmental characteristics").

The statutory designation of lands within one-eighth mile of a Wilderness boundary as a CEA underscores the State's recognition of the sensitivity of Wilderness areas to private land development on adjacent lands that could jeopardize, interfere with or degrade the attributes that caused the area to be classified Wilderness. The statutory CEA thus provides a critical buffer between a Wilderness area and development activities on private lands. It is self-evident that industrial mining operations are wholly inconsistent with the Master Plan's definition of a Wilderness area and, indeed, as discussed below, APA has previously recognized the critical role of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness CEA in providing a buffer from Barton's mining activities. *See* Figure 2.



Figure 2. Photograph showing the mine (quarry at the bottom and tailings pile at the top) and the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area in the background. Barton seeks to encroach upon 26 acres of the CEA in the forested area to the right of both parts of the mine.

2. Barton's Expansion of Mining Operations Violates its APA Permits

The APA Order providing conceptual approval for the commencement of mining operations at the Barton site specified that “[n]o development will occur in the Resource Management portion of the site within one-eighth mile of State forest preserve classified wilderness.” APA Order 78-401 at 5 (emphasis added). Several years later, Barton applied for and APA approved an amendment to the permit allowing expansion of the tailing waste disposal into two areas: the Tailings Valley site and the Finger Valley site. The amended permit specifically noted that a portion of the planned Finger Valley disposal site would extend into the CEA, but APA expressly reserved the right to

prohibit use of the Finger Valley site for disposal if additional disposal areas became available later. *See* APA Permit 87-39.

However, when it became clear that use of the Finger Valley site for waste disposal would not be feasible, Barton applied for and APA approved another permit amendment that eliminated the Finger Valley disposal site and provided that all tailings waste disposal would occur at the Tailings Valley site. *See* APA Permit 87-39B. As noted in the amended permit, which remains in effect, elimination of the Finger Valley disposal site, before any disturbance occurred, kept the Finger Valley site in its natural condition and “*significantly increases the undisturbed buffer to the adjoining State Wilderness area.*” *Id.* at 6 (emphasis added).

Barton claims that is currently permitted to conduct mining operations, including mining, extracting ore, conducting “support operations,” stockpiling material and constructing roads, in approximately 3.5 acres of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area CEA. Barton Applic. at 4. However, Barton fails to cite to any Findings of Fact or Conditions in the currently applicable permits allowing such mining operation to occur within the CEA. To the contrary, neither the conceptual approval for the Barton Mine (APA Order 78-401) nor either of the currently effective permits (APA Permits 79-358 and 87-39B) include any provisions authorizing Barton to conduct mining operations within the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area CEA. Consequently, Barton’s expansion of mining operations into the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area CEA violates its APA permits.

3. Barton’s Proposed Expansion Will Destroy a Significant Portion of the CEA

Barton acknowledges that “[t]he proposed expansion will increase permitted activities within the CEA to 29.6 acres, a net increase of 26.1 acres.” Barton Applic. at 44. This proposed expansion of Barton’s industrial activities into the CEA will, by Barton’s own admission, require the destruction of approximately 16,678 trees. *Id.* at 45. Barton proposes to extend both the mining excavation area and the tailings waste pile into the CEA, coming within 225 feet of the boundary line with the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. *Id.* (See Figure 3).

As previously acknowledged by APA, the CEA provides a critical buffer between Barton’s industrial mining operations and the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. The intrusion of a massive tailings waste pile and open pit mining into the CEA would obliterate a large portion, approximately 36%, of the CEA on that side of the mine and severely limit its effectiveness as a buffer. This is fundamentally at odds with the purpose of its statutory designation as a CEA and will therefore have an undue adverse impact on Adirondack Park resources. APA should not permit any further expansion of the mine into the Siamese Ponds Wilderness CEA.

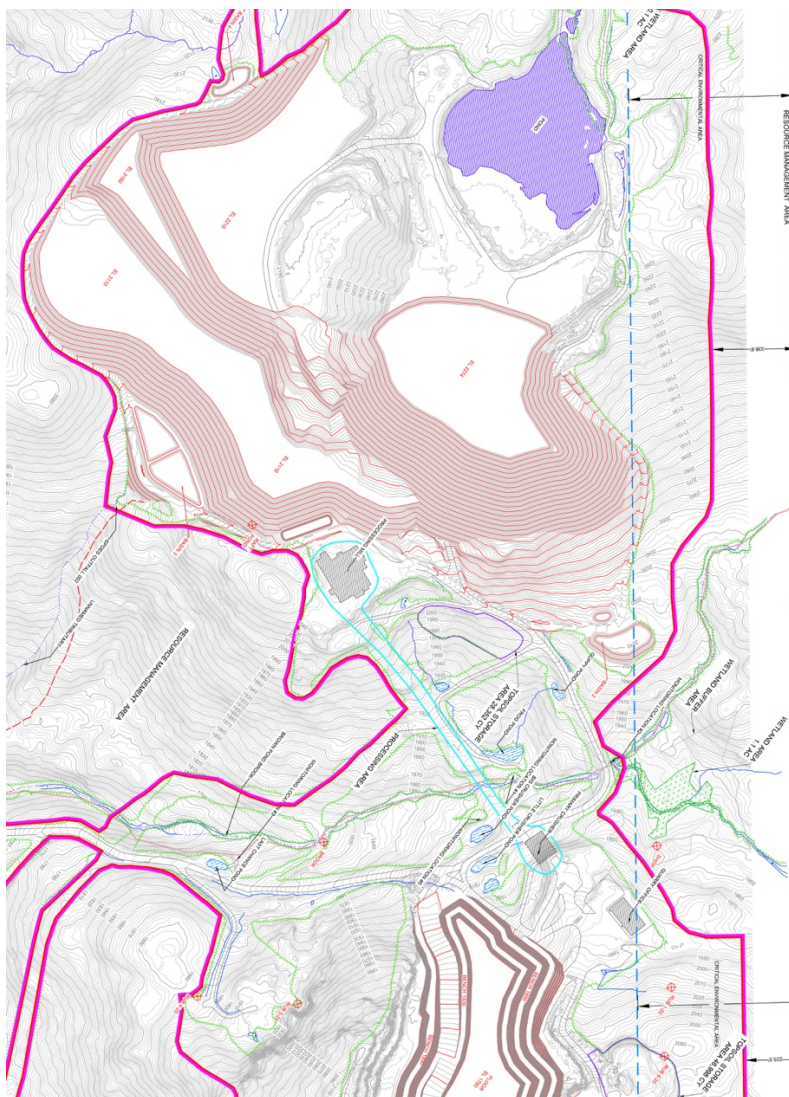


Figure 3. Map showing the boundary line between Barton's property and the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. Barton proposes to expand the quarry to within 225.5' of the Wilderness and the tailings pile to within 336.6' of the Wilderness. The property boundary is the green line, CEA boundary is the blue dotted line, and the boundary of the mine is the purple line.

B. Expansion of the Tailings Waste Pile Will Have an Undue Adverse Impact on Park Resources Because Barton has Failed to Show That the Waste Pile Will Remain Stable and Will Not Fail

Barton's engineering consultant has acknowledged that the tailings waste pile is characterized by "the general lack of engineered fill placement." Ltr. From Knight Piesold Consulting to Jacob Barnhart, Barton (Oct. 30, 2023) at 1. As a result, Barton's consultant states that "an observational approach has been and will continue to be taken with regards to the geotechnical design and associated construction" of the waste pile. *Id.*

As set forth in the enclosed expert report from PROTECT's engineering consultant, Sterling Environmental, Barton's conclusion that the tailings pile will remain stable during the proposed massive expansion of this un-engineered waste dump is unsupported:

It is STERLING's professional engineering opinion that the application contains insufficient information to support a determination that the Residual Minerals Storage Facility (hereinafter referred to as the "RM Facility") will remain stable and will not fail over the life of the proposed mine expansion. Specifically, the August 2024 Geotechnical Report lacks the data necessary to support a conclusion that the RM Facility will be stable over the life of the expansion, and the report fails to adequately analyze and discuss the consequences and potential impacts of a slope failure.

Sterling Environmental Report (Oct. 9, 2024) enclosed herein as Exhibit A, at 1.

In addition, Sterling points out that the "observational approach" proposed by Barton to increasing the size of the waste pile is deeply flawed:

There are two problems with this approach for the mine expansion. First, an observational approach is not appropriate for the long-term construction of the RM Facility where one of the observations could be a large slope failure. Second, while many construction projects operate under a "design-build" approach, such an approach includes specific performance requirements and the roles and responsibilities of involved personnel are clearly defined. In contrast, the observational approach described in the October 2023 report and carried forward in the proposed monitoring plan in the August 2024 report is ambiguous, lacks specific performance requirements, fails to describe the roles and responsibilities of involved personnel, *and is therefore insufficient to ensure that long-term stability of the expanded RM Facility will be achieved.*

Id. (emphasis added).

Sterling also points out that Barton's slope stability analysis is unreliable and does not support its conclusion that the waste pile will remain stable, including because it fails to consider that the waste pile is located in a seismically active area:

The Geotechnical Report includes large deep seated failure scenarios that barely achieve the minimum FOS of 1.3. The failure surfaces cross through several material layers that are assigned specific material properties that are based on a limited field investigation and testing program. Good engineering practice is to perform a sensitivity analysis on the model input parameters, such as material properties or groundwater elevation, to assess the impact of a change in those parameters on the FOS. This is particularly important given the size of the failure surfaces at the RM Facility and the closeness of the scenarios to the minimum FOS.

For all practical purposes, the RM Facility is a landfill. In New York, the NYSDEC has specific stability analysis requirements for landfills, including a requirement to perform a seismic stability analysis for any facility located in a seismic impact zone. The RM Facility is located in a seismic impact zone as indicated on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Seismic Hazard Map of New York (2014). A seismic analysis is critical to the assessment of potential adverse impacts based on the size and complexity of the RM Facility and the consequences of a failure.

Id. at 2.

The Sterling report makes clear that Barton's conclusion that the tailings waste pile is stable and will not fail during the proposed expansion is unsupported by reliable data and is at odds with good engineering practice. Given the uncertainty regarding the current stability of the waste pile, the proposal to significantly expand it laterally and vertically risks catastrophic failure and will therefore have an undue adverse impact on the natural resources of the Adirondack Park and poses a risk to the safety of the public. (*See* Figure 4).

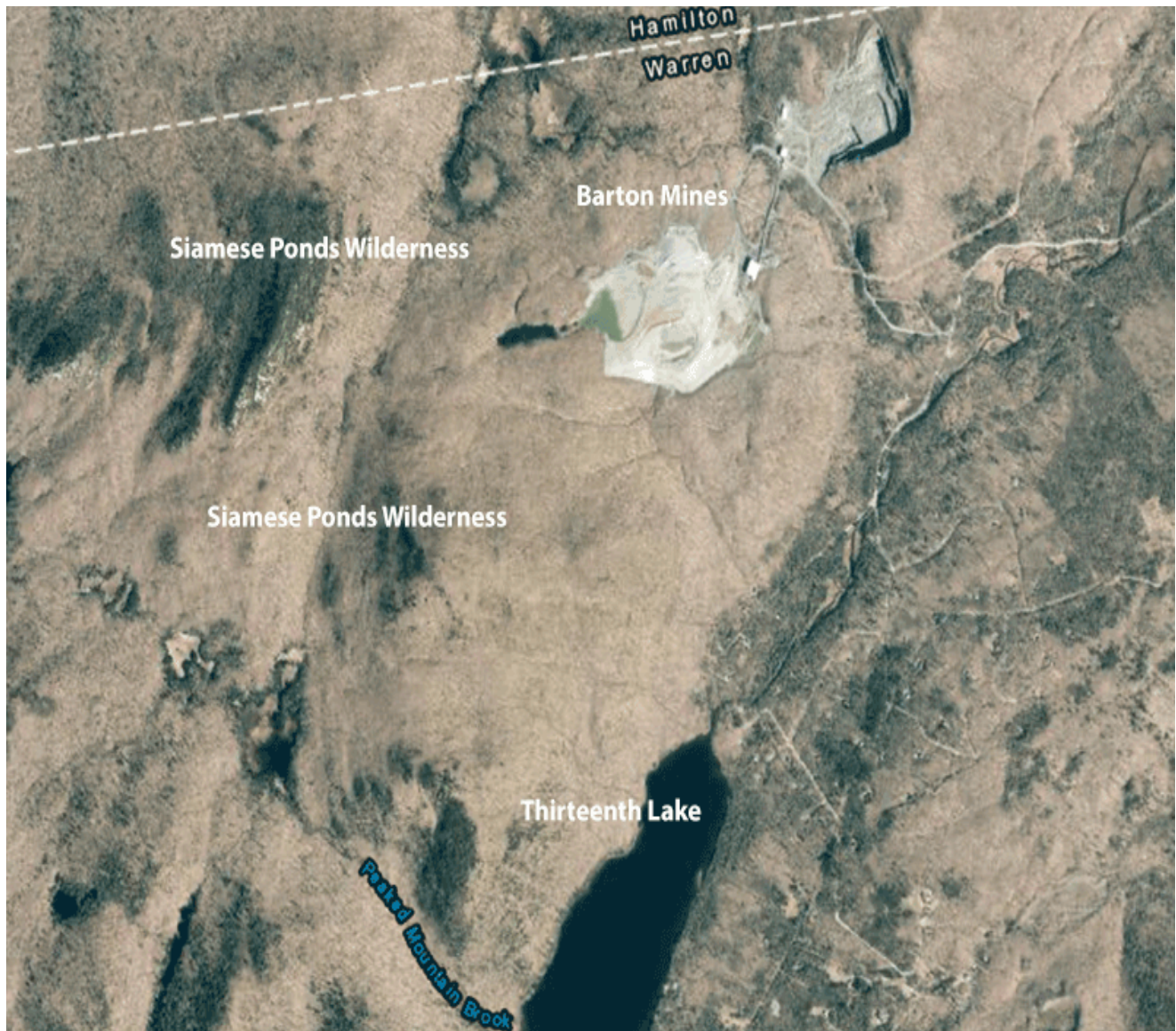


Figure 4. Aerial view showing the mine in proximity to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area and Thirteenth Lake. Base map from APA website.

C. The Proposed Expansion of the Waste Pile Will Have Undue Adverse Visual and Aesthetic Impacts

PROTECT has previously submitted three expert reports from Dr. Richard Smardon under cover of letters dated November 22, 2022, May 31, 2023, and January 9, 2024. Dr. Smardon is a Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York, where he has taught for over 36 years. He is a certified environmental professional with over 40 years of experience in visual impact assessments, and has written three professional reference books on the subject.

Dr. Smardon's submissions demonstrate that the proposed expansion of the tailings waste pile will have undue adverse visual and aesthetic impacts. Specifically, the proposed expansion will result in the waste pile becoming visible or becoming increasingly visible from several sensitive publicly accessible receptors, including from Thirteenth Lake, the Hooper Mine trail and the Balm of Gilead Mountain trail in the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area; the Moxham Mountain trail in the Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest; and Gore Mountain (a popular public ski resort owned and operated by the State). The waste pile will also become increasingly visible from Thirteenth Lake Road and from Garnet Hill Lodge. Blowing dust from the waste pile and mining equipment and vehicles on the waste pile increase the adverse visual impacts of the waste pile. (See Figure 5). In addition, Barton has failed to evaluate the visual impacts of the planned removal of approximately 43,000 trees from a 67-acre portion of the mine property.



Figure 5. View of waste pile and mining equipment.

As discussed in Dr. Smardon's reports, Barton's claims that the visual impacts of the waste pile will be partially mitigated by vegetation planted on the Project site is unsupported by any detailed simulations of vegetative cover that will exist over time. Moreover, as pointed out by Dr. Smardon, Barton's conclusory claims that the RM pile and quarry face will be totally or nearly totally screened by vegetation from these important viewpoints are not supported by Barton's monitoring report on its revegetation testing program, submitted as Exhibit N to the application. In fact, the report documents poor success rates for revegetation, undermining the assumption that the visual impacts of the expanded mining operation will be mitigated by vegetative screening. Furthermore, as demonstrated by the current visibility of the tailings pile from multiple publicly accessible viewpoints, the revegetation that APA previously required, which was to commence nearly 30

years ago (in 1996), has not been successfully accomplished. Thus, there is no rational basis for assuming that vegetation will be able to grow on the tailings pile in a way that will mitigate its adverse visual impacts.

Barton also claims that visual impacts from windblown fugitive dust from the waste pile will be mitigated by annual placement of a biodegradable treatment. However, as pointed out by Dr. Smardon, the application includes no specific reference to the proven effectiveness of such a measure. In any event, this mitigation measure fails to address the windblown material coming off the conveyer belt and other machinery during windy conditions at the top working area of the waste pile.

D. Fugitive Dust From the Proposed Expansion Will Have Undue Adverse Impacts on Air Quality and on Scenic and Aesthetic Resources

As noted in Dr. Smardon's reports and documented by photographs included as exhibits to his reports, fugitive dust blowing off the waste pile and associated components such as the conveyor belt are a continuing problem during windy conditions. Barton claims that "[t]he application of DUST/BLOKR and Mincryl X50 on the residual minerals facility has shown excellent performance." Ltr. From Bowman Consulting Group Ltd. to Beth A. Magee, DEC, and Corrie Magee, APA (Aug. 30, 2024) at 3. However, the photographic evidence included in the Smardon reports proves otherwise. (See Figure 6). In addition to the adverse visual and aesthetic impacts from the fugitive dust, it has an adverse air quality impact both on-site and off-site, as depicted by the photographs showing dust from the waste pile being blown off-site. Residents near the mine have reported that they have to clean up large amounts of the dust from the mine that has accumulated on their properties.



Figure 6. Windblown dust from the waste pile.

E. The Proposed Expansion Will Have an Undue Adverse Impact on Park Resources Because Barton is Proposing No Noise Mitigation Measures

Despite the fact that numerous residents of the community adjacent to Barton’s property have complained about increased noise from mining operations, the company is proposing no additional measures to mitigate noise. Nor is Barton proposing to reduce its 24/7 milling operation to reduce noise impacts from its nighttime and weekend operations. Board-certified noise experts from Resource Systems Group (RSG) recently evaluated noise data presented in the Barton permit application. RSG concluded that the increase in projected future noise levels from the mine violates the DEC noise policy. Given this finding, and Barton’s refusal to propose any additional noise mitigation measures, the noise from the proposed expansion will have an undue adverse impact on Adirondack Park resources.

II. APA and Barton Have Failed to Comply With the Climate Act

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, Ch. 106, Laws of 2019 “CLCPA” or “Climate Act”) establishes economy-wide requirements to reduce Statewide greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions. Article 75 of the ECL (enacted as part of the CLCPA) requires the Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) to promulgate regulations ensuring that Statewide GHG emissions be reduced to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030, and 85% below 1990 levels by 2050.

ECL § 75-0107(1). As required by the CLCPA, DEC promulgated regulations translating the statutorily required statewide GHG emission percentage reduction limits into specific limits based on estimated 1990 GHG emission levels. *See* 6 NYCRR Part 496. The regulations establish Statewide GHG emissions limits for 2030 and 2050, respectively, of 245.87 and 61.47 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents (measured on a 20- year Global Warming Potential basis). *Id.*

Section 7(2) of the CLCPA imposes a mandatory duty on all State agencies to consider the GHG emissions associated with the issuance of a permit or approval:

In considering and issuing permits, licenses, and other administrative approvals and decisions . . . all state agencies, offices, authorities and divisions shall consider whether such decisions are inconsistent with or will interfere with the attainment of the statewide [GHG] emissions limits established in [ECL Article 75]. Where such decisions are deemed to be inconsistent with or will interfere with the attainment of the statewide [GHG] emissions limits, each agency, office, authority or division shall provide a detailed statement of justification as to why such limits/criteria may not be met, and identify alternatives or [GHG] mitigation measures to be required where such project is located.

Ch. 106, Laws of 2019, § 7(2).

The CLCPA’s mandatory GHG provisions apply to APA’s consideration of the permit application for Barton’s proposed expansion. There is no dispute that Barton’s proposed expansion will result in increased GHG emissions from on-site machinery and industrial equipment and from additional truck traffic. In addition, Barton’s proposal to clearcut 36 acres of forest has a negative effect on forest carbon storage and sequestration potential. To date, Barton has failed to submit an analysis of the Project’s direct and upstream GHG emissions and, to our knowledge, neither APA nor DEC have taken any steps to evaluate the Project’s potential GHG emissions.

APA’s third Notice of Incomplete Application (“NIPA”) stated:

The proposal appears to result in the conversion of approximately 36 acres of forest to a non-forested coertype during Phase I, and associated loss of forest carbon storage and forest carbon sequestration potential. Section 9.0 on page 56 of the narrative response document titled “Climate Change,” should be revised to account for this loss.

APA Third NIPA (Jan. 12, 2024) at 5.

Barton’s response to this comment is that “[t]he narrative has been updated to address Climate Change.” Letter from Bowman Consulting Ltd. to DEC and APA (July 15, 2024) at 19. But the Climate Change narrative in Section 9 on page 67 of the July 2024 application document does not address the loss of carbon storage and forest carbon sequestration potential associated with the clearcutting of 36 acres of forest during Phase I of the Project, as requested by APA.

Moreover, the Climate Change narrative is woefully inadequate, consisting entirely of vague conclusory, self-serving statements that are unsupported by any data or analysis. For example, Barton states that “[t]he Barton project as proposed will have a negligible impact on and will not impede New York State goals on . . . GHG emissions” but fails to provide any data concerning Barton’s current GHG emissions or how those emissions are projected to change as a result of the mine expansion. Barton Mine Permit Amendment and Modification (July 2024) at 67. Barton likewise fails to provide any data to support its claim that “[t]otal emissions from all sources for the life of the proposed project will remain essentially unchanged.” And Barton peppers its discussion with vague and qualified assertions such as that GHG emissions will be “essentially” unchanged, that the number, type and use of mobile equipment at the mine “should” remain the same, and that future (unspecified) technological advances “may” lead to a decrease in GHG emissions from mine operations. *Id.* Barton’s brief and conclusory statements about the Project’s climate change impacts are woefully insufficient for a project of this magnitude. APA cannot satisfy its CLCPA duty to consider GHG emissions by relying on the narrative in Barton’s application.

III. An Adjudicatory Hearing Must be Held on Barton’s Application

As discussed above, APA cannot, based on the current record, make the statutory findings that are a prerequisite to approval of the Barton application. APA must therefore hold an adjudicatory hearing on the application as required by the APA Act. Executive Law § 809(3)(d).

In any event, public comments submitted to APA, particularly regarding the instability of the waste pile, the visual and noise impacts of the project, the encroachment into the CEA, and the GHG emissions, “raise substantive and significant issues relating to any findings or determinations the agency is required to make . . . including the reasonable likelihood that the project will be disapproved or can be approved only with major modifications because the project as proposed may not meet statutory or regulatory criteria or standards.” *Id.* Furthermore, “the general level of public interest” in the Project, as demonstrated by the hundreds of public comments submitted to APA, warrants an adjudicatory hearing on the application. *Id.*

In addition to meeting the statutory criteria in the APA Act for an adjudicatory hearing, the facts concerning the Barton application plainly satisfy the criteria for an adjudicatory hearing set forth in APA’s regulations. The proposed mine expansion is a major permit application that is large and complex; there is a high degree of public interest in the proposed project; expert reports have been submitted disputing the analyses and conclusions in Barton’s application concerning the stability of the tailings waste pile, the visual and aesthetic impacts of the proposed expansion, and the noise and dust impacts from mining operations, thus raising significant issues relating to the criteria for approval and the possibility that the project can be approved only with major modifications or significant conditions; and the testimony of these experts at a hearing would be of assistance to APA in its review. *See* 9 NYCRR § 580.2(a). An adjudicatory hearing is also necessary given the extremely truncated public comment period (15 days) provided by APA for a project of this magnitude, scope and complexity, which has severely limited public involvement. *See id.* § 580.2(a)(6) (requiring consideration of the extent of public involvement by other means).

Conclusion

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Protect the Adirondacks, please let me express our gratitude for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Sincerely,

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Christopher Amato
Conservation Director and Counsel

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cc: Beth Magee
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EXHIBIT A



October 9, 2024

Corrie Magee
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Subject: Barton Mines, LLC
Ruby Mountain Garnet Mine
Major Permit Modification
NYSDEC Mine Permit #5-5230-00002/00002
APA Permit #P79-140, P79-356, P87-39, P87-39A, P87-39B, P88-393, P88-393A
STERLING File #2024-01

Dear Ms. Magee:

Sterling Environmental Engineering, P.C. (STERLING) has been retained by Protect the Adirondacks to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with the major permit application by Barton Mines, LLC ("Barton") to expand its Ruby Mountain Garnet Mine located in the Town of Johnsbury, Warren County (the "mine"). The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) issued a Notice of Complete Application on September 18, 2024.

As described below, it is STERLING's professional engineering opinion that the application contains insufficient information to support a determination that the Residual Minerals Storage Facility (hereinafter referred to as the "RM Facility") will remain stable and will not fail over the life of the proposed mine expansion. Specifically, the August 2024 Geotechnical Report lacks the data necessary to support a conclusion that the RM Facility will be stable over the life of the expansion, and the report fails to adequately analyze and discuss the consequences and potential impacts of a slope failure.

The Geotechnical Report concludes that the slope stability analysis meets industry standard Factors of Safety (FOS). However, the following critical data gaps demonstrate that the report's slope stability analysis is incomplete and that its conclusion that it meets the industry FOS lacks sound engineering support:

1. The Geotechnical Report relies heavily on the October 30, 2023 report included in Appendix A prepared by Knight Piesold Consulting. The October 2023 report is a feasibility assessment that describes an "observational approach" for future construction that requires the continuous involvement by a qualified geotechnical engineer to confirm assumptions, provide guidance on construction methods and investigation programs, and to initiate re-designs if warranted based on observations. There are two problems with this approach for the mine expansion. First, an observational approach is not appropriate for the long-term construction of the RM Facility where one of the observations could be a large slope failure. Second, while many construction projects operate under a "design-build" approach, such an approach includes specific performance requirements and the roles and responsibilities of involved personnel are clearly defined. In contrast, the observational approach described in the October 2023 report and carried forward in the proposed monitoring plan in the August 2024 report is ambiguous, lacks specific performance requirements, fails to describe the roles and responsibilities of involved personnel, and is therefore insufficient to ensure that long-term stability of the expanded RM Facility will be achieved.

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It is standard engineering practice when adopting a design-build approach to include long-term design and construction details in a comprehensive document, such as a Basis of Design Report, Operations and Maintenance Manual, or a Construction Quality Assurance Plan. No such report is included in the application. This omission leaves unanswered the important questions regarding how the ongoing engineering and construction oversight necessary for a project of this magnitude will be implemented. Although the October 2023 report identifies “geotechnical risks” and recommends construction practices to improve geotechnical performance of the expansion, these technical elements are not fully assessed and the procedures to execute and monitor the construction recommendations are not identified.

2. The October 2023 report describes specific stability scenarios that were not assessed, such as earthquake loading and rapidly rising groundwater conditions. These scenarios must be evaluated to fully understand the long-term stability of the RM Facility. However, the 2024 Geotechnical Report makes no mention of these previously identified risk scenarios and does not state whether they were evaluated or if they will be assessed at any time during the future observational approach. A comprehensive design-build document would normally describe when specific scenarios will be assessed and describe all required field observations, sampling programs, data collection, action levels, and notifications.
3. The Geotechnical Report concludes that the RM Facility is expected to be stable over the life of the expansion because the assessed FOS meets or exceeds the industry standard FOS of 1.5 for drained conditions and 1.3 for undrained conditions. However, this statement lacks context because it does not include an assessment of the variability of design factors or an analysis of the consequence of a slope failure. The Geotechnical Report includes large deep seated failure scenarios that barely achieve the minimum FOS of 1.3. The failure surfaces cross through several material layers that are assigned specific material properties that are based on a limited field investigation and testing program. Good engineering practice is to perform a sensitivity analysis on the model input parameters, such as material properties or groundwater elevation, to assess the impact of a change in those parameters on the FOS. This is particularly important given the size of the failure surfaces at the RM Facility and the closeness of the scenarios to the minimum FOS. Slope stability cross sections C and F have failure surfaces spanning approximately 800 to 1,000 feet and crossing through the lower process water ponds at SPDES Outfall 002. If a failure of this magnitude occurred, mine tailing and process water would be released into the unnamed tributary that flows into Thirteenth Brook.
4. For all practical purposes, the RM Facility is a landfill. In New York, the NYSDEC has specific stability analysis requirements for landfills, including a requirement to perform a seismic stability analysis for any facility located in a seismic impact zone. The RM Facility is located in a seismic impact zone as indicated on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Seismic Hazard Map of New York (2014). A seismic analysis is critical to the assessment of potential adverse impacts based on the size and complexity of the RM Facility and the consequences of a failure.

As noted above, the application documents lack necessary information to support a conclusion that the RM Facility will be stable over the life of the proposed expansion.

We appreciate your consideration of these comments.

Very truly yours,
STERLING ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, P.C.

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Program Specialist 1
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Re: **APA Project Number 2021-245**

I own a seasonal camp in North River, New York, and I have regularly been skiing, hiking, and camping in the Siamese Ponds Wilderness for over three decades. I write to comment on the proposed renewal of the Barton Mine permit. I am not opposed to renewal of the permit, as they are part of the region's history, community, and economy, But I believe that permit conditions should be imposed if the mine is to operate in a way that is consistent with the wilderness values of the Siamese Ponds wilderness area in the Adirondack Park Preserve.

The essence of wilderness is peace and quiet, and freedom from industrial noise pollution. This serenity cannot be measured in decibels, as any artificial sound that is audible destroys the sanctuary from post industrial society that a designated wilderness is supposed to provide. Motorized vehicles are prohibited in wilderness areas for a good reason, no matter how quiet their engines may be. If you can hear it, it is too loud.

Unfortunately, the current operation of the Barton Mine destroys this tranquillity. It seems that the equipment sound from the mine has become louder, and more constant, over recent years,

Just this past Monday, my wife and I camped at Elizabeth Point on 13th Lake, within the designated Siamese Ponds wilderness area. We were treated to a spectacular display of the northern lights. But the wilderness experience was marred by the constant drone of the Barton Mine machinery, which operated all night. It kept my wife from sleeping soundly.

The lights of the mine also cause light pollution, destroying one of the last places of dark sky left in New York State. As with the noise pollution, if you can see the glow of the mine's lights (and you can), then it's operations are inconsistent with wilderness.

Certainly, the mine should be able to adjust its operations to reduce or eliminate this destruction of the Siamese Pond Wilderness values. At a minimum, it need not operate 24/7 - preserving the wilderness at night and on weekends when recreational use is a higher value seems to be an obvious compromise. Otherwise, the permit should include a condition requiring that mining and processing operations be inaudible within the Siamese Ponds wilderness at all times.

Given the level of public interest in this permit renewal, and the serious interference with the Siamese Ponds wilderness values, a public hearing is in order, and I hereby request you hold one.

Thank for your consideration of these comments.

- Karl Coplan
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Sincerely,

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FrontStreet Mountain Development is a major property owner and developer in the Town of Johnsburg. We are holders of major Permits for "Ski Bowl Village at Gore Mountain" from both Agencies and understand well the issues and considerations important to the environment, community, neighbors, and regulators. We are also well aware of the business and economic issues facing the North Country and Johnsburg specifically.

Barton Mines has been and continues to be a strong business partner within the Community. Barton management and employees understand the issues and have worked to create a successful enterprise, while respecting it's permits, neighbors and the environment. We believe Barton Mine to be a model company operating in the Adirondacks.

The importance of attracting and maintaining a stable, respectful and dependable business like Barton Mines is critical. They help maintain a solid economy, while protecting the environment. We strongly support the Barton Mine Permit Amendment and recommend timely approval by the Agencies. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

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RE - Project 2021-0245; BARTON MINE;
LCC; CORRIE MAGEE

I support Barton Mines'

application to modify their mining
permit.

I'm a resident of Blue Mt. Lake.

I know the importance of
Barton Mines continued operation.
Good employment opportunities in
this region are limited. Barton
mines has helped fill this
need for many years and should
be granted this proposed Mine
Permit Modification.

Sincerely
Judith J. Cummins

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Dear Corrie,

I am writing to express my concerns about the Barton Mines, LLC permit application to expand their Ruby Mountain Mine operation. I am writing as a landowner in North River and a frequent visitor to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. I want to be clear; I am not opposed to the continued operation of the Ruby Mountain Mine location; however, I do have four main areas of concern that I hope are being addressed: Tailings Pile Stability, Errant Dust, Noise infiltrating the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area, and Hours of Operation.

Tailings Pile Stability

What has Barton Mines, LLC done to insure the continued stability of a rising tailings pile in a climate changing world? We are continuing to see an increase in extreme weather, including excessive rainfall. Have any studies been done to model the impact of a very heavy rainfall event on the tailings pile? In the life of the mine under the new permit, it is highly likely that the tailings pile will experience a rainfall event that will supersaturate the pile. In addition to a heavy rainfall event, a natural stream flows into the mine area. This stream is visible in digital hydrology maps available from NYS and Federal Agencies. Aerial imagery also shows ponding where the natural flow of this stream has been blocked by the tailings pile. Thus, it is very possible that during an excessive rainfall event the pile will become supersaturated from above and below. This is not at all out of the realm of possibilities, look no further than the impact Tropical Storm Irene had on North Country communities. More recently, Vermont towns including Montpelier, the capitol, have seen tremendous rainfall and associated flooding three times in a 12-month period. Supersaturated tailings could lead to a catastrophic failure of the pile akin to the tragic collapse that occurred in Aberfan, Scotland in 1966. That event killed well over one hundred children and two dozen plus adults. In addition to the horrific thought that a Barton Mine tailings pile collapse could lead to the loss of life, should such an event occur it will almost certainly irrevocably change the ecology of Thirteenth Lake and possibly the Hudson River further downstream. So, what is Barton doing to ensure the continued safety and stability of the tailings pile in a climate changing world?

If this isn't being seriously and sincerely addressed by Barton Mine, LLC, then you should ensure that they do so before tragedy strikes sometime down the road.

Errant Dust

I have seen dust emanating from the existing tailings pile while driving on Thirteenth Lake Road and from the top of Balm of Gilead in the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. As someone who is slightly asthmatic, I have concerns about the impact of air borne fine particulate matter on local air quality. In addition, I am concerned about the impact this dust will have on forest ecology when it eventually settles. Will this dust, over the long-term, lead to irreversible changes to things like forest soil chemistry in those areas downwind of the pile? Will these changes adversely impact sensitive flora and fauna particularly amphibians? Based on my own observations, Barton is failing to keep dust contained on their site. As noted above, we are living in a climate changed world where historical rainfall patterns have been upended by periods of drought punctuated by heavy rainfall. It is those periods of drought that have and will continue to exacerbate the dust emanating from the mine site. The dust

mitigation efforts they are using are clearly not working. Because of this, the Barton Mines, LLC should be required to begin building soils on the site that will in time support grasses and ultimately trees. Adding soil amendments like biochar can help accelerate this process. These and other ecological design techniques have been applied to mountain top removal mines in Appalachia. Barton Mines, LLC has a responsibility to successful, long-term reclamation of the site.

Noise infiltrating the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area

Another concern I have is the noise that infiltrates the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. I'm not allowed to ride a bike in the wilderness area because it is considered a machine but while I seek the solitude of the woods while deer hunting, I can hear the hum of the mine activity. This includes beeping from the backup alarms of trucks and other vehicles.

While I am realistic that there are few places one can go to escape the noise of civilization, I believe more can be done to mitigate noise infiltrating the area surrounding the mine, including the Wilderness Area. For example, electric vehicles, including bull dozers and excavators, exist today. This technology should be used as much as possible. In addition to being better for the planet, electric vehicles are undoubtedly quieter than their fossil fuel counterparts. Further, technology like remote sensors can be used to eliminate the need for audible backup alarms. Alternative safety devices like flashing lights and sensor activated vibrating vests worn by workers can replace audible alarms. These are simple and currently available noise mitigation solutions. It is my understanding that one of the biggest sources of noise pollution is the crusher used to free up the garnet from surrounding material. If this is the case, Barton Mines, LLC should be required to isolate this noise by implementing noise mitigation efforts.

For example, why not simply bury the building with mine spoils. The building could at a minimum have mine spoils banked up on the sides.

This would be a simple and effective way to dampen the noise. If completely buried the structure that houses the crusher may need to be adapted to be support the additional weight. However, one positive aspect of this is the fact that the material exists on site and needs to be dealt with anyway.

Hours of Operation

Lastly, aside from perhaps greed there is absolutely no reason why the mine needs to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Thus, there could be periods of time that local residents and visitors to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area can be guaranteed some quite enjoyment of this wonderful natural resource. At the end of the day, garnet is not a mineral of importance to national security like uranium. Thus, why does it need to be extracted and processed around the clock? A noise free day or two per week and/or several noise free hours a day does not seem unreasonable.

Prior to the issuance of a permit for the continued operation of the mine these issues should be thoroughly considered. Further, any allowable enforcement mechanisms must be put in place to ensure compliance with mitigation efforts and stipulations made by the State to ensure tailings pile stability, dust and noise mitigation.

If Barton Mines, LLC is truly the good neighbor that they claim to be, they will take these concerns seriously, particularly those involving the health and safety of the larger community.

Thank you for giving these concerns thoughtful consideration. I appreciate your time and effort to ensure that the Barton Mines, LLC is held accountable for their mining operation and it's impact on the surrounding community and landscape.

Sincerely,

Dan Erickson, PhD

From: Daniel Willner <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 3:35 PM
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190 Cherry Street
Katonah, NY 10536

From: Daniel Wyant <info@protectadks.org>
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Daniel Wyant <djwyant.dw@gmail.com>

1 Nash Place
Colonie, New York 12205

From: danielmurray@verizon.net
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 1:34 PM
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To Whom It May Concern,

The Adirondacks were a big part of my life. I am now 52 years old. I love the environment, but I totally recognize the need for good jobs, for good citizens, who are part of good communities.

The people of the Adirondacks have demonstrated their patriotism and willingness to abide with law and order from the beginning of this nation. They deserve good, honest, opportunities for jobs that provide the greatest of paths for American prosperity, via the American dream.

I am personally requesting consideration, for the good people of the Adirondacks, who are employed by the Barton Corporation, in the regulatory review currently happening, concerning Barton's Adirondack operations. Please support good jobs for good New Yorkers and Americans.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. Murray

From: Danielle Lesta <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 11:52 AM
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Danielle Lesta <danielle.lesta@gmail.com>

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To whom it may concern

In a society where the overwhelming mindset is ruled by NIMBY-ism, it is astounding to see so much local support for an operator like Barton Mines. That support is even more impressive given that it often presents itself from individuals who are conservationists and the location of the mine is smack in the middle of the Adirondacks.

I am one of those conservationists who support this continuing operation because in addition to being a conservationist, I'm also a realist. I realize that mining is a necessary to continue or modern lifestyles and ideally, it can be performed in a minimally-invasive as the operations here show to be possible. Barton Mines is a rare example of an industrial company that works with the community and not against it, creating long-term success for everyone involved. They are not here just to reap the local resources only to move on leaving a giant hole in the ground and local economy.

I have followed this application process from the sidelines and news coverage - it has been refreshing to see a company listen **and address** real concerns from the local community and working in a truly manner of good-faith. Although I am not a lifelong local, from my first year living here, I have seen, heard, and personally experienced how important this organization is to our town.

Regards,
Dave Skibinski
518-217-5678
lamahouseadk.com

From: David Brauer <info@protectadks.org>
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David Brauer <dbrauer31@msn.com>

640 Oceanview Rd
Brielle, NJ 08730

From: David Fontanella <info@protectadks.org>
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I'm writing in opposition to the proposed expansion of Barton Mines. As someone who uses state lands for quiet enjoyment of nature, I believe the increased dust, visual and noise impacts and increased heavy-duty truck traffic will have a negative impact on the nearby community and on the Siamese Ponds Wilderness.

Please deny Barton's application for an expansion.

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Sincerely,

David Fontanella <def6@cornell.edu>
PO Box 672
Trumansburg, NY 14886

From: David Papa <info@protectadks.org>
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David Papa <dpapa78@hotmail.com>

175 GREENMAN HILL RD
AVERILL PARK, NY 12018

From: deana123@frontiernet.net
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Dear APA Representatives,

Barton Mines is such an important entity within the Town of Johnsbury and neighboring towns. Besides operating their business here, they are also supportive of local businesses and residents.

I am in full support of the permit modification that Barton Mines has submitted for approval.

Johnsbury is a small town that has benefited from Barton's presence and needs it as we move forward. About 100 local jobs could be effected by Barton Mines not operating.

Please approve this application and help Johnsbury's economy and residents.

I am proud to say that my father worked for Barton Mines as well as many of my relatives and friends. Barton has been crucial to our economy for many years.

Respectfully submitted,

Deana Hitchcock Wood
15 E Holcomb Street
North Creek, NY 12853
518-744-7931

10/2/24

CORRIE MAGEE

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

P.O. Box 99

RAY BROOK, NY 12977

RE: PROJECT 2021-0245 BARTON MINES LLC

I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT BARTON MINES OBTAIN APPROVAL TO MODIFY THEIR PERMIT + CONTINUE OPERATIONS INTO THE FUTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY. JOBS, TAX REVENUE + THE PRESENCE OF VIABLE INDUSTRY IS CRUCIAL TO THE OVERALL WELL BEING OF THE ENTIRE AREA.

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Karen De Gaeta

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Liliana DeGiorgio <lilianadegiorgio@gmail.com>

523 Congress Street
Troy, NY 12180

From: Denise Charno <info@protectadks.org>
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Denise Charno <dcharno@me.com>

297 Carriage Path Ct
Webster, NY 14580

From: Denita Ireland <info@protectadks.org>
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Denita Ireland <irelandmd01@gmail.com>

146 Helena Rd
Akwesasne, New York 13655

From: Destiny Rivera <info@protectadks.org>
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Destiny Rivera <destinytheguy@gmail.com>

26 Highview Acres
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From: Diane Miller <info@protectadks.org>
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Diane Miller <dianemillerpt@gmail.com>

4101 Old Brick Court
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From: Donald Yanulavich <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2024 11:35 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Corrie Magee
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I am writing in support of Barton Mine's proposed permit modification. Barton Mines is a major local employer and taxpayer, employing at least one hundred people in the Adirondacks. By allowing their modifications, they will be able to continue doing this for many years to come. As an outdoor enthusiast and property owner in Johnsbury, I support what they are proposing.

Thank you,
Donna Britton

From: edward michael <permitcapt@yahoo.com>
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As a capitalist, I oppose the Barton Mines application **APA Project Number2021- 245**

After purchasing property on 4-H Rd in the Garnet Hill Property Owners Association in November of 2023, I noticed a small visual window of tailings as I drove up Thirteenth Lake Rd. Now it is most obtrusive, egregious, and Ugly.

Ugly costs money, lots of money! All properties within sight of the Ugly tailings spill-over are realizing a real-time devaluing of their properties.

I am most distressed about this development.

Edward Michaels
109 4-H Rd
North River, NY

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From: Elaine Denton <info@protectadks.org>
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From: [Bates, Angela \(APA\)](#)
To: [Plante, David \(APA\)](#); [Stodola, Damion \(APA\)](#); [Magee, Corrie \(APA\)](#)
Subject: FW: Correspondence [Meusel, Kim] #1278848P
Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 2:29:31 PM

From: Kelsey Barrett <Kelsey_Barrett@NYEC@chamber.state.ny.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 2:28 PM
To: Bates, Angela (APA) <Angela.Bates@apa.ny.gov>
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Johnsburg, New York 12856
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kmmeusel@gmail.com
County _Other New York
Addressed to: Governor

Email Subject: Mine expansion in the Adirondacks

Issue 1 24400 Adirondack Park

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Incoming Correspondence:

PLEASE EXTEND THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TO 60 DAYS FOR THE BARTON MINES, LLC
Application APA Project No. 2021-0245-15 days is a totally inadequate amount of time for the public or the APA board for that matter to respond to an application of this scope.
I'd like the board to please consider a resident's point of view.

We began visiting the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area and Garnet Hill Lodge in 1989 and in 2006 we purchased our home on Ruby Mtn. View.

Barton mine was not visible or audible during the years we visited Garnet Hill Lodge, when we first bought our house in 2006 or for several years after that either.

We should have reasonable assurance that our quality of life and the character of the Wilderness Area and the Adirondack Park will remain mostly the same.

Barton Mine borders The Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area - DESIGNATED WILDERNESS AREAS defined by DEC as

A. Wilderness

[APSLMP and CPSLMP] A wilderness area, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man - where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. A wilderness area is further defined to mean an area of state land or water having a primeval character, without significant improvement or protected and managed so as to preserve, enhance and restore, where necessary, its natural conditions, and which

1. generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable;
2. has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation;
3. has at least ten thousand acres of contiguous land and water or is of sufficient size and character as to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and
4. may also contain ecological, geological or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value.

The land all around the mine is protected wilderness area. Mining is banned from the park because of the negative impact on environment. As a homeowner we had no reason to worry the character of this area would change. We trusted the state to keep the banned/grandfathered operation of Barton Mine in check, the character of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area protected and residential neighborhoods unharmed.

However, Barton Mine's operation has not been kept in check. Its excessive constant noise and mountainous piles of waste have grown in recent years. Many from my neighborhood voiced concerns with noise, light, water and dust pollution directly to Chuck Barton to no avail. Then we learned of the application to extend and expand the Barton Mine permit.

This permit process puts far too much responsibility on residents. It seems we must become experts ourselves to be heard. Meanwhile, the lack of oversight by both DEC and APA has allowed a business to pit neighbor against neighbor. Barton has run a smear campaign against our neighborhood and made other town residents fear speaking up. In recent months when a neighbor reported excessive noise from Barton Mine, Beth Magee, DEC retorted "You should've known you bought a house near a mine?" This is who we are supposed to report concerns to?

Beth Magee, DEC made it clear she had an allegiance to Barton and was not concerned with environment or community.

Also, we did know we bought a house near a mine.

We thought North Creek was a great example of how life is supposed to be in the Adirondack Park. A place where wildlife, protected lands and waters, residents, tourists and businesses coexist in balance with one another.

The area near Barton Mine is out of balance. Barton mining operation now overshadows our community. Barton Mine can be seen and heard from local roads, homes, trails and on Thirteenth Lake- in The Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area.

If Barton Mine continues to operate without boundaries on noise, waste piles, dust, water and light pollution this area will be forever changed. It will no longer be a wilderness area; it will simply become an industrial area.

Please note, Garnet Hill Lodge is an important local business that is being damaged by the mine. The Lodge employs 50+ people and brings thousands of tourists 6,000+ to the area each year. Tourism is important to sustain Johnsburg, the town supervisor has been quoted saying this and many small businesses agree. Pollution from Barton Mine will drive tourists away. No one who comes to the area looking for an Adirondack getaway will return when they experience the sounds and sights of mining.

The permit you deemed complete has many unanswered questions and a questionable sound study leaving both the DEC and APA responsible for Bartons negative impact and any accidents.

I urge you do NOT grant a 75-year work permit. These multi decade permits based largely on Barton self-monitoring and self-reporting is exactly how we ended up with Brown Pond Brook barren of trout, discolored water running from the mine in heavy rain, excessive noise projecting through residential and wilderness areas and unsafe, un-engineered mountains of chemically treated stone dust looming over the area, an accident waiting to happen. This all could have been prevented. Requiring a business that borders a designated wilderness area to operate responsibly in the is not a big ask.

Please protect the park.

Thank you
Kim Meusel

Elaine Denton <denton@elainemichele.com>
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From: Eli <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Eli <eskv.05@gmail.com>

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Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567

From: Elijah Youngs <info@protectadks.org>
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10/8/2024

Dear APA Board Members,

I am writing as a citizen of the Adirondack Park and, specifically, North River, NY to express my support of continuing the operational permit of Barton Mines. I belong to a family that has depended on the mine for employment spanning four generations. Because of the existence of the mine, we have been blessed to live in our town, an area we love and treasure.

I attended several meetings hosted by Barton Mines which explained the mitigations they needed to complete to ensure protection of the delicate environment around the mine. The presentations were very informative and I was very impressed with the depth of the studies and steps they have taken to improve any negative impact on the land, water, air, noise and even visual esthetics.

In light of all that Barton Mines has done to improve their fit in our protected Adirondacks, and, in light of the fact that so many people here and in neighboring towns depend on Barton Mines for employment, I ask you to make the right choice and grant their permit. In doing so, you will be sustaining families and allowing them to take pride in working in such an important industry that our country depends upon.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Cleveland

From: Elizabeth Hartz <info@protectadks.org>
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Elizabeth Hartz <eahartz@gmail.com>

1870 Upper Mountain Rd
LEWISTON, NY 14092

From: Elizabeth King <info@protectadks.org>
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From: Ella Wynn <info@protectadks.org>
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Ella Wynn <ella13165@gmail.com>

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Emily Baker <emilymorganbaker@outlook.com>

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From: Emma Brittain <info@protectadks.org>
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Emma Brittain <Emma.brittain16@houghton.edu>

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From: Eric Shields <ericshields2019@outlook.com>
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Attn: Beth Magee I am a property owner in the township of Indian Lake. Please be advised that I am 100% supportive of the Barton project. I encourage you to green light this. Thank You, Eric Shields

From: Eric Skrok <info@protectadks.org>
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Corrie Magee
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Dear Ms. Magee,

I am writing in support of the Barton Mines permit renewal. Barton Mines is an integral part of the Johnsborg Community. Closure of the mines would cause serious economic harm to Johnsborg and its surrounding communities. Johnsborg Central School enrolls many children of Barton employees. Our school and community cannot afford a further decrease in enrollment due to the loss of a major local industry. Please renew the Barton Mines permit for the good of all in our community. Thank you.

Heather Flanagan, Building Principal, Johnsborg Central School

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September 27, 2024

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**Re: Request for Extension of Public Comment Period:
Barton Mines, LLC Application APA Project No. 2021-0245**

Dear Chairman Ernst and Executive Director Rice:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Friends of Siamese Ponds. My permanent residence is in North River, NY. I live near Ruby Mountain where Barton conducts its garnet mining operation. In past correspondence with the APA and DEC, we have raised many issues and concerns related to Barton Mine's permit application seeking to expand their existing operation. We are not against the mine. We are for those employed by the mine. We are also for the wilderness and for the jobs at the Garnet Hill Lodge and at the Outdoor Center. Your agencies have the difficult task of finding the middle ground here so we can all peacefully exist within the Blue Line.

We are writing to request that the APA extend the public comment period from an inadequate 15 days that the APA staff is currently proposing, to a 60-day comment period. Fifteen days is an exceedingly short time frame to allow the public to comment on such a complex project with an application of more than one thousand pages, which has received four NIPAs over a three-year period. Furthermore, we have been advised that the APA staff are planning to present the project to the APA Board during its November 14, 2024, meeting. Thus, one can only conclude that the APA assumes that an adjudicatory hearing will not be held despite numerous issues and omissions pointed out by neighbors and technical experts. Certainly, a project of this magnitude and complexity with its numerous environmental impacts rises to the occasion of holding an adjudicatory hearing to fully examine the many issues raised by the application.

Please extend the comment period to 60 days to give those of us who live near the mine sufficient time to review the revised thousand plus page document, thus allowing us to understand what is being proposed. An extension will allow us to provide informed comments about this complex project that will affect our neighborhood and surrounding wilderness area for centuries, far exceeding the 75-year permit.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

John Passacantando

Friends of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness

PS. Attached is a photo I took recently from the Hooper Mine Hiking Trail in the Siamese Ponds Wilderness of the mine waste pile to provide some context in the event that you might have never seen it.



Friends of Siamese Ponds
North River, NY

October, 10, 2024

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Friends of Siamese Ponds Comments on Barton Mines, LLC Application for Expansion, ID 2021-2045

Dear Ms. Magee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments during the formal public comment period for the Barton Mines permit application. Friends of Siamese Ponds represents citizens concerned with current and future impacts from the Barton Mines North River operation. Over the past three years we have provided extensive comments into the administrative record on the three versions of the Barton application. While some of our environmental concerns have been addressed by the applicant, serious issues remain. The length of APA's public comment period is quite short, only 15 days for an administrative record with over 5000-pages of documents. APA denied a request for extension of the public comment period. Consequently, the following comments will elaborate on only a few of the issues raised previously, all of which we reiterate and incorporate by reference in response to the proposed permit.

The issuance of the initial APA permit for Barton's Ruby Mountain operation was controversial, requiring lengthy administrative hearings in front of APA commissioners. The proposed project was a big test for the Agency in its early years -- a large mountain-top mine directly adjacent to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness, the upper Hudson River and its tributaries, and a long-time community of North River residents. At the time of the application, homes in the community dated back over one hundred years and existing hospitality businesses, such as the Garnet Hill Lodge, had been attracting visitors to the area since 1936.

In 1979 APA issued Barton permit P79-358. The permit required minimization of visual impacts via ongoing revegetation of the expanding tailings pile, maintaining water quality to protect brook trout population in Brown Pond Brook and Thirteenth Brook, unobtrusive noise levels in the wilderness and community, and promised reclamation of mining

impacts at the previous Gore Mountain mine site. In the end, none of this occurred. Now Barton has presented a proposal for a large 70-year expansion.

No Analyses of Alternatives.

Barton has essentially presented its application as an ultimatum---if its application is not approved, it claims without evidentiary basis that it will have to shut down within five years. Even if this claim is true, it's not relevant to its responsibility to evaluate and mitigate current and proposed future environmental impacts. A full evaluation requires analyses of alternatives that would mitigate current and potential impacts, including visual, noise, water quality, dust, and tailings pile stability. But the APA and DEC (hereafter Agencies") have not requested that alternatives analysis and Barton has not provided one.

As an example, for the tailings pile, what alternatives exist for a smaller yet still economically viable project, one that may increase pile height by 20 or 40 feet, rather than 100 feet, possibly increasing stability and reducing visual impacts? What alternatives are available to prevent the pile from expanding laterally into the Critical Environmental Area adjacent to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area? What are the alternatives to a pile underdrain system that must function in perpetuity to ensure stability?

Likewise, regarding noise impacts, what alternatives are feasible to mitigate the noise during active mining options that is plaguing nearby homeowners and is expected to worsen in the future? What are the options for reducing 24/7 noise from the mill building and tailings pile operations, such as insulating the walls, retrofitting pumps, installing noise berms, replacing old equipment, moving operation to a new building or subsurface. APA should require an analysis by one of the many engineering firms specializing in noise mitigation.

Minimizing Possibility for Catastrophic Collapse of the Tailings Pile

Barton's geotechnical expert Knight-Piesold concludes installation of underdrains beneath the waste pile is critical to reduce porewater pressure, necessary to maintain pile stability. Although these underdrains will need to operate forever to reduce the risk of potentially catastrophic collapse of the pile in the future, there is no discussion of the consequences of failure of underdrains to operate properly, now or in the future. Failure could result from extreme precipitation events, pile shifting or settling, earthquakes, or other unforeseen circumstances. The Barton mine is located near the highest seismic hazard region in New York State as indicated on the USGS seismic hazard map. There is no evaluation of whether inspecting and repairing the drains is possible, as they will eventually be buried under more than 15 million cubic yards of tailings.

During the past two summers in neighboring Vermont, and just a few weeks ago in western North Carolina, flooding resulting from extreme rainfall decimated communities. In North River, local residents have recently reported to the Agencies turbid discharges from Barton operations. Brown Pond Brook, a former brook trout stream and receiving waterbody for Barton site stormwater, has run brown and turbid after heavy precipitation events. It is only because of resident's complaints that DEC and APA are aware of these water quality

violations. Barton has no instrumentation to record turbid discharges, and does not report turbid discharges to DEC and APA, and neither DEC nor APA inspect the facility during or after heavy rainfall events. The impact of extreme rainfall on tailings pile stability, and overall site stormwater discharge must be evaluated.

Post Closure Plan

Barton proposes few details on what the multi-year reclamation process will look like at the end of mine operations. For example, buildings will need to be removed, settling ponds filled in, drainage systems rerouted, wetlands restored, and roads removed and revegetated. The top 20-feet of the massive tailings pile will be removed and placed on top of the quarry, the pile supposedly graded, revegetated with topsoil, compost and fertilizer. Long-term monitoring will be required for the entire site, including measurement of the porewater pressures at the bottom of the tailings pile. Barton, however, has not presented a post-closure plan. Additionally, it has provided no estimate of closure and post-closure costs. The Agencies have no information to determine the amount of financial assurance required of the company to ensure reclamation and post-monitoring and possible remediation occurs. Lack of financial wherewithal at the end of life for a mine is not uncommon in the mining industry. Concern regarding end-of-life reclamation at the Barton North River site is especially justified given the company's failure to perform reclamation at the Barton Gore Mountain mine site.

Failure to Address Current and Possible Future Nuisance Noise

Beginning when the mine commenced operation in 1983, and for approximately 35 years afterwards, noise from active quarry mining, and mill and tailings pile operations, was largely inaudible. Many North River residents did not even realize that some mine operations occurred 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

But more recently, noise during active daytime mining and the 24/7 mill and tailing pile operations has increased significantly. Residents often experience constant noise, night and day, on weekends and holidays. Barton mine noise is audible along all of Thirteenth Lake, a lake DEC designated in 2011 to be motorboat-free to protect its wilderness character, including its soundscape. Barton noise can also be heard deep into the Siamese Ponds Wilderness and at various locations throughout North River. North River residents have documented this pervasive and offensive noise in the record. The noise intensity can vary hourly, daily, and seasonally, seemingly dependent on the presence of interceding landforms that can block sound waves, air temperature and humidity, and amount and seasonality of vegetation. Other variables, for which Barton has provided no information, such as ongoing changes in mine operations (e.g. changes in equipment, processes or throughput (loading)) may have also contributed to increasing noise impacts.

Community residents began to raise noise issues with Barton beginning in 2019. At a second meeting, Barton representatives stated that a noise expert hired by the company suggested that changes to the landforms associated with the mine had created an "amphitheater effect," resulting in increased projection of sound into the North River valley.

Pursuant to its 2021 mine expansion application, Barton did not mention the amphitheater effect nor offer any reasons why the noise levels increased. The Agencies have not requested Barton to analyze the increased noise and how to mitigate it. The Agencies have not even agreed to meet with residents on this issue or visit residents' homes in order for agency staff to hear the nuisance noise themselves. Barton's explanation to the Agencies that "nothing has changed, only the neighbors have" belies logic. Many neighbors observing increased noise have been North River residents for decades. They support the mine and the jobs and tax base it provides. Operating the mine in an environmentally safe manner should create more jobs, not less. Concerned residents are reasonable people with better things to do than make up complaints about noise.

Barton's position now that nothing at the mine has changed recently on their end that would increase noise levels is contrary to its prior recognition of the "amphitheater effect" and needs investigation, which the Agencies have not requested. Has new equipment been installed since 1983? If so, is it larger, more powerful and louder? If not, has the old equipment degraded, possibly resulting in increased noise? Has the number or size of the huge pumps used to move the waste slurry to the top of the tailings pile increased? Has the recent change to crush rock to produce a smaller grain size product changed equipment or process? Has the operation of the ball mills or rock crusher changed? How has the increased size of the tailings pile or the increased surface area of quarry walls increased sound propagation from the site? What is the expected life of the mill building, a 43-year-old metal structure three stories high and an acre in area? Has the integrity of the mill building degraded? There are many more questions that need to be evaluated, questions only Barton can answer. There must be scientific explanations for the recent increase in sound intensity.

Board-certified noise experts from Resource Systems Group (RSG) recently evaluated noise data presented in the Barton permit application. RSG concluded that the increase in projected future noise levels violates the NYSDEC noise policy, Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts. Given this finding, and without understanding why mine noise has recently increased and what can be done to mitigate it, the Agencies cannot reasonably grant the company a permit to expand operations and operate until close to the end of the century.

Effective mitigation of noise from industrial operations is a common occurrence. The Agencies should require Barton to retain an engineering firm specializing in noise mitigation to prepare a report for public review and comment. The burden should not be on the residents impacted by the noise, who have limited knowledge of the specific sources of Barton noise, to identify solutions.

Dust Mitigation Plan

In its most recent application, we are pleased to see Barton propose use of dust suppressants to reduce particulate plumes into the community and surrounding wilderness. We are relying upon the Agencies to ensure the proposed suppressants are safe for use in the environment. However, Barton does not present a plan for monitoring the efficacy of the application of dust suppressants, and implementation of other control

measures if necessary. As detailed in our previous comments, and as is commonly required at similar facilities with dust problems, APA and DEC should require Barton to submit and implement a Dust Suppression Plan, complete with defined numerical limits for air quality at the site fence line.

The Agencies became aware of the Barton dust plumes due to reports from concerned citizens. These offsite plumes violate Barton's NYSDEC Mine Land Reclamation Permit. The Agencies should require the company, not citizens, to monitor and report these violations.

Inconsistency With Wilderness Character

Barton is operating on one of the few locations in the Adirondack Park designated for industrial use. Given the unusual nature of its operations in an area surrounded by wilderness, the agency must ensure that the mine's operation does not impair the natural and wilderness experience on the surrounding lands. Photographs provided by the public to the agency document that the enormous tailings pile is currently an eyesore visible from various vantage points including Moxham Mountain and viewpoints within the Siamese Ponds Wilderness. The proposed permit would allow Barton to increase the height of the pile by the equivalent of a ten-story building, further impairing the public's enjoyment of the Adirondack Park and potentially making the pile visible from additional wilderness viewpoints. As the beneficiary of an unusual industrial use classification, Barton has an obligation to minimize its intrusion into the surrounding wilderness, which it has failed to do.

Sincerely,

Alan Belenz

On Behalf of Friends of Siamese Ponds

Cc:

Beth Magee

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Dear Corrie Magee,

I am writing to plead with the Adirondack Park Agency to carefully review Barton Mine's Ruby Mountain mine application and put in place safeguards and requirements that will protect the surrounding neighborhoods and wilderness for the next 75 years. I am not a scientist and can not begin to follow the thousands of pages in the application so I must put my faith in the APA to protect the interests of not just the mine but also the hundreds of people that live within proximity to the mine and the many more people that enjoy 13th Lake and hiking on the surrounding trails

I have been visiting and camping in the area for more than 40 years and have owned a home off 13th Lake Road for twenty years and in recent years the presence of the mine has noticeably changed. While there used to be an occasional dynamite explosion, now there is a near constant drone - the silence of nature no longer exists. There is also now dust which coats everything and where before you could not see the mine, now it is visible from the road and many other sites around the area. This is before the application is approved and explains why I am so concerned with this new application to expand the mine.

I respectfully request the APA to require:

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- Mitigation
 - and a cap of the noise emanating from
- the mine. If mitigation isn't possible then have days (weekends / holidays) when the machines don't operate. I understand that the current application has no mitigative measures included. Does the APA really want constant noise permeating 13th Lake and the
- Siamese Wilderness? and how much worse could it get without a cap? I know Barton says they aren't doing anything differently but if that is the case then they have changed the topography so that previous natural barriers to the noise no longer exist.
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- Dust
 - Control that is proven to work. The current
- dust is very fine and I believe comes from a relatively new process. I trust that the APA has thoroughly studied it to ensure that it is safe to breathe.

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- Vegetation
 - reclamation that is also proven to work
- and begins well before the end of the license period.
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- Reduction
 - of the pilings increase. I understand
- that with a 100 foot increase, the pilings will be seen from 13th Lake. In addition to the visual impact, I worry about the stability of the pilings in the event of a major rain storm. I trust that the APA has taken into account the impact of ever stronger
- storms and climate change.
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 - shorter license period - say 30 or 35 years with
- a reduced pilings increase. It doesn't look like the 100 foot increase is even necessary until year 35 so why not reassess the situation at that point before agreeing to the height increase now? This provides some incentive for Barton to be a good neighbor
- vis-a-vis the other issues and allows the APA to formally check in on the state of the mine at this future time point.
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- Frequent
 - regulatory monitoring to ensure compliance
- with permit.
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Given the complexity and long-term impact of what is proposed in this application, I would also request for a longer comment period so that there is time for expert review of Barton's latest response to the most recent NIPA. This input would be helpful to ensure the best possible safeguards are required. Since we will live with the results of what the APA approves in this mine application for a very long time, it does not seem appropriate to limit the comment period to a mere 15 days instead of the more normal 60 days.

Finally, while Barton says they have "incorporated feedback from neighbors to minimize community impact", that is not true. Instead they have mounted an aggressive PR campaign in an expanded geographic region (not actual neighbors) to drum up support with the

threat of losing jobs in the area. They have mischaracterized neighbors' efforts to look for mitigation of the most troublesome aspects of the mine's operations as being an attempt to close the mine. No one wants the jobs to go away but there must be a middle ground that also protects the wilderness and neighbors' quality of life. (As a side note, I do hope that the APA is ensuring that local employment levels are maintained during the life of the mine permit.)

Barton also frequently touts that local homeowners knew what they were getting when they bought homes near a mine. But the truth is that there were many homes in existence before the mine existed and the APA approved the Garnet Hill 100+ home subdivision in 1977, before the mine was approved and began operations in 1983. And as noted above, for many years our experience was that the mine did not intrude on the environment. I wonder if the APA contemplated this large of a mining operation back in 1983 when it approved a mine so close to the Siamese Wilderness and a relatively densely populated part of the Park.

In closing, I sincerely hope that the APA balances the needs of the mine with the protection of the wilderness by requiring some safeguards as it would be such a shame to lose this slice of heaven that is 13th Lake. It really is one of the Adirondack Park's gems that should be protected!

Fran Bonham
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October 9th 2024

Dear Ms. Corrie Magee and Ms. Beth Magee,

I am writing regarding the Barton Mines' application for a mining permit. My primary concern is the noise levels associated with the mining operations. The noise levels have become increasingly disruptive in the Garnet Hill Community and Siamese Ponds wilderness area, significantly impacting residents' ability to enjoy their properties and the surrounding wilderness.

The ongoing operations—including truck loading, stone crushing, heavy machinery, the mill, the crusher, and the cyclone—are creating persistent disturbances. Yet Barton Mine denies any increase in noise and denies that the mine is producing a nuisance condition.

Barton has submitted a number of Sound Studies, all of which have had major flaws. The misleading information provided in Barton's Sound Studies undermines the credibility of future noise projections that could adversely affect local businesses, such as Garnet Hill Lodge, and the North Creek tourist trade. Even now, before the planned expansion, we are experiencing disruptive sounds, including explosions and continuous droning, noise associated with the dumping of stone, pneumatic drills and heavy machinery, rather than the tranquil wilderness environment we sought.

Barton Mine's dismissive response to community concerns and their lack of consideration for effective noise mitigation measures—such as insulation, berms, or barriers—reflect a troubling disregard for the well-being of nearby residents.

We urge your office to investigate these matters thoroughly, hold and enforce the necessary regulations to protect the community's health and quality of life. Immediate action is essential to ensure that the rights and concerns of residents are addressed.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue.

Sincerely,

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We are talking about one of the only stable employers in a dying community. We are talking a 143-year history in Johnsbury without problems till people moved there thinking they would be able to change things. What happen to the rights of people to do what they want with their own property and pay taxes on? They are great stewards of their property, the town they live in and surrounding communities.

The job of APA is to protect the public and private resources, not do away with business. As stated in McKinney's Executive Law 801 Statement of Finding and Purpose: The Adirondack park land use and development plan set forth in this recognizes the complementary needs of all the people of the state for the preservation of the park's resources and open space character and of the park's permanent, seasonal, and transient populations for growth and service areas, employment, and a strong economic base, as well. In support of the essential interdependence of these needs, the plan represents a sensibly balanced apportionment of land to each. Adoption of the land use and development plan and authorization for its administration and enforcement will complement and assist in the administration of the Adirondack park master plan for management of state land. Together, they are essential to the achievement of the policies and purposes of this article and will benefit all of the people of the state.

Barton's cant be anymore respectful of the land they use and the Adirondacks.

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Subject: Barton Mine Comments

My husband and I are residents of North River who strongly value the “forever wild” Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area, especially the very beautiful Thirteenth Lake. I have serious concerns about Barton Mine’s current operation of the Ruby Mountain facility as well as their proposed plans to expand the mine.

My greatest concerns are the noise and the dust. From our deck on Thirteenth Lake Road, we can always hear the mine. Sometimes it is a low and constant hum and at other times it is loud and disturbing, enough to chase us inside. The dust from the mine is everywhere, especially outside on our deck, but also seeping into the house, requiring frequent dusting. I worry about the content of that dust and what we might be breathing.

Thirteenth Lake Road is not designed for the kind of truck traffic Barton is anticipating, and the hours of operation and truck traffic should be limited to minimize the noise and pollution from these vehicles.

Every time we drive up Thirteenth Lake Road, I am dismayed by the size of the tailings pile and the impact on an otherwise beautiful view. Barton’s request to vastly increase the size of these tailing piles is unacceptable both from the visual impact as well as the potential for these piles to be washed down the mountain in a storm. A sudden heavy downpour like the one a couple of years ago in October that washed out parts of Thirteenth Lake Road (including a bridge) and left us without access to the road for months is more and more likely to occur given recent climate conditions. We don’t need mine tailings adding to a large amount of water in such a storm.

I appreciate you taking time to hear my concerns and hope you will withhold a permit for Barton until these issues have been thoroughly considered and mitigated.

Sincerely

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monitoring, there were two inches of rain. If the monitors had been placed far from ditches, or bodies of water, this would not have been an issue. However, Monitors M4, M5, and M7 are located close to a creek. Monitors M7, M8, and M9 were located next to a ditch and water flow noise was reported as being a secondary sound source. Water flow noise was also specified as a primary sound source at M3, M4, and M6a. In comparison, water flow noise was only specified as a source at M3 and M4 for 2022 monitoring and only on one of the days. Thus, we conclude that the data collected during periods of excessive and unusual water flow noise cannot be used to assess the mine against NYSDEC noise guidelines.

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In summary, the combination of insect and bird noise and unusually high water flow, resulted in relatively high ambient sound levels. This resulted in the mill-off ambient exceeding the mill-on ambient in some cases. Due to these conditions, it cannot be said that this is because noise from the Mine is insignificant. It at least partially relates to the conditions during which ambient sound levels were monitored.

Sound propagation modeling

Sound propagation modeling has been updated to include both straight-line projection modeling and ISO 9613-2 standard modeling, along with updated sound emissions data for some sound sources. Generally, we don’t have issues with the ISO 9613-2 modeling standard. ISO 9613-2 is an accepted modeling standard internationally, though it can be less conservative than simple straight line projection modeling. The applicant’s modeling parameters, to the extent they are shown, are generally reasonable. One parameter that is not shown and can have an effect on results is the receiver height. The applicant should demonstrate that they assume the highest story of a residence. Or, if this data is not available, then a second story receptor height is reasonable.

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M-5	36.6	35.6	35.7	32	44	37.2	44.6	1.6	9.0
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In our August 3, 2023 monitoring protocol recommendations, we mentioned that seasonal bird and insect noise should be removed from the dataset using an “ANS” filter, as is described in ASA/ANSI S12.100 - 2014. The reason is that this kind of seasonal sound source will not be around for a substantial portion of the year, overstating the ambient sound levels. The revised noise studies have not done this. To highlight the potential effect, insect or bird noise is listed as a primary or secondary noise source for M3, M4, M5, M6a, M7, M8, and M9. Note that the 2023 descriptions of the sites have a slightly lower incidence of insect and bird noise. This may be due to masking from the greater incidence of water flow noise. Generally insect noise is most prevalent in the latter parts of the summer (late July, August, and sometimes September), essentially when monitoring was performed near the Mine.

Seasonal insect noise can have a substantive effect on the measured sound levels. In some situations, RSG has measured insect noise at levels over 50 dBA. Birds can be equally noisy. Updates in equipment made by H2H geosciences are generally good, but 1/3 octave band logging has not been done, which would allow for bird and insect noise compensation. Without the removal of insect and bird sounds, their sound level results cannot be used to assess the mine against NYSDEC noise guidelines.

Another factor causing the more recent measurements of ambient sound to be higher is weather. The summer of 2023 had particularly high rainfall. According to a nearby weather station, in the two weeks before the August 2023 monitoring there were eight inches of rain. In comparison, in the two weeks before the July 20 and 22, 2022

monitoring, there were two inches of rain. If the monitors had been placed far from ditches, or bodies of water, this would not have been an issue. However, Monitors M4, M5, and M7 are located close to a creek. Monitors M7, M8, and M9 were located next to a ditch and water flow noise was reported as being a secondary sound source. Water flow noise was also specified as a primary sound source at M3, M4, and M6a. In comparison, water flow noise was only specified as a source at M3 and M4 for 2022 monitoring and only on one of the days. Thus, we conclude that the data collected during periods of excessive and unusual water flow noise cannot be used to assess the mine against NYSDEC noise guidelines.

The “daytime” (7:00 am to 3:30 pm) and “nighttime” (3:30 pm to 7:00 am) periods used for monitoring are unusual. Daytime is usually from 7 am to 10 pm in an acoustics context. In a narrow sense, the alternative periods make sense, as they align with the periods where the Mine is in full operation, versus when only the mill is operating. However, this nighttime definition cannot be used for assessing the lowest background sound levels during 24/7 mine operations. This is because PM peak hour vehicle traffic volumes will be included in the “nighttime” period, overstating the ambient sound levels. This will not be representative of sound levels present during when residents are sleeping.

In addition to these issues, the sound monitoring locations are not representative of what would be experienced at nearby residences. Based on report maps, in several cases (M4, M7, M8, and M9) monitor locations were very close to a road, closer than any of the nearby residences. This means that car passby sound levels will be overstated relative to what will be experienced at nearby residences when they are sleeping. Most of these locations are also lower in the valley (except M8 and M6a). Due to the current positioning of the Mine, there may be a screening effect with respect to Mine noise.

In summary, the combination of insect and bird noise and unusually high water flow, resulted in relatively high ambient sound levels. This resulted in the mill-off ambient exceeding the mill-on ambient in some cases. Due to these conditions, it cannot be said that this is because noise from the Mine is insignificant. It at least partially relates to the conditions during which ambient sound levels were monitored.

Sound propagation modeling

Sound propagation modeling has been updated to include both straight-line projection modeling and ISO 9613-2 standard modeling, along with updated sound emissions data for some sound sources. Generally, we don’t have issues with the ISO 9613-2 modeling standard. ISO 9613-2 is an accepted modeling standard internationally, though it can be less conservative than simple straight line projection modeling. The applicant’s modeling parameters, to the extent they are shown, are generally reasonable. One parameter that is not shown and can have an effect on results is the receiver height. The applicant should demonstrate that they assume the highest story of a residence. Or, if this data is not available, then a second story receptor height is reasonable.

Equipment sound power levels are also generally improved relative to what was used in the original 2021 report. There are two exceptions to this. The first is that sound emission levels are relatively low. RSG has been doing quarry and gravel pit noise assessments for about two decades and has substantial data for the kind of equipment used in mines and gravel pits for a range of manufacturers and operational conditions. In most cases, the equipment measured at the Mine is at the low end or below the low end of what we have measured, sometimes by 10 dB or more. More concerning is the Mill sound emissions data. In the September 2021 report, sound levels were reported around all four sides of the Mill with sound levels ranging from 52.7 dBA to 62.4 dBA. In the September 2024 report, sound levels are shown for the east and west location with sound levels of 45.7 and 42.0 dBA respectively. This is well below what was previously measured and, considering the mill is audible at some of the monitor locations, it appears to be too low. Further, based on 2021 data, the east and west sides are the two quieter sides. The south side also faces residences, while the west side does not. Data for the south side should be included.

The sound power for the mill was also calculated assuming it is a point source, which it would not be, when measured at a 50-foot distance. This can result in a several decibel underestimate of the true sound power. The applicant needs to recalculate the sound power using such standards found in the ISO 3740 series.

In our previous reviews, we also requested that some sound sources be included in modeling. However, these do not appear to be included in the Applicant's recent analyses. These include vehicle backup alarms, the mill exhaust stack and loading of the crusher.

NYSDEC requested that the Mine calculate the difference between the lowest measured ambient measured sound level and Mine results. The recent sound report does not include this. However, we have included these results below for phases one and four. What it shows is that under some conditions, even with the current monitoring results, the sound level difference is over 6 dB at locations M3, M4, M5, M6, and M9 when the lowest measured ambient is used.

TABLE 1: MODELING AND MONITORING COMPARISON - PHASE 1

Monitor ID	Monitored Sound Pressure Level (dBA - Leq)			Modeled Sound Level (dBA)				Sound Level Increase (dB)	
	7 am to 3:30 pm	3:30 pm to 7 am	Lowest Recorded (3:30 pm to 7:00 am or 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm) ¹	Phase 1- Project Only		Phase 1 - Total		Phase 1	
				Normal	Development	Normal	Development	Normal	Development
M-3	34.9	32.2	44.3	39	40	39.8	40.7	7.6	8.5
M-4	41.1	47.4	47.4	39	43	43.2	45.2	2.1	4.1
M-5	36.6	35.6	35.7	32	44	37.2	44.6	1.6	9.0
M-6	43.2	37.1		47	47	47.0	47.0	9.9	9.9
M-6a	44.1	44.7	42.4	43	47	45.7	48.3	3.3	5.9
M-7	44.5	40.5	41.0	38	40	42.4	43.3	1.9	2.8
M-8	48.6	42.0	45.1	36	38	43.0	43.5	1.0	1.5
M-9	39.3	33.8	37.2	39	41	40.1	41.8	6.3	8.0

TABLE 2: MODELING AND MONITORING COMPARISON - PHASE 4

Monitor ID	Monitored Sound Pressure Level (dBA - Leq)			Modeled Sound Level (dBA)				Sound Level Increase (dB)	
	7 am to 3:30 pm	3:30 pm to 7 am	Lowest Recorded (3:30 pm to 7:00 am or 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm)	Phase 4 - Project Only		Phase 4 - Total		Phase 4	
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M-3	34.9	32.2	44.3	27	29	33.3	33.9	1.1	1.7
M-4	41.1	47.4	47.4	41	46	44.1	47.2	3.0	6.1
M-5	36.6	35.6	35.7	32	42	37.2	42.9	1.6	7.3
M-6	43.2	37.1		45	45	45.0	45.0	7.9	7.9
M-6a	44.1	44.7	42.4	39	39	44.0	44.0	1.6	1.6
M-7	44.5	40.5	41.0	38	40	42.4	43.3	1.9	2.8
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¹ This is the lowest sound level during this period monitored at the site in 2023. In most cases, it is not actually the lowest monitored sound level. Of the ambient results, we used the numerically lowest in our calculations.

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Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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To Whom it May Concern,

As a resident of Indian Lake, NY, I know how difficult it is to operate a successful business in the Adirondacks and also how important it is to have successfully operating businesses in our area for jobs and the economic health of the community. I also appreciate the natural environment in the Adirondacks and want to see it protected to the greatest extent practical, while allowing people to coexist in the region.

It seems that the ongoing review and modifications to the proposed project have struck a balance between environmental and community protection with the needs of the business and their continued operations. I applaud all involved for working together to get to this point in the process and wish to express my support for the project and the permit modification request.

Thank you,
Gina D'Agrosa
Indian Lake, NY

From: Gordon Jamieson <info@protectadks.org>
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TO: NYSAPA

Corrie Magee
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Dear Corrie Magee:

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8. Barton's application for an expansion should be denied. Please hold an adjudicatory hearing to deny this application.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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It saddens me to no end that you have not done your due diligence about this project. I would imagine that you do not live near the mine, I do not either, but I do feel for the people who do as their solitude is gone. Destroyed. It is 2024 and you still think you need clear cut and open mine in one of the greatest wilderness areas in this county. I write this thinking, what is wrong with these people at the APA always giving over to greed, not doing proper research and sort of death by 1000 cuts. They need to fit in, keep their pension??... I don't understand. I do understand that you do not even consider public comments ever so in short, please hold an adjudicatory hearing. thank you, Greg

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Applicant / Project Title: **Barton Mines, LLC**

Comment Period Ends: **Thursday, October 10, 2024**

APA Project ID: 2021-0245

Project Description: The action involves amendments to a previously-approved mineral extraction, including: expansion of a residual minerals pile from 73 acres to 88.4 acres in size, lowering of the quarry floor from 1,860 feet above mean sea level (amsl) to 1,790 feet amsl, increasing hours of on-site trucking and mining vehicle operation from 7am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday to 7am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, increasing off-site trucking trips from 5 per day to 16 per day Monday through Friday and reducing off-site trucking hours from 7am to 10pm to 7am to 5pm Monday through Friday.

Project Location: Ruby Mountain Road, off of Thirteenth Lake Road, Towns of Johnsburg and Indian Lake, Tax Parcels 67-1-39 in Indian Lake and 46-1-57.1, 58, 61, 62, 63 and 29-1-1, 4 and 5 in Johnsburg

Project County: Hamilton, Warren

APA Land Use Classification: Rural Use, Resource Management, Industrial Use

APA Contact: Corrie Magee
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APA Project Type: Pursuant to APA Act Section 809

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P2021-0245 Site Plans

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On behalf of the Saratoga-Warren-Washington Workforce Development Board, I am writing in support of Barton Mine's permit modification with the Adirondack Park Agency and the Department of Environmental Conservation.

As a federally funded Workforce agency under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), we support maintaining employment for the approximately 100 jobs working in their remote location in the Adirondacks within Warren and Hamilton counties.

This organization has a long history of offering employment and family-sustaining wages and benefits that allow people to live, work and prosper in the region. The permit modification seems reasonable, as you balance ecology and employment for this community business partner that adds great value to our area economy.

Without this valued community business partner and their staff, the regional economy would be devastated as there are no other businesses in the region of its size and scope of operations.

Thank you for your consideration, and for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Steffan, Executive Director SWW WDB

With Kind Regards,

Gretchen

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Corrie Maggee
Environmental Program Specialist 1
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1133 NYS Route 86, Ray Brook, NY 12977

Dear Corrie Maggee,

My husband and I own a home in North River as well as a parcel that we hope to build on. The Barton Mine request for expansion and approval for another 75 years has us very concerned. We love this area and hope that it will be preserved for our grandchildren and future generations. We value the "forever wild" Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area and especially Thirteenth Lake.

We do not want to see the loss of employment for anyone, especially in this area where opportunities are limited. However, we believe that there must be a way for Barton mines to continue to operate without increasing the noise, dust and visual impacts that are a detriment to the people who live here and visit for the beauty of this area.

These are my concerns:

- The noise emanating from the mine appears to occur seven days a week and not just within the 7 am-10 pm window that is stated in the letter that they mailed to us in September. I hope that there are complete Barton sound studies that will be shared with the residents.
- The visual impact of the growing tailing piles, and Barton's plans to increase the size of the pile from 73 acres to over 88 acres, as well as lowering the quarry floor of the mine from 1,790 feet to 1,860 feet is a major concern. What are their plans for revegetation and by when?
- Has there been a study regarding run off, wash outs and flooding? Climate change has created major catastrophes and never seen before events. There are bound to be major changes in this area and a permit for 75 seems unwise, especially considering how rapidly climate change is occurring.
- Is there a dust management plan?
- The proposed increase in trucking up 13th Lake Road from 5 to 16 trips per day is a huge increase in traffic and noise.
- The mine is seeking to expand its presence by applying for a 75-year permit. The letter sent by Barton Mines stated that it was for 60 plus years which is somewhat misleading.

Please consider these concerns. We hope there can be a compromise reached so that any expansion fully addresses the concerns of the residents. The APA needs to protect the "forever wild" nature of the Adirondacks. Barton Mines permit should not be granted without thorough consideration of their impact on both the Wilderness Area, visitors and local residents.

Thank you in advance for thoroughly evaluating all aspects of Barton's application and its impact on all stakeholders. I look forward to your continued advocacy on behalf of the Adirondack Park.

Sincerely,

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Dear Corrie,

I am writing to let you know I am in full support of the permit modification requested by Barton's Mines. The company is not only valuable for what it provides to the country at large, but also to the people of our Adirondack communities who want to live and work in the park. Finding a year round job which supports a family in these hard economic times can be difficult. Barton's is a fine example of a company that not only provides jobs, but offers its employees fair wages and a generous benefits package. Considering the cost of healthcare, this is no small thing.

I am a seventh generation native Adirondacker who wakes up every day blessed to live in such a beautiful place. I appreciate what the APA has done in terms of protecting the park. I understand it is difficult at times to maintain the right balance between environmental needs and the needs of those who live here. However, in terms of what Barton's Mines is requesting, I feel it is reasonable. I would like to see the company be able to operate successfully well into the future.

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Hello.

I am writing today to express extreme opposition to the proposed expansion on the Barton Mines near Thirteenth Lake. I support people having a means to make a living, and maintaining the profitability of the mine means those people who support and depend on Barton get to keep their jobs. However, I want to make sure it is well understood that Barton does not employ anyone out of the kindness of their hearts. Job killers today such as automation are not going away - considering the scale of operations Barton has maintained over their many years, and how many people they once employed in order to manage such a feat, it is safe to assume that the same economic pressures and incentives that come to pass over many years of technological development will come to pass again. The jobs at that mine are impermanent, but the scars that will be left behind on the mountain top will exist infinitely. Those mountains, which are among the oldest to exist in the world, don't deserve to be razed, and instead deserve to be protected for future generations. I understand this is an ongoing operation, and the damage more or less has already been done, but expanding the operation still provides tacit approval to what is surely a negative as a whole when considering the fragility of the nearby wilderness areas.

I am sympathetic to those who rely on Barton for income. But I would also like to point out that living amongst natural areas, no matter how local you are, provides you with no right to destroy it for others. How quickly we forgot the people who lived on the land for several millennia, because when they were removed their impact was hardly perceptible. To argue that to thrive in the Adirondacks, amongst some of the most abundant wilderness areas in the northeast, you must first destroy small sections of it irreparably, is simply false. To say that there must be a better way to provide stability to the local economy with minimal destruction of wilderness areas is an understatement.

In addition to this, I am in agreement with the general talking points of the opposition, including:

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ignored and failed to take into account.

I believe all of this is substantial to deny Barton Mines application.

Thank you for reading and considering. I love thirteenth lake, and the Siamese Ponds Wilderness is one of my favorite destinations, and I think it would be a shame to open avenues to further harm for the sake of profit and expansion.

Best,

Harry

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Harrison Rein

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September 26, 2024

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I am writing within the unacceptable time period allowed by the Adirondack Park Commission after its determination that the Mine's application is complete. I find that the allowance of such a short period to be suspicious and worthy of investigation.

I have been the owner of a house on Garnet Hill near Barton Mines since 1979, prior to the opening of the mine and i and my extended family frequently use the property and pay property taxes.

I object to the application as currently designed and to many current practices of the mine including the following:

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-Increased trucking and its destructive effect on Thirteenth Lake Road and its cost to taxpayers

-Increasing dust levels and airborne particulate impact needs to be vigorously studied and mitigated.

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It is the responsibility of the APA to ensure the forever wild nature of the Adirondacks. Barton Mine's application and practices contradict that obligation.



Thank you for my hoped for careful consideration of my comments.

Hopefully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alan Hasselwander". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Alan Hasselwander

From: Ian Strzelecki <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 12:19 PM
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Kahnawake, QC J0L 1B0

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To: Corrie Magee, Environmental Program Specialist 1
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From: Irene Kohn and Hal Silverman

My husband and I have had a home in North River for over 35 years. We came for the peace and solitude of the forever wild forest and pristine, quiet lake.

We have witnessed the transition of the Barton Mine Ruby Mountain facility from a quiet industrial neighbor to an expanded and intrusive industrial site that operates around the clock every day.

We are particularly concerned about the noise from mining operations throughout the day and from the extensive truck traffic on 13th Lake Road.

Noise from the mine reverberates from surrounding peaks. As you walk on what were once quiet roads and trails or paddle on Thirteenth Lake you cannot escape the pounding sound of mining operations from early in the morning until late in the evening.

We are concerned that the APA has not adequately addressed noise mitigation requirements to reduce the sound impact on the surrounding area nor has the APA put any time constraints on mining operations or truck traffic.

Further, the expansion of the tailings pile is resulting in an eyesore of waste material towering over the adjoining forest land. It appears that no timely effort at mitigation of this blight is included in the expansion plan and there is no planning for the stability and safety of the piles.

Further, the expansion of the mine should not be allowed to proceed under a 75 year permit. We are all aware of the impact of climate change and the uncertainties of the future. It is unconscionable to grant the 75 year permit without building in review and constraints in light of changing conditions in the future.

I hope our concerns will result in better regulation of sound and environmental issues surrounding the mine. The new permit should not be granted without consideration of these issues. If potential impacts are not mitigated, I request an official adjudicatory public hearing before this project is allowed to move forward.

Thank you for inviting public comment on this matter. I hope that you allow the public adequate time to comment and address what we believe is a flawed application.

Sincerely,
Irene Kohn and Hal Silverman

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Irene Kohn

846 Thirteenth Lake Road, PO Box 206, North River, NY 12856

From: Ivan King <info@protectadks.org>
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Potsdam, NY 14221

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West Seneca, New York 14224

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Respectfully submitted,
Jared Snyder
887 13th Lake Road
North River, NY 12866

Corrie Magee
Environmental Program Specialist 1
Adirondack Park Agency
1133 NYS Route 86, Ray Brook, NY 12977

Re: **APA Project Number 2021-245**

As a longstanding homeowner in the Garnet Hill community in North River, I write in opposition to the current proposed permit that would allow the mine to expand operations and operate until near the end of this century. To be clear, I do not seek the closure of the mine, in recognition of the jobs and economic benefits it provides to the region. Indeed, for most of the nearly 25 years we've owned a home in the vicinity of the plant, Barton was a good neighbor and managed to operate the plant without impacting its neighbors' quality of life and adversely impacting the surrounding wilderness. But something changed more recently that increased the noise generated by the mine, impacting nearby residents. At the same time, the tailings pile has become larger and more apparent, visible not only from 13th Lake Road but from vantage points in the Siamese Ponds wilderness and elsewhere, such as from the top of Moxham Mountain, a popular hiking trail. Given the proximity of homeowners and a sensitive wilderness, the APA should require Barton to take all necessary and feasible steps to limit the current and future impacts of its continued operation. The proposed permit does not accomplish that end.

Many comments submitted by other residents and interested groups will address the increasing noise from the mine's operations on a 24/7 basis. The proposed permit does not require Barton to minimize that noise and in fact allows it to increase. The APA should hold an adjudicatory hearing to hear from the impacted residents, an expert retained by the Garnet Hill Property Owners Association (GHPOA) and explore options for reducing the offensive noise from current and future operations.

As a longtime environmental professional, I want to emphasize the potentially catastrophic risks posed by the increasing size of the tailings pile. As proposed, the Barton Project would increase the tailings pile by 15 acres and raise the elevation of the pile by more than 100 feet. That means the tailings pile would be more than 2,300 feet above sea level, taller than some of the nearby mountains. Despite commitments to revegetate the pile, it appears that no such steps have been taken, which would have provided some additional integrity to the pile. As a result of global warming, storm events have increased in intensity and will become even more intense in the future. We are seeing the dramatic impacts of the changing climate in neighboring Vermont, which has experienced unprecedented flooding in recent years. More recently, the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene, particularly in western North Carolina, is a harbinger of conditions to expect in the Adirondacks in future years.

The record contains no evidence or analysis that the growing tailings pile can withstand the extreme storm events that we are certain to experience over the next several decades in a future of climate change. The failure of the tailing pile would be a

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Jeffrey Whittemore <whitt0185@yahoo.com>

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Jeremy Carpenter <buta275@yahoo.com>

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I fully support the Expansion of Bartons Mines

It is very much appreciated that you will allow growth to the Mines, local families need this for jobs

Sincerely
Jill M Carpenter

From: Jill Kirk <info@protectadks.org>
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments; Magee, Beth A (DEC); SimpsonM@nyassembly.gov; stec@nysenate.gov
Subject: Application by Barton Mines LLC for Extension of its Permit to Operate at Ruby Mountain Mine (APA Project Number 2021-245)
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Jim Rucker
Garnet Hill Lodge



October 9, 2024

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Re: Application by Barton Mines LLC for a 75 year Extension of its Permit to Operate at its Ruby Mountain Mine in North River, NY (APA Project Number 2021-245)

I am writing this letter as owner of the Garnet Hill Lodge, a four season hotel and cross country ski center located in North River. Our lodge is located approximately 1.5 miles from the Ruby Mountain mine.

Garnet Hill Lodge has a long history in North River that pre-dates the establishment of the Ruby Mountain mine by some 30 years. The Lodge was built in 1936 and has been operating as a lodging facility since that time. Today the Lodge is a nationally renowned cross country ski center as well as a year round resort and wedding destination. We host guests from around the country and around the world, a considerable number of whom have been returning to the Lodge on a frequent basis over many years. During the course of the year, we host approximately 7,500 out of area guests who provide business not only to us, but also to local restaurants, stores

and outfitters. Most guests who stay at the Lodge come to enjoy the outdoor activities that the area offers, in particular the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area (that is adjacent to the Lodge and Ruby Mountain mine) that includes beautiful 13th Lake.

In peak summer and winter months we employ approximately 35 staff at the Lodge. While less staff are employed in the off seasons, during the course of a year approximately 55 individuals are on the payroll for varying periods, the vast majority of whom are local residents.

Many of the communities in the park, including the town of Johnsburg in which both the mine and our Lodge are located are dependent on tourism. As a local business owner, I believe that a diverse range of thriving business are important to the economy and communities of the Adirondack Park. The Ruby Mountain mine is an important local employer and helps provide a diversity of employment opportunities for local residents. While I fully support its continuation, it should not be at the expense of other local business in the tourism industry.

Garnet Hill Lodge, like many other tourism businesses in the Adirondack Park, is dependent on visitors many of whom travel from far afield and we need to remember that those visitors have alternative areas in other parts of the country that also offer natural beauty and excellent opportunities for outdoor recreation.

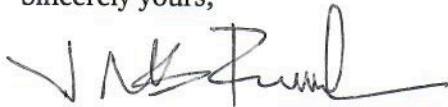
The mine and its increasing tailings pile is a visible scar on the landscape from a number of vantage points in our local area. Guests see the tailings pile as they drive past Ruby Mountain mine on their way to the Lodge. From the Lodge there is a line of sight to the Ruby Mountain mine approximately 1.5 miles away, that is currently blocked in summer by trees but partially visible through the trees in winter. The noise from the mine can be heard from Thirteenth Lake where our guests go to swim and canoe. Lights from the Barton Mine have grown in strength and intensity. On windy days dust can be seen blowing off the top of the tailings pile.

To preserve our wilderness area for the visitors who come to enjoy it and to preserve the local employment opportunities in the tourism industry that this creates, the Adirondack Park Agency must ensure that ongoing and measurable controls are placed on Barton Mines LLC and its Ruby Mountain mine operation with regard to the visual, noise, dust and light impacts. Each of these is already at levels that significantly effect enjoyment of the surrounding wilderness area. It is important that continued operation of the mine be dependent on successfully controlling these impacts.

To that end I believe that granting a 75 year extension of the permit reduces the opportunity to effectively manage the future impacts of the Ruby Mountain mine on our wilderness areas. None of us can possibly foresee what the impacts will be that far out nor what priorities our children and grandchildren will have in preserving the Adirondack Park.

I realize that you have a difficult job in reconciling competing priorities. I appreciate you considering the concerns I have laid out in this letter and the impacts of the mining operation on our pristine wilderness and the thousands of visitors who come to enjoy it each year. As we all know, the long term success of this wonderful State Park are dependent on successfully balancing priorities like the ones you are considering with this application.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Rucker', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jim Rucker

From: Jodi Durie <info@protectadks.org>
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Schuylerville, New York 12871

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Dear Corrie,

I'd like to say that I fully supported Barton Mines' application to modify their mining permit. Barton Mines is an environmentally responsible company which provides jobs for local employees. They are excellent stewards of their property & the local environment.

John Budris

659 14th Rd

Minerva N.Y.

Sent from my iPhone

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Dear APA,

I encourage you to approve the subject permit application for Barton Mines. I trust Barton Mines to operate with local people and the environment in best interest. Their business has a long history in the Adirondacks and I hope it will continue for many years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Jackson
P.O. Box 25
Indian Lake, NY 12842

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Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 2:39 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Don't let another successful business fail under your watch

Sincerely,

John m Henry <john@mpcnny.com>
5802 state rt 30
Indian lake, NY 12812

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John T Malatino <johnmalatino@yahoo.com>

2 Coventry Road
Glenmont, NY 12077

From: JohnConnie Clarkson <clarksons@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 2:59 PM
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Subject: Comments on proposed Barton Mine expansion (Ruby Mountain Mine)

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We are writing to tell you of our strong concerns about expansion of the Barton Mine at Ruby Mountain.

This project borders the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area, including most significantly 13th Lake, a very popular camping and day use area. The growth in the tailings pile, regular and recurring noise, and a very noticeable increase in the amount of dust from the mine have been a matter of personal concern to us, as residents of the 13th Lake area, as well as frequent users of the Wilderness area to hike, paddle and camp out.

All of the problems mentioned above significantly affect the peaceful enjoyment of 13th Lake and surrounding wilderness area by thousands of people annually. We are very glad for this wilderness area and its protection by New York State - including the resources devoted to the beach, camping areas, trails and general stewardship. In 2020, DEC worked with the Adirondack Land Trust to purchase and donate land which was the last unprotected portion of 13th Lake's shoreline. That was a great step to protect this fantastic wilderness area, and we hope that the mine expansion will be carefully reviewed and that steps are taken to ensure that project cannot indelibly damage the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area.

Accordingly, we ask that the comment period be extended and that both the APA and DEC use their regulatory process to ensure preservation of the area.

Please consider, and thank you,

John & Connie Clarkson
44 Harvey Road
North River, NY 12856

From: Jon Voorhees <info@protectadks.org>
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However, Barton Mines has been there far longer than the second home owners and retirees who've come to populate the area. Locals depend on the mine for employment; and these are the people who drive the ambulances, put out the fires and do all the work that the newcomers require.

It would be extremely detrimental to the rural character of the area to force Barton out of business.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Jon Voorhees <campdriftwood@yahoo.com>
124 Driftwood Trail
Indian Lake, NY 12842

From: Joseph DeBin <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Joseph DeBin <joedebin@gmail.com>

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Brooklyn, NY 11215

From: Joseph Raguzin <info@protectadks.org>
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From: Joy Lower <info@protectadks.org>
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Joy Lower <sjct13126@aol.com>

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Mexico, Ny 13114

From: jsd3@frontiernet.net
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Dear Corrie Magee (Environmental Program Specialist 1, Adirondack Park Agency) and Beth A. Magee (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation):

My wife and I own a vacation home at 13 Birch Mountain Road in North River built by her parents in 1972 and passed on to us at their deaths. We live in Rochester, New York, less than four hours away, and have been returning to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area numerous times each year with our family for over 50 years, drawn back again and again by the soul-nourishing woods and the pristine nature of Thirteenth Lake. During most of this time, Barton Mines has been operating at nearby Ruby Mountain in a manner that has been tolerable. The noise was a background hum at times and the tailing pile was barely visible from Thirteenth Lake Road. But that has changed in recent years, as I and others have previously described to you. The noise level has increased dramatically and the tailing mound has grown substantially. In light of concerns expressed about Barton Mine's application to the APA and DEC to expand its Ruby Mountain operations much further over a strikingly long period (75 years), I am aware that Barton has taken several mitigating measures. We would like nothing more than to find these measures to be effective in reducing the noxious auditory and visual effects back to tolerable levels, as in the past, such that Barton Mines and the Siamese Ponds Wilderness community could live in reasonable harmony. Unfortunately, that is so far not the case.

Last weekend, I traveled to our North River home for several days of winterizing chores and a hike. When I stepped into the driveway or on the deck on Friday, there was intermittent clanging and banging easily heard against a steady background thrum. This continued all day into the evening. On Saturday morning at 7:45, I began a four-mile hike down Thirteenth Lake Road to the Hudson River and back. The noise level was as loud if not louder than I have ever heard it for the first two miles, often drowning out the soothing sound of water splashing over rocks in Thirteenth Lake Brook, which parallels the Road. On the way back, a broad, grey mound loomed over the colorful birches and maples, larger than I'd ever seen before. What used to be a narrow rim of grey above the trees is now a dominating eyesore. As I walked along, frustrated and dismayed, I pondered at the lack of effective auditory and visual mitigation that I'd witnessed. Surely there are satisfactory solutions that Barton could be applying; why aren't they doing so? Are they not actually taking seriously the complaints of their neighbors, who seek only to coexist with them? We are willing to tolerate *some* disturbance of the restorative tranquility; won't Barton reciprocate?

In conclusion, I appeal to the APA and DEC not to approve Barton Mines' "completed" application until adequate noise reduction, especially, and tailing redistribution or camouflage measures are actually put into place. Thank you for your due consideration of this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Brooke and John Durland

From: judson w smith <info@protectadks.org>
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Julie Capito <julie.capito07@gmail.com>

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Amsterdam, NY 12010

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From: Justin Gonyo <jmgonyo@hcandpm.com>
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PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

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Sincerely,

Kate Maynard <ktm778@hotmail.com>

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Saratoga Springs, Ny 12866

From: Kathleen Berben <info@protectadks.org>
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Schenectady, New York 12309

From: Kathleen Paul <info@protectadks.org>
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Kathleen Paul <khPAUL@NYCAP.RR.COM>
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Indian Lake, NY 12842

From: Kathleen Potter <kitpotter1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 4:17 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments; Magee, Beth A (DEC)
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To Whom It May Concern:

We're writing regarding the permit modifications requested by Barton's Mines. Bartons has been in operation for more than 150 years. They have been a major employer in the area and have conducted their business with integrity. Whatever Barton's request to remain in business, be assured their plans will be beneficial to their own community and the Adirondacks as well. Please approve their request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Donald and Kasthleen Potter
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Blue Mountain Lake, NY 12812
kitpotter1@gmail.com

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Kathy Hill <gavinhill1@gmail.com>

PO Box 158
Lafayette, NY 13084

From: Kathy Kae <info@protectadks.org>
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Kathy Kae <kathykae47@gmail.com>

1717 Hickory Street
Alma, MI 48801

From: Kayla Reumann <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Kayla Reumann <kmreumann+1@gmail.com>

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Buffalo, NY 14225

From: Kel <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Kel <meowmix@yahoo.com>

1 main st
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From: Kelly Perlette <info@protectadks.org>
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Kelly Perlette <kmreumann@gmail.com>

6829 Bliss Rd
Mayville, NY 14757

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Kelly Reumann <kelly@bodycandy.com>

8726 Vermont Hill rd
holland, NY 14080

From: Kendall <info@protectadks.org>
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Kendall <kendalljboulderridge@yahoo.com> Johnson WARRENSBURG, NY 12885

From: Kevin M Morse <info@protectadks.org>
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Dear Corrie,

Please convey my wife and my extreme support of Barton Mines ,LIC to continue operating their current location on Ruby Mountain by approving their requested permit modifications that will sustain their long term mining plan to extend the life of their Adirondack operations.. We are a fourth generation family who have been employed by Burton's , allowing local people to continue to live in our beloved mountain community.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Kevin M Morse <cindymorse828@gmail.com>
828 Peaceful Valley Road
North Creek, New York 12853

From: Kim Meusel <kmmeusel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 1:15 PM
To: Magee, Corrie (APA); APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Dear Corrie and the APA,

PLEASE EXTEND THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TO 60 DAYS FOR THE BARTON MINES, LLC
Application APA Project No. 2021-0245-15 days is a totally inadequate amount of time for the public or the APA board for that matter to respond to an application of this scope.

I'd like the board to please consider a resident's point of view.

We began visiting the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area and Garnet Hill Lodge in 1989 and in 2006 we purchased our home on Ruby Mtn. View.

Barton mine was not visible or audible during the years we visited Garnet Hill Lodge, when we first bought our house in 2006 or for several years after that either.

We should have *reasonable assurance* that our quality of life and the character of the Wilderness Area and the Adirondack Park will remain mostly the same.

Barton Mine borders The Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area - DESIGNATED WILDERNESS AREAS defined by DEC as

A. Wilderness

[APSLMP and CPSLMP] A wilderness area, **in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man** - where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. A wilderness area is further defined to mean an area of state land or water having a primeval character, without significant improvement or protected and managed so as to preserve, enhance and restore, where necessary, its natural conditions, and which

1. generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the **imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable**;
2. has **outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation**;
3. has at least ten thousand acres of contiguous land and water or is of sufficient size and character as to make practicable its preservation and **use in an unimpaired condition**; and
4. **may also contain ecological, geological or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value.**

The land all around the mine is protected wilderness area. Mining is banned from the park because of the negative impact on environment. As a homeowner we had no reason to worry the character of this area would change. We trusted the state to keep the banned/grandfathered operation of Barton Mine in check, the character of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area protected and residential neighborhoods unharmed.

However, Barton Mine's operation has not been kept in check. Its excessive constant noise and mountainous piles of waste have grown in recent years. Many from my neighborhood voiced concerns with noise, light, water and dust pollution directly to Chuck Barton to no avail. Then we learned of the application to extend and expand the Barton Mine permit.

This permit process puts far too much responsibility on residents. It seems we must become experts ourselves to be heard. Meanwhile, the lack of oversight by both DEC and APA has allowed a business to pit neighbor against neighbor. Barton has run a smear campaign against our neighborhood and made other town residents fear speaking up. In recent months when a neighbor reported excessive noise from Barton Mine, Beth Magee, DEC retorted "You should've known you bought a house near a mine" *This* is who we are supposed to report concerns to?

Beth Magee, DEC made it clear she had an allegiance to Barton and was not concerned with environment or community.

Also, we did know we bought a house near a mine.

We thought North Creek was a great example of how life is supposed to be in the Adirondack Park. A place where wildlife, protected lands and waters, residents, tourists and businesses coexist in balance with one another.

The area near Barton Mine is out of balance. Barton mining operation now overshadows our community. Barton Mine can be seen and heard from local roads, homes, trails and on Thirteenth Lake- in The Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area.

If Barton Mine continues to operate without boundaries on noise, waste piles, dust, water and light pollution this area will be forever changed. It will no longer be a wilderness area; it will simply become an industrial area.

Please note, Garnet Hill Lodge is an important local business that is being damaged by the mine. The Lodge employs 50+ people and brings thousands of tourists 6,000+ to the area each year. Tourism is important to sustain Johnsburg, the town supervisor has been quoted saying this and many small businesses agree. Pollution from Barton Mine will drive tourists away. No one who comes to the area looking for an Adirondack getaway will return when they experience the sounds and sights of mining.

The permit you deemed complete has many unanswered questions and a questionable sound study leaving both the DEC and APA responsible for Bartons negative impact and any accidents.

I urge you do NOT grant a 75-year work permit. These multi decade permits based largely on Barton self-monitoring and self-reporting is exactly how we ended up with Brown Pond Brook barren of trout, discolored water running from the mine in heavy rain, excessive noise projecting through residential and wilderness areas and unsafe, un-engineered mountains of chemically treated stone dust looming over the area, an accident waiting to happen. This all could have been prevented. Requiring a business that borders a designated wilderness area to operate responsibly in the is not a big ask.

Please protect the park.

Thank you

Kim Meusel

From: Kim Preston <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 6:04 PM
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169 Annie Ln
Rochester, New York 14626

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From: Kristin Davidson <kdavidson2525@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 5:20 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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I urge you to oppose the application to expand the mountaintop mining operation of the Ruby Mountain Mine in Johnsbury, Warren County because of the damage it would do to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness. Expansion would threaten this wilderness area because of dust as well as having a visual and noise impact. It is totally inappropriate for mining to be expanded in the middle of the Adirondacks, one of the natural marvels of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Kristin Davidson
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Lake George, NY 12845

From: Kyla thompson <info@protectadks.org>
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Bombay, NY 12914

From: kyle leonard <kyle.3392@gmail.com>
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Laura-Jean Schwartau <laurajeansw@gmail.com>

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From: Lesley Bohman <info@protectadks.org>
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Lesley Bohman <lesleybohman@gmail.com>

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From: [Ashe, Katy](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#); [Magee, Beth A \(DEC\)](#)
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Good morning!

My name is Katy Ashe. I'm a resident of North Creek, born and raised, and the music teacher at Johnsbury Central School. My children attend Johnsbury, as I did when I was growing up. Barton Mines has always been an integral part of our community. The company has provided thousands of dollars towards school and community events, like the school musical, our local little league teams, and have supported families living here for over a 100 years. Our school and enrollment has been steadily declining, and Barton is a reason we have a student base with parents that can work locally, which improves the lives of all of us. Our community knows how vital Barton is to our survival and economic progress. Barton has been a great neighbor, leader, and provides the best paying jobs for our community members, who raise their families right here in Johnsbury, and hope to continue that for years to come if the expansion is approved. Please do right by our community!!! Thank you so much for your time and efforts in this matter.

Best,
Katy Ashe

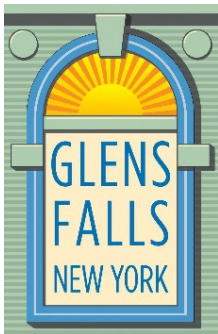
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October 3, 2024

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RE: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC

Dear Ms. Magee:

The City of Glens Falls respectfully asks the Commissioners of the Adirondack Park Agency to approve Barton Mines' permit modification application for its mine in the Town of Johnsburg, allowing the company to continue its deep traditions as a responsible natural resource manager and a vital economic contributor for decades to come.

Barton is truly a regional economic engine. From its headquarters in downtown Glens Falls to its Ruby Mountain operation in Johnsburg to its processing plant in Indian Lake, Barton provides good-paying jobs for local families, important property tax revenue to local municipalities, and spends large amounts of money with other regional businesses, generating a total economic impact of approximately \$20 million per year. It is frightening to imagine a highly regarded and well-established Adirondack Region employer like this having to close its doors.

To our understanding, Barton has taken great steps throughout its proposal to minimize the impacts of its mining operations on the environment and the surrounding community. This is not surprising, as they have been a good neighbor in our city since moving their headquarters here nearly 20 years ago. Our confidence in this regard is strengthened by the tremendous support they have received from the local governments in Johnsburg and Indian Lake, as well as from other municipalities and the hundreds of people from across the region who have spoken up on Barton's behalf.

Thank you for considering our position on this matter, and please give Barton Mines the opportunity to continue its good work in Johnsburg, Indian Lake, Glens Falls and throughout our region well into the future. They've earned it.

Sincerely,

S. William Collins
Mayor

From: [Karl Varnai](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: [Magee, Beth A \(DEC\)](#); SimpsonM@nyassembly.gov; Stec@nysenate.gov
Subject: Letter to APA re Barton Mine's application to expand
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Karl Varnai
115 Old Farm Road
North River, NY 12856
September 26, 2024

Corrie Magee Environmental Program Specialist 1
Adirondack Park Agency
1133 NYS Route 86, Ray Brook, NY 12977

Dear Corrie Magee,

I have become aware that Barton Mines is applying to the APA for an expansion of their garnet mining operations in North River. As a resident of North River within sight and sound of the mine-and who breathes the air surrounding it-I strongly urge you to compel Barton Mines to operate in way that preserves the air and water quality of the area, and the health of nearby residents.

Barton Mines is already intruding significantly on Adirondack wilderness areas, far beyond its footprint on Ruby Mountain. Thirteenth Brook is no longer pristine. Its fishery has suffered. Noise, light, and dust created by mining operations reach miles away. Such intrusions should be rolled back and minimized, rather than exacerbated by expansion of mining.

Aside from these concerns, increased truck traffic on Thirteenth Lake Rd will decrease pavement life which is already cracked. Barton Mines must have responsibility for adhering to road loading capacity based on the structural design of the pavement.

Furthermore, increased loud truck traffic will disturb wildlife, increase air pollution from exhaust, increase water pollution from tire wear runoff and dust from mining.

Also, the entrance to Barton Mines was recently paved and without mitigation, increases runoff to Thirteenth Brook.

Thank you for being sentinels and guardians of Adirondack Park, a bastion where nature can exist and people can experience it.

Sincerely,

Karl Varnai

From: Lily Koziol <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Lily Koziol <lily.koziol@outlook.com>

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Olcott, NY 14126

From: Linda Fisher <lindafishe@gmail.com>
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Linda E. Fisher

**Linda E. Fisher
55 Brookview Terrace
North River, NY 12856**

October 8, 2024

Sent via e-mail:

rpcomments@apa.ny.gov

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Environmental Program Specialist 1
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Re: Barton Mines expansion
APA Project # 2021-245

Dear Mr./Ms. Magee:

I am a homeowner in the Garnet Hill community who loves to take advantage of everything the Adirondacks wilderness offers. We take very seriously the “forever wild” clause in the New York Constitution, but at the same time understand that Barton Mine needs to expand its operations to some extent. I am writing because, after following the submission of expert reports in the application process, it appears to me that certain externalities from expansion have not been adequately studied or addressed up to now.

Negative effects of the mining operations affect us every day. The most important problem is noise: the whirring of mining equipment can be heard at all hours of the day – and seemingly – night. I was very surprised when I first realized that the mine operates outside of regular business hours, at night and on weekends. Who would expect to hear industrial noise at 10 p.m. on a Sunday night in the wilderness, for example? The hours need to be more strictly limited for us to have a semblance of normalcy.

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trucks on the road. Suddenly increasing truck traffic three times seems very intrusive and probably unnecessary. Combine that with other noise coming from mining operations and Thirteenth Lake and the surrounding Siamese Ponds Wilderness areas (to say nothing of Garnet Hill) and, at some point, the wilderness ceases to be a wilderness. It is rapidly becoming more like an industrial suburb, which likely surprises all the people hiking, canoeing and camping in the area. More noise mitigation measures are necessary. This should be addressed in the new permit and more complete independent noise impact studies should be required. The Mine's existing studies have seemed slipshod, partial, biased and inadequate overall.

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In sum, before permitting a full expansion for the next 75 years, consideration of the long-term effects must be central. A new permit must take into account all negative impacts to adequately protect the environment and local quality of life. How far can the term “forever wild” be stretched before it loses its meaning? Sufficient mitigation can be undertaken without jeopardizing the jobs of local residents. Thank you for taking the time to consider my objections.

Very truly yours,

Linda E. Fisher

From: Logan Rock <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 8:23 PM
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Logan Rock <loganrock773@gmail.com>

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Warrensburg, NY 12885

From: Lydia Torres <info@protectadks.org>
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Lydia Torres <Lydtorres13@gmail.com>

624 Park Ave Apartment 3
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From: Lynn Johnson <info@protectadks.org>
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Lynn Johnson <lynnmariejohnson@gmail.com>

3213 State Route 9L
Lake George, NY 12845

October 1, 2024

Frank Madonia
14 Railside Ave.
White Plains, NY 10605

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Corrie Magee
Adirondack Park Agency
PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977
rpcomments@apa.ny.gov

Beth Magee
Deputy Regional Director
NYSDEC
232 Golf Course Road
Warrensburg, NY12885
Beth.magee@dec.ny.gov

Re: Barton Mines APA/DEC Mine Permit Modification

Dear Ms. C. Magee and Ms. B. Magee:

I understand that the above referenced application is complete, and that the public comment period has opened.

I am writing in support of Barton Mines' mine permit modification application, which must be approved to extend the life of the company's Adirondack operations. Operations which provide critically important, well-paying jobs and regional economic benefits for future generations.

Our family has owned a house in Wevertown, for well over 50 years. We have visited Barton Mines. We are well aware of the positive impact that Barton Mines has for the region. They employ approximately 100 people in the Adirondack region. They are responsible for an estimated \$20 million of regional economic activity.

It is my understanding, Barton has managed its Ruby Mountain operations in a safe and responsible manner since opening in 1983, and I have confidence that Barton's plan is designed to minimize community impacts. We understand that if the permit modification is not granted, Barton's storage space for residual materials will be exhausted resulting in a cessation of operations. That is estimated to occur with-in the next five years. This permit modification will allow Barton Mines to continue operations in the region for an additional 60 years.

The Adirondack Park needs responsible natural resource managers like Barton who keep local people employed and the local community thriving. I urge you to approve the company's permit application and enable Barton to provide these types of community benefits far into the future.

Thank you,

Frank Madonia

Cc: R. Randolph Rapple

From: dianamason518@gmail.com
To: [Magee, Beth A \(DEC\)](#)
Cc: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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I am sending a letter of support for Barton Mines, LLC project 2021-0245 as they provided necessary jobs in my area.

I hope they able to report that the APA gave final approval to their application to modify their mining permit.

Thank you,
Diana and Randy Mason
56 Donnelly Road
Olmstedville, NY 12857

From: Marc Wanner <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 8:06 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Round the clock 24-hour-a-day mining and processing operations should not be allowed.

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Although the mine expansion will result in a tripling of heavy-duty truck trips, the continued operation of multiple sources of greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions, and the clear-cutting of approximately 36 acres of forest, Barton has failed to provide any analysis of the climate change impacts of these actions.

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Barton's application for an expansion should be denied. Please hold an adjudicatory hearing to deny this application.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Marc Wanner <mwanner2@gmail.com>
145 Charles St
Saranac Lake, NY 12983

From: Maria Wood <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 4:38 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Maria Wood <mariawxxx3@gmail.com>

810 State Highway 11B
Potsdam, NY 13676

From: Marilyn Murphy DuBois <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2024 11:56 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Murphy DuBois <wildirishmurphy@yahoo.com>

4484 Ridge Rd
Glenville, New York 12302

From: Marjolaine Arpin <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Marjolaine Arpin <marjolaine.arpin@gmail.com>

4844 rue Clark

Tiohtiá:ke (so-called Montréal), Ganienkeh (so-called Quebec) H2T2T5

From: Mark Granger <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 8:05 PM
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mark Granger <mgranger@canoekayak.ca>

526 Chemin du lac st-Louis
LÉry, QC J6N 1A3

From: Mark Phillips <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 11:08 AM
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2. This visual, noise impacts, and fugitive dust impacts have not been fully investigated by the Barton Mines and the APA.
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7. Barton's application for an expansion should be denied through an adjudicatory hearing.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mark Phillips <mjphilli2@gmail.com>
5950 Brown Rd.
Cuba, NY 14727

From: Mark Tremblay <macmark@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 4:26 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Mark Tremblay
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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The very nature of a mining business mandates ever-expanding territory. As Barton has been mining since the late 1800's - they have moved from spot to spot in pursuit of more minerals.

It is my understanding that Barton is looking to go beyond current restrictions to further their business. If this is to be granted - will there ever be a limit that they are required to adhere to? Their current operation was started with the full knowledge of the territory they had to work with. If that area becomes less profitable - then sacrificing additional natural habitat is NOT a justification to decimate more of the park. At some point - Barton mines will run out of mountains to tear down - that is the reality of their business. It is NOT their right to level mountain after mountain extending their operation into preserved areas.

This application should be denied.

Thank you.

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-Mark Tremblay, Resident
349 13th Lake Road
North River, NY 12856

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From: Marlene koch <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 7:39 AM
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Marlene koch <justjoyrealtor@gmail.com>

693 Adirondack Rd
Schroon Lake, NY 12870

From: Marty Deslauriers <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2024 3:17 PM
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Sincerely,

Marty Deslauriers <martin@oculuswealth.net>

96 Burnt Hills Dr.
Queensbury, NY 12804

From: Mary Goddard <shopgoddard@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 11:51 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
Attachments: 62023 TOJ board pg 1.pdf

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Environmental Program Specialist 1
Adirondack Park Agency
PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

cc: Beth A. Magee, DEC, 232 Golf Course Rd. Warrensburg NY 12885

re: APA Project Number 2021-245

Dear Ms. Magee,

I forgot to attach one supporting document, The 6/20/23 TOJ board pg. 1.pdf

TOWN OF JOHNSBURG

TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 20, 2023 – 7:00PM

In Attendance: Mark Smith – Supervisor Justin Gonyo – Councilman
 Arnold Stevens – Councilman Peter Hoskins – Councilman
 Gene Arsenault – Councilman (via Zoom)
 Jean Comstock – Town Clerk

1. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Jennifer Zimmerman
2. Regular Meeting Called to Order – 7:05PM

3. Approval of May 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION # 23-112

Mr. Gonyo made a Motion to accept and approve the Meeting Minutes from the May 16, 2023 Town Board Meeting and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Hoskins. With the following Board Members present voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Smith, Gonyo, Hoskins, Stevens, Arsenault); Nays – 0.

4. Barton Mines Presentation to the Town Board – Chuck Thomas – see slide presentation attached and on the posted Recording. Mr. Gonyo asked of the use of the residual materials? Mr. Rapple noted the feldspar and garnet are used for coatings; Mr. Gonyo asked if it was the GTX? Mr. Rapple indicated that it was not. Supervisor Smith asked if there was a schedule for when the traffic would be at its highest; Mr. Thomas indicated that there was no schedule at this time; Mr. Rapple added that they are reducing the hours of hauling. Mr. Hoskins asked where they were with the APA permit? Mr. Thomas noted that they are still responding to questions from the APA; Mr. Hoskins asked what kind of questions the APA is asking? Supervisor Smith asked about the reclamation plant. Mr. Thomas noted that as they build it up there will be a visual buffer. Mr. Gonyo asked with the expansion how many years of mining? Mr. Thomas noted that they do 450,000 tons/year and they could go another 75 years with the permit; without the permit 30 years maybe as they would have no storage capacity. Mr. Hoskins asked what would happen after the 75 years? Mr. Thomas indicated that there would be reclamation, vegetation, trees planted; Mr. Rapple added that all buildings would be removed. Mr. Hoskins asked when the permit might be completed? Mr. Thomas noted that sometime later this year. Supervisor Smith thanked all involved for the presentation it was very helpful. We'll open up a privilege of the floor specific to this presentation. For those of you who aren't normally at a Town Board Meeting, Privilege of the Floor is not a Q&A session, please try to limit your comments to 3 minutes as it is a long meeting; if you need further clarification please feel free to reach out to Joann Morehouse for my schedule to set up a meeting.

5. Privilege of the Floor

- Mr. Alan Belenz – Please see attached letter from Mr. Belenz for his comments.
- Reading a letter from Larry Blackhurst as he is travelling this week (please see attached letter for Mr. Blackhurst's comments).
- Year-round destination, we have skiers from around the world, wedding destination, etc.; frequent return guests; throughout the year we provide lodging for over 6,000 guests who not only help Garnet Hill Lodge but the local businesses; they come to enjoy the outdoor activities, Siamese Pond, 13th Lake area; in peak months we employ approximately 35 people at the Lodge; during the summer the line of sight to Ruby is blocked by trees, but in the winter you can see it; we fully

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Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 11:44 PM
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Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
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re: APA Project Number 2021-245

Environmental Program Specialist 1
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PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

cc: Beth A. Magee, DEC, 232 Golf Course Rd. Warrensburg NY 12885

Dear Ms. Magee,

It may be because I own property adjacent to a portion of Barton Mine property that I have received two mailings from Barton Mine. The first, May 2003, was a packet containing a letter, a flyer labelled "Our Proposed Mine Permit Modification", a sample support letter, and a 9"x12" eight-sided "Barton Today" pamphlet. Not a minor marketing investment given that a lot of Johnsbury people said they had gotten that packet also. The second mailing, September 15, 2024, was modest: a letter and a nearly identical flyer to the 2003 flyer. Barton Mine does significant gifting throughout the region. As a working member of the North River Fire Department Auxiliary I know Barton donates \$1000 each summer that offsets the cost of the 350 chicken halves sold at our Chicken BBQ fundraiser. As a docent at the North Creek Depot Museum, as a hostess/helper at some Tannery Pond Community Center events and as a 'gardener' at the Ski Bowl Garden I am aware that Barton Mine has supported those organizations as well. But whenever a corporation spends money like that - on marketing mail I become a bit wary. Especially so when the recipients are asked to complete letters of support for the corporation.

My concern is that there may be letters in support of Barton Mine's current efforts that have been written by people who are now very worried by information provided in the mailings. This information has been contradicted in a Town of Johnsbury board meeting held a month after the May 2023 flyer. Please refer to the attachments
5/2023 Barton flyer.pdf 5/2023 Barton to Neighbor multiple pages.pdf
6/20/23 TOJ board pg 1.pdf
9/25/24 Barton to Neighbor 2 pages.pdf
9/25/24 Barton flyer.pdf

The fourth paragraph of each flyer "Our Proposed Mine Permit Modification" May 2023 and September 2024
"Under our current permit, we have approximately ____ years of storage space left for the "residual minerals." Once our storage space is full, we will be unable to continue operating."

(the blank is filled with "six" or "five" depending on the poster, 2023 or 2024)

This is very alarming to Johnsbury people whether or not they live with, are related to, or know someone whose livelihood is effected by Barton Mine. Understandably so.

But there's a clear contradiction between what a Barton employee said publicly and on record to the Town of Johnsbury board meeting in June 2023: "without the permit 30 years maybe as they would have no storage capacity."
and the "approximately six years of storage space left" as stated in the September 2024 flyer.

"Six years" sends fear into the people of Johnsbury and in the region. "Maybe thirty" does not. A lot more people probably read the Barton Mine letter than attended the board meeting.

The flyer's only other 'highlighted' sentence - the first point made in paragraph 5 is notable. It may or may not be accurate but the thought of having to see the tailings even if their height were not to increase - to see the tailings - from near or far such as from Moxham - for another 25 years is distressing to say the least.

Back to my main point and in conclusion. If it were not for what may be a large number of letters sent to you in support of Barton's application written by folks worried about the mine's closing in five or six years I would have no reason to be writing this note to you.

Mr. Chuck Thomas had given a fact-filled, informative presentation to the TOJ Board that night and answered Board members questions forthrightly. I've no reason to think his information was incorrect especially since he modified the 30 years with a "maybe" And I hold an

expectation that it's not the numbers of letters you receive one way or another but their substance that matters most.
Thank you for considering the point that I have raised.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann C. Goddard
shopgoddard@gmail.com
518-251-5886



Executive Summary May 2023

Our Proposed Mine Permit Modification

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September 25, 2024

Dear Neighbor:

We are pleased to report that the Adirondack Park Agency has declared Barton Mines' application to modify our mining permit complete and has opened an official public comment period.

The requested permit modifications will help Barton keep our Adirondack operations running and providing local jobs for decades to come. **We hope that you will consider sending a brief letter of support before the Thursday, Oct. 10, deadline.**

Barton is a family-owned business that has been responsibly mining garnet in Johnsburg since 1878 and operating at our current location on Ruby Mountain since 1983. Without the requested modifications to our permit, our Adirondack operations will be forced to close in less than five years, eliminating approximately 100 local jobs and dealing a serious blow to the regional economy. We have worked hard to develop a long-term mining plan that will enable us to extend the life of our Adirondack operations by more than 60 years while minimizing any impacts to the surrounding environment and community.

You can help by sending supportive comments via email or U.S. Mail to **rpcomments@apa.ny.gov** or **Corrie Magee, Adirondack Park Agency, PO Box 99, Ray Brook, NY 12977**. Please include "Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee" in the email subject line.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is continuing its review of our application, but we encourage you to also send your comments to **beth.magee@dec.ny.gov** or **Beth Magee, NYSDEC, 232 Golf Course Rd. Warrensburg, NY 12885**.

While the regulators' decisions will ultimately, and appropriately, be based on the technical and scientific soundness of our plan, the support of local people is an important part of the review process. Even if you have commented in the past, additional support will be of help. For greatest impact, your comments should state why it is important to you that Barton continues operating and ask the regulators to approve our permit modification request. **You do not have to write a formal letter. A simple, sincere email of a few sentences can be very meaningful.**

We have enclosed some additional information that you may find helpful. You can also visit **barton.com/mine-permit-information** to access the above email links, as well as additional project information. If you have any questions, please contact us at **permitquestions@barton.com** or by calling (518) 798-5462, ext. 2024. Thank you for your consideration.

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R. Randolph Rapple
Chief Executive Officer

Charles R. Barton,
Senior Advisor & Shareholder

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October 10, 2024

Corrie Magee re: APA Project Number 2021-245

Environmental Program Specialist 1
Adirondack Park Agency
PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

cc: Beth A. Magee, DEC, 232 Golf Course Rd. Warrensburg NY 12885

Dear Ms. Magee,

This is my last letter to you re: APA Project Number 2021-245 and the only one in which I cite no supporting references. I own property adjacent to a portion of Barton Mine which is far enough away from mining operations or LOM that I believe my own well will never run dry nor suffer contamination from the mine. But I do have major concerns about water in these Adirondack mountains.

The Adirondacks as a whole and especially here in Johnsbury are dealing with increasing pressures. Pressures felt here in Johnsbury now include climate change. No one can really know what Johnsbury region will be facing; but I have concerns.

I strongly urge that a shorter period of time, more like 25 to 30 years, be granted to Barton Mine so it can operate at its current level for that shorter period of time. And when in 2050 or so Barton Mine still has garnet to extract from our mountains Barton can ask and be considered for an extension to its operations.

Your consideration of my plea would be greatly appreciated not only by me now but by those who will live here in years to come. Thank you for being open to this suggestion.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann C. Goddard
shopgoddard@gmail.com
P.O. Box 204, North River NY 12856
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re: APA Project Number 2021-245

Dear Ms. Magee,

As a resident of North River and owner of property adjacent to a portion of Barton Mine, I have several concerns with the Barton Mine proposed expansion. Of particular concern is water. Water extraction and disposal have long term consequences for the people living here now and those who follow.

Water extraction :

When, in the early 1980s Barton transitioned its water source from Brown Pond Brook to Thirteenth Brook "it was demonstrated that Thirteenth Brook has both sufficient flow and water quality" ... "to satisfactorily service the mill" (#1) In 2019 Barton Mine obtained permit & approvals of APA, DEC and Town of Johnsburg to construct a Stilling Pond off-stream of Thirteenth Brook. The approved Stilling Pond is 535 cubic feet, (#2) 3927 gallons - enough that 68 gallons/minute can be withdrawn for nearly an hour. Within a year or two, Barton drilled a well. Thirteenth Brook has not yet run dry. The Stilling Pond is still capable of supplying thousands of gallons of water a day. Despite cost of filtering, purifying any water from wells and Barton once considering well water ("...would be both unreliable and of substandard quality." (#1) Barton now is using ground water in processing. On June 20, 2023 when asked, Barton's Mr. Chuck Thomas replied "that they do 450,000 tons/year" (#3) That much material must require a lot of water. How much we may never know. The 3,927 gallons of water the Stilling Pond can supply in an hours time apparently is not enough for Barton Mines current/projected needs.

Water use:

North River people rely totally on well water for our homes. It is reassuring to us who live here that the DEC wisely requests some analysis data, monthly monitoring of wells, the recording of groundwater elevations and stream gauge data. (#4) Information that Barton can hand over.

DEC has requested groundwater data since January 5, 2021. It seems, comparing different years of "Technical Comments DEC Application # 5-5230-00002/00002" DEC has had to ask for clarifications and for more frequent measurements and regular monitoring more than once. (#4) Specifically: in a section "Groundwater" DEC actually spelled it out

"16. Does the permittee agree to continuously monitor groundwater elevations at the various monitoring point monthly and submit that data to the Department quarterly for the first 2 years and annually after that?" Wasn't this or similar request made last revue? " (#5)

It is a concern that even now, when Barton Mines is applying for a permit to expand its operations, DEC is still having to urge Barton to do what is expected of it, such as regularly submitting water data to DEC and to indicate well locations on maps. Does Barton have such little regard for its neighbors?

If Barton is not cooperating now regarding our precious water what might Barton disregard later? It reminds me of what Chuck Barton said at a small meeting with residents in the summer 2019. He acknowledged that the permit Barton was operating under at that time stipulated putting tailings into craters. He merely said that Barton would do so when Barton was certain to be done excavating. There was a crater at the site that had not been actively excavated for years.

Water disposal

Where does the used, now excess water already treated to make it suitable for processing material go? All of it does not simply evaporate though some of it does, judging from some vegetation-free areas.

At the ZBA hearing, 8/26/2019, there were concerns expressed by several guides and fishermen about the decrease in the brook trout once prevalent in Thirteenth Brook; some bemoaned the demise of the fishery. Thirteenth Brook empties directly into the Hudson. At that hearing, the presence of barrels of caustic chemicals seen at the mining site was also noted; but no assumptions of cause and effect were made.

In conclusion, I thank you for reading through this letter with references attached. I regret it is so long; but I thought referencing sources that support my concerns was important. The footnotes have labels and in () the names of the corresponding files that are attached.

Please consider the concerns raised above.

In appreciation for the work you do on the public's behalf,
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(#1) Barton's Application for Variance V-03-2019 Zoning Board of Appeals, Town of Johnsbury, (Attachment : Barton Mines variance Application 8/26/19.pdf page 3)

(#2) Zoning Board of Appeals, August 26, 2019 public hearing
(Attachment Barton Mines variance Application 8/26/19.pdf page 2)

(#3) TOJ Board meeting minutes June 20, 2023
Remark made by Mr. Thomas at the 6/20/2023 Town of Johnsbury Board meeting
Please see: johnsburgny.gov/2021—2023 html Scroll to BOARD PACKET June 20, 2023
(6/20/23 TOJ board pg. 1)

(#4) 4/13/22 TECHNICAL COMMENTS DEC Application # 5-5230-00002/00002 (ML, WQ) (Attachment 4/13/22 DEC comments re: DEC Application # 5-5230-00002/00002 (ML, WQ) Barton Mines Ruby Mountain Quarry)

#5 7/7/23 TECHNICAL COMMENTS DEC Application # 5-5230-00002/00002 (ML)
(Attachment 7/7/23 DEC comments re: DEC Application # 5-5230-00002/00002)

**Town of Johnsburg
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PO Box 7
North Creek, NY 12853
518-251-2421 Ext 22**

APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE # V-03-2019

The undersigned hereby applies for a variance from the requirements of the "Town of Johnsburg Zoning Ordinance" in the following respects: SEE ATTACHMENT

The specific provision of said ordinance involved being: SEE ATTACHMENT

The grounds within the framework of the ordinance for granting this application being:

SEE ATTACHMENT

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Name and Address of the Undersigned: BARTON MINES CORPORATION, 6 WARREN ST.,
GLENS FALLS, NY 12801

Name and Address of Deeded Owner(s) of Parcel: RUBY MOUNTAIN HOLDINGS, LLC,
6 WARREN ST., GLENS FALLS, NY 12801

Tax Map #: Section 46 Block 1 Lot 63

Brief Description and Location: UNDEVELOPED 83± ACRE LOT LOCATED ON
EITHER SIDE OF THIRTEENTH LAKE RD., NEAR ENTRANCE TO RUBY MTN. RD.

Present Zoning Classification: 8.5 / RURAL USE

Accurate description of the improvements, changes or additions being considered. Indicating size, material and general construction of same: SEE ATTACHMENT

A plot plan of said lot drawn to scale must be attached, indicating the location and size of the lot and all structures on said lot including the changes herein proposed.

Date: AUGUST 26, 2019

Applicant: Stu W. Hall, AGENT FOR BARTON
MINES CORPORATION

Attachment to Application for Variance by Barton Mines Corporation

...in the following respects: A variance from the Shoreline Setback provisions of the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) Act, a program administered by the Town of Johnsburg under its APA-approved Local Land Use Management program.

....specific provision of said ordinance involved being: A requirement that all new structures in the Rural Use land classification be situated a minimum of 75' landward (setback) of the Mean High Water Line of a Navigable Waterway (shoreline).

...grounds for granting this application being: No new structure may be situated within the Shoreline Setback unless the activity is supported by a variance request approved by the Town of Johnsburg Zoning Board of Appeals.

Project Description:

→ Construction of a 10.5' wide x 12.5' long x 4' deep Stilling Pond adjacent to the left bank of Thirteenth Brook (see attached Partial Site Plan). The perimeter of the off-stream Stilling Pond will be lined on three (3) sides by precast, concrete Bin Blocks (see Creek Bank Breach Detail Plan). A diversion channel on the open (south) side of the Stilling Pond will connect the Stilling Pond to Thirteenth Brook. A 4.5' x 4.5' x 5' high precast, concrete Water Intake Structure will be installed on the north side of the Stilling Pond. The new Stilling Pond and Water Intake structure will replace an existing water intake located approximately 200' downstream on the same property. The existing water intake consists of a pipe and pump assembly situated in the approximate center of the stream channel of Thirteenth Brook.

The Bin Blocks walls on the perimeter of the Stilling Pond will be 3' high and will interconnect on both the upstream and downstream ends with a short (12' long), low-profile (3' high) retaining wall to provide structural stability and to maintain stream channel geometry (see Creek Bank Breach Detail Plan).

Construction of the Stilling Pond and Water Intake has been approved by the NYS DEC (permit issued August 20, 2019).

The structure for which a Shoreline Variance is being sought (32' of precast Bin Block wall and precast Water Intake) is a key part of a Project designed to upgrade water service to the Ruby Mountain Mine. The Purpose of the Project is threefold:

- to decrease/eliminate the need for any in-stream maintenance work related to the mill facility's water intake;
- to improve/increase the reliability of the mill facility's water service system
- to improve the safety of mine workers by eliminating the need to enter Thirteenth Brook during maintenance operations related to the water intake.

Background:

Thirteenth Brook has been determined "navigable" by the Adirondack Park Agency. The proposed Stilling Pond and Intake structure is water-dependent and, by necessity, is within 75' of Thirteenth

Brook. As a result, the shoreline setback requirements of the Adirondack Park Agency are applicable to the structure.

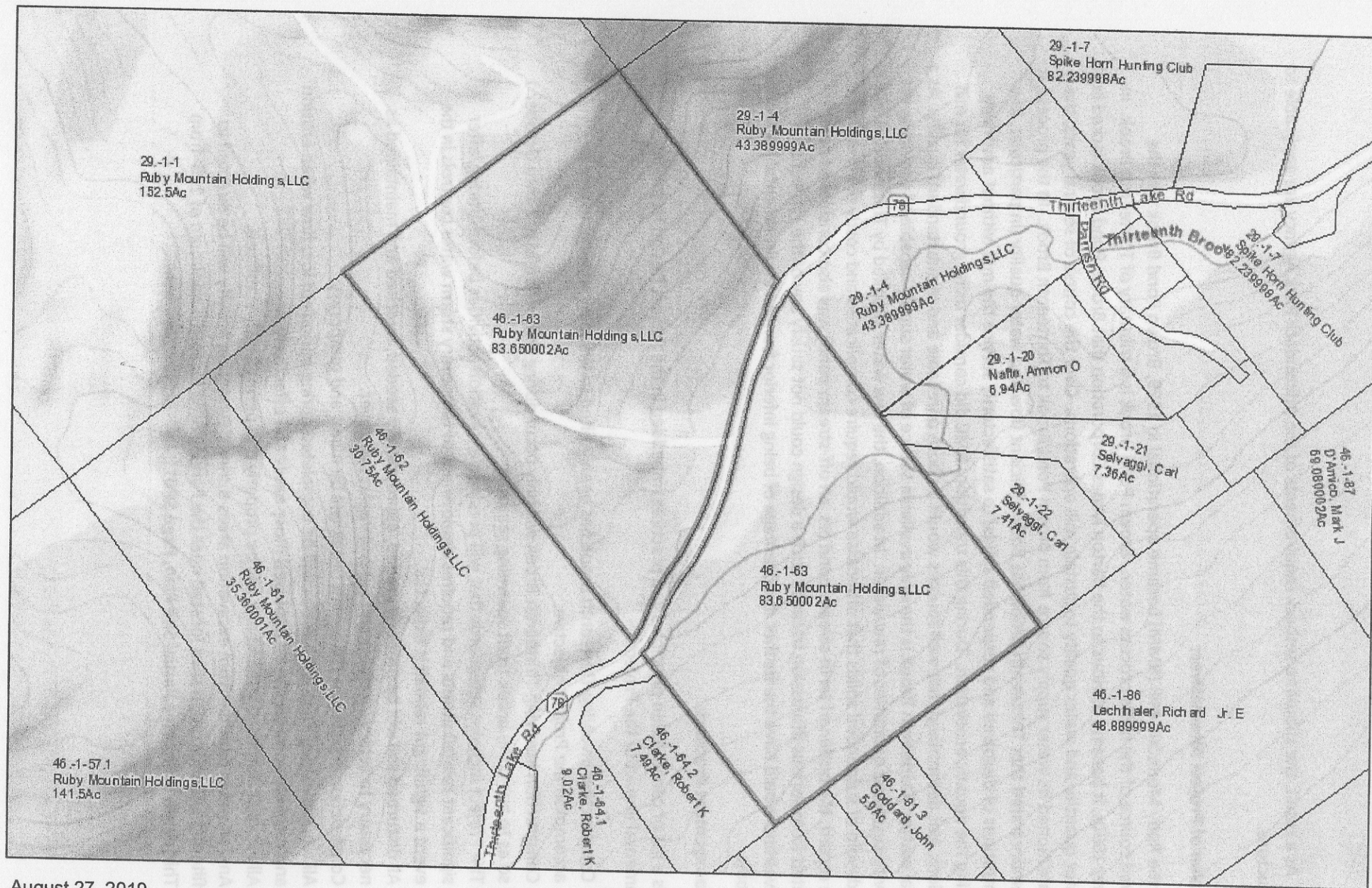
Discussion of Project Alternatives:

When the Ruby Mountain Mill (RMM) became operational in 1979, Brown Pond Brook was the approved source of the mill's process water. Brown Pond Brook is a tributary of Thirteenth Brook. In the early 1980s, it became obvious to the Barton Mines Corporation that Brown Pond Brook lacked both the water quantity and water quality to sustain mill operations. Over the course of several years, the Mill transitioned its water supply source from Brown Pond Brook to Thirteenth Brook. In the process, it was demonstrated that Thirteenth Brook has both sufficient flow and water quality (in particular, low concentrations of dissolved and suspended solids) to satisfactorily service the mill without adversely impacting the aquatic ecosystem. During this transition, BMC did consider using groundwater for mill operations, but determined that well sources would be both unreliable and of substandard quality. As a practical matter, Thirteenth Brook is the only available source of water supply capable of providing the RMM with sustained quantities of raw water. In addition, the raw water supplied by Thirteenth Brook is nearly devoid of suspended solids that otherwise would require complicated and costly pre-treatment. For the record, the option of an in-stream pond (vs. an off-stream pond) was also considered but eliminated from serious discussion because such a design could not satisfy any of the Project's Objectives and would have the further disadvantage of being inferior from an environmental protection standpoint.

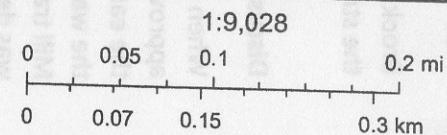
Best Management Practices

Below is a list of construction principles and practices imbedded in the Project Design to minimize the environmental impact of the Project:

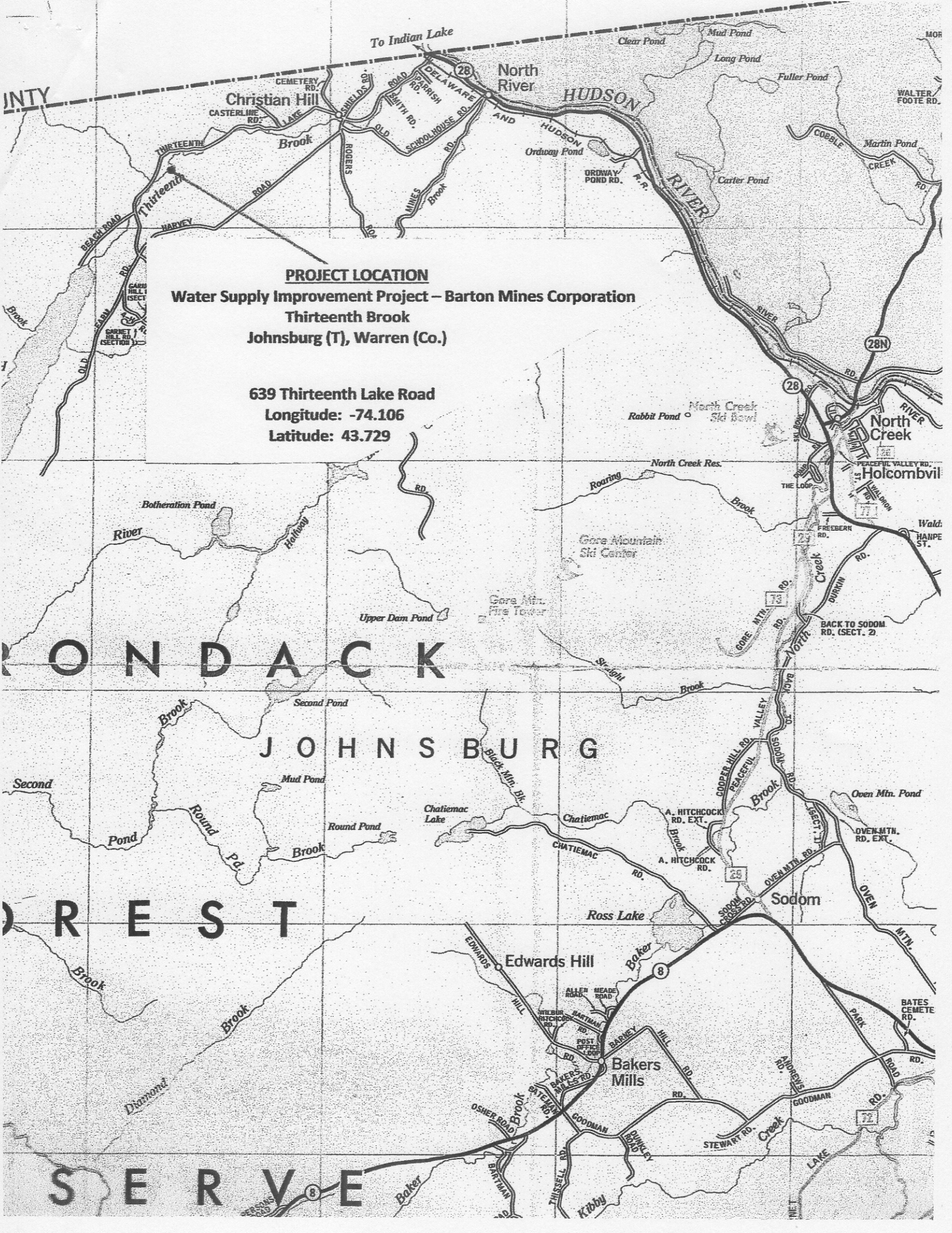
- Construction involving Thirteenth Brook has been limited to the minimum necessary to accomplish the Project objective.
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- The Project includes safeguards that will preclude excavation activities before/during/after significant rainfall events and requires deployment of temporary storm water controls in the event a significant rainfall is expected.
- All disturbed soil will be properly graded, appropriately seeded, mulched and maintained as necessary to achieve a stable and natural vegetative cover.
- Construction impacts on Thirteenth Brook will be minor and temporary.
- All work involving Thirteenth Brook will be completed during periods of low flow when erosion and turbidity controls can be deployed more easily and effectively.
- All areas of disturbed streambank will be properly and permanently stabilized.
- Any/all water pumped from excavation areas during dewatering activity will be directed to filtering and infiltration sites located near the Parking Area located a minimum of 125' from Thirteenth Brook (see Partial Site Plan, **Page SP01**).



August 27, 2019



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS,



PROJECT LOCATION

Water Supply Improvement Project – Barton Mines Corporation
Thirteenth Brook
Johnsburg (T), Warren (Co.)

639 Thirteenth Lake Road
Longitude: -74.106
Latitude: 43.729

TOWN OF JOHNSBURG

TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 20, 2023 – 7:00PM

In Attendance: Mark Smith – Supervisor Justin Gonyo – Councilman
 Arnold Stevens – Councilman Peter Hoskins – Councilman
 Gene Arsenault – Councilman (via Zoom)
 Jean Comstock – Town Clerk

1. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Jennifer Zimmerman

2. Regular Meeting Called to Order – 7:05PM

3. Approval of May 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION # 23-112

Mr. Gonyo made a Motion to accept and approve the Meeting Minutes from the May 16, 2023 Town Board Meeting and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Hoskins. With the following Board Members present voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried. Ayes – 5 (Smith, Gonyo, Hoskins, Stevens, Arsenault); Nays – 0.

4. Barton Mines Presentation to the Town Board – Chuck Thomas – see slide presentation attached and on the posted Recording. Mr. Gonyo asked of the use of the residual materials? Mr. Rapple noted the feldspar and garnet are used for coatings; Mr. Gonyo asked if it was the GTX? Mr. Rapple indicated that it was not. Supervisor Smith asked if there was a schedule for when the traffic would be at its highest; Mr. Thomas indicated that there was no schedule at this time; Mr. Rapple added that they are reducing the hours of hauling. Mr. Hoskins asked where they were with the APA permit? Mr. Thomas noted that they are still responding to questions from the APA; Mr. Hoskins asked what kind of questions the APA is asking? Supervisor Smith asked about the reclamation plant. Mr. Thomas noted that as they build it up there will be a visual buffer. Mr. Gonyo asked with the expansion how many years of mining? Mr. Thomas noted that they do 450,000 tons/year and they could go another 75 years with the permit; without the permit 30 years maybe as they would have no storage capacity. Mr. Hoskins asked what would happen after the 75 years? Mr. Thomas indicated that there would be reclamation, vegetation, trees planted; Mr. Rapple added that all buildings would be removed. Mr. Hoskins asked when the permit might be completed? Mr. Thomas noted that sometime later this year. Supervisor Smith thanked all involved for the presentation it was very helpful. We'll open up a privilege of the floor specific to this presentation. For those of you who aren't normally at a Town Board Meeting, Privilege of the Floor is not a Q&A session, please try to limit your comments to 3 minutes as it is a long meeting; if you need further clarification please feel free to reach out to Joann Morehouse for my schedule to set up a meeting.

5. Privilege of the Floor

- Mr. Alan Belenzs – Please see attached letter from Mr. Belenzs for his comments.
- Reading a letter from Larry Blackhurst as he is travelling this week (please see attached letter for Mr. Blackhurst's comments).
- Year-round destination, we have skiers from around the world, wedding destination, etc.; frequent return guests; throughout the year we provide lodging for over 6,000 guests who not only help Garnet Hill Lodge but the local businesses; they come to enjoy the outdoor activities, Siamese Pond, 13th Lake area; in peak months we employ approximately 35 people at the Lodge; during the summer the line of sight to Ruby is blocked by trees, but in the winter you can see it; we fully

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April 13, 2022

footnotes #4, #5 on page 2 relate to water

Not addressed in the 10/9/24 communication are significant items of interest on pages 6 & 7

Chemicals referred to in passing in section Water Disposal. Real health & environmental concern

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32 Fryer Lane
Altamont, NY 12009

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Johnsburg (T), Warren (Co.)**

Dear Bernard:

Staff with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC or Department) have reviewed the referenced permit application received in our office on October 18, 2021 and provide the following comments:

Mine Permit Amendment & Modification Narrative dated September 2021

1. Provide additional information and details regarding the proposed placement of Residual Minerals (RM) within the containment cells in the quarry area.
 - a. Will the RM material be placed on the tailings pile, allowed to dry, then transported via haul truck to the containment cells and quarry area? Or will RM be placed within the quarry in a water slurry?
 - b. Will the RM material be treated in any way prior to being placed in the cells?
 - c. How will the permittee ensure the RM-filled containment cells are stable, safe, and will maintain stability throughout the mining process and following reclamation? Will additional stabilizing measures of the RM within the quarry area be required? How does the fact that the RM are uniformly fine grain sized material impact the stability of the containment cells?
 - d. Will surface water or groundwater entering the RM-filled containment cells impact the stability of the cells?
 - e. Provide construction specifications for the containment cells. What volume of RM is anticipated to be held within the cells?
 - f. Figures 4 and 5 indicate 2 containment cells. Will there be a third containment cell within Pit 4?
 - g. What is the proposed final elevation and grading of the RM placed within the quarry area and containment cells? Has the permittee considered backfilling the quarry area above the fine grain containment cells with coarse grain RM as an additional measure to reduce the permanent height of the tailings pile at the time of reclamation?
2. Section 4.4.1 of the Narrative proposes increasing the LOM by 72.5 acres. Section 1.0, page 1, of Appendix P- Sound study states the current proposal includes increasing the RM pile



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by 56.4 acres and the quarry excavation boundary by 38.8 acres yielding a total of 95.2. Question #15 below also addresses clarification of the LOM and PTA acreages. Please clarify the proposed LOM acreage and permit term affected (PTA) acreage, including both the increased quarry area and RM pile acreages, for the coming permit term and be sure to provide coinciding acreages on the drawings, maps, figures, and Appendices.

3. **Groundwater**

→ a. Has the permittee continued to collect groundwater data since January 5, 2021? Can the permittee provide more frequent depth-to-water measurements and analytical data? The specific analytical data required may depend on the information provided in response to question 9.a.iii below. If available, please provide the data and analysis. If the data is not available, please monitor regularly.

→ b. Please provide Groundwater Mapping in the form of a map showing current groundwater contours and elevations.

c. How will the placement of RM within the quarry area cells below the groundwater table elevation impact groundwater elevation and flow after reclamation?

d. The Well labeled as RUB-05A extends to an elevation of 1603.8 amsl which is below the proposed quarry floor elevation of 1720 amsl. However wells RUB-01 and RUB-02 extend to an elevation of 1830 amsl and 1926 amsl which are above the proposed quarry floor elevation. Additional groundwater elevation and flow information is required in order to determine potential impact to groundwater. Monitoring wells of greater depth are needed corresponding with the increased depth of the quarry area. Wells should also be placed hydraulically upgradient and downgradient of mining activities. These wells would provide regular monitoring of groundwater elevation, and allow for analytical sampling as determined.

e. Page 9 indicates groundwater flows northwest to southeast. P. 10 states groundwater flows southwesterly towards Brown Pond Brook. Please clarify and/or explain the discrepancy. While this could be caused by variations in flow direction, it may be due to inadequate well network or infrequent monitoring.

f. Page 6 of the Aquifer testing results states the nearest offsite well is 2,785 ft from TW-04. How far is this well from the quarry area? Are there any other public or private groundwater users within ½ mile of the proposed LOM boundary?

g. Quarry Flooding and Dewatering: The proposed quarry elevation of 1,720' is well below the listed groundwater elevations. Although the quarry currently does not receive much influent groundwater, this could change considerably with depth. Please provide a plan for dealing with flooding and subsequent dewatering of the quarry area.

h. Page 4 of the Aquifer Testing Results states there is a transducer in 3 test wells near the quarry entrance, 3 wells near the processing plant, and 5 surface water monitoring points. Please provide the location of all 11 locations and any additional well/monitoring locations on the groundwater map.

i. Following additional monitoring wells and data collected, provide a hydrogeological assessment based on the available well network and data.

j. Please provide a scope of work to the Department for review and discussion prior to additional ground water monitoring well installation.

4. **Operating Hours**

- a. Are the mineral processing activities that occur 24 hours Monday-Sunday solely indoor activities?
- b. The application proposes increasing the quarry operating hours to be 7am to 4:30pm, Monday-Friday. Does Quarry operating constitute any activities other than drilling, rock breaking, shoveling, and hauling (Table 2: Hours of Operation Summary)?

5. **Noise**

- a. The Sound Study Sections provide the noise expected from individual pieces of equipment. For example, Sections A, B, C, and F provide the individual noise from a Drill rig above a high wall, a drill rig below a high wall, and a haul truck loaded by an excavator. Is it common that two drill rigs would be operating at the same time- both on top of the high wall and behind the high wall simultaneously? Does the permittee plan to use a bulldozer to clear overburden in advance of mining? Is it typical for just one haul truck to be running in the quarry area between the quarry and mill? Please provide for scenarios reflective of equipment typically working simultaneously and providing the combined sound levels for the specific scenario.
 - i. Stripping Scenario: A temporary worst-case scenario could include a bulldozer clearing overburden and drill rig operating on top of the high wall, with an excavator and haul truck running near the proposed LOM.
 - ii. Excavation Scenario: A conservative scenario could include a situation where a drill rig is operating on top of the high wall with the haul truck and excavator running near the proposed LOM.
 - iii. Excavation Scenario: And a more common/average scenario could include a drill rig operating below the high wall, and an excavator loading a haul truck or trucks (if applicable) in an area near the proposed LOM.
 - iv. RM pile construction scenario: it may only be necessary to provide for a conservative scenario with the bulldozer operating near the proposed LOM.
- b. Provide the specific distance attenuation and any other attenuation applicable for the different locations and scenarios
- c. Provide the cumulative simultaneous noise expected to be experienced by receptors from the different scenarios plus the sound of ambient (keeping in mind the Addition of Sound Levels- Table A of the DEC noise guidance Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts).
- d. Then compare that expected perceived noise to the noise currently experienced by receptors and ambient noise at the various applicable locations- Sound Study Section locations A through H and the additional monitoring locations included in the "Proposed Sound Study Scope of Work" dated 3/21/22. It may be helpful to provide this noise data-ambient, current approved, and proposed to be experienced by the different scenarios, in a table in the narrative and on the sound study map.
- e. Section 5.1.5, Page 41, reports "the largest projected increase in sound levels at Barton's property boundary, stemming from the lateral expansion of the RM pile boundary to the south is 2.9dB (from 46.7 dB to 49.6 db). [...] Though the projected change in sound levels is low, 49.6 dB is 8.9 dB above the ambient sound level of 37.8 dBA recorded at Monitoring location M-2."

- i. This 2.9 dB increase in sound level is stated to be shown by Sound Section E-E'. However, the data shown by Sound Section E-E' shows an increase in 3.3 dB ($49.7 - 46.4 = 3.3$ dB). Please clarify. Additionally, if there is an expected increase in sound level of 2.9dB, then according to Table A of the noise guidance, you would add 2 dB to the higher of the two sound levels. Please include the ambient plus future noise and account for the difference to be added to the higher of the two numbers to provide the future resultant to be experienced.
- ii. Please clarify the ambient sound level at the property line in this direction. The section discusses increase in sound levels at Barton's property boundary but then compares the noise to an ambient of 37.8 dB at M-2 which is not at the property boundary.
- iii. What additional noise mitigation can be considered in this direction given the substantial rise over ambient?
- f. Section 5.1.5, page 42, reports expected sound levels of 47.3 for currently permitted operations and 48.0dB for proposed operations along the southeastern LOM boundary. This elevated sound level is caused by the drill rig operating above the high wall. What is the expected resultant sound level at the property line in this direction? What is the ambient sound level at the property line in this direction? Although the noise expected as a result of the current proposal is only 0.7 dB over the current approved operations, the expected noise is substantially higher than the ambient for that area (34.2 dB at M-1).
- g. Section 5.1.5, page 42, reports additional mitigation measures to be incorporated. What additional noise attenuation can be expected by the use of temporary movable noise barriers, enclosing drilling operations with noise absorptive materials, and constructing berms in tailings expansion area near Barton's property boundary?
- h. The sound study plan (Figure 2) provides the location of the sound study sections. Provide additional details clarifying how the location of B', C', D', H, G, and F were selected. Are these the locations where the property is in use?
- i. Section 3.2.3 provides noise information on specific equipment used at the site. Table 1 provides sound levels for various equipment, however the three excavators outfitted with hydraulic hammer are not listed in the table. Were the excavators with hydraulic hammers incorporated into the sound study? Please clarify and provide noise expected from all equipment at 50ft.
- j. Please address the potential noise impact of the proposed increase in quarry mining activities from 7 am to 3:30pm to 7am to 4:30pm.

6. **Visual**

- a. Section 5.1.1, P. 37, states Sixteen public use areas within a 5-mile radius were identified to have the potential to observe the proposed project. Are there any areas where private residences will have the potential to observe the proposed project?
- b. A geomorphic landform design (GLD) has been implemented at mine sites in an effort to make the landscape at the time of reclamation blend with the surrounding landscape, be more aesthetically pleasing, and also reduce erosion and potentially increase stability. Please consider implementing a GLD at the time of reclamation and consider how a GLD may help mitigate the visual impacts of raising the RM pile and

possibly result in a more successful reclamation of the RM pile. Please also consider the possible challenges that may arise with incorporating a GLD including cost, increasing the overall disturbance area, Hydraulic conductivity, slope stability, and grain size of the RM. If a GLD is not feasible for the entire RM pile, could it be utilized on a portion of the pile? If the permittee decides to incorporate a GLD, please provide details in the Mined Land Use Plan and Reclamation Plan Maps. Reference to a GLD is also mentioned in #9.b.ii below.

c. During a previous site inspection, the permittee mentioned the use of a green-colored cast material that may help mitigate dust and visual impact of the RM pile. Is this still being pursued? If so, please provide details. Could the cast material aid in visual impact mitigation?

d. Does the proposed height of the tailings pile account for the potential increased sales of RM or is the proposed height and size of the RM pile a worst-case scenario? If the market for RM grows as expected (Section 4.5, page 24), would the final height of the RM pile be reduced?

7. Increasing truck traffic from 5 to 16 trips per day:

a. Section 5.1.6, page 41, states that the outside sales of RM from the mine will result in an increase in the frequency of trucking. Is the increased truck traffic proposed solely for the sale of RM? Please provide any avenues of RM reduction or sales that have been pursued.

8. **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)**

a. MSGP SWPPP:

i. The SWPPP addendum, dated July 2021, states that it provides proposed watershed conditions and BMPs for the Site to discharge stormwater from disturbed areas within future expansions in accordance with the MSGP. The previous version of the SWPPP, dated July 2014, does not appear to have been updated when the facility applied for coverage under GP-0-17-004. The facility SWPPP must be updated for each permit term. Please provide an updated SWPPP for current site operations that complies with GP-0-17-004.

ii. SWPPP addendum, Figure 2. Significant areas of the proposed LOM are outside of the SWPPP drainage areas. Please revise the figure to clearly show the PTA and ensure that all areas within the PTA are included within SWPPP drainage areas. This should include the quarry area, which is not shown on Figure 2.

iii. The SWPPP addendum discussed above is for a mine expansion that has not yet been approved by the Department. Therefore, it should not be kept with the current SWPPP at the site, as it does not reflect current site conditions or the current PTA.

iv. Sector J of GP-0-17-004 requires weekly ESC inspections of all disturbed areas that are externally draining. Please revise the current SWPPP to include this requirement. Future SWPPPs must also include this requirement.

v. The mine expansion covers a considerable area and drastically changes the existing ESCs and stormwater management features. While the SWPPP includes the final build-out ESCs, there is no discussion of interim or phased

ESCs. The mining permit application includes various phases of expansion. Please revise the SWPPP to show how stormwater will be managed during these phases, showing the permit term affected area of each phase, prior to final build-out.

- vi. How will the permittee prevent silt-laden runoff from RM pile directly west into nearby wetlands and ponds throughout construction?
- b. Water Withdrawal
 - i. Do the water withdrawal permit application documents account for the future water withdrawal from the quarry area that will be needed as the quarry floor proceeds to lower elevations below the water table?
- c. Section 5.1.3 on page 41 states: The proposed excavation will be, at its closest, 330 feet from Brown Pond Brook, and be below Brown Pond Brook by a maximum of 70 feet. If any water is encountered at the lower levels of the excavation area, water would be returned to Brown Pond Brook via the mine's dewatering system. How will the additional water entering Brown Pond Brook including groundwater from TW-4 well and future pumping from the quarry area impact the flora and fauna of Brown Pond Brook?

9. **Reclamation**

- a. Quarry area:
 - i. Provide additional details regarding the reclamation in the quarry area and containment cells. How can the permittee guarantee the stability of the RM pile and containment cells? Will the uniformity of the RM impact stability and is a grain size analyses necessary? Will the RM be dewatered before placement? Will the RM be compacted in the containment cells and if so, how? Will a liner be constructed or will the RM be placed directly into the rock? Will the cells be constructed in lifts and compacted to a certain degree of compaction? How will the containment cell areas be treated at the time of reclamation?
 - ii. What is the total volume/capacity of each containment cell?
 - iii. The narrative describes dredging of the settled fine RM prior to placement in the quarry containment cells; however at this stage the material to be placed within the containment cells may still be quite wet and mucky. Any water draining from the saturated material would have no exit from the cell. Additionally ground and surface water will be introduced to the cells over time. This raises the potential for a "quick sand pit" being formed, and without drainage, could possibly remain in this state even after reclamation. The plan must provide further insight into dealing with this issue. Perhaps a test to confirm feasibility may help provide additional information.
 - iv. How will the influx of stormwater or groundwater within the RM containment cells impact the stability of the area after reclamation? Will freeze-thaw conditions impact the stability of the area?
 - v. Do the RM placed on top of the RM pile contain anything else other than the original minerals and water? Section 1.0, p. 1, of the Water Withdrawal Permit Renewal Application Engineers Report states, "The crushed rock is sent through a mesh and chemicals are used to separate the garnet from the rock." Is there any chemical processing that occurs or is processing only mechanical with the addition of water? What chemicals are used to separate the garnet from the

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Incoming Correspondence:

Dear Governor, I have been visiting the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area since the mid-1980's and have been a resident and taxpayer in Johnsbury since 2006. I'm writing to express my strong objections to the proposed expansion of Barton Mine on Ruby Mountain bordering the Siamese Pond Wilderness area (APA Project Number 2021-245). The proposed expansion raises serious concerns that I believe have and will continue to negatively impact the environment, community, economy and quality of life for residents and visitors in the surrounding area. I urge you to carefully consider these concerns and take the necessary steps to protect this sensitive region.

Negative impact from the Expansion of Barton Mine:

1. Constant 24/7 Noise and Incomplete Sound Studies

The ongoing noise generated by the mine, which operates around the clock, is already a significant disturbance to the surrounding areas. The noise pollution is not only disruptive to the local community but also to the natural habitat in the Siamese Pond Wilderness. The sound studies provided by Barton are self-serving, incomplete and do not adequately address the impact of the continuous noise they create. It is crucial that a comprehensive sound study be conducted to assess the true impact of continuous operations on the environment and local residents.

2. Visual Impact of Growing Tailing Piles

The visual impact of the expanding tailing piles is another critical concern. Barton plans to increase the size of the tailing pile from 73 acres to over 88 acres while also lowering the quarry floor from 1,790 feet to 1,860 feet. This significant alteration of the landscape will have a lasting visual impact, detracting from the natural beauty of the surrounding wilderness area. Such a dramatic change in the landscape needs to be carefully evaluated to minimize the disruption to the scenic views of this pristine region.

3. Lack of Engineering for Tailing Pile Stability

I am deeply concerned about the absence of adequate engineering plans for the increased tailing piles. Without proper engineering studies and assessments, there is no guarantee that the stability and safety of these piles will be ensured and certainly not to hold up for 75 more years. It is essential that a detailed engineering plan is developed to address the risks associated with the increased tailing piles to prevent potential hazards.

4. Lack of Dust Management and Incomplete Revegetation Plan

Barton Mine's expansion proposal lacks a sufficient dust management plan to mitigate the impact of increased operations. Dust from the mine can have severe effects on air quality, local ecosystems, and nearby residents' health. Additionally, the revegetation plan presented by Barton is incomplete and lacks specificity on how they will restore and manage the disturbed land. A comprehensive dust control and revegetation strategy is needed to mitigate the environmental damage caused by the mining activities.

5. Increase in Truck Traffic on 13th Lake Road

The proposed increase in truck traffic from 5 to 16 trips per day on 13th Lake Road raises concerns about road safety, noise pollution, and further environmental impact. Increased trucking activity will not only affect the residents living along this route but also disrupt the peace and tranquility of the area. The cumulative impact of this additional traffic on the local infrastructure and community must

be thoroughly evaluated.

6. 75-Year Permit with No Meaningful Mitigation Efforts

Finally, I am concerned that Barton Mine is seeking a 75-year permit without proposing any significant efforts to address or mitigate the issues mentioned above. A permit of such an extensive duration should not be granted without clear, enforceable commitments from Barton to minimize noise, visual, and environmental impacts and to ensure the health and safety of the local community and environment.

7. Impact on local businesses and the economy

Although Barton claims to employ almost 100 people in Warren Country, the vast majority sit in their "green" building in Glens Falls. Ironically there's nothing "green" about their operation on Ruby Mountain. The few employees that reside in Johnsburg are no more important than the employees that drive the true economy in the area, which is tourism. Hospitality, recreation and other outdoor activities far out number the jobs that Barton claims. With the continued expansion of Barton mine, the APA and DEC put those jobs at risk.

In light of these concerns, I strongly urge the APA and DEC to thoroughly review and reconsider Barton Mine's expansion proposal. It is imperative that Barton addresses these issues with a focus on sustainability, environmental protection, and community well-being before any permit or approval is granted. The protection of the Siamese Pond Wilderness area and surrounding regions should be a top priority, and I believe the current proposal does not meet the necessary standards to safeguard this valuable natural resource.

To that end, if the concerns above are not effectively addressed nor mitigated, I request an official adjudicatory public hearing if this project is to move forward.

Thank you for considering my comments. I trust that you will make a decision that prioritizes the long-term health of our environment and the communities that depend on it.

Sincerely,
Tom Meusel



rock? How much and how often are the chemicals used? Please provide the Safety Data Sheets, and the quantity and location of storage. Is it possible the chemicals used during processing remain after final processing and may be placed on the RM pile or within the proposed containment cells?

vi. Section 6.1 states that once settled and stable the cells will be vegetated. How will the permittee determine stability of the containment cells? What plant specific species are planned for the quarry area?

b. RM Pile:

i. How can the permittee guarantee the stability of the RM pile? Has the permittee conducted slide tests to determine the stability of the RM pile? If so please provide the results.

ii. As stated in number 6.b. above, please consider a geomorphic land design for the RM pile. Please consider the possible benefits but also challenges and additional impacts that be result from a GLD. Please provide details and reflect any proposed change in the reclamation plan map(s).

iii. In the past, the RM has received approval for beneficial Use as barrier protection material in landfill closure as well as road base material. Are there any other future beneficial uses for the RM material other than storage/disposal on site?

c. Topsoil: Page 45 section 6.0 states that topsoil has been stripped and stored for reclamation. Please provide the location and volume of topsoil stockpiles on the associated drawings. Does the permittee anticipate the need to import topsoil at the time of reclamation or throughout concurrent reclamation? Strategic placement of topsoil berms may aid in dust and noise mitigation.

d. Revegetation:

i. Does the permittee plan to revegetate the RM pile and RM-filled containment cells with plant species consistent the findings of the testing program final report prepared by Bamberg Associates dated July 2000?

ii. The revegetation testing program monitoring reports provided by Appendix N do not include the follow-up reports providing a summary and recommendations. The report on file dated 8/27/98 states, "Recommendations on the best long-term and cost-effective revegetation methods will need to wait on the maturation of the test plots over the next several years." The final report on file dated July 2000 is incomplete, the document is missing Section 4.0 presumed to include recommendations. Please provide The Revegetation Testing Program Final Report (dated July 2000) and provide details for the plant species and revegetation methods to be implemented.

iii. Please provide a plantings plan detailing the various plant species and soil/ground preparation proposed to be utilized in various locations throughout the mine site at the time of reclamation and throughout concurrent reclamation.

10. Progression of mining

a. Does the permittee agree to comply with the Phase 1 Mine Plan Map (MPM) followed by the completion of reclamation activities indicated by the Phase 1 Reclamation Plan Map (RPM) before conducting mining activities indicated by Phase 2 MPM and so on in order to ensure concurrent reclamation?

b. In several areas throughout the narrative there is a mention of Figure X, Drawing X, Figure XX, and Drawing XX. Is this an error? There is also reference to specific Drawings that may be inaccurate, for example p. 33 discusses Phase 4 mining and references Drawing 10, however Drawing 10 is titled "Proposed Reclamation Plan Map End of Phase 1". Please clarify.

Mine Plan Map

11. Figure 8, Wetland Delineation Map shows both a current LOM and a proposed expansion area, however the proposed LOM expansion area is not consistent with the proposed LOM shown on Drawings 6-13 and portions of the Figure 8 map are cut off. P. 41 section 5.1.4 of the narrative states streams and wetlands have been mapped and confirmed by APA and DEC Staff in the field and there is a 100 -foot buffer from mapped wetlands. Drawing 2 shows wetland boundaries of 4 wetlands, however the narrative p. 9 section 2.3.1 discusses 5 wetland areas, please clarify and label the 5 wetlands as named in the narrative and associated 100ft buffer areas on the Mine Plan Map(s).

12. The proposed LOM boundary shown on Drawings 6-13 appears to be very close to and within 25ft of the southern property line along Thirteenth Lake Road. Is the permittee proposing to expand the LOM to within 25ft of the property line? Please consider a minimum 50ft undisturbed setback distance along property lines.

13. Will all vegetation surrounding the LOM boundary remain in place and undisturbed throughout the life of the mine? Will vegetation within the LOM not within the quarry or RM pile remain in place? Please label undisturbed vegetation and setback.

14. Please provide a map that shows the following. Keep in mind that any change to the proposed LOM boundary as a result of agency review must be reflected on all updated maps- i.e. showing 25 ft setback from property line to the south, wetland setback boundaries etc.

- a. Current and proposed LOM boundaries and acreage
- b. Proposed permit term affected (PTA) boundary and acreage for the coming 5-year permit term.
- c. All wetland and stream boundaries
- d. All required undisturbed setback distances including wetland setbacks, stream setbacks, and applicable property line setbacks
- e. Location of stored topsoil
- f. All roads, settling basins, ponds, RM pile, quarry area, stockpiles, processing areas, monitoring well locations, vegetation to remain undisturbed etc..

15. Drawing 6, Phase 1 Mine Plan Map, shows proposed LOM of 266.2, however narrative p. 6 states proposed LOM of 267 acres. Drawing 6 also includes a red line indicating permit term affected area (PTA) of 69.1 acres. However, the current permitted PTA is 194.1 acres. The red line does not reflect the permitted PTA, is it reflecting the proposed additional PTA? The application form item 15g indicates an increase PTA of an additional 22.7 acres yielding 217.2 acres to be affected (194.5 previous + 22.7 additional (app form)). Please indicate the location of the additional 22.7 acres to be affected. Please provide a consistent acreage summary on all

maps, figures, and within the narrative as mentioned in #2 above, taking into account any changes as a result of agency review.

16. Drawing 11, End of phase 2 reclamation plan map, shows 50.9 acres to be reclaimed, but the proposed MPM End of phase 3 (Drawing 8) shows no acres reclaimed. According to the timeline shown on p. 24 of narrative, reclamation according to phase 2 reclamation plan map (drawing 11) will occur before implementation of phase 3. Drawing 12, Reclamation Plan Map end of phase 3, shows 55.0 acres reclaimed, but drawing 9 MPM end of phase 4 shows no acres reclaimed. Unless the permittee plans to re-affect reclaimed area shown by drawing 11 and 12, please show area to remain reclaimed on drawings 8 (MPM phase 3), and 9 (MPM phase 4).

17. Drawing 8 shows a quarry floor elevation of 1950 in the northern portion. P. 30, section 4.7 of narrative indicates quarry floor of 1840 amsl. Please clarify.

18. The LOM boundary near Basin 4 in the southwest corner of the site extends into the brook or tributary nearby. Is this extended LOM necessary in this area? If so, what mining activities will occur in this area?

Reclamation Plan Map

19. Please consider a non-uniform Geomorphic Land Design in the reclamation and final grading of the RM tailings pile as mentioned in #6b and #9.b.ii above and adjust reclamation grading accordingly.

20. Will any ponds or settling basins remain in place at the time of reclamation? If so, please label on the Phase 4 RPM.

21. Will the RM pile and RM containment cell areas be graded to an incomplete drainage pattern similar to surfaces observed on the forest floor as performed in the testing program? If so please provide the incomplete drainage pattern grading on the Phase 4 RPM.

22. Please label the phase 4 RPM with various plant species to be planted and cover material methods to be implemented in different areas of the site as a result of the Revegetation Testing Program- on the quarry benches, on the quarry floor, on the containment cells, on the RM pile slopes, on the top of the RM pile, etc.

Cross Sections

23. Show the expected ground water elevation on the Cross Sections

24. Show the proposed backfilling and RM containment cells on the cross sections.

25. Label Brown Pond Brook on section A-A' and indicate vegetation to remain in place surrounding Brown Pond Brook.

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26. Please complete Section E.2.h of the EAF.

In addition to the above technical comments, DEC staff also have the following more general questions and comments:

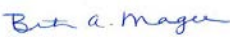
1. There are portions of the proposed LOM boundary that extend oddly. For example, along thirteenth lake road to the south-southeast, south of resource management area, north of access road adjacent to the road and north in the arm, near basin 4. What mining activities will occur in this area? It may not be necessary to add this area to the LOM if the only activity is the addition of a well. Please reevaluate the LOM boundary and remove any areas where mining activities are not proposed.
2. Please clarify how the word ambient is used throughout the noise study. Page 1 of the sound study states "Sound levels referred to as ambient conditions in this report are sound levels recorded with only Mill operations taking place." Is it assumed then that any time ambient noise is referred to throughout the modification narrative and sound study that accounts for the sound when only the Mill is operating and it does not account for the sound experienced when the Mill is not operating? Does the Mill typically run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week? Is the ambient sound level of 37.8 accounting for the Mill operating or is this the ambient sound level at M-2 when nothing is in operation? P. 5 incorrectly says M-1. Noise: 4 pieces of equipment at 50 ft. then the combined sound for those 4 pieces of equipment with the noise guidance table then the distance attenuation. What would the sound be at the receptor? Noise from equipment plus sound of ambient is what future noise would be. That experienced sound compared to ambient is what we need to know.
3. Has the permittee considered additional lateral expansion of the RM pile in order to avoid increasing the height of the pile? Page 20 states that expanding the pile to the south would extend the pile beyond that peak (to the west) and visibly expose the operation to those receptors, and therefore was not a viable option. What is the elevation of the peak to the west? The area to the south-southeast of the proposed pile limits are generally lower elevation than the rise to the west. Please provide additional details as to why this is not a viable option.
4. Can you provide additional information to help us visualize what the quarry area will look like at the time of reclamation?
5. Is the general operating plan to do concurrent reclamation as you work through each phase of the site or to reclaim a larger area at the end of several phases of mining?
6. P. 22 of narrative describes only fine-grained material in containment cells and only course-grained material in the RM pile. What is the reason for separating fine-grained material from course-grained material?

Bernard Melewski, Esq.
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April 13, 2022

7. Is it possible to store the fine-grained RM in the quarry at elevation 1720 created in phase 4, as shown on mine plan map phase 4?

Please feel free to contact myself or Katherine Smith with our Division of Mineral Resources with any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,


Beth A. Magee
Deputy Regional Permit Administrator

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July 7, 2023

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Re: TECHNICAL COMMENTS
DEC Application # 5-5230-00002/00002 (ML)
Mine File # 50483
Barton Mines Ruby Mountain Quarry
Johnsburg (T), Warren (Co.)

Dear Bernard:

Staff with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC or Department) have reviewed the May 1, 2023 response to comments on the referenced permit application which was received by our office on May 4, 2023 and provide the following additional comments:

Narrative Letter Dated 5/1/2023:

1. Response to question # 6 on page 8 states that 145,000 cubic yards of topsoil is needed for reclamation. How was this volume calculated?
2. Response to question 9, D, ii states that the revegetation testing program reports are provided in Appendix N. The reports included in Appendix N are incomplete. Please submit the final report including section 4.0, Summary and Recommendations. The final conclusions from the study must be included.
3. What volume/thickness of course Residual Material (RM) will be placed on top of fine RM in the cells? Will the fine grain RM be given time to decant or dewater prior to the placement of course RM? How will the placement of course RM improve stability of the fine RM underneath? Be sure to indicate both fine and course grain RM backfilling on the updated cross-sections.
4. Response Vi states once the cells are settled and stable, they will be vegetated. How long will this settling take? Will the cells be allowed time to settle out in layers?
5. The response to question #18 states, the proposed Life of Mine (LOM) boundary in this location (near basin 4) is consistent with the currently permitted LOM Boundary. Although this area is currently within the permitted LOM boundary, if no mining or stormwater control features are proposed west of the basin then why would this area be included in the LOM?
6. What would be the volume capacity if the southern phase 4 quarry area was also backfilled with RM? Would the backfilling of this quarry area reduce the overall proposed height of the RM pile?
7. The response to question # 14 on page 36 of the letter states that the requested figure modifications have been made. Please include a map that includes the Location of stored topsoil, All roads, RM pile, quarry area, stockpiles, processing areas, monitoring well locations, vegetation to remain undisturbed, property line setbacks etc.

8. Please provide a table of contents for the entire submission, which includes over 2,000 pages, to make reviewing the document and referencing specific sections easier and more efficient.

Narrative

9. Narrative section 6.2, page 53 states the RM pile will be reclaimed in a manner consistent with the Revegetation Testing Program. Please provide the conclusions from this study and provide a detailed plan for soil/ground treatment and plantings planned for the RM pile, quarry benches, and backfilled quarry areas. Will the same reclamation method be applied to all areas of the site or will different methods be employed for the quarry benches, backfilled quarry cells, and RM pile? Please include the specific reclamation method in the narrative and phase 4 reclamation plan map, if necessary, including ground treatment, specific grass and tree species to be planted, etc. Please include the area within the CEA where the permittee will replace trees as stated in section 5.1.10 of the Narrative.
10. Dust: has the permittee recorded any data detailing possible increased wind speeds as the height of the tailings pile increases? How will this change in wind speed impact nuisance dust and how will the permittee mitigate this?
11. The upper quarry benches are proposed to be reclaimed throughout phases 2 and 3. Is it feasible to also backfill upper quarry benches with course grain tailings, without interfering with the excavation of the southern most quarry area in an effort to reduce the ultimate height of the tailings pile and aid in vegetative growth with a more graded area on the benches? If the permittee decides the backfilling of the quarry benches is the best course of action, with both safety and successful revegetation in mind, please update the reclamation plan maps and cross sections accordingly.

Groundwater:

12. Page 20 of the Response to comments letter dated May 1, 2023 states, "The placement of RM within the quarry cells below the groundwater table elevation will be disconnected from the regional groundwater setting after reclamation, and will have minimal impact on regional groundwater elevation and flow, which is primarily controlled by a system of bedrock fractures." Please provide more details and explanations as to how this conclusion was made. Additionally, please provide how the permeability of the fine RM compares to the permeability of the fractured bedrock system.
13. Please indicate the well locations on the mine plan map that shows the cross section lines.
14. The cross-sections provided indicate a flat groundwater elevation line at 1700ft. amsl, rather than a sloping water table that is a subdued reflection of the ground surface. Please provide groundwater elevation lines (i.e. water table) for both the highest and the lowest of the groundwater monitoring events in the period of record available as referenced to the nearest monitoring well and referenced in the groundwater map provided. Please show any wells or monitoring locations within 100ft of the section on the applicable cross sections. The depiction of the wells should show the full depth of the well. Please include labels showing the elevation of the top of casing, total depth, elevation of bottom of well, and groundwater elevations (highest and lowest measured, dates should be included in notes on the sheet). The locations of the sections may need

to be relocated to include the maximum number of wells possible. The cross sections must show the following distinct lines (in addition to the groundwater elevation lines discussed above): current grade, proposed quarry floor (i.e., maximum excavation prior to backfilling) and RM pile final grade, proposed backfilled quarry final reclamation grade. Please also show the projected groundwater table at full build-out while de-watered (i.e. maximum influence on groundwater) and the projected water table after final reclamation when the cells are filled and reclaimed. A second set of the same cross sections depicting future conditions may be needed to clearly show all requested information.

15. The proposed quarry excavations would be below Brown Pond Brook by a maximum of 70 feet. Is the permittee currently collecting stream gauge data from Brown Pond Brook and nearby streams? What assessments have been made with that data and will that data collection continue throughout the mining operation in order to ensure groundwater pumping and quarry dewatering does not impact the nearby streams especially as the quarry floor proceeds deeper? Section AA should accurately reflect Brown Pond Brook's relationship to the water table (e.g. either a gaining or losing stream).
16. Does the permittee agree to continuously monitor groundwater elevations at the various monitoring points monthly and submit that data to the Department quarterly for the first 2 years and annually after that?

Noise (p. 1915):

17. Operating sound level measurements taken at the different monitoring locations account for both RM pile grading and quarry operations to occur simultaneously. Since both activities occur simultaneously, please provide cumulative noise data for this situation by providing the combined noise from quarry operations, RM pile grading, and ambient at the property lines or sections ends of the different locations and directions.
18. The M-6 monitoring location is used for sections H, G, and F. Is this location representative of the ambient and proposed experienced noise along all three of those transects? Why is monitoring location M-6 located so close to the proposed RM boundary? Is it likely there are locations within the neighboring properties that are much quieter than what is represented by M-6? Please explain. Have you considered taking noise readings within the wilderness area and using those sound values (ambient and operating) to determine future sound levels within the wilderness area, e.g., long sections H, G, and F?
19. How were the locations of G and F on the sound study plan selected? Is this the location of a trail on the property or general area of interest? Also, Figure 2 does not show the entire line of sections HH' and FF". Please provide an updated or additional map that shows the full extent of each section line.
20. Table 5b: The projected future sound level of 33.2 dBA and difference from ambient of -0.6 dBA for Current Quarry Excavation Boundary in Table 5b, Scenario C should be updated as a projected future sound level of 31.2 dBA combined with the ambient of 33.8 dBA is closer to 35.7 dBA instead of 33.2 dBA. Please update the projected future sound level and difference of ambient.
21. Tables 6b and 7b: The projected future sound levels and the differences from ambient for Current and Proposed Quarry Excavation Boundaries in Tables 6b and 7b, Scenario C should be updated as the projected future sound level and difference from ambient are not correct. It appears that when determining the projected future sound level, the

additional dBA was added to the lower dBA value instead of the higher dBA value to determine projected future sound levels. Please see below example:

Table 6b, Scenario C Current Quarry Excavation Boundary:

Projected sound level (from Table 6a) = 32.7 dBA

Ambient M-7 = 40.5 dBA

Projected Future Sound level would be around 41.16 dBA

22. Operating sound levels also include the primary crusher. The study only includes noise data for mobile equipment in the quarry operations noise. Since the primary crusher would also be operating during quarry operations and is likely contributing to the quarry operating noise, please also provide the sound level of the primary crusher operating and provide noise to be experienced by receptors in various directions with distance attenuation taken into account.
23. Section 4.3.73. Mobil Equipment Sound Levels provides individual sound level values of the hydraulic hammer, drill rig and dozer at 50 feet. However, loading/hauling shot rock provides the combined values of the three pieces of equipment operating (one excavator and two haul trucks) at 50 feet. It is unclear that in the provided scenario of the two haul trucks were running or not. Therefore, please provide individual sound levels for each piece of equipment and then their combined sound level to determine if 75.3 dBA is appropriate.
24. Page 21 of the noise study states that a 16.7 dBA reduction in sound level is used for operations behind a 50' highwall. This is a portion of the observed reduction in noise produced by the hydraulic hammer, i.e., 70 % of observed hydraulic hammer reduction due highwall barrier of 50 feet. Applying 16.7 dBA reduction to all the equipment applied to Scenario C may not be appropriate. Please provide the projected barrier attenuation for the drill rig and loading/hauling shot rock using a barrier height of 50 feet and a 70% reduction to be consistent. If the observed noise reduction is less than the projected reduction from the barrier, it is appropriate to apply the more conservative barrier attenuation.
25. The noise data for Section C-C' provided utilizes monitoring location M-7 for ambient (40.5 dBA) and operating (48.5 dBA). Why wasn't the operating sound for location M-4 applied given that M-4 Operating is quieter (41.1 dBA) than M-7 Operating (48.5) and so be more conservative? Please adjust the Table 6a for Operating sound accordingly.
26. The noise data for Section D-D' provided utilizes monitoring location M-7 for ambient (40.5 dBA) and operating (48.5 dBA). Why wasn't location M-9 applied given that M-9 has quieter ambient (33.8 dBA) and operating (39.3 dBA) levels? Please adjust Tables 8a and 8b accordingly.
27. The Phase 1 summary on p. 34 of the noise study details the largest increase in noise at the property line from the quarry operations and RM pile grading with no mitigative measures accounted for. Please provide additional information quantifying the noise attenuation that can be expected from any appropriate mitigative measures to be utilized at the site including attenuation due to topography and vegetation as well as any other applicable mitigation measures. Keeping in mind that once the RM pile grading reaches a certain elevation, it may not be appropriate to account for attenuation due to vegetation.

28. The additional information provided dated 6/6/2023 states that the grading of the southern reaches of the RM pile would likely last 2-3 weeks. Is this a 3-week period annually or once this activity is completed it will not reoccur?
29. The additional information provided dated 6/6/2023 also states that the second temporary spike in sound generation will occur in phase 4 of the LOM when the high wall is taken down. The document states the noise spike from drilling and blasting the highwall should be completed in 2 weeks. Would this activity need to reoccur periodically?
30. The supplemental information includes the use of a hydroseeder to be used on the RM pile for hydroseeding but also for the application of a cast material to mitigate dust. What noise can be expected from the hydroseeder? Please include this in the noise calculations where applicable.
31. Section 4.5 Modification of Operating Hours models ambient sound levels for each monitoring location by replacing the quieter ambient recorded 1-sec Leq reading during 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the higher average equivalent continuous sound level for that location. Each modeled ambient dBA Leq is higher than the recorded ambient dBA Leq as provided in Table 13. However, if the quarry was allowed to operate during 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. expected operating sound levels (under current conditions) would likely be similar to the sound levels recorded during operating hours of 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. as provided and summarized in Table 2, which are higher than the modeled ambient dBA in Table 13 for each location with the exception of M-4. For DEC to consider an increase in hours of operation, it is important to understand the future projected sound level at receptors while the quarry is in operation and its increase over the ambient for the proposed and current quarry boundary.
32. How will the backfilling of the quarry area activity affect noise experienced by nearby receptors? Please include the equipment associated with this activity in the noise analyses as necessary.
33. The Drill Noise Analysis chart on page 2059 shows at 1600 feet from the source the sound pressure level of the Epiroc T40-11 style drill would be 93dB. Table 3: Mobile Equipment Sound Levels, page 1338, of the sound study includes a Epiroc Smartoc D65 drill rig with a sound level of 75dBA at 50ft instead of the Epiroc T40-11 mentioned in the Blast plan. Which drill rig will be used? Or will both be used? Please update the noise analyses accordingly.
34. The current excavation area and proposed excavation area appear to be much closer to the property line than indicated on the table associated with Section F-F'. Please clarify and adjust the distance attenuation accordingly, keeping in mind that the use of the wilderness area may be closer in this section.

Blast Plan dated 1/12/2023 (p. 2055)

35. The blast plan includes the use of one seismograph to monitor blasts. Given that the DEC Mining Permit requires blast monitoring, it's recommended that a second seismograph be utilized in the event the first seismograph fails to record the blast.
36. Please consult the DEC if access to the nearest residence/receptor for blast monitoring is denied.

37. The introduction states MD&B will follow all local, state, and federal regulations with regards to transportation of explosives. Please provide the local, state, and federal regulations that pertain to this site specifically.
38. Blast Security: Be sure to provide signage at the blast site during hole loading and/or charging as required by MSHA.
39. Safe Limits for Ground Air Response: please add that flyrock, material traveling through the air or along the ground, will not be cast from the blast site beyond the secured blast area or beyond the permit boundary. All blasts will be video recorded and made available to the NY DEC upon request.

Geotechnical Engineer Letter of Certification (p. 2072):

40. The Geotechnical Letter states that continued monitoring using existing and future instrumentation, regular site investigations and updated geotechnical evaluations will be required at regular intervals to confirm that conditions remain as anticipated and to assess whether refinements to the TSF geometry or construction procedures are necessary. Does Barton agree to implement this recommendation? Does the permittee agree to submit annual geotechnical reports and findings prepared by the Geotechnical engineer summarizing the implementation of work done (see the four bullets in the Geotech report conclusions, section 6) in the past year and the plans for the coming year. The report should also summarize all site investigations, updated Geotechnical evaluations, monitoring (vibrating wire piezometer data), and the conclusions drawn from them.
41. Please provide a geotechnical report for the planning, logistics and Geotechnical considerations associated with the open-pit backfill of the slimes into the quarry area. The report should include an analysis for post-construction where tailings are placed over slimes.
42. The Geotechnical documents acknowledge that further design work and appropriate QA/QC is needed during the plan implementation. Please provide this design work, perhaps in preliminary form to the Department.
43. Please address future climate risks from changes in average and peak precipitation and how that may affect erosion of the pile, and a "rapidly rising phreatic surface" (pg 3) and undrained loading in the saturated basal tailings.

Mine Plan Map

44. Please label the undisturbed vegetated property line to LOM setback distances in various directions surrounding the site on at least one of the mine plan maps provided. The Map should also include and label the location of stored topsoil, all roads, RM pile, quarry area, stockpiles, processing areas, monitoring well locations, vegetation to remain undisturbed, property line setbacks etc.

Proposed Reclamation Plan Map End of Phase 4 (Figure 13)

45. Is it likely that the final quarry floor in the southern most quarry area at elevation 1720'amsl will remain dry at the time of reclamation or is it likely this quarry area will fill with water after any necessary quarry pumping and water withdrawal stops? If it's likely

this quarry area will be more of a quarry lake at the time of reclamation please include a shoal area for both safety purposes and habitat creation. If backfilling of this quarry area is proposed, this comment will no longer apply.

46. Figure 13 shows stormwater basins. Will these basins remain in place as ponds at the time of reclamation?

Proposed Reclamation Cross Sections:

47. The proposed reclamation plan map and narrative includes backfilling the quarry floor (elevation 1820 amsl and 1790 amsl up to 1960amsl. Please provide a line on the appropriate sections detailing the excavated quarry floors, proposed reclamation grade of the quarry area (and benches if necessary) after backfilling of the quarry area with both fine grain and course grain residual minerals. Be sure to indicate both fine and course grain RM backfilling on the updated cross-sections.
48. Please add groundwater related information on the sections as detailed above.
49. Section C-C' shows intersection with C-C', this should be an intersection with section A-A'.

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Dear Ms. Magee,

This time, I write to you as a 22 year visitor to North River, homeowner for the past six, and mother of a family that cherishes the beauty and tranquility of Garnet Hill, Thirteenth Lake and the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. During this time, we have become familiar with many of the locals in the area - neighbors, trades people, outfitters, shop keepers, and restaurateurs - and appreciate the important role of Barton Mine in the community as a major employer. Regrettably though, in the last five years, we have witnessed an explosive, unsightly growth in the Barton Mine's tailings pile and hear from our deck at all hours of the day and night the constant drone of the mine operations. We have seen the images of fugitive dust plumes hovering over and settling onto the lake, along with the outdoor spaces of our neighbors. If this is the situation now, what will future conditions hold, created by an unmitigated expansion of the mine?

The warning signs are already here and must not be ignored. There are just too many unanswered questions. I respectfully request that the APA extend the public comment period for Barton's recent modification to their permit application from 15 to 60 days. Anyone would agree that 15 days is insufficient to conduct an appropriate review of a 900+ page, highly technical and scientific document. Along with an extended comment period, the 75 year expansion Barton Mine seeks must be submitted to the highest standard of review possible. Such a review should include an adjudicatory hearing to allow the necessary input from scientific and technical experts on both sides, along with representatives from the community most affected. Only will this approach create an opportunity to achieve a critical balance in protecting the precious nearby lakes, waterways, wildlife and habitat along with the mine's economic interests, the employment of area residents and the local tourism industry.

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act mandates that all state agencies consider the impact of climate change in permitting decisions. In seventy-five years, the climate is predicted to be warmer, and storms are predicted to be stronger and more impactful. We only have to look at the devastating impact of Hurricane Helene and the loss of over 200 lives and still counting, most of which occurred not along the Gulf Coast but many hours inland, to know that storms of this magnitude can occur anywhere, including in North River. However, there is no mention in the permit application of the impact of climate change on the resilience of the mine, its operations and byproducts. Will 100 feet higher tailings piles be secure in light of more severe storms? Will they result in run off into area waterways? This issue needs to be thoroughly evaluated and carefully considered by both the APA and DEC.

Seventy-five years, especially without regular and intermittent review, is simply too long an extension for the mining permit. The permitting process exists to assure that we preserve the resources of the Adirondacks in a balanced, reasoned way. A 75 year permit extension denies future generations the ability to conduct a reasoned analysis of the best uses of these resources, when how the world has changed is evident and the impacts of climate change can be better assessed. If granted, the permit should hold for far fewer than 75 years and require ongoing and regular review of the contemporary environmental and community impacts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the APA's regulatory process on this critical issue. I'm reminded of the powerful exhibit, entitled "Scarred Landscape of the Adirondacks," showing the works of photographer J. Henry Fair at the Adirondack Museum two years ago. If Barton Mine is permitted to expand to the extent and in the manner they have requested, the scar left by Barton's mining operation will be without compare in the Adirondack Park. The APA has the unique opportunity at this moment in time to prevent this from happening. Please do so.

Sincerely,

Mary Whiting Puckett

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5. The project will have undue air quality, scenic and aesthetic impacts because Barton's dust suppression efforts have been unsuccessful and the company is proposing no new dust mitigation measures.
6. Although the mine expansion will result in a tripling of heavy-duty truck trips, the continued operation of multiple sources of greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions, and the clear-cutting of approximately 36 acres of forest, Barton has failed to provide any analysis of the climate change impacts of these actions.
7. Independent experts provided information on substantive deficiencies in the Barton Mines application, which the APA has failed to take into account.
8. Barton's application for an expansion should be denied. Please hold an adjudicatory hearing to deny this application.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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October 7, 2024

Dear Ms. Corrie Magee and Ms. Beth Magee,

My name is Matthew Schwab and I am a resident of North River. I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed permit to continue and expand the Barton Mine off 13th Lake Road in the Town of Johnsburg.

As an avid hiker and outdoorsman who spends a considerable amount of time outdoors in and around the Siamese Ponds Wilderness, I see firsthand the how mine operations impact residents and visitors alike. For this reason the permit process must full address and mitigate any impacts from long-term, expanded operation of the mine.

While the mine has been a good neighbor, the prospect of a significant expansion of mine operations over a 75-year timeframe is of great concern to me. In my opinion, any permit issued should incorporate smaller time increments with periodic independent assessments of mine operations to ensure full compliance with permit conditions. The onus should be on the mine operator to demonstrate effective implementation of new procedures designed to minimize impacts.

Expansion of mine operations as proposed will inevitably increase visual and noise impacts. Over recent years, changes to mine operations have already increased the visibility of the tailings pile, while the volume and duration of noise impacts has grown as well. Any continued increase to these impacts will threaten the rural and peaceful environment that is appropriate in and around a wilderness area. It is also my understanding that the applicant has not developed a dust management plan, and the revegetation plan is incomplete.

I urge the APA and DEC to carefully review these potential impacts, and to incorporate effective mitigation measures into any permit that is issued.

The Siamese Ponds Wilderness is a unique public resource, to be enjoyed by current and future New Yorkers. It's protection should be job one for your agencies. I am convinced that through your efforts, this protection can be achieved in a permit which allows the applicant many years of continued operation.

If these impacts are not mitigated, I request an official adjudicatory public hearing if this project is to move forward.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of these comments and for your efforts.

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Sometime in the fall of 1985 I was sitting in the bar at the Balsam House in Chestertown NY having a beer with Peter Barton discussing the recent move of the Barton Mines operation from the back side of Gore Mountain to Ruby Mountain. I was 22 years old. He mentioned it was a 50 year permit that seemed like a lifetime away from ending. In 1990 I purchased a property on 13th lake road basically across the road from Ruby Mountain. My thoughts even when first looking at the property was that in 2030 the mine would finally close just about the same time I was planning on retiring and spending my final years peacefully on my property. This lifetime later has now arrived and now I'm hearing that all is changing.

Barton Mines has stated things that sound good but in reality aren't what they seem. One simple example is they want to increase the trips from the mine from five a day to sixteen trips a day. Sixteen trips a day is actually thirty two times a day these large trucks pass the houses along 13th lake road. They add that the current trucking hours from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. will be reduced to 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. In reality, having been there for over 30 years, the mine closes every weekday at 5 p.m. and at that time the truck trips always stop. Barton Mines isn't giving anything, just making it sound that way.

The water pump in the creek running from 13th Lake to the Hudson wasn't there when I purchased my property, then ran limited day hours for years and now often runs 24 hours a day. They propose drilling a well in the mining site large enough to remove this pump. This sounds great. Finally I don't have to listen to a pump running whenever I have my windows open. Will they be forced to make that happen? This sounds great but the couple Well Drillers I've spoken to have concerns about the water table that most homes in the area draw from will become depleted as Barton Mines will be drawing huge amounts to support their expansion from the same underground water table.

The trucks traveling from the mine almost always use engine braking or "Jake Braking" to slow the truck. Many residential communities prohibit this due to the very loud sound it produces. The sounds of these trucks Jake Braking can be heard for miles. If this permit has to be extended, prohibit the use of this braking system. I understand this greatly increases the wear on the trucks brakes but so be it. Barton Mines has to give something here.

The backup beepers on these trucks and the mining equipment can also be heard for miles. Even Amazon trucks no longer use these old style backup beepers but instead a very noticeable sound that doesn't travel any distance. Require this change.

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I am a long time resident of North Creek, NY and encourage approval of the Mine Permit application that has been submitted by Barton Mines.

Thank you

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Sincerely,

Meghan Hindley-Chugg <thechuggs@gmail.com>

9 Kidder Lane
Glens Falls, New York 12801

From: Melinda Broman <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2024 5:59 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Sincerely,

Melinda Broman <mbroman@galaxy.net>

160 Congress St.
Brooklyn, New York 11201

From: Melissa Harrington <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 10:16 AM
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Sincerely,

Melissa Harrington <harringtonmelissa29@gmail.com>

3312 vail rd
Gowanda, NY 14070

From: Mertens, Michael <Michael.Mertens@globalfoundries.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 4:09 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Hello,

I'd look to offer my comments regarding the expansion of the Barton Mines in the Town of Johnsbury.

Please keep in mind that I have always lived in the Albany/Saratoga Springs and have enjoyed camping and fishing in the Adirondacks since being a kid. Furthermore, I am an avid hiker which puts me in the Adirondacks every month of the year, I ski at Gore, boat, swim and camp in the Adirondacks, and have stayed at the nearby Garnet Hill Lodge among many other inns, motels, etc.

Barton Mines is but a speck in the vast land, I've only laid eyes on the place once in all my travels. It is one of only a few places left to work in the Adirondacks that isn't in the service or tourism industry. For all the lumbering, mining and manufacturing jobs that have been lost in the Adirondacks, I plead for the APA to allow this expansion of one of the few remaining companies in the Adirondacks. They've been responsible to date, and their footprint of growth is negligible even to the Town of Johnsbury, let alone the vast Adirondacks.

Thank you.

Mike Mertens
1104 Cheltenham Court
Malta, N.Y. 12020

Mike Mertens
GLOBALFOUNDRIES, Fab 8
Senior Network and Network Security Engineer
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From: Michael Panella <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 4:11 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Sincerely,

Michael Panella <panellmr205@potsgdam.edu>

55 pierrepont avenue
Potsdam, NY 13676

From: Mike Grasso <Mike_Grasso@ajg.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 12:54 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Barton Mines project

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Wholeheartedly support Barton Mines in this effort, Warren County needs Barton Mines and their employment, not to mention their support to the community..good neighbors for sure.

From: Mike Komoroske <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2024 4:32 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mike Komoroske <mjkomoroske@aol.com>

69 Alpine Drive
Latham, NY 12110

From: Mitchell Roggenbuck <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 3:35 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Dear Corrie Magee:

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I think that it would be a great opportunity for the community. As a long time resident of the area, I support the expansion of the measly 36 acres that everyone is making such a fuss over. It will help local economy and give jobs to our hard working locals. They need the jobs, the area needs the materials, it all around is not as bad as the activists are making it out to be.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Roggenbuck <realmitchellfoster@icloud.com>
28 Foulter Ave
Schroon Lake, NY 12870

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ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

OCT 07 2024

~~Dear~~ Ms. Magee
Adirondack Park Agency
PO Box 99
Ray Brook NY 12977

Project 2021-0245
Barton Mines LLC

Dear Ms. Magee

I am in support of this project. I have come up to the Adirondacks for 69 years now. I own land and a home in Indian Lake. Our local economy is County work, a few restaurants, construction, caretaking & forestry that's about it. I know people up in Indian Lake who made a career working at the mines. They have a good pay scale from what I hear. I have gone on a tour of the mine so I have some idea of the environmental impact. Even so, a balance must be found between careful, controlled and thoughtful development and preserving the wilds of our area.

I remain in support -

John Monme
1395 Cedar River Rd, I. Lake NY
12842

From: Morgan gray <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 8:37 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Sincerely,

Morgan gray <morganggray@outlook.com>

536 cook road
Hogansburg, NY 13655

From: Morgan Perlette <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 9:19 PM
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Sincerely,

Morgan Perlette <mperlette@yahoo.com>

6829 Bliss rd
Mayville, NY 14757

9/30/24

To Whom It may Concern,

We are hoping you will allow Barton Mines to remain open. My father, grandfather and two of my sons and many friends have been employed by them and were grateful for it.

Please let them do what they need to do to

continue to feed our families, Community.

Sincerely,

Carol and ~~Jo~~ Morse

From: moses007@frontiernet.net
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 12:43 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Barton Mines Application

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Good Afternoon,

I would like to express my support of the Barton Mines' APA permit modification application. The approval of this project will ensure that the people in our community have a chance to work for a well-established company that provides a living wage, health benefits, and a retirement plan. Many of the companies in the Adirondacks are tourist-based most do not offer benefits and are only seasonal positions. Over 300,000 people left New York last year if Barton's is not able to operate I'm afraid their employees will be bound for other states since it is very expensive to live here.

I also would like to point out the positive contributions that Barton's has given to our community through charitable giving to non-profits, local fire departments, and schools.

I would like to add that I live in North River and I do not find their business interrupts daily living as some claim.

Thank you,

Amy Sabattis

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Lee Murdie
82 Bennett Rd.
Minerva, NY 12851

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ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

OCT 04 2024

Dear Corrie Magee:

My wife & I are in our 80's
and I have lived in the Adirondacks
all our lives and we are in total
support of Bartons mining. Mining -
logging and ski industry have been
an important employer of the people
who live here.

Sincerely

Lee Murdie

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Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 3:17 PM
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Nancy Swanson
9018 NYS Route 30
PO Box 226
Blue Mt. Lake, NY 12812

October 9, 2024

Corrie Magee
Deputy Director for Regulatory Programs
Adirondack Park Agency
PO Box 99 Ray Brook, NY 12977

RE Barton Mines DEC Mine Permit Modification

Dear Ms. Magee,

I am writing in support of Barton Mines' mine permit modification application, which needs to be approved to extend the life of the company's Adirondack operations – providing critically important jobs and economic benefits for future generations. It is sad and unfortunate that young folks often do not have the opportunity to stay in the communities they were raised in due to the lack of job opportunities. As it is many families are cobbling together multiple jobs to live in a place they love. There needs to be a balance between environmental concerns and economic viability for those who live in the Adirondacks.

Barton has managed its Ruby Mountain operations in a safe and responsible manner since opening in 1983, and I have confidence that Barton's plan is designed to minimize community impacts.

Barton is a major employer, providing approximately 100 good jobs. Barton is also an important taxpayer, and a customer to many other area businesses.

The Adirondack Park needs responsible natural resource managers like Barton who keep local people employed and our local community thriving. I urge you to approve the company's permit application and enable Barton to provide these types of community benefits far into the future.

Thank you,

Nancy Swanson

From: Nanci Vineyard <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 1:40 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Sincerely,

Nanci Vineyard <goodsr@frontiernet.net>

105 Birch Court
Indian Lake, NY 12842

From: natashamg@frontiernet.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 7:10 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Magee, Beth A (DEC)
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines LLC; Corrie Magee

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Dear Corrie Magee (and Beth Magee),

I am sending this email to support the approval of the Barton Mines LLC proposed Mine Permit Modification Project 2021-0245.

I would like to stress how important it is to me for the Barton Mines LLC to continue operating for generations to come in the area I reside.

Barton Mines LLC:

- is a local employer providing about 100 jobs for people in the Adirondack Region.
- is a major local taxpayer.
- manages their operations in a way that minimizes impacts in the environment.
- is family owned and has been operating since 1878.
- turns Adirondack garnet, from the Johnsburg quarry, into world-class abrasive products for the U.S. military, as well as the aerospace, automotive and medical device industries, among others.

One of the key parts of the proposal is to put the unused minerals back into the mined-out areas of the quarry rather than storing them above-ground seems like a no-brainer. Why store unused minerals that can be put back where it came from? Another key part of the proposal is increasing the number of allowable truck trips from the mine -from an average of five trips **to an average of 16 trips**- and reducing the time frame -from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. **to 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

This seems to be very reasonable as it limits the timeframe when the trucks would be traveling on the local roads but at the same time doesn't limit production.

Kindly accept my email as support to approve the proposed Mine Permit Modification Project 2021-0245.

Thank you,

Natasha Gadway
PO Box 154

Johnsburg, NY 12843

From: Nathan Upton <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 7:33 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Sincerely,

Nathan Upton <nupton109@hotmail.com>

109 Charing Rd
Dewitt, NY 13214

From: Nathaniel L Dunkley Jr <juliedu@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 9:15 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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We are sending this email in support of the requested modifications to Barton's permit. My family is in strong support of this because we feel Barton is a responsible business that strongly supports the regional economy of our area. Many friends and family have worked for this company over the years. They provide 100 or more local jobs and provide Garnet to the world. The loss of this company would be devastating to the region and impact many families. Please consider Bartons permit modifications so they can keep their Adirondack operations running and provide local jazz for decades to come. Thank you Nathaniel Dunkley Julie Dunkley Sylvia Lawrence

From: Nathaniel Race <nathaniel.t.race2013@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 3:28 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Dear Reader,

It has come to my attention that a foothold of wilderness is under questionable circumstances. This comes in the form of a mining operation attempting to expand its efforts, which in doing so, enters into a critical environment area (CEA) in the Adirondack Park. I must admit that the news of the Barton Mines (BM) expansion has come to me recently -and- that I have limited knowledge about the nuances of the land status, and what the law allows or does not allow here, so my contribution will be limited, however, here I believe I can offer some suggestions which may be insightful, so please allow some space for this letter.

The General Gist:

1. At root, this should not be a us vs them issue. It is understood that each 'side' possesses a gem of reason within it, which is to be respected.
2. There are no problems, only situations. Situations can either be handled poorly, or skillfully, and this is determined by the members involved, especially the leadership. It is understood that businesses and environmental groups have traditionally approached situations with a certain verve, but if a bit of time is given for some forethought, something impressive, born out of cooperation, may come of this situation.

'Protect the Adirondack' Points:

1. Impacts on the Land

The expansion, as far as I am aware, enters into public property protected, according to chatGPT, under Article 14 of the NYS Constitution the "Forever Wild Clause" which reads

"The lands of the state, now owned or hereafter acquired, constituting the forest preserve as now fixed by law, shall be forever kept as wild forest lands. They shall not be leased, sold or exchanged, or be taken by any corporation, public or private, nor shall the timber thereon be sold, removed or destroyed."

This very clause seems to me to disallow the venture entirely, as 16,678 trees are part of the 'wild forest lands' which are to be 'forever kept' this (wild + forest) way. Yet, as I said previously, I am not experienced with the nuances of the APA and its laws, so I will leave that to someone who knows. Here, cooperation is to be the spirit, so laws aside momentarily, let's say BM is given the greenlight; have there been any assurances that 16,600 trees, or any substantial amount will be planted to recoup this loss? Also, is it unreasonable to ask this of BM? I do not think so.

In these 'forever wild lands' Barton, as much as ourselves, are guests. It is within my experience, that when I enter a friend's place, I give more than I take, and I try to leave it a little bit better than I found it. So, can Barton Mines, which is in a very protected atmosphere both by state and federal government, abide by the same goodwill that each of its leaders, and workers show as a guest in another's home?

And if they do take it upon themselves to plant that number of trees, should BM be solely responsible for that effort? Would APA or the 'Protect the Adirondack

2. Mine tailings

The mine tailings, as pictures have shown, are resting on the hills within the park, and there is no plan to revegetate the land. Mining waste piling up in the middle of the wilderness seems like a poorly handled situation. My knowledge on this is vague, but mine tailings can have several uses. Yet, even if the uses are not there, i.e. they cannot be transported anywhere for a use, and so must stay put, this is a chance to seriously consider the art of terraforming; if people can dream about it on Mars, why not here, and why not now? Transforming that land and returning it to its former state, or better, is within the reach of an agency that has amassed considerable knowledge on the Adirondacks, and a mining operation which has, presumably, some capable equipment at its disposal.

An important question here: is the 'Leave No Trace' just for the hikers and dogwalkers? Or can it be shouldered by capable others as well?

3. Good Neighbor Clause

Several instances are put forth of 'unneighborly' conduct... the loud '24 hr rock parties' (loud mining operation running 24 hrs a day) seems to be the most egregious complaint. Again, a chance for cooperation, and possible innovation.

If one travels, or has traveled recently near Syracuse, concrete walls are being erected near the new sections of I-81; these are being used to dampen the noise and impact of the cars near the houses. These walls are a permanent structure for a permanent road; I do not know how long BM plans to continue its operations, but if it is long term, then surely the town and BM can come to an agreement wherein walls can be erected, and their cost handled by both sides. And if it is short term, the town and BM can come upon more temporary solutions such as using less expensive noise dampening technology, in the form of foam sheets on temporary walls.

Is there a precedent of walls being erected in these situations? If so, they can be learned from or copied, if not, then it can be explored at the very least.

4. Fair Play

Due to the two week notice that people were given of this venture, more time is needed for the spirit of cooperation to be made between BM and other concerned parties.

Conclusion

1. Redlight until Greenlight

The effort of expansion should be halted until, in sum, Barton Mines LLC pledges itself to a 'greener effort' and that the other parties pledge themselves to support that effort. This 'support' is the essence of my second point.

2. No One is Alone

I hope that the spirit of cooperation leads this venture to an honorable conclusion. Assistance works both ways, and if the proposed expansion is cancelled, alternatives to BM's expansion may be found by the APA et al, and if it is greenlit, common sense and courtesy to neighbors and land, should not be left to one side and one side alone to handle. Ingenuity, especially of the American sort, is required here and is only possible as long as there is that brotherly love, and camaraderie among people who may superficially appear to be tugging in opposite directions, yet are aware that each, really, are both walking together in parallel lines using a thread to keep the other from straying far; too left, too right, means not enough forward, and forward means we each are hand in hand moving in the same direction, and that can be done here.

Sincerely,
NTR

From: Nicole Richards <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 5:40 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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TO: NYSAPA

Corrie Magee
NYSAPA
PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

Dear Corrie Magee:

Please accept these public comments on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC, application:

1. The noise and visual impacts from the expanded mine on the community and on the Siamese Ponds Wilderness and other areas of the Forest Preserve are unacceptable. The mine should not be allowed to expand into the critical environmental area (CEA) by 26.1 acres, or be allowed to cut down 16,678 trees in the CEA. The CEA is supposed to be a legal buffer to protect the designated Wilderness Area.
2. The project will have undue impacts on Park resources because Barton is proposing no mitigation whatsoever for noise impacts, despite numerous complaints from neighboring homeowners about current noise levels.
3. Round the clock 24-hour-a-day mining and processing operations should not be allowed.
4. The expansion of the mine tailings waste pile height by 100 feet will make the pile larger than some peaks in the Adirondacks and Barton has no viable way to revegetate this massive pile. As a result, it will leave a permanent scar on the Adirondack Park.
5. The project will have undue air quality, scenic and aesthetic impacts because Barton's dust suppression efforts have been unsuccessful and the company is proposing no new dust mitigation measures.
6. Although the mine expansion will result in a tripling of heavy-duty truck trips, the continued operation of multiple sources of greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions, and the clear-cutting of approximately 36 acres of forest, Barton has failed to provide any analysis of the climate change impacts of these actions.
7. Independent experts provided information on substantive deficiencies in the Barton Mines application, which the APA has failed to take into account.
8. Barton's application for an expansion should be denied. Please hold an adjudicatory hearing to deny this application.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Nicole Richards <nicciritch@gmail.com>

267 county route 12
Antwerp, NY 13608

From: Noah Roefs <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 4:10 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Noah Roefs <noahroefs@hotmail.com>

51 main street
Binghamton, New york 13905

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Neil F Johnson
Email from: nfj.adk@gmail.com
Address: 6426 NYS Route 30 Indian Lake NY 12842
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

My family supports the Barton Mine Permit Modification project. I hear and see strong local support from the longtime residents as well.
Barton has been a responsible neighbor and operation for well over a century and has the Plans to continue that legacy into the future.
The project is well designed to minimize impacts to their surrounding property and environment.
The economic benefit to the 100 employees and their families has been substantial for many generations.
Our local communities, towns, counties, and schools all benefit and are financially supported directly and indirectly from Barton operations.
If Barton is forced to close operations it would cause significant economic loss to the many surrounding Johnsbury and Indian lake communities.
The financial loss would cause many families to leave the area looking for employment elsewhere.
It would bring us another step closer to the already declining year-round population base and school enrollments.
Please approve Barton Mines application for our future. Best regards, Neil Johnson

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Dexter Bishop
Email from: dexterbishop37@gmail.com
Address: 5d Harwich Manor Ballston Lake NY 12019
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

This mine needs to stay open not only for its mining but the lively hood it provides for the families that have worked there for a generation. this is a gem.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: rosemary Healey pusateri Email from: PUSATERI14@AOL.COM
Address: PO Box 274 75 Mason Rd Cleverdale NY 12820
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Please be very careful in reviewing this project application. The planned height and size of the tailings is of particular concern to me, as it would impact animal movement corridors as well as human quality of life.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Nathan Thomas
Email from: EMT318920@YAHOO.COM
Address: 4 hill rd Hadley NY 12835-2706
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

This letter is in support of the expansion of Barton mines. It is great to see a business expand in the Adirondacks. While still complying with state standards and safety. This business works hard to support his community, and this expansion will continue this mission.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2024 7:28 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: altmanandlewis@gmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Nancy Altman
Email from: altmanandlewis@gmail.com
Address: 67 Boardman Rd Poughkeepsie NY 12603
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I was so disappointed to hear that you were thinking of expanding this mine. I feel the Adirondack should be a protected place. The volume of noise both of the mine and of all the trucks coming in and out, will ruin the character and feel of the park. In addition, the environmental impacts of this mine will be felt for centuries. In this time of rapid climate change, we should be working to reforest instead of deforesting the Adirondacks. As a citizen of the state of New York, I ask you to deny this permit. Thank you.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: camsp@roadrunner.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Cammie Simmes
Email from: camsp@roadrunner.com
Address: 11 dorset place Queensbury NY 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Good afternoon, I wanted to show my support for Barton Mines. I am a 19-year employee and grew up in the Warrensburg area. It is important that companies like Barton stay in our area. This is one of the best employers in our area which brings families and full-time residents. Not only are they valuable to the employees that work here, but for the area.
Thank you,
Cammie Simmes

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: johncmonroe@gmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: John Monroe
Email from: johncmonroe@gmail.com
Address: PO Box 114 North River NY 12856
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I worked at Barton Mines out of high school. Until I went to college . My Father, Grandfather, Brothers And several Uncles worked at Barton Mines . Many of the people in the community work or have worked for Barton Mines . I have lived within 3 miles of the mine for my entire life . I have no complaints, from noise, dust or truck traffic . I feel this mine should be allowed to continue to mine . If it is stopped it would be devastating to the economy of the nearby counties. John C Monroe

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Judy Monroe
Email from: jnmbug@yahoo.com
Address: P.O. Box 456 North Creek NY 12853
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Baton Mines have been here for many years, They have supported the community and offered jobs to many through those years. My Grand Father, Father, Uncle , @ Brothers and now My Nephew. If the Mines were to shut down, it would be so bad for those who work there and their families, who depend on their jobs, to live here. Those who want to shut down the Mines, knew that they were here and still decided to build and live here. They are lucky they can afford to do so. Money talks-in their minds-they come from outside and try to run every thing. Many are supportive to the community, and we appreciate that. WHY disrupt something that is so good for so many reasons? I support Barton Mines!!

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Edythe Monroe
Email from: edythem@gmail.com
Address: 470 Harvey Road North River NY 12856
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

For as long as I've been married (47 years) Barton's has been operating in North River. They have employed my father-in-laws father, my father in law, my brother in law and now my youngest son Quentin Monroe. It has been an excellent career for him. They employ many people in the area and we are grateful for the jobs they supply, and that they treat their workers really well. I pray they continue for years to come.

Edythe Monroe
470 Harvey Road
North River NY
12856

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Tammy Monthony
Email from: monthony_tammy@yahoo.com
Address: 4139 State Route 28 Lot#2 North Creek N.Y. 12853
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am a life long resident of North Creek. I am in support of allowing Barton's Mines to continue mining. Please renew their mining permit. I don't believe them mining causes any danger to the surrounding land. Nor, do I feel that the mining detracts from the beauty of the Adirondacks.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Jason Donovan
Email from: donovajr206@potsteam.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Please do not follow through with mining in this area. The inherent value of this area alone is greater than what ore you may mine. The pollution of that environment through tailings, noise and sight is unnecessary when comparing the value of the area and how its existence may help conservation efforts in the future.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Chris D. Rhodes
Email from: chris@townofarietta.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am in favor of granting Barton Mines their requested amendments and expansion.

They are a responsible business enterprise and valuable employer wishing to continue with their responsible business practices.

The APA needs to lighten up on their views of what they deem unacceptable.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Walter Cunniff
Email from: wcunn48@aol.com
Address: 6350 NYS Rt 30 Indian Lake New York 12842
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I have been hearing about this project for a while now. Some of the folks that I know actually live in the Ruby Mountain area and they do not seem to have a problem with the things that Barton wants to do. I also worked at Bartons back in the late 60's to early 70's and my job included processing the Ruby Mountain ore each year to fulfill the requirements of Bartons mining permits. the ore was of a higher volume of garnet than the ore off Gore Mt. I know a lot of folks that work there and have careers that they are planning on retiring from. I would hate to see them lose their goal of a happy retirement. Personally, I think that the plan for the future is a very well thought out plan. Most of the people that read this email will be dead and gone before there is the necessity to address this situation again. I say let them go ahead with the project.

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Comments from: shannon kelley
Email from: rklobstr@gmail.com
Address: 113 Farnham rd syracuse ny 02914
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

please don't let any mining ever happen in the Adirondacks again. let's not let our most precious state park become like the blighted mined mountains of the south that will ever be the same again. no resources under the ground are worth sacrificing the streams, meadows, trees etc that are on the land now. we don't have enough trees, especially, now as the planet is getting too warm. we need every one that's still standing. this area is a protected state park for a reason, and no amount of profit (for a private company, not the taxpayers) can make up for losing the smallest bit of it. the mining company can't be allowed to rush the process as it's trying to, either, for its own gain.

please turn them down in a way that they will never ask again.

- shannon kelley

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Comments from: Lisa buckley
Email from: Beale75@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Please ensure our wilderness is protected.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Lexy Allen
Email from: lexyluv07@icloud.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mines.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Jacob Barnhart
Email from: jbarnhart@barton.com
Address: North Creek NY 12853
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am writing to express my strong support for Barton Mines permit modification project. As a full-time resident and advocate for the region, I recognize the vital role that Barton Mines plays in the economic development, employment, cultural heritage, and demographics of the region.

Barton Mines has been instrumental in shaping the demographics of the region of the Adirondack Park neighboring its Ruby Mountain operations. Barton Mines has played a vital role in providing employment opportunities for local residents, particularly those starting families. The availability of well-paying jobs has allowed young families to establish roots within the Adirondack Park. By offering stable employment and supporting the economic well-being of families, Barton Mines has helped to retain young locals who might otherwise have been compelled to seek employment opportunities elsewhere. This, in turn, has contributed to the sustainability and growth of the local communities, ensuring a healthy balance between different age groups and fostering intergenerational connectivity.

Furthermore, Barton Mines presence in the Johnsburg area has led to the attraction of young professionals moving into the area to contribute to the demographics of the region. With its reputation as a large employer offering stable, well-paying jobs, Barton Mines has attracted young professionals seeking career opportunities. These individuals, often from outside the region, have chosen to settle in the Adirondack Park, bringing with them their skills, talents, and aspirations. This influx of young professionals has had a positive impact on the demographics of the region, injecting new skills, ideas, and diversity into the local communities.

My story is a prime example of the positive impact Barton Mines has on the region's demographics. Employment opportunities provided by Barton Mines gave me and my wife the opportunity to move to the Adirondack Park and start a family. My wife has been able to start a successful physical therapy business in the area, providing local healthcare services to an aging community in need.

In light of the above, I would like to emphasize the importance of considering the impacts of Barton Mines on the demographics of the Adirondack Park when making decisions that affect the company's operations. The company's contributions to job creation, employment retention, and cultural heritage preservation have been instrumental in shaping the region. Sustaining Barton Mines' operations and supporting responsible mining practices will contribute to the continued growth, vitality, and diversity of the Adirondack Park.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will give due consideration to the significant contributions and positive impact Barton Mines has had on this region of the Adirondack Park.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Kim Cangemi
Email from: Cangemik@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton Mines has been a long standing contributor to the local economy, providing employment opportunities for many local residents. Barton operates with core values and respect for the environment. I know firsthand that Barton is mindful company and has worked closely with the APA on this project. I urge the APA to approve the project!

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: James Miles
Email from: jmiles@barton.com
Address: 3835 RED ROOT RD LAKE ORION MI 48360
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Dear Corrie Magee,

Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC

I am once again writing in support of Barton Mines' mine permit modification application, which must be approved to extend the life of the company's Adirondack operations – providing extremely important jobs and economic benefits for future generations.

Barton has reliably managed its Ruby Mountain operations in a safe and responsible manner since opening in 1983, and I have the utmost confidence that Barton's plan is designed with compassion to minimize community impacts. Barton is a primary employer in the area, providing approximately 125 substantial jobs. Barton is also an significant taxpayer, and a customer to many other area businesses.

The synergistic partnership that Barton and the Adirondack Park share will safeguard the employment of residents while supporting a thriving community for years to come. I urge you to approve the company's permit application and enable Barton to provide these types of community benefits far into the future.

Thank you for your support in advance.

Sincerely,

Jim

Jim Miles
Great Lakes Regional Sales Manager

Barton International
P 248-390-2490
F 518-798-5728
jmiles@barton.com

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Jeff Starr
Email from: jstarr@barton.com
Address: 22 Sunset Drive Saratoga Springs NY 12866
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

This is a good thing for all involved. I support this as an employee of the company & understand the concerns of others. It will be good to lower the height of the pile for sight reasons & be a good source of temporary jobs in the area.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Jeremy L. Mottram
Email from: bisquit13@hotmail.com
Address: 2403 rt 8 bakers mills New York 12811
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

i have been employed by this family run company for 18 yrs. i am currently a crew leader in the ruby mill facility and am able to provide for my family well because of this job. they are serious about environmental safety even at the expense of producing what we need to sell. I need this to put my awesome daughter through whatever dream she has and give her something to be proud of.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: John Keith
Email from: jkeith@barton.com
Address: 9427 Big Apple Ln Lakeland, FL 33810
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Hi, my name is John Keith. I have had the privilege of working for the Barton Family for over 16 years. The family and the leadership of this company are some of the best people I have met. They have always operated and treated us employees with the highest respect and integrity I have ever seen. I can tell you stories of their integrity during the Great Recession of 2008. We kept our jobs. Barton Mines is truly respected by our customers and vendors. It has been the greatest place I have ever worked. This company has provided many things for my family.

Thank you

John Keith

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Heather Monroe
Email from: heatherallen42@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mines.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Quentin Monroe
Email from: qmonroe@barton.com
Address: 599 White Schoolhouse Rd Chestertown New York 12817
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I have worked at Barton Mines for 14 years. In these 14 years they have made it possible for me to support my family. Me and my family support Barton Mines 100%.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Richard Morehouse
Email from: rmorehouse@barton.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I have worked for Barton Mines for 19 years. i support this permit modification not only because it will allow me to continue to support my Family but because I have seen fist hand that Bartons strives each day to make sure they meet or exceed what is required to maintain environmental integrity.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Thomas Bell
Email from: adkbalsam@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am writing in support of Barton Mines' mine permit modification application, which must be approved to extend the life of the company's Adirondack operations – providing critically important jobs and economic benefits for future generations.

Barton has managed its Ruby Mountain operations in a safe and responsible manner since opening in 1983, and I have confidence that Barton's plan is designed to minimize community impacts.

Barton is a major employer, providing approximately 125 good jobs. Barton is also an important taxpayer, and a customer to many other area businesses.

The Adirondack Park needs responsible natural resource managers like Barton who keep local people employed and our local community thriving. I urge you to approve the company's permit application and enable Barton to provide these types of community benefits far into the future.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Kevin Fish
Email from: kfish70@hotmail.com
Address: 477 Ridge Rd NY 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am in support of the Barton project.
My family has lived and worked in the Adirondacks for four generations. In my time I have seen the decline in opportunities for families to live, work and grow up in this wonderful area. Barton provides important jobs and the opportunity for people to live in the area.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Patricia M Bell
Email from: pmbell94@gmail.com
Address: 133 Eva Drive, Lido Beach, NY, USA NY 11561
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Hello,

I have been employed by Barton Mines for the past 13 years. During this time I have seen firsthand how the company strives to be stewards of the North Creek area land and community. Barton values the community and the services the community offer. The company is a donor to all the local fire and ambulance services as well as the local schools. Barton Mines was built by the Barton family who continue to run it with great care.

The mine provides many local jobs and supports local commerce.

A yes vote for the permit modification is correct choice.

Sincerely,
Patricia Bell

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: R Randolph Rapple
Email from: rrrapple@gmail.com
Address: 2346 Black Point Road Ticonderoga NY 12883
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Good Morning -

I would like to thank the Agency staff for their hard work and diligence in evaluating and perfecting the permit application for Barton. All involved should recognize the extraordinary amount of effort put forth to make sure that every aspect of the application has been considered.

As a 41 year employee of Barton and an active member of management, I can support the many comments that have addressed our commitment to our employees, our community and neighbors and the environment.

I ask that the board approve this application and give Barton the opportunity to continue to be one of the Park's most important employers.

With best regards,

R. Randolph Rapple

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: David Chandler
Email from: dchandler@barton.com
Address: 19 S Ivy Ridge Rd. SE Rome GA 30161
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton Mines is a great company to work for and I am certain they have completed all necessary steps to take care of their surrounding neighbors. Barton puts its employees first and their neighbors are their employees.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Roxy Lewis
Email from: lewisrpt85@gmail.com
Address: PO Box 115 Bakers Mills NY 12811
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

RE: Barton Mines APA/ DEC Mine Permit Modification (Project 2021-0245)

To whom it may concern,

The purpose of this letter is to express my enthusiastic support of Barton Mine's permit modification application.

There is no doubt that Barton Mines is a responsible business, active in many aspects of the Johnsbury community. They have successfully proven time and time again they are essential to this community.

Barton's successful practices for responsible management of their mine are fact. Barton's documented safety records are facts. Barton's commitment to positive community relations is fact. It's no wonder that Barton's is so well respected in our community.

How incredible is it that some of the current employees are decedents of the first group of miners who worked at Barton Mines over 100 years ago!! I urge you to approve Barton Mine's application so that our community members can continue to have job opportunities that allow them to stay in the town of Johnsbury.

Respectfully,
Roxy Lewis

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Sandra L Babcock
Email from: sbabcock123@gmail.com
Address: 425 Glen Street Glens Falls NY 12801
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am contacting you in support of the Barton Mines' application to modify their mining permit. I have worked for Barton 17 years and look forward to several more years with the company. Barton is a wonderful employer and provides many jobs for the area. Their continued local operations will assure these jobs going forward. Barton has a positive presence in the Upstate New York/Adirondack area and gives back to their community. I ask that you accept their application.

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Comments from: Benjamin Wenke
Email from: Wenke.benjamind@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

To all of the folks at Barton Mines and NYS that are due for a financial kickback if this expansion moves forward, I have one request. Spend a night or two camping at a primitive site nearby. Paddle the waters, share a fire with friends and sleep under the stars. When you leave, reflect on your experience and think what the mine expansion will change for future outdoor enthusiasts.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Valerie Brunelle
Email from: valerie.brunelle07@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

This project will significantly decrease the enjoyment of the park. If APA wants to continue having people visit the park, its important to take its prosperity and protection seriously. Expanding an open pit mine is one of the worst things to do for the environment. Mines are major contributors to pullution with its use of heavy machinery, its destruction of nature, the waste produced, and not to mention the horrid sight it is. Imagine taking a walk in mountains and working hard physically to enjoy the beautiful sights of mountains and nature just to be reminded that the park officials actually dont care about the park and allow mining operations to take place and EXPAND. Its truly insulting for the general public who gain nothing from this mine. Please take these criticisms seriously and reconsider the role the APA has towards ensuring the public can enjoy the park.

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Comments from: Brendan Agans
Email from: agansb20@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am in favor of Barton Mines on this proposal. This is a fantastic family company which has been great for every community they have been a part of. I fully support this action and believe it will be beneficial for both Barton Mines and the surrounding community.

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Comments from: Amanda Forbes
Email from: Missaforbes@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton mines.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Justin Bergin
Email from: justinbergin@gmail.com
Address: 110 Ruggles Road Saratoga Springs NY 12866
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

The jobs are important to the local economy and the garnet is a much needed industrial product. I support this proposed plan.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Kelvin Whittingham
Email from: kdizel27@gmail.com
Address: 2 Amy Ln Albany NY 12205
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

No

I understand your concerns. Balancing economic development with environmental preservation is indeed challenging. While job creation is essential, it's crucial to consider the long-term impacts on one of the largest parks in the country. Perhaps exploring alternative locations or methods that minimize environmental damage could be a more sustainable solution.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Kelly Perlette
Email from: kmreumann@gmail.com
Address: 6829 Bliss Rd Mayville NY 14757
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

On behalf of my entire family, I am writing to formally oppose Barton Mines' proposed expansion near the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area and to urge you to deny this application. As someone whose family has cherished the Adirondacks for generations, we cannot stand by while the natural beauty of this region is gradually sacrificed for corporate gain.

The proposed expansion raises several serious concerns:

- Environmental Impact on Protected Areas: The plan to expand the mine by 26.1 acres into the Critical Environmental Area (CEA) will have devastating consequences. Cutting down over 16,000 trees in a designated buffer zone meant to protect the wilderness violates the spirit of conservation that the Adirondacks represent. The CEA exists to safeguard the wilderness, and allowing the mine to encroach into this area undermines that purpose.
- Noise Pollution with No Solutions: There have already been numerous complaints from nearby residents about the noise levels from current operations. Despite this, Barton Mines has made no effort to address these issues in their proposal. Expanding operations without any noise mitigation in place will further disrupt both the surrounding community and the wilderness.
- Continuous Operations Are Inappropriate: Barton's proposal to operate 24 hours a day is simply not compatible with the character of the Adirondacks. The constant noise and activity would not only disturb local residents but would also disrupt the peaceful environment that makes this place so special.
- Visual Damage from Waste Pile Expansion: The proposed 100-foot increase in the mine tailings waste pile would create a massive, unsightly structure larger than many of the park's natural peaks. Without a viable plan to restore or revegetate the waste site, this expansion will permanently scar the landscape, leaving a lasting visual

blight on the park.

- **Uncontrolled Dust and Air Quality Issues:** Barton Mines has a poor track record when it comes to dust suppression, and their proposal fails to address the increase in dust and air pollution that will come with expanded operations. This poses serious health and environmental risks, and it's unacceptable for them to continue without addressing these issues.
- **No Consideration of Climate Impact:** Despite the significant environmental impact of tripling truck traffic, continuing emissions, and clearing 36 acres of forest, Barton has provided no assessment of how these actions will contribute to climate change. This disregard for the broader environmental consequences is concerning and must be addressed.
- **Overlooking Expert Concerns:** Independent experts have pointed out numerous deficiencies in Barton's application, but it seems these concerns have been ignored. These expert analyses must be taken into account before any decisions are made regarding the expansion.

Given these factors, I urge the APA to reject Barton's proposal and hold a formal hearing to further explore the potential consequences of this expansion. Allowing such a project to move forward would set a dangerous precedent for the future of the Adirondacks, and it is our responsibility to ensure that this unique and irreplaceable landscape is preserved.

The Adirondacks are more than just a resource to be exploited—they are a place of deep meaning for my family and countless others who have spent their lives exploring and enjoying this incredible wilderness. We will not stand by and watch as its beauty is eroded for profit.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,
Kelly & Morgan Perlette (and family)

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Joe Morris
Email from: jamisrocky@yahoo.com
Address: 11 Arbor Dr. Glens Falls NY 12801
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Hello Corrie,

I'm writing to again add my support to the proposed modification to Barton Mines permit in Johnsbury/Indian Lake.

I've been a resident of Warren County for over 50 years, in part because of all the region has to offer in terms of recreation. As an avid hiker, mountain biker, skier (Gore Mtn season pass holder) and kayaker, I feel it is an ideal place to live and raise a family. In my personal life I place a high level of importance on good environmental stewardship. That carries over into choices I make every day in terms of where I shop, where I volunteer, businesses I support, etc. In short, these things matter deeply to me.

I'm also an 18-year employee of Barton. As such, I have had numerous opportunities to witness the high ethical standards by which this company operates. Actions are taken and decisions made, but never without considering the impact to the community – because we are members of the community! I am proud to tell people I work for Barton because I know first-hand the positive culture that exists throughout the entire organization. As an employer Barton offers good-paying jobs in a region that desperately needs them, but never at the expense of the environment or the region we live in.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Joe

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Sally Clough Hezel
Email from: sallyhezel@hotmail.com
Address: 40 Ruby Mountain View Dr North River NY 12856
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I have come to North River since 1979 and I have introduced many family and friends to the area to enjoy the recreational opportunities and to appreciate the beauty of the wilderness. For the last twenty years I have been a property owner in the hamlet. My investment in three parcels of land over this last two decades (and payment real property taxes) was motivated by a desire to share this wilderness with my family for generations to come. I write today to alert you to the many new intrusions of the Barton Mine operation upon my use and enjoyment of those properties. The growing gaping mine pit is clearly visible as we drive up Thirteenth Lake Road. The noise and lights from the mine operation intrude into our experience in the woods. Dust from mining operations is a health concern to us. It is shocking to look out of our windows on a winter night to see the glaring lights from the industrial site. These features were not evident when we made the decision to purchase and I believe their increasing evidence of expansion serve to discourage further investment in the area and risk a lowering of property values. Mitigation of visual, auditory and physical (dust) intrusions into the wilderness must be included in any responsible continuing permit for Barton Mines to the benefit of the whole community. Long range the natural environment is the most valuable asset the area has and protection of it will insure use and monetary values going forward. Please require Barton Mines to fulfill its responsibilities to its neighbors.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Garrett Agans
Email from: Gkagans2020@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton mines represents the lifeblood of the Adirondacks. A family run business that provides employment for several families in the North Creek area. The leaders of this company have always held integrity and environmental concern on the forefront of all of their business ventures. I fully support this company and approve of their mining plans.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Jose Vanderwarker
Email from: Vanderwarkerjose32@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the company and the permits.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Linda Maille
Email from: lmaille22@gmail.com
Address: 16 Pinello Rd., Queensbury New York 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I think Barton mines is a great company. They keep local people working and also people all over. It seems to me they've been around for years and years. I see nothing but good coming out of Barton mines in the future..

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: William Forbes
Email from: wforbes11785@yahoo.com
Address: North Hudson New York 12855
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the Barton mines

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Linda Forbes
Email from: Lhunsdon@hotmail.com
Address: North Hudson New york 12855
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the Barton Mines

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Thomas Forbes
Email from: tforbes82507@yahoo.com
Address: Ny 12870
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mines

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Email from: Caza.j913@gmail.com
Address: Po Box 104 North Hudson New York 12855
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton mines

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Lindsay Cassidy
Email from: lindsaycassidy08@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Keep Barton Mines operating and providing jobs for so many locals The longterm effects of this change are great for our area.

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Comments from: Camden Passino
Email from: camdenpassino@gmail.com
Address: 24 glenwood ave glenwood ave NY 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton is an important employer in the Adirondacks I support their mine permit application.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
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Email from: Adamvenner123@yahoo.com
Address: 3653 us route 9 North Hudson Ny 12855
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Save the worked jobs

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Email from: nananaomi2@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mines

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Comments from: Shaun Rivers
Email from: shaun@sraengineers.com
Address: 62 Helen Drive Queensbury New York 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

My comments are in strong support of Barton Mines increasing there mining operation at Ruby Mountain as described above. This project is crucial to the long term operation and success of the entire Barton Mines operation. Barton Mines provides employment to many north country residents with meaningful good paying jobs. These employees in turn inject thousands and thousands of dollars into the local economies of North Creek, Johnsbury and surrounding communities. In addition, Barton Mines has been a good steward of the environment, showing that industry can co-exist with environmental interests in the Adirondacks.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Rodney Galusha
Email from: rgalusha@barton.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mines.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Richard Amy
Email from: Ramy@barton.com
Address: 27500 Bolandra Ct Temecula CA 92591
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

As a S.W. Wetsrn Sales Manager with the Barton group for over 18 years, the amendment to expand the Ruby mine would greatly benefit not only my organization but my family. I support the expansion and look forward to many more successful years with the Barton organization.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Dan Ashe
Email from: dashe@barton.com
Address: 3 Pine St. North Creek NY 12842
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Good morning,

I'm writing this in support of Barton Mines and the new permit. Barton Mines is such a huge part of our North Creek/Johnsburg community, and I'm pretty sure the last thing that Barton Mines wants to do is harm the environment. This community would seriously struggle without the mine and its commitment to the safety of our beautiful Adirondack homes.

Thank you
Daniel Ashe

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Comments from: Monique Agans
Email from: aganst@gmail.com
Address: 4 Persimmon Place Saratoga Springs New York 12866
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support for the amendment proposed by Barton Mines LLC for the expansion of the residual minerals pile, lowering of the quarry floor, and increase in operating hours of on-site trucking and mining vehicle operation. Barton Mines LLC has been a company operating in North Creek, NY for many years and they have demonstrated responsibility within the community and integrity in their business practices in the past. This leads me to believe that they will continue to operate responsibly with any future operations on Ruby Mountain. Please accept this letter as my vote of support for this amendment.

Sincerely,
Monique Agans

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Stephen Podnorszki
Email from: stevepod36@yahoo.com
Address: 192 Redmond Road Gansevoort NY 12831
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the mine renewal permit for Barton International. Barton is an environmentally responsible company who has supported the local community since 1878. The garnet abrasive produced from this site is known worldwide as the highest quality abrasive available for both waterjet cutting and media blasting. Our military, aerospace industry, fabrication shops, and many other industries, depend on this material for their waterjet cutting and blasting needs.

In January, I will have worked at Barton for 20 years. We have several employees who have worked at Barton for 40+ years. Barton's number one asset is their employees, we are provided with competitive wages, excellent 401K and health plans, and a great working environment. It would be a tragic loss for Barton employees, their families, the community, and numerous industries should the permit not get renewed.

Best regards,

Stephen Podnorszki
Director Waterjet Parts

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Comments from: Kyle Greene
Email from: kgreene1060@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Dear Corrie Magee,

I have been employed with Barton since 2015. I started with the company as a maintenance and reliability engineer and have progressed my career within the company. Throughout my years with the company, I have seen and taken part in their commitment to employees, community, and environment. I have also met and became close with a number of the residents and local businesses. If it were not for Barton, my career would certainly not be on the same trajectory, and I would not be in this area to develop relationships with the local businesses and residents.

I write this letter with full support and respectfully ask for approval of Barton Mines application, allowing myself and future generations to grow within the company, experience the outstanding culture, and contribute to the local business year-round.

Kyle Greene

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: William Hussey
Email from: will.hussey@epicbrokers.com
Address: 12 3rd Road NY 11968
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Dear Ms. Magee,
I would like to submit my recommendation for approval of the Barton Mines project. I have worked with the Barton Group for over 10 years in a consulting capacity on their Employee Benefits Health & Welfare program. I can honestly say that of my 50+ corporate clients, Barton stands out at the top in fostering an "employee first" culture and their leadership team continuously works to enhance the opportunities and benefits available to their employees.
I also respect Barton's approach to environmental stewardship and supporting the local communities where they live and work.
Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.
Regards,
Will Hussey

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Email from: cookinginlg@gmail.com
Address: 31 Oak St Lake GEORGE NY 12845
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in support of Barton as an employee. This company has been around many years and has employed many people. they do all they can do to follow guidelines and to protect the environment.

Thanks
Tami

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Carl Passino
Email from: cpassino@harsco.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

All request seem reasonable for future progress.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Cassie Noel
Email from: Noelcass30@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mines company and support the permit.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Gerald Griffin
Email from: ggriffin@barton.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mines.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Lisa Cruz
Email from: lacruz181@gmail.com
Address: 21 Stewart Road Queensbury NY 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

As an employee of Barton, I am privileged to see how our abrasive helps multiple industries, from Mom and Pop privately owned small businesses to our Federal Government and Military.
Knowing that our abrasive supports the manufacturing of parts that become military helicopters or household items or are used to refurbish farm equipment is important to our country's economy and is the livelihood of many families across this nation.
I understand the concerns of many regarding Barton's Mine Permit application, but I truly believe in a healthy compromise that will suit all involved.
I am proud to work for a company with such a long-standing history and I am aware of the effort it takes to have survived this long. I hope we get to continue to serve our customers as they have so faithfully served us.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Amelia McConnell
Email from: Amcconnell03@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

As a responsible miner for the least 150 years, Barton being valuable jobs to thr people of thr norhh to country. Supporting a modification to their permit will allow them to continue to serve as a valuable employer and ethnically mining partner.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Sharon Fish
Email from: hsfish409@gmail.com
Address: Blue Mountain Lake/Queensbury New York
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Project 2021-0245 Barton Mines Permit Modification Request

I am in full support of this project.

Barton Mines has been a major employer for the area. The loss of jobs for the employees and the economic impact for the whole region will be devastating.

Barton Mines has managed their operations in a way that minimizes impacts to the neighbors and environment.

Please approve the Barton Mines Permit Modification Request.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Chris Salvatto
Email from: Chris.salvatto@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the mine expansion, they bring critical jobs to the community. The overall negative impact of the expansion should be minimal to the surrounding community.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Chad Lewis
Email from: cranemountain12843@Gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I would like to show support for Barton mines.
Bartons has been a positive part of the local communities and a large employer of its residents.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Brett Irwin
Email from: brett.p.irwin@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Please accept these public comments on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC, application:

1. The noise and visual impacts from the expanded mine on the community and on the Siamese Ponds Wilderness and other areas of the Forest Preserve are unacceptable. The mine should not be allowed to expand into the critical environmental area (CEA) by 26.1 acres, or be allowed to cut down 16,678 trees in the CEA. The CEA is supposed to be a legal buffer to protect the designated Wilderness Area.
2. The project will have undue impacts on Park resources because Barton is proposing no mitigation whatsoever for noise impacts, despite numerous complaints from neighboring homeowners about current noise levels.
3. Round the clock 24-hour-a-day mining and processing operations should not be allowed.
4. The expansion of the mine tailings waste pile height by 100 feet will make the pile larger than some peaks in the Adirondacks and Barton has no viable way to revegetate this massive pile. As a result, it will leave a permanent scar on the Adirondack Park.
5. The project will have undue air quality, scenic and aesthetic impacts because Barton's dust suppression efforts have been unsuccessful and the company is proposing no new dust mitigation measures.
6. Although the mine expansion will result in a tripling of heavy-duty truck trips, the continued operation of multiple sources of greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions, and the clear-cutting of approximately 36 acres of forest, Barton has failed to provide any analysis of the climate change impacts of these actions.
7. Independent experts provided information on substantive deficiencies in the Barton Mines application, which the APA has failed to take into account.

8. Barton's application for an expansion should be denied. Please hold an adjudicatory hearing to deny this application.

Thank you very much.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Sara Pearsall
Email from: sebpearsall@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

As a landowner in the Town of Johnsburg I fully support Barton Mines and the full scope of the project they have proposed. The company has carefully and thoughtfully worked through community concerns and environmental issues, compromised as necessary and are a valuable asset to the greater North Creek area.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Urban Thissell Sr.
Email from: bigwheelsink2@gmail.com
Address: Gravel road Bakers Mills NY 12811
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am a 73 and a lifelong resident of Bakers Mills a hamlet located within the town of Johnsbury. I am a proud member of the community and would like to express my support of the Barton Mines' APA permit modification application.

- Many members of my family over the years depended on employment at Barton.
- I have witnessed first hand what Barton does for our community. Over my 73 years many of my neighbors and friends have made careers at Barton. They have been able to provide their families with a stable income and benefits that they could not have gotten anywhere else.
- Without Barton several friends and family members would be forced to work out of town or worse move their family to another location. Among these people at risk of relocating would be my daughter and grandchildren.
- There is little other opportunity in the area that provides the benefits and job security that Barton does.

If Barton was no longer operating in Johnsbury NY, there would be several devastating effects to our community. It is my honest opinion that the Town of Johnsbury would suffer an economic blow that they could never recover from.

I ask you to respectfully consider the positive contributions Barton has made to the local community and approve their mine permit application.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Cassie Noel
Email from: Noelcass30@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mines company and support the permit.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Butch Thissell
Email from: lewisrpt85@gmail.com
Address: PO Box 44 Bakers Mills NY 12811
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Please take this as my unwavering support of Barton Mines Company. As a life long resident of the town of Johnsbury I have seen time and time again the positive impact Barton's has had on my community! Please approve their permit!

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Matt Plumley
Email from: mplumley@barton.com
Address: 278 Horicon Ave. Brant Lake New York 12815
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton Mines has supported me since I was 9 years old through the work of my father. He has 30+ years into the company and has since retired. I have 12+ years into the company now with plans to retire in 20 years. I was born in Glens Falls and have lived in Minerva and the surrounding areas my whole life. North Creek's businesses have supported myself, my wife, and my two sons. One of which who is graduating this year with plans to go to college. Without this job the opportunities that my kids are able to experience in this area would be limited because of the local economy and pay scale. I am in full support of the mining expansion.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Darlene Cullen
Email from: j.cullen9@icloud.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

The application by Barton Mines to expand its mountaintop mining operation should be denied. The intrusions whether visual, dust or noise will negatively affect residents and businesses.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Eric Bentley
Email from: ericjbentley1979@hotmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton is a long-standing staple in the area, which has continually created jobs for the local population for over a century. as such granting the mine permit is very important to the continued livelihood of many of the families in the area. I fully support Barton, and sincerely hope you grant them the permit.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Matt Wood
Email from: fillerup5544@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mines application for 2021-0245. Barton Mines has provided and continues to provide quality jobs in the Adirondack Park. Subsequently, more jobs means more people establishing themselves and building families in the area; which benefits a multitude of local businesses such as contractors, hardware stores, grocery stores, restaurants, and many more.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Krista Wood
Email from: mkkwood1@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the Barton Mines application for project 2021-0245. Barton Mines has provided long-term employment and financial security for their employees for many years. As a result, the service-based businesses along the commuter routes have greatly benefitted. This is a great example of sustainable economics as the community has the ability to support itself financially.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Karli Wood
Email from: klwood703@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am in support of this application being approved due to the positive economic impact Barton Mines provides for the local community and residents. Although the Adirondack Park is known for tourism and the hospitality industry, non-tourism businesses provide year-round, sustainable jobs for families, many of which I have grown up with in the southeastern Adirondacks.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Susan Lombardi
Email from: susan@slombardi.com
Address: 2555 YOUNGS AVE Southold NY 11971
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I vehemently oppose the expansion of this mining project .

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Kimberly Crosier
Email from: kimberlycrosier@gmail.com
Address: 352 West Avenue NY 14201
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Nearby communities and the impact the sounds and dust have on them should be further considered and this project should not be proceeded on. This project will expand into the CEA and cut down more trees that are important and necessary for the area. In addition, myself and others worry about the impact of the waste pile on the land, and the permanence something of this level can have. Don't move on with this project and please allow more time before the hearing.

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Email from: Vanderwarkerjose32@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the company and the permits.

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Comments from: Bakers Mills-Sodom Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.
Email from: BMSVolFire@frontier.com
Address: 2554 State Route 8 PO Box 1 Bakers Mills NY 12811
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

At our monthly meeting tonight, our membership voted unanimously to forward our support for Barton Mines, LLC in regard to their application referenced above with your Agency. Many of our members have personally and professionally had their lives impacted in a very positive way by Barton Mines. We fully support their continued efforts to improve the lives of the residents in our community. We urge you to quickly approve their application so that they may remain a viable contributor to our Township, County, State and Country. Barton Mines has proven to be a positive contributor in the protection of our environment while maintaining viability as a crucial employer in our Town. Their continued success is important to us as we strive to serve our community. Thank you very much!
The Members of the Bakers Mills - Sodom Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.

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Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

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Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

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Email from: pbuckman1@hotmail.com
Address: 6259 State Route 9, P.O.BOX 448 Chestertown NY 12817
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

On behalf of Buckman's Family Fuel, we would like to show our support for the Barton Mines Company. They are a top-notch organization that operates by the book in every way. Safety, and environmental concerns are top priorities for Barton Mines, and they are a role model for the way companies should be run. I have even implemented some of their protocols into my own business.

Barton Mines has been around for 5 generations and is a staple to the surrounding economy. They provide a huge number of quality jobs in the area, and in turn, Barton employees spend money on goods and services at many of the local businesses. They are always donating back the community. Barton Mines also hires many of the local area's businesses to provide them with product, and services.

Barton Mines has been there since way before most of the houses were built, so people who are newer to the area should have known that Barton Mines was there and shouldn't be trying to shut them down. I can't see how anyone would not approve of their project which would cause them to shut down if not, and have a huge negative impact on the economy of that area.. The things they are looking to do are not any different from what they are doing now. In fact, the changes they are making seem to be less impactful to the surroundings and they are always concerned about how they impact the community.

Sincerely

Paul L Buckman
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Address: 176 Main St North Creek NY 12853
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Todd Agans
Email from: aganst@gmail.com
Address: 4 Persimmon Place Saratoga Springs NY 12866
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

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From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 5:40 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: pbuckman1@hotmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Paul Buckman
Email from: pbuckman1@hotmail.com
Address: 6259 State Route 9, P.O.BOX 448 Chestertown NY 12817
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

On behalf of Buckman's Family Fuel, we would like to show our support for the Barton Mines Company. They are a top-notch organization that operates by the book in every way. Safety, and environmental concerns are top priorities for Barton Mines, and they are a role model for the way companies should be run. I have even implemented some of their protocols into my own business.

Barton Mines has been around for 5 generations and is a staple to the surrounding economy. They provide a huge number of quality jobs in the area, and in turn, Barton employees spend money on goods and services at many of the local businesses. They are always donating back the community. Barton Mines also hires many of the local area's businesses to provide them with product, and services.

Barton Mines has been there since way before most of the houses were built, so people who are newer to the area should have known that Barton Mines was there and shouldn't be trying to shut them down. I can't see how anyone would not approve of their project which would cause them to shut down if not, and have a huge negative impact on the economy of that area.. The things they are looking to do are not any different from what they are doing now. In fact, the changes they are making seem to be less impactful to the surroundings and they are always concerned about how they impact the community.

Sincerely

Paul L Buckman
Buckman's Family Fuel

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 5:21 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: dubaykathleen3@gmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Kathleen Dubay
Email from: dubaykathleen3@gmail.com
Address: 176 Main St North Creek NY 12853
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

My friends and family members worked and continue to work at Barton Mines for many years. This company has provided many jobs for our local people and was a family run company. The mines not only provides jobs for locals but also is a tourist attraction for people to learn the history and operations of the company and the tours take you down into one of the pits at the old mine location. We also have jewelers here in North River who make jewelry to sell from the garnet. Barton's provides steady jobs for the locals in our area. It would be detrimental if it closed and our townspeople had no jobs.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 5:03 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: nicebuttssj@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Sandra Jackson
Email from: nicebuttssj@gmail.com
Address: 153 Tarbell Rd Hogansburg NY 13655
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

In the first place , the mining in the Adirondack Park , completely unacceptable! I doubt that this is a positive venture especially for generations to come. Generations of humankind and wildlife as well as the air , earth and water cannot survive should this type of practice continues. NO More!

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: hilllowden@comcast.net
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: George Lowden
Email from: hilllowden@comcast.net
Address: 17 Jefferson St Marblehead MA 01945
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am in favor of this.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 4:31 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: zepka@corrosion-products.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Colton Zepka
Email from: zepka@corrosion-products.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the expansion of the tailings pile.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 4:27 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: zepka@corrosion-products.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Colton Zepka
Email from: zepka@corrosion-products.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the expansion of the tailings pile.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: KWEST29@nycap.rr.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Kathleen Heath
Email from: KWEST29@nycap.rr.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Our family fully supports Barton Mine. This company is one that fully supports the community, its employees and their families.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: dcook@troyindustrial.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: David Cook
Email from: dcook@troyindustrial.com
Address: 70 Cohoes Road New York 12189
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I strongly support the Barton Mine expansion, Barton Mines being a critical employer in Warren County with about 100 employees. It has been in existence since 1878. Much like Troy Industrial Solutions, a 163-year-old Family-owned business with 110 employees. Future expansion is critical to their success and longevity. Expanding employment opportunities for generations to come, is just one of many contributions. Barton Mines economic success has much greater impact than that of just the immediate Warren County area, the local commerce generated from Barton Mines has significant effect on Families of small and large businesses located through the North Country and Capital District.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: shaun.p.quinn@gmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Shaun Quinn
Email from: shaun.p.quinn@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed mining operation in our region. Mining plays a vital role in fostering economic growth, generating employment opportunities, and supplying essential materials for various industries.

I encourage stakeholders to contemplate the long-term advantages that this mining operation may provide to our community. Together, we can ensure that our region continues to thrive and prosper while responsibly managing our natural resources.

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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Rob Comins
Email from: rob.comins@motion.com
Address: 12 Jupiter Lane New York 12205
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I have dealt with Barton Mines for the past twenty years. This company is very responsible and have been a pleasure to do business with, I feel very confident that they are always keeping the environment in the forefront.

Thank you

Rob Comins
Branch Manager
Motion Industries
Albany, NY

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 3:10 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: mindy.mannix@motion.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Mindy Mannix
Email from: mindy.mannix@motion.com
Address: 12 Jupiter Lane Albany New York 12205
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I have worked with the employees of Barton for the last seven years and they are a fantastic company to work with.
I heartily support this project!

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Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 3:06 PM
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Penny Squires
Email from: psquires@hoodpkg.com
Address: 15 David Swan East Angus Quebec J0B 1R0
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I would like to give my full support to the approval of the Barton Mine permit application so they may continue their operation. This permit will allow Barton to continue their long history as an employer and support of the local communities in the area.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Chuck Kayajian Jr.
Email from: Chuck@kaycoinc.com
Address: 12 Flicker Dr. LATHAM New York 12110
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

As a local, small business I have had the pleasure of working with Barton Mines for several years and can speak first hand to the quality and integrity to which they run their operation. Employees are conscientious members of the community, many of whom live and reside in or around the ADK park. The company is involved with local outreach and donations and provides a much-needed employment base for the region. I fully support their project application as I see continued growth of the company bringing added prosperity and opportunity for the surrounding community.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: EJ Cardish
Email from: ejcardish@cardishmachineworks.com
Address: 7 Elm St. Watervliet NY 12189
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton Mines has been a customer of ours for over forty years. Over that period of time, they have kept us busy making specialty items such as bronze bearings, large and small gears, and various types of shafts. They help keep our workforce of (25) employees working and supporting their families. Their mining and processing of garnet is vital to waterjet cutting which is used throughout many industries. Water jetting gives us, and countless other businesses, the ability to produce high quality items and build lasting customer relationships.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: janem@barton.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Jane Murphy
Email from: janem@barton.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton.
Barton is committed to make this project successful and accommodating to all parties.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: dvcnbr@gmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Ann Hayden
Email from: dvcnbr@gmail.com
Address: 15 Margaret Dr Queensbury NY 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am in favor of the proposal for expansion of Barton Mines. It is critical to keep this business running and in our area. Please approve this proposal. Thank you. Ann Hayden

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: LUKE A. LA FOND
Email from: LUKELAF@AOL.COM
Address: 1827 STATE ROUTE 9 LAKE GEORGE NY 12845
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN; THE BARTON MINES COMPANY HAS ALWAYS LED THE CHARGE IN TAKING CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT. THERE ARE MANY MINING OPERATIONS IN THE NORTHERN NEW YORK/ ADIRONDACK PARK ZONE, AND BARTON, BY FAR DOES THE MOST TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE NOT A NUISANCE TO THEIR NEIGHBORS, A HAZARD TO THE ENVIRONMENT, OR A DETRIMENT TO THE ECOSYSTEM THAT WE ALL RELY UPON FOR OUR RECREATION, AND ECONOMY. TO CURTAIL THE BARTON COMPANY FROM UTILIZING THIER PROPERTY IN A MANNER THAT BENEFITS MULTIPLE FAMILIES ACROSS MANY TOWNSHIPS RELY UPON THE MINE FOR INCOME. THERE ARE TOO MANY AIR B&B / SEASONAL RENTAL PROPERTIES THAT HAVE ALMOST MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR A GENERATIONAL RESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY TO RETAIN PROPERTY IN THE AREA. THE REMOVAL OF THE BARTON MINE CORPORATION AS A MEANS OF INCOME, WOULD VIRTUALLY DESTROY THE LOCAL FEEL OF THE COMMUNITY. PLEASE GRANT THE MINE THE ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO BE AN ASSET TO THE NORTH COUNTRY, THANK YOU.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: bpoolside@gmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Faith Kayajian
Email from: bpoolside@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton Mines is an integral part of the business community in the North River, Johnsbury area. They provide jobs and they are generous with their donations to the area.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Hudson Barton
Email from: hhbv@glimfeather.com
Address: 8608 Prince Valiant Dr Marvin NC 28173
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I grew up on Gore Mountain, was a board member for some 20 years, and have a long memory of how the Barton Company has done what is in its power to preserve the environment and keep its industrial footprint in the Adirondacks as small as possible. My own personal view is that the plan is conservative, and appropriately considerate of the needs of the entire community.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Nancy D Lewis
Email from: Ndlewis9@yahoo.com
Address: 330 Jefferson Ct Royersford PA 19468
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the permit.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 2:00 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: andrewwells1017@gmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Andrew P Wells
Email from: andrewwells1017@gmail.com
Address: 154 Silver Fox Trl McCall ID 83638
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

10/9/2014

I am writing to express my full support for Barton Mines LLC's application to extend their mining permit. As a longtime employee of Barton and a dedicated advocate for environmental stewardship, I have witnessed firsthand their commitment to responsible mining practices.

Barton Mines has consistently demonstrated a strong partnership with the APA and the surrounding community. They have consistently prioritized minimizing environmental impact while maintaining a steady presence as a local employer. Over the years, I have been impressed by their thoughtful approach to land stewardship and their dedication to balancing economic growth with environmental responsibility.

It is without hesitation that I endorse the approval of this application and believe that Barton Mines will continue to be a valuable asset to the Adirondack region.

Andrew Wells
McCall, Idaho

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 2:00 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Roadkill1950@comcast.net
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Thomas Lewis
Email from: Roadkill1950@comcast.net
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I Approve this permit

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 2:00 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Chrisfeathers@hotmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Christopher Feathers
Email from: Chrisfeathers@hotmail.com
Address: 8706 Highgrove St Charlotte NC 28277
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the permit.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Comments from: Elizabeth Waller
Email from: elizabethbwaller@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the Barton permit.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 1:13 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: georgiarcrawford@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Georgia Rose Crawford
Email from: georgiarcrawford@gmail.com
Address: 306 Broad St Syracuse New York 13210
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Do you love your Grandchildren??? Do you love your children??? Clear cutting during a climate crisis is shameful, look at what has been happening in North Carolina and the beast of a storm heading over to Florida right now. You are jeopardizing the future of New York State's ecosystems and clean water for generations. Real bold of you to make this decision before an important election. Fuck you and fuck your blood money.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: MPOC211@YAHOO.COM
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: MICHAEL OCONNOR
Email from: mpoc211@yahoo.com
Address: PO Box 820 2568 STATE ROUTE 8 NY 12108-0820
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

IN MY OPINION I FEEL THIS PERMIT SHOULD BE GRANTED TO BARTON MINES LLC. THIS COMPANY IS A
HUG EMPLOYER TO THE AREA AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACT THIS COMPANY HAS TO OUR AREA IS
SUBSTANTIAL.LET THEM MINE.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: fkempf@bdiworldwide.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Byron Kempf
Email from: fkempf@bdiworldwide.com
Address: 1 Charles Blvd Guilderland New York 12866
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I feel the impact this amendment will have is extremely positive to the community. Fuel purchases, job retention and addition, local purchasing increase will be just some of the positives. Barton Mines, LLC is an important part of the North Creek community. Their generous nature as well as conscientious business model has been seen throughout the years. In a time where businesses are being driven out of their communities, we should be celebrating Barton Mines, LLC and what they bring to the local economy.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 1:29 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: OFFICE@MOUNTAINPETROLEUM.COM
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Timothy Vander Wiele/Mountain Petroleum Email from: office@mountainpetroleum.com
Address: 40 Industrial Drive NY 12870
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am writing in support of Barton Mines' mine permit modification application, which must be approved to extend the life of the company's Adirondack operations—providing critically important jobs and economic benefits for future generations. Barton has managed its Ruby Mountain operations in a safe and responsible manner since opening in 1983, and I have confidence that Barton's plan is designed to minimize community impacts. Barton is a major employer, providing approximately 125 good jobs. Barton is also an important taxpayer, and a customer to many other area businesses. The Adirondack Park needs responsible natural resource managers like Barton who keep local people employed and our local community thriving. I urge you to approve the company's permit application and enable Barton to provide these types of community benefits far into the future.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Marjorie Ketterer
Email from: marjorie.ketterer@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am in support of this amendment.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 1:15 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: henryhfour@outlook.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Henry Hauptfuhrer
Email from: henryhfour@outlook.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mines application to continue operations at Ruby Mountain. For well over 100 years, Barton Mines has been a good steward of the Adirondacks. Barton is dedicated to the local communities providing year-round employment and benefits to its employees as well as supporting local charities and agencies.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: genfam2@aol.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: ALBERT GENTILE
Email from: genfam2@aol.com
Address: 5 Mountianview Dr Mayfield NY 12117
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE MY SUPPORT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BARTON MINES PERMIT APPLICATION SO THEY MAY CONTINUE THEIR OPERATION, THIS PERMIT WILL ALLOW BARTON MINES TO CONTINUE THEIR LONG HISTORY AS A EMPLOYER AND SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE AREA.
THANK YOU ALBERT GENTILE

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 1:12 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Minevichsarah@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Sarah minevich
Email from: Minevichsarah@gmail.com
Address: 13210
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Please stop Mining the earth and clear cutting trees who have lived here longer than us.seriously are there no other projects that would actually benefit the people and animals who live here and will be obviously and always affected by your raping of the landscape? Just because it's the salamanders to be affected first, doesn't mean you won't also be affected by it. But you don't care anyway. Well we do. And we will continue to oppose these actions that hurt your own humanity and take away our beautiful land and animals.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 1:03 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: fiadhdecola@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Fiadh DeCola
Email from: fiadhdecola@gmail.com
Address: 306 Broad St Averill Park NY 12018
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

The destruction of the tops of old mountains puts all who live in this region at risk. Trees absorb and filter rain water. The loss of these vital beings and the subsequent mining will have seriously detrimental affects for the health of the ecosystem and anyone who lives in the watershed. It is the job of our governments to have the interest of their citizens not the interests of companies. If this goes through, I hope all of you who let this happen struggle to sleep at night.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Judy Howard
Email from: judesmntntop@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Good afternoon,

This letter is being written to convey my support for Barton Mines' mine permit modification application. Barton is a huge employer in the Indian Lake and surrounding areas. This would be a devastating blow to these local economies if Barton didn't exist.

Barton has operated their mining business in a very responsible and safe manner for over 145 years and need to continue for many more years to come. Approving this extended mining permit application is crucial for the local economies and is critical for the over 120 employees and their families, allowing them to continue to live in this area, raising their families, volunteering in the local communities, supporting local businesses, etc. Please stand proudly with us and approve this application to preserve Barton's longevity in the mining industry in the Adirondacks and keep many families employed and living in these areas for years to come.

Thank you for your time.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Drevick@yahoo.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Victoria Lewid
Email from: Drevick@yahoo.com
Address: Pa 19468
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the permit.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: MICROVU2@GMAIL.COM
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Thomas Bushey
Email from: microvu2@gmail.com
Address: 1544 State Route 4 Fort Edward NY 12828
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton mines has offered employment
Opportunities by contracting out work
To local companies. Keeping work in this Area is important to keep our local Economy flourishing.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Istaslittlehelpers@gmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Christine Coom-Jacobs
Email from: Istaslittlehelpers@gmail.com
Address: 428 st Regis rd Akwesasne ny 13655
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

The ONLY mining operation in the adirondacks? There should be NO mining! Please respect the land and the deny this.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 12:15 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Anne Moses
Email from: anne158@gmail.com
Address: 92 old farm road North river NY 11218
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I wish to add my support to Barton Mine's application. I am a second home resident of North River and have long been impressed by Barton Mine's efforts to reduce the environmental impact of their mining operations. It's a delicate balancing act and their concern for the well being of the environment and the people who live in our community is appreciated.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Charmaine Osowicki
Email from: charmaineosowicki@gmail.com
Address: 353 Main St apt 4 Corinth NY 12822
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

This is great for Bartons Mines. Keep up the good work. Beautiful gems in the North Creek area. I am a Washburn from North Creek area. Thank you.
Respectfully,
Charmaine Washburn Osowicki.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 11:02 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Jim@AdkPortable.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: James E. McGee
Email from: Jim@AdkPortable.com
Address: 1359 NY State Route 28 Warrensburg NY 12885
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I write today in full support of the expansion required by Barton Mines, LLC at their above referenced location. Barton Mines is a critical player in the production of a greatly needed product for the strategic naval defense of our nation. Please approve their application as quickly as possible so that their continued best efforts are enhanced and not hindered. I support them both personally and professionally as they have proven to be a responsible ecologically minded business. At every level, they operate daily to guard our environment while being a very responsible employer for many in our area. Thank you, in advance, for approving their application. Sincerely,
James E. McGee

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 10:56 AM
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Steven D Ketterer
Email from: Sdketterer@gmail.com
Address: Celebration 34747
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Yes

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 10:46 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Ableproperties@comcast.net
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Andrew B Lewis
Email from: Ableproperties@comcast.net
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the permit

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 10:25 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: andrewt3lewis@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Andrew Lewis
Email from: andrewt3lewis@gmail.com
Address: 49 Elmar Circle Royersford PA 19468
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

My family relies on this, this is a family business.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 10:19 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Awl102704@yahoo.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Alex Lewis
Email from: Awl102704@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the permit

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Helene Good Goodman
Email from: helenejg12345@yahoo.com
Address: 116 Old River North Creek NY 12853
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

My husband and I support the Barton Mines expansion project. The company is very important to the livelihood of many families in this area.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 9:54 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Janice Hauptfuhrer Murdoch Email from: jhauptfuhrer@gmail.com
Address: 6114 Goshen Road, On Point Farm Newtown Square PA 19073
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am in favor of Barton Mines application

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 9:53 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Katiefeathers@ymail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Katherine Feathers
Email from: Katiefeathers@ymail.com
Address: 8706 Highgrove St Charlotte NC 28277
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the permit.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 9:53 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: grchap11@gmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: George Chapman
Email from: grchap11@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I write in support of above-captioned application for a permit modification. My family has always taken pride in the quality of the Barton Mines operations, including its environmental stewardship and its very positive economic impact in the in the region through its operations in the towns of Johnsburg and Indian Lake and the City of Glens Falls. For more than a century Barton Mines has been an exemplary corporate citizen, and I am hopeful that your agency will bear this is mind during its review of our application for a permit modification.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 9:51 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Ashleyfeathers@ymail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Ashley Feathers
Email from: Ashleyfeathers@ymail.com
Address: 8706 Highgrove St Charlotte NC 28277
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the permit.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Comments from: Tracey Feathers
Email from: tracey.feathers@yahoo.com
Address: 8706 Highgrove St Charlotte NC 28277
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the permit.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 9:34 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: missywarringtonmoos13@gmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Melissa Moos
Email from: missywarringtonmoos13@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mine's Corp!!!

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Seth Waller
Email from: Seth.waller@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the permit.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Robert Hummel
Email from: humbob80@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

To the APA:
I support the amended Barton Mines Extraction Project. I have found Barton Mines to be excellent stewards of the environment. Barton Mines is a corporate ally of environmental protection. It supports the environmental goals of the APA while providing for economic growth for the region. Thank you.
Bob Hummel
518-791-8423

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Sandy Lewis
Email from: sandylewis.mapp@gmail.com
Address: 117 Hampshire Place Chapel Hill NC 27516
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support this project!

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: slemay@barton.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Steeve Lemay
Email from: slemay@barton.com
Address: 6 Warren Street NY 12801
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Dear Ms. Magee and Mr. Plante:

I am writing in support of Barton Mines' mine permit modification application, which must be approved to extend the life of the company's Adirondack operations – providing critically important jobs and economic benefits for future generations.

Barton has managed its Ruby Mountain operations in a safe and responsible manner since opening in 1983, and I have confidence that Barton's plan is designed to minimize community impacts.

Barton is a major employer, providing approximately 125 good jobs. Barton is also an important taxpayer, and a customer to many other area businesses.

The Adirondack Park needs responsible natural resource managers like Barton who keep local people employed and our local community thriving. I urge you to approve the company's permit application and enable Barton to provide these types of community benefits far into the future.

Thank you,
Steeve Lemay

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Carol Lewis
Email from: Carlscabin2@gmail.com
Address: 2453 Garnet Lake Road North Johnsburg NY 12843
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton's Mines, A lot of my family members going back generations have made their living from working here. They supported their families while being able to be close to home. I understand that the military also depends on their product because of the unique characteristics. I appreciate having a major employer in our north country that allows our local family's to make a honest decent living. Again I support the above project for the modifications listed above to sustain Barton's operations.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Roger Lewis
Email from: carlscabin12843@yahoo.com
Address: 2453 Garnet Lake Road North Johnsburg NY 12843
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am in favor of the above project and wish to show my support for Bartons Mines.

Bartons Mines has been a great source of employment for generations as well as a supporter of local community groups. Generations of our family has found reliable employment, health benefits, and retirement pensions from this family run business.

They not only play a part in the community but their product is in demand world wide. During the COVID pandemic they continued to operate as essential workers to fulfill the government/military obligations.

I wish to see this company continue operating for generations to come and continue to be a proud part of the Adirondack Park history as noted by several museums.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Lynn Green
Email from: Whatlynn@hotmail.com
Address: PO Box 61 Minerva 12851
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I believe that the mine should be granted the new pwemits..
The company has proven to be doing a responsible job in their mining.
The back fill off the left over materials also makes sense.
Put back what has not been used.
Let the earth heal and return to it's former self.
Thank you for allowing the communities to add their thoughts.
LG

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Kathe Wickham
Email from: Katwickny@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Living in the Adirondack Park, I wholeheartedly support the Barton Mine Permit Modification project. Barton has been a reliable and responsible part of our community for many years. The project is thoughtfully designed to minimize any negative impacts on our environment and surrounding properties. The mine provides employment to many of our local residents, and our communities, towns, counties, and schools all benefit from Barton's operations. If Barton is forced to shut down, it would lead to a significant economic loss for our communities, causing families to leave the area in search of work and contributing to a decline in our year-round population and school enrollments. Approving Barton Mines' application is crucial for the prosperity of our future.

Sincerely,
Kathe Wickham

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 8:14 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: annemazzae.morris@gmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Antoinette Morris
Email from: annemazzae.morris@gmail.com
Address: 39 Longview Dr Queensbury NY 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I'm fully supportive of this project. Barton Mines has always followed APA rules and guidelines.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 8:03 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: brozell@rozellind.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Brian Rozell
Email from: brozell@rozellind.com
Address: 30 Masters Cmn S Queensbury New York 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton Mines LLC has been a vital part of the economy for the Adirondack region for years. Being a Warren and Essex County resident, I appreciate companies like Barton Mines who always have been a friendly neighbor to all that live in our region. They put the environment first in all aspects of their mining process. For Example, they installed a very expensive but environmentally friendly heating system at the Main offices in downtown Glens falls. This system uses deep well ground water for their heat. Companies Like Barton Mines are very rare in this state and need to be protected to stay in business for generations to come. Please don't let Barton Mines end up being like, Essity SGF, Native Textile, Lehigh Cement, Nibco, I P Corinth and soon to close Angio Dynamics! This region cannot afford to lose another Important company.

Best regards,

Brian Rozell
President
Rozell Industries

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: kmulligan@barton.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Kyle Mulligan
Email from: kmulligan@barton.com
Address: 2485 Garnet Lake Road North Johnsburg NY 12843
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I have worked for this company for 19 years, in many different positions. I started out bagging at the Hudson River Plant, then moved into separating out the different grades for packaging, followed by working in the powder mill packaging wing, moved onto the mountain working in the mill basement level, spent 6 months working in the lab testing the process, transferred over to the quarry as a laborer, finally holding the Quarry Coordinator position I have today. This company has provided me years of employment and work experience that would have cost me thousands of dollars in schooling, training, etc. Most everything I have learned here translates into my everyday life.

Since the start of my career here I have been able to grow my family, make the American dream come true with owning a house and property. It has allowed my children to grow up in this community, and now work in the community where they grew up. I still have one child in school who participates in outdoor activities a lot. The job I do up at Barton Mines has provided me with the money to give them a better life. They are very Environmental friendly company to work for with nature and the community in mind with all of the decisions that they make.

I believe as a citizen and as an employee, that this mining permit will be good for the community and many generations to come. Not only by providing the current 100+ employees with a job and income but allowing future generations the same opportunity. If Bartons were to shutdown you would not just loose those 100+ jobs but you would also lose hundreds more jobs throughout the community because of their spouses and children working in the local areas. Businesses would shut down due to lack of employees and schools would have to close because of people moving away to find work. Barton provides this community with not only jobs and a product, but Bartons is the community with all of the people that are there and their families.

Please approve this mine permit expansion so that I can keep providing food, clothing and a warm home to my family, and so all of my friends and the other families can do the same.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Bruce W Dunkley
Email from: bkdunkley@frontiernet.net
Address: 3000 State Route 8 North Creek New York 12853
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Good morning...Please approve the request by Barton Mines, LLC as referenced above. Barton has been and continues to be a very responsible corporate partner in the community and has demonstrated exceptional stewardship of our Adirondack environment. They have shown this to be their method of operation for more than 100 years. I wholeheartedly support their request and respectfully request that the APA expeditiously approve their proposal for expansion. We need to ensure that Barton Mines remains a successful employer in our area as so many people rely on them for, not only their essential product, but also their demonstrated example of environmental protection. They are truly a responsible employer! Respectfully submitted, Bruce W. Dunkley 518-251-2896 - Home 518-636-8136-Cell

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Michael Rozell
Email from: mrozell@rozellind.com
Address: 79 Warren st Apt 202 NY 12801
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am writing in support of Barton Mines Application for the expansion that they seek. I believe Barton Mines is integral to the North country economy. It is essential for all of us in New York state to preserve the business we have and to ensure their continued success. I believe that Barton Mines is a good neighbor and integral to the quality of life in the area.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Timothy Noel
Email from: timnoel86@yahoo.com
Address: 2508 state route 8 Johnsbury 12843
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton mines and all that it does for our community. I'm in favor of pushing this permit through.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Stacy Cooper
Email from: Sac429@gmail.com
Address: 30 Stagecoach Rd. Chestertown NY 12817
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mines.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Thomas Lewis
Email from: Roadkill1950@comcast.net
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I Approve this permit

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 4:30 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: bhammond1388@gmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Brian Hammond
Email from: bhammond1388@gmail.com
Address: 30 stagecoach road Chestertown New York 12817
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mines.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Doug Raymond
Email from: fdraymond@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

The Barton Mines company is a major local employer that has been operating since before the park was formed. In my experience, they have been good citizens and I have never heard any significant complaints about the mining operations. I urge approval.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Jason Lemery
Email from: jlemery@barton.com
Address: 1241 Barton Mines Rd. North River New York 12856
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am writing to express my support of the Ruby Mt. Mine Permit Application being proposed by Barton International which includes increasing the depth of the mining pit, expansion of the residual minerals pile, and the changes of the trucking operations.

I have worked with Barton for the past 20 years and have seen their commitment to maintaining safe and environmentally conscious operations while minimizing effects to the neighboring wilderness and properties. Barton has continually provided job opportunities and support to the surrounding communities during my tenure at the company.

Barton has also shown forethought towards the final dismantling of the mining facility and the reclamation of the land to provide future land use possibilities even though the end date will be further into the future.

For the above reasons, I pledge support of the Barton application.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Jerry Roblee
Email from: Jwrbml14@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton's is very beneficial to the community and expanding will only benefit the community and open up more jobs in the very limited job market.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: luke donohue
Email from: donohue_lucas@yahoo.com
Address: 198 13th Lake RD North River NY 12856
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

As a small business owner and native to North River I would like to express my support for Barton Mines and their mine permit expansion. In my 49 years of living in North River, Barton Mines has operated with utmost regards to environmental responsibility and respect to its neighbors. Many generations of families have been employed through this company including my own. Bartons has been a great asset to our community for many years. From generous donations to local fire depts, to an outdoor learning center for the student of Johnsburg Central School, Bartons has helped support our community. As a matter of if I really think about it, it's Bartons Community as well' seeing's how they have been here longer than any of us. I understand out of towners(transplants) would like to make this their own version of utopia but in reality Bartons was here first and does good for our community and they however do not. Thank you

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Robert Byrne
Email from: rebyrne13@icloud.com
Address: 867 13th lake rd. North River NY 12856
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I fully support the Application submitted by Barton Mines to expand.
I live on 13th lake road about a mile above the mine. I've lived here over 30 yrs, full time for the last 7.
The noise and dust from the mine is considerably less than the noise and dust that is generated within the Garnet Hill Community, itself. The noise and truck traffic I experience , associated with Garnet Hill Lodge and the residents of the GHPOA is far greater than what I experience from the mine.

Please approve their application.

Robert Byrne

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Lydia Loan
Email from: Lydiakloan@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this expansion. The wilderness area surrounding the mine should remain wilderness. The disruption from the quarry is already known and noticeable both visually and audibly, and I oppose the expansion to keep the ADKs the way they are and preserve the natural environment.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Jennifer Gitto
Email from: jgitto@barton.com
Address: 104 Liberty Lane NY 12831
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Hello,

I am writing in support of Barton Mines. I have been employed at Barton for 13 years, and I want to express how wonderful it is to work for this company, which is ran by very honorable, hard working people. I come from a public accounting background where I worked with many different companies, and I can say with certainty that Barton is operated with so much integrity. The management team makes it very clear that employees are the most important asset, and I feel that. If there is a problem, whether it's big or small, the management teams works to solve it quickly. This management style also extends outside the Barton property. Community is incredibly important to Barton, and management has worked hard to ensure they foster relationships and show the utmost respect, to community members and even competitors of our business. I am very proud to work at Barton, and I am confident that the level of integrity for people and business will remain for years and years as we move into the future.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Gage Simpson
Email from: gsimpson@wsweboces.org
Address: 640 Bay Rd Queensbury NY 12804-1445
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton Mines has been an excellent business partner for the Early College Career Academy: Advanced Manufacturing program at SUNY ADK and partnership with WSWHE BOCES. They come to the classroom and speak with the students to help them prepare for their future career opportunities in Manufacturing. I strongly support having them in the community.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Donald Fish
Email from: Donaldfish97@gmail.com
Address: New York 12857
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I worked for Barton for many years, they are professional environmental stewards and not only meet minimum requirements but when possible go above and beyond regulatory requirements. The jobs they offer give residents an opportunity to remain and and comfortably live in the community they were raised in. This company is crucial to the small businesses and surrounding communities.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Steve Hunsdon
Email from: sjhunsdon_hour@msn.com
Address: 30 east street Fort Edward NY 12828
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton Mines LLC are a great asset to the community and region. It is a very family oriented organization and I would gladly welcome them into my area. From what I have seen they treat their employees well and take safety as a priority for everyone involved.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: John and Irene Hutchins
Email from: JohnandIreneHutchins@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

We are submitting this comment regarding the Barton Mines application. We are a small business owner and recognize the importance of being able to employ people from the Town of Indian Lake as well as other surrounding Towns. Barton Mines has been operating for over 150 years and multiple generations of families have sought employment with them. The product that is produced from Barton Mines is shipped worldwide. Having the continuation of this mine is very important to all the residents of the Town of Indian Lake and the surrounding Towns. The financial impact would affect many in the area. We ask for the Agency to grant their requested amendments to their permit. Thank you.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Dan Richards/Abele Tractor and Equipment, Inc.
Email from: danr@abeletractor.com
Address: 72 Everett Road Albany NY 12205
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Abele Tractor is in support of the Barton Mines Project. As one of the oldest continuously operating mines in the United States, Barton Mines supports local residents, regional and local employment and the people and families that work for and with their company. These benefits are not only local to North Creek and Indian Lake, but other Adirondack communities and business' as well as New York State, the United States and internationally where their products are integral in many components.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Darlene Cullen
Email from: j.cullen9@icloud.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

The application by Barton Mines to expand its mountaintop mining operation should be denied. The intrusions whether visual, dust or noise will negatively affect residents and businesses.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Sallie B Kashiwa
Email from: sallie.kashiwa1901@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton! The company has been a steward of the Adirondacks for generations. The benefit Barton's presence in the community is tremendous for the people who live here and for the visitors who come to experience this beautiful land. The more people who engage with the land, the more stewards there will be in the long run. Granting Barton's permit extension is the right thing to do for The Adirondack Park, for our communities, and the wildlife of the region.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Karen Moore
Email from: moore@imai-keller.com
Address: 90 Bartlett Ave Arlington MA 02476
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Please deny permission to Barton Mines because the Adirondacks wilderness is irreplaceable.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Blake Thompson
Email from: thomp37@hotmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am writing in support of Barton Mines' mine permit modification application, which must be approved to extend the life of the company's Adirondack operations – providing critically important jobs and economic benefits for future generations.

Barton has managed its Ruby Mountain operations in a safe and responsible manner since opening in 1983, and I have confidence that Barton's plan is designed to minimize community impacts.

Barton is a major employer, providing approximately 125 good jobs. Barton is also an important taxpayer, and a customer to many other area businesses.

The Adirondack Park needs responsible natural resource managers like Barton who keep local people employed and our local community thriving. I urge you to approve the company's permit application and enable Barton to provide these types of community benefits far into the future.

Thank you,

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Audra Goodness
Email from: agoodness@barton.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I have been employed with Barton Mines for almost 9 years and fully support this project. Barton has been a part of the ADK community since 1878, and has been a good steward of the community, and environment since its inception. Barton is a huge employer in the surrounding communities of the mine, and it would be a devastating loss if it was no longer there. As an avid outdoorsman, my husband and I have spent numerous hours in the Adirondacks hiking, hunting and kayaking and the exitance of the mill has never diminished our experiences enjoying the areas surrounding the mill. I fully endorse this project and the supporting of many more years of production for Barton Mines.

Thank you

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Erick W Berry
Email from: eberry@barton.com
Address: 6 Warren Street Glens Falls New York 12866
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton has been an excellent company to work for and they go above and beyond to not upset the environment. They contribute greatly to the community by supplying jobs and financial support. I request the Mine Permit be approved and extended and support this company.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Christine Powers
Email from: christine@asaadironhack.com
Address: Bakers Mills New York
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

North Creek Business Alliance
P.O. Box 280, North Creek, BY 12853

October 10, 2024

Beth Magee
Deputy Regional Permit Administrator
NYSDEC
232 Golf Course Rd.
Warrensburg, NY 12885
Beth.magee@dec.ny.gov

David Plante
Deputy Director for Regulatory Programs
Adirondack Park Agency
PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977
rpcomments@apa.ny.gov

RE: Barton Mines APA/DEC Mine Permit Modification

Dear Ms. Magee and Mr. Plante,

As North Creek Business Alliance representatives, we are reaching out to express our strong support for

approving the requested permit modifications. Barton Mines is a pivotal family-owned business that greatly benefits our local economy and they have developed a mining plan that will enable Adirondack operations for decades to come while minimizing any impacts to the surrounding environment and community.

One of the core values of the North Creek Business Alliance is to foster the growth and prosperity of local businesses. We firmly believe that a thriving economy leads to year-round livability and enhances the overall well-being of our community. In this regard, we cannot overstate the significance of Barton Mines and its contribution to our region.

Barton Mines plays a crucial role in our community by providing approximately 100 jobs locally, benefiting not only individuals and families but also the local workforce as a whole. Notably, Barton Mines employment opportunities extend from Glens Falls to Indian Lake, covering a wide area and positively impacting numerous communities. Moreover, Barton Mines is one of the few businesses that offers year-round employment along with valuable benefits for its employees.

As an essential taxpayer and a valued customer to numerous area businesses, Barton Mines' economic health is intricately connected to the prosperity of our entire community. Their continued success is vital not only for their own business but also for our region's collective well-being and growth. We hope to see them continue to be a healthy business for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The North Creek Business Alliance Board

Molly McCarthy & Christine Powers Co-Chairs Peter Burns, Kristen Cartwright, Lily Gaechter, Robert Harte, Penny Kowalski, Justin Prybyla

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: David Mattison
Email from: david.mattison@ucfne.com
Address: 13 CONKLIN CT NY 12831
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Hi Corrie,
I have worked with the team at Barton's Ruby Mt facility for over 20 years.
They are a very safe and conscientious group of people with a special focus on their surroundings.
Thank you for your careful consideration of their expansion.
David Mattison
United Construction & Forestry
Clifton Park, NY

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: John Heath
Email from: johnheath96@gmail.com
Address: 1422 Charlie Hill RD Schroon Lake NY 12870
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Bartons has been a great company to have in the North Creek area. I believe the actions that Barton have put in place to keep the mine in a safe and environmentally friendly state are in good working order.

Barton has kept many people employed and food on their plates for many years including my own. My family has been working for Barton for a combined 60+ years.

I think Barton should be able to keep operating with the new proposal.

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Comments from: Clifford F. Summers IV
Email from: cfs4@roadrunner.com
Address: 7 Danford Court Queensbury New York 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Dear Ms. Magee,

I am writing to you today to register my support for Barton Mines Company LLC's ("Barton") application to modify its existing mining permit.

I have been a resident of the North Country for the past 48 years, and a frequent user of the Adirondack Park ("Park") for outdoor recreational activities in and around the Gore Mountain / Ruby Mountain area for most of my life. In full disclosure, I have also been a Barton employee for the past 29 years.

It has consistently been my experience that Barton operates as a highly responsible corporate citizen with the utmost integrity; one that always goes above and beyond to do the right thing for its stakeholders which include its employees, its customers, the local community, its neighbors, and its shareholders.

Throughout its history, the company has demonstrated that it is keenly aware of its unique surroundings, making decisions which respect and are in line with operating an industrial garnet mine within our beautiful Park. The company takes great pride in being an environmental steward with an unwavering focus on providing a healthy and safe workplace.

It cannot be overemphasized that Barton has been a significant economic driver of the local and regional community for the past 146 years. Today, the company provides over 120 jobs that would not exist without its presence. I remember visiting Barton's original mine on Gore Mountain as a young boy and picking up a small specimen of garnet on the tour, a rock that I kept and still have in my possession today. At the time, I had no idea how important garnet or Barton were to the local and regional community. It was decades later before I would come to fully understand and appreciate the importance.

I respectfully urge the Adirondack Park Agency to do the right thing and approve Barton's application to modify its mining permit so that the company will be able to continue to operate. Barton is a vital component of the North Country economy, a region that needs more well-paying jobs such as those provided by Barton.

Sincerely,
Clifford F. Summers IV

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Comments from: Jalane Lord
Email from: jlord@barton.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I have been an employee of Barton for over 6 years and I can honestly say that I have never seen a corporation run the way they do. They always have their employees' best interest and their community's best interest at the forefront of any decision making. It is something I have never seen before in corporate America. Please know they would never put the community or employees at risk for any cost.
Thank you for your consideration.
Jalane Lord

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Charles Edic
Email from: cedic43@gmail.com
Address: 1204 Barton Mines Road North River NY 12856
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am writing to provide my full support for the proposed expansion of Barton Mines. As a current employee of the company, having worked at Barton for over 4 years, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact our operations have had on the local community and the significant potential for that impact to continue that the modification represents.

The modification of Barton's permit will bring about numerous advantages, both for the company and the surrounding area. As an employee, I have experienced the commitment of Barton to maintaining a safe and sustainable work environment. Our company adheres to rigorous safety protocols, investing in new equipment, and providing continuous training to ensure the well-being of its workforce. The proposed modification would allow us to continue supporting the livelihoods of local residents.

Beyond the immediate benefits to our workforce, the expansion would contribute to the economic development of our region. Mining operations have historically played a pivotal role in the prosperity of our community, and the proposed modification will provide job stability, and income generation. The continued economic activity will create a positive ripple effect, benefiting local businesses, service providers, and suppliers, thereby strengthening the overall economic fabric of the area for years to come.

It is worth emphasizing that Barton has consistently demonstrated its commitment to responsible environmental practices. The company has invested in advanced technologies and processes to minimize the impact of our operations on the environment. We undertake regular environmental monitoring and engage in reclamation efforts. The proposed modification plan includes comprehensive environmental assessments and mitigation strategies, ensuring that the expansion will proceed in an environmentally responsible manner.

As a current employee, I have witnessed firsthand the positive contributions that Barton has made to our community. By granting the permit modification, we would not only secure the company's future growth but also

solidify our role as a responsible corporate citizen. The modification will allow us to continue providing stable employment, supporting local businesses, and contributing to the economic well-being of the region.

Considering the aforementioned factors, I urge you to consider the overwhelming benefits that the modification of Barton's permit would bring. I firmly believe that this expansion is vital to our continued success and that of the broader community. I respectfully request that you grant the permit modification, allowing us to embark on this important journey of growth and sustainable development.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions that I can answer, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Charles Edic

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Comments from: Linda Hunsdon Vice President Hour Electric Co., Inc.
Email from: lhunsdon_hour@verizon.net
Address: 30 East Street (P. O. Box 325) Fort Edward NY 12828-0325
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

We have been doing business with Barton Mines for 12 years We have found them to be a very reliable company. Their site is very well taken care of. We hope to be doing business with them for many years to come. We recommend that the APA approve their request.

Linda Hunsdon/ Vice President
Hour Electric Co., Inc.
10/10/2024

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 8:02 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Roadkill1950@comcast.net
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Thomas Lewis
Email from: Roadkill1950@comcast.net
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I Approve this permit

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 7:31 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: gary benton
Email from: gbenton@barton.com
Address: 12842
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

this project will be good for the area

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Bob Austin
Email from: Rka6464@yahoo.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support this amendment to Barton's mining permit and expansion plan Barton is the largest employer in this area they also pay a huge property tax bill to the town of Johnsburg and the town of Indian lake

From: Norman R. Kuchar <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2024 12:39 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Norman R. Kuchar <nkuchar@nycap.rr.com>

60 Fredericks Rd.
Glenville, NY 12302

From: Patricia Cross <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2024 11:21 AM
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Sincerely,

Patricia Cross <plcross713@gmail.com>

131 ashley ave
West Springfield, Ma 01089

From: Patricia Vineski <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2024 9:05 AM
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Sincerely,

Patricia Vineski <patriciavineski@gmail.com>

76 East Hill Rd
SOUTH COLTON, NY 13687

From: Patricia Vineski <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 4:04 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Patricia Vineski <vineskipatricia@gmail.com>

76 East Hill Road
South Colton, NY 13687

From: Patti Packer <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2024 7:18 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Patti Packer <pattiac@nycap.rr.com>

5 Jennifer Rd
Scotia, NY 12302

From: Paul Roberts <proberts911@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2024 6:33 AM
To: Magee, Corrie (APA); Magee, Beth A (DEC)
Cc: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2012-0245, Barton Mine

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Dear Ms. Corrie Magee and Ms. Beth Magee,

I own property in North River, NY. I value the “forever wild” Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area, especially Thirteenth Lake. I am concerned about the current operations at the Barton Mine on Ruby Mountain in Johnsbury, NY as well as their application for expansion submitted to the Adirondack Park Agency. My primary concern is the noise levels associated with the mining operations.

I hear the hum of the mine almost continuously, sometimes worse than others. Occasionally I hear an explosion that literally shakes my house. There is no warning such a violent shockwave is coming. Is there a way the sounds of the mine can be muffled so as not to disturb the peace and quiet of the wilderness area? Would it be possible to require the mine to insulate its mill house and/or the pumps that drive the slurry up to the top of the tailings?

While I understand that working mines do make noise, I am concerned that the noises coming from this mine are getting worse in recent years. I worry that once the permit is approved, the noises may become even more noticeable in the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area—unless significant noise-mitigating measures are taken.

Please consider my concerns. My past correspondence went unanswered.

Sincerely,
Paul Roberts
119 Harvey Rd
North River, NY

From: Paul Treistman <ptreistman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 11:23 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments; Magee, Beth A (DEC); SimpsonM@nyassembly.gov; stec@nysenate.gov
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Fwd: FW: Noise level emanating from mine on Ruby Mtn.

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To the recipients of this email that should have major concerns about the Barton Mine expansion permit:

My wife Amy and I purchased our home on Ruby Mtn View Dr., in the Garnet Hill community, in May of 2016.

At the time and for the next few years, we never heard noise emanating from the mine, never saw any significant dust, or any visual impacts that could be seen.

We spend about a third of our time here all 4 seasons, so what I'm about to describe to you is a very large sample size.

As I said, we never saw or heard any impacts of the mine the first few years until the summer of 2019. We didn't realize when we bought that we were directly opposite the mine as the crow flies, until August '19. I've attached the email correspondences that I initiated with Barton that month because out of the middle of nowhere one quiet afternoon I started hearing very loud noise on my screened porch, as if I was at a NYC construction site with sounds like loud jackhammers, trucks backing up with the obnoxious noise they make, and other obtrusive sounds.

I continued to hear it on and off and what prompted me to write to them regarding the problem is attached. As you can see from the response from VP Robert Albano that came to me very quickly, he and the company seemed genuinely concerned about my concerns and they asked for a meeting at my home with Chuck Barton of the Barton family who ran the operation at the time and Mr. Albano, which occurred on Columbus Day that fall a couple of months after I reached out.

At that meeting we came away thinking that they were transparent, genuine, caring, and expressed plans they had come up with to help mitigate the noise issues as best as they could. Of course they said nothing, and why would they, that they were putting a permit request together to significantly expand the mine for 80, yes 80 years.

During the next couple of years it did seem to quiet down and we felt they were coming through on their promises. Then EVERYTHING changed. The noise became louder, more constant, and seemingly no limits to when they operated at all possible times including nights, weekends, and holidays, severely violating the limits in the CURRENT agreement.

Noise is hardly the only issue that has changed for the severe worst. Now we were getting constant significant dust, both on our porch and in drone aerial photos our association has submitted to your organizations already, that show huge "dust clouds" coming off the pile. And speaking of the tailings pile? We and our neighbors could never see it before. Now? The pile has climbed so high it can be seen by anyone coming up to Garnet Hill as an ugly disgusting blight on the surrounding wilderness from specific points on 13th Lake Road. And the noise? Now it is significantly worse, with very loud noise from breaking the rock apart to get the garnet extracted, at any time of day, on any day, many more trucks making back up noises, and on and on and on.

So, the company went from a "caring neighbors" Barton family operation to a large corporate operation where profits reign supreme and they don't give a dam about the ramifications of the permit expansion. I mean, they don't care about mitigating the issues and severely violating the current permit we've been essentially begging them to do for years now before the new permit application was publicly announced. And the scariest part? That the evidence to date shows the expansion will be an environmental nightmare and severely make their intrusions on our quality of life much much worse. Additionally, I'm not a fisherman but we hear many reports from people who have actively fished these brooks near the mine for years and years, that they see a significant difference in the quantity and quality of fish. And we have no idea the potential impact on the other wildlife in the protected by NY law the adjoining Siamese Ponds Wilderness area.

To sum it up, the Garnet Hill Association and other local North River residents are not looking to close the mine and lose important local jobs that benefit the economy and feeds local families. What we are looking for is honest transparency and a legitimate interest from the company to mitigate the problems that are real and worrisome for us and future generations in the area. They have shown NOTHING to say that they care or will ever do something about it.

When we bought here we came for among other reasons the peace, serenity, beauty, and the untouched and unblemished protected wilderness area. Clearly to anyone who is being honest, Barton's permit expansion gravely threatens that future and they just don't really care to protect it. Our organization was so concerned about the noise specifically that we spent money out of our association reserve fund to do a sound study by an engineering firm that confirmed the problem. What did Barton do? A flawed sound study of their own which we can prove was intentionally done to make the problem seem insignificant. If I had heard the noise emanating from the mine now that I didn't hear when I first looked at our home, I absolutely would not have purchased here. I want the mine to stay in business but why should my and many other people's quality of life AND as of now potential for many other environmental threats to the air, water, and wildlife that have not been studied or evaluated at all.

At a minimum I would ask to extend the comment period which is way too short, and further study the problems I've outlined that have either been poorly evaluated or not evaluated at all. Eighty years of an expanded mine with no limitations on them and no real interest in mitigating the severe problems we already have is a huge mistake that will be paid for by many future generations.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Paul Treistman
96 Ruby Mtn Drive North River
914-456-2216

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From: **Albano, Robert** <ralbano@barton.com>
Date: Sun, Aug 18, 2019 at 3:23 PM
Subject: FW: Noise level emanating from mine on Ruby Mtn.
To: ptreistman@gmail.com <ptreistman@gmail.com>
Cc: Barton, Chuck <crbarton@barton.com>

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Treistman –

My name is Robert Albano, Vice President of Human Resources, Health, Safety and Environmental matters at Barton, and I am following up on your email dated Wednesday, August 14th regarding the noise you have been hearing from your home on Ruby Mtn. View Drive.

Given the importance of maintaining harmonious relationships with our neighbors, I would like to set up a time this week to meet with you in an effort to better understand the specific nature of your concerns.

I am in North Creek on Tuesday afternoon/early evening and I may be in North Creek on Thursday morning as well. Please let me know your availability to meet and also if it would be acceptable for me to stop by your

home to discuss in person.

I can be reached on my cell phone at 518-683-8311. In addition to my desire to meet with you, our Chief Operating Officer and Barton family member, Charles (Chuck) Barton, would also like to meet with you. He is out of the country this week traveling on business, but he will connect with you shortly after his return.

I look forward to meeting both of you soon. Please enjoy the rest of your weekend!

Sincerely,

Rob Albano

Robert Albano, SPHR, SHRM - SCP

Vice President of Human Resources

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From: Paul Treistman <ptreistman@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 2:22 PM

To: Info <Info@barton.com>

Subject: Noise level emanating from mine on Ruby Mtn.

Dear Mr. Rapple:

I am a and live towards the bottom of Ruby Mtn.View Dr. near 13th Lake Rd. in North River.

My wife and I are becoming very stressed and concerned with the increasingly unacceptable noise level we can hear in our home, particularly this summer. I grew up and still live part time in the NYC metro area and have spent much time in the city. The type of clanking/pounding noise we hear much more consistently this year and at very arbitrary times (Any day 7am-7pm) is literally as loud as if you were around the corner from a big construction site in NY. This was not my expectation when I bought a second home here in 2016 and the noise at that time was non existent comparatively speaking.

The other noises and the constant low humming white noise we always hear has been bad enough to get used to, but this summer is over the top and may not be inline with noise ordinances and other guidelines you are supposed to adhere to.

Many of our neighbors feel the same way and you can be sure some of our association's members will be looking into it with the Adirondack Park Agency and other ADK consumer supports if necessary.

We would like to give Barton the benefit of the doubt so what we'd all like to know is is this noise problem more short term temporary or long term issue?

Sincerely,

Paul and Amy Treistman

From: Peter Bauer <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 11:17 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Peter Bauer <executivedirector@protectadks.org>

PO Box 48
North Creek, NY 12853

From: Phil Vecchio <pvecchio@nycap.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 4:11 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0245: Barton Mine, LLC: Corrie Magee
Attachments: Barton Mines Letter to APA 20241004.pdf

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Dear Corrie Magee,

Please see my comments in support of the Barton Mines, LLC application to modify its mining permit attached.

I could have written much more, but I wanted to highlight the importance of fulltime employment in the Adirondacks to the first responder community.

I am also available for in person public comment.

Very truly yours,
FOR THE FIRM
Philip J. Vecchio, P.C.
Attorney At Law
24 Huntswood Lane
East Greenbush, N.Y. 12061
Telephone (518) 857 – 2897
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October 4, 2024

Via Email Address: RPCComments@apa.ny.gov

Corrie Magee

Adirondack Park Agency

P.O. Box 99

Ray Brook, New York 12977

In re: Project 2021-0245: Barton Mine, LLC: Corrie Magee

Dear Corrie Magee:

My wife and I wholeheartedly support the Barton Mines application to modify its mining permit. As I explain below, the Adirondacks, and particularly the Town of Johnsbury and Warren County, need local, fulltime and gainful employment for the foreseeable future, and Barton Mines provides that for some 100 employees.

My wife grew up in Glens Falls, New York. In 2006 we purchased a small home located at 256 River Road, Town of Johnsbury, Warren County, New York to enjoy hiking, hunting, Kayaking and skiing in the Adirondacks with our three children. While those 3 children are now young adults, we still spend many weekends in the Adirondacks.

We otherwise live and work in the Albany, New York area and are merely “*part-time*” or “*intermittent*” residents of the Adirondacks. This means that we are not part of the fabric of the local emergency response community; we do not belong to either the local volunteer fire department or the local Emergency Medical Services squad. Our intermittent schedules don’t permit us to serve the local community in that way. I suspect that many of our neighbors from downstate New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, etc. don’t volunteer for those essential services for the very same reasons.

However, the 100 fulltime employees of Barton Mines, who live and work in the community are part of the essential fabric of the community, and many of them volunteer to provide the essential services that keep our families safe in the most trying times. Local, fulltime, employees are critically important for just that reason; they can and do respond in a moment’s notice. Employees that must commute out of town for gainful employment are not available to respond to emergencies at a moment’s notice. When seconds count, emergency responders cannot be an hour or more away.

Corrie Magee,

Adirondack Park Agency

In re: Project 2021-0245: Barton Mine, LLC: Corrie Magee

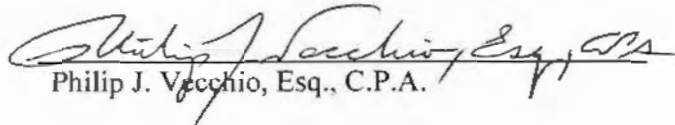
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Lest this sound theoretical, our son ruptured his spleen on Gore Mountain and nearly bled to death in 2010. I am sure that his injury is not unique; many who live and play hard in the Adirondacks have had life threatening injuries.

I ask the Adirondack Park Agency who will be there to respond to those emergency calls without these fulltime local employees of Barton Mines?

Very truly yours,
FOR THE FIRM


Philip J. Vecchio, Esq., C.P.A.

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Subject: Adk Council Comments on Barton Mine

Hi Corrie & David,

Attached are the Adirondack Council's comments on the Barton Mine action. Thank you both for talking the project through with Council staff yesterday.

Have a good holiday weekend,

Jackie

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Re: Request for Extension of Public Comment Period for Barton Mines, LLC APA Project #2021-0245

Dear Environmental Program Specialist Corrie Magee,

The Adirondack Council would like to provide comments on the Adirondack Park Agency's (APA) process and environmental and visual impacts for the Barton Mines, LLC project #2021-0245 permit amendment.

Procedural Concerns

1. *Public Comment Period:* A 15-day comment period covering only 10 business days is not sufficient for the scope of the amendment for a 75-year life of mine (LOM) that has activities extending nearly into the next century. The potential impacts to natural resources and scenic qualities of the Adirondack Park, level of public interest, and the sheer volume of materials submitted (2,400 pages for the application alone) are befitting of an extension to this particular permit amendment.

Without dates in some cases, lack of chronological order of the documents, nor clarity on which materials are from the original permit and which primarily pertain to the proposed amendment's impacts, it is difficult to assess the potential changes to the environmental impacts of the mine. It is certainly impracticable to do so within 10 business days.

The APA remains within its timeclock restrictions with the extension to a 45-day comment period though given the public interest in this permit, it would behoove the Agency and the applicant to extend to a 60-day comment period and request the applicant complete a clock extension agreement. Based on the updated public comments uploaded on October 9th, there are numerous calls for extending the public comment period to 60 days from residents as well as environmental groups.

2. *Adjudicatory Hearing:* Given the complexity, scale, and public interest in this permit amendment, the Council requests an adjudicatory hearing be



considered. The Agency is bound to assess whether activities exceed the scope of the project and to investigate noncompliance with the existing permit. Complaints of noise before the permitted working hours and Thirteenth Brook discharges in July and August of 2024 were investigated through email exchanges with the applicant. These concerns merit a deeper look at the operation with careful consideration of studies conducted by field experts to assure permit compliance before approving a permit amendment.

3. *Accountability with Climate Law*: The Council continues to raise concerns with the APA's lack of implementation of Section 7(2) the Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act, which mandates that:

"In considering and issuing permits, licenses, and other administrative approvals and decisions, including but not limited to the execution of grants, loans, and contracts, all state agencies, offices, authorities, and divisions shall consider whether such decisions are inconsistent with or will interfere with the attainment of the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits established in article 75 of the environmental conservation law. Where such decisions are deemed to be inconsistent with or will interfere with the attainment of the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits, each agency, office, authority, or division shall provide a detailed statement of justification as to why such limits/criteria may not be met, and identify alternatives or greenhouse gas mitigation measures to be required where such project is located."

Therefore, we call upon the APA Board to work with staff to identify strategic policy pathways for how the Agency will meet this legal requirement, which should have direct bearings on projects such as this.

Environmental & Visual Impacts

1. Residual Mineral Pile
 - a. *Palliative Dust*: The use of more natural forms of palliative dust treatments of MinCryl and DUST/BLOKR (sugar, starches and minerals) are positive, and yet concerning given that DEC was not aware of the product. Monitoring will be necessary to assess efficacy against rain and wind events to minimize dust migration impacts to the environment and human communities.
 - b. *Structural Integrity*: The Council seeks confirmation of whether the new piezometers have been integrated into the monitoring network. The 4th NIPA noted that Barton would have this completed by mid-September 2024 to track the stability of the Residual Mineral (RM) facility.
 - c. *Visual Impacts*: The photographic simulations of the RM Facility are skewed because the phases of the RM Facility expansion (laterally and vertically) are shown as having vegetation growth which makes it appear as though it will seamlessly blend into the landscape. But the materials in the application do not indicate – and cannot guarantee – that vegetative growth, including trees, on the RM Facility. (p.2325-2329)

2. Residual Mineral Pile – Climate Impacts

- a. It is good to see in the 4th NIPA that Barton will provide to APA and DEC “annual reporting will include orthophotos, piezometric data, cross-sectional geometric analysis, rates of deposition, observations, and data interpretation under the supervision of a licensed New York State professional engineer.” As the only mountain top removal mining operation in the Park, the Commissioners should request that an update on the mine’s monitoring efforts be presented to the Board annually, particularly with increasingly unpredictable and severe climate conditions.

Thank you for reviewing and responding to our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jackie Bowen', with a stylized, cursive script.

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Re: Friends of the Siamese Ponds Comments on Barton Mines, LLC Application for Expansion, APA ID 2021-2045

Dear Ms. Magee:

Please accept this letter on behalf of our client, Friends of the Siamese Ponds, regarding the pending application for expansion. This letter emphasizes the importance of the detailed comment letter provided by the Friends of the Siamese Ponds, which was filed this morning. A copy is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Barton's application to expand remains incomplete. There is no ecological impact analysis of the proposed expansion and no documentation that the expansion will not have an undue adverse impact upon the natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological, wildlife, recreational and open space resources of the Adirondack Park, as required by the Adirondack Park Act.

We ask that you compile a complete record of the current and future impacts of the mine and its proposed expansion. This more complete record, which will necessarily include a new and valid noise study, must evaluate all reasonable alternatives to the environmental impacts before the mine is expanded for decades, as proposed. The current record before the Agency lacks complete information, to which the Commissioners and the public are entitled. It is time to pause, require more information and consider the impacts of the decision upon the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area and its adjacent recreational and open space community.

Fundamentally, the Applicant proposes to cover an additional fifteen (15) acres of

Resource Management Lands with a permanent waste pile. Much of this acreage is in a Critical Environmental Area directly adjacent to Wilderness. As the law provides, the “need to protect” these lands is of “paramount importance because of overriding natural resource and public considerations” Exec Law Section 805 (g). A more complete record and greater scrutiny are required here. See generally, Executive Law Section 810 (e) (describing protected Critical Environmental Areas in Resource Management Lands to include all areas within 1/8 of a mile of the Wilderness, as here.)

This project, if it were outside of the Adirondack Park, would be a Type I action under SEQRA that would necessarily include a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and at least three (3) public meetings to scope the project, air the draft EIS and lay out the final EIS. The format would require analysis of full impacts and all reasonably available control technologies, including noise mitigation and dust mitigation measures.

The courts anticipate that the Agency will conduct an even more thorough review than is required by SEQRA in the interest of protecting the Park’s public benefits and resources. Here, when a Type I action is on the table, the Agency has an obligation to go above and beyond SEQRA both substantively and procedurally, which includes not only substantive analysis of environmental impacts and mitigation measures on the record, but full engagement with the public in meetings prior to finalizing any decision.

The record now before the Agency is not even remotely equivalent to the analysis, process or public involvement of an EIS. Here, a full record must be completed and at least the public hearing procedures of Executive Law Section 813 should be employed so that the public has an opportunity to see the complete record and openly comment upon it.

The Agency has resource to the adjudicatory hearing process to develop the record more fully on external impacts of the mine and its proposed expansion including those related to ecological impacts, visual impacts, pile stability, noise and dust. These resources should be employed.

Review of this application must be based upon factual and expert analysis of documented impacts and mitigation alternatives. The process of decision making must have nothing to do with general form letters of support for the Applicant from members of the public that were triggered by a mass communications plan implemented by a professional public relations firm, which have accumulated in the record. Yes, the mine and its jobs should continue, within reasonable land use limits, but there must be a full record in support of any expansion including s record of all reasonably available measures to control sound, dust and other impacts.

For all these reasons, the Friends of the Siamese Ponds ask that you compile a more complete record of environmental impacts upon the Park’s resources, and mitigation alternatives, including those associated with adjacent Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area and the neighboring recreational and open space community, prior to taking final action on the application.

Corrie Magee
October 10, 2024
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Respectfully yours,

/s/ *John J. Privitera*

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EXHIBIT A



Friends of Siamese Ponds
North River, NY

October, 10, 2024

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Friends of Siamese Ponds Comments on Barton Mines, LLC Application for Expansion, ID 2021-2045

Dear Ms. Magee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments during the formal public comment period for the Barton Mines permit application. Friends of Siamese Ponds represents citizens concerned with current and future impacts from the Barton Mines North River operation. Over the past three years we have provided extensive comments into the administrative record on the three versions of the Barton application. While some of our environmental concerns have been addressed by the applicant, serious issues remain. The length of APA's public comment period is quite short, only 15 days for an administrative record with over 5000-pages of documents. APA denied a request for extension of the public comment period. Consequently, the following comments will elaborate on only a few of the issues raised previously, all of which we reiterate and incorporate by reference in response to the proposed permit.

The issuance of the initial APA permit for Barton's Ruby Mountain operation was controversial, requiring lengthy administrative hearings in front of APA commissioners. The proposed project was a big test for the Agency in its early years -- a large mountain-top mine directly adjacent to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness, the upper Hudson River and its tributaries, and a long-time community of North River residents. At the time of the application, homes in the community dated back over one hundred years and existing hospitality businesses, such as the Garnet Hill Lodge, had been attracting visitors to the area since 1936.

In 1979 APA issued Barton permit P79-358. The permit required minimization of visual impacts via ongoing revegetation of the expanding tailings pile, maintaining water quality to protect brook trout population in Brown Pond Brook and Thirteenth Brook, unobtrusive noise levels in the wilderness and community, and promised reclamation of mining

impacts at the previous Gore Mountain mine site. In the end, none of this occurred. Now Barton has presented a proposal for a large 70-year expansion.

No Analyses of Alternatives.

Barton has essentially presented its application as an ultimatum---if its application is not approved, it claims without evidentiary basis that it will have to shut down within five years. Even if this claim is true, it's not relevant to its responsibility to evaluate and mitigate current and proposed future environmental impacts. A full evaluation requires analyses of alternatives that would mitigate current and potential impacts, including visual, noise, water quality, dust, and tailings pile stability. But the APA and DEC (hereafter Agencies") have not requested that alternatives analysis and Barton has not provided one.

As an example, for the tailings pile, what alternatives exist for a smaller yet still economically viable project, one that may increase pile height by 20 or 40 feet, rather than 100 feet, possibly increasing stability and reducing visual impacts? What alternatives are available to prevent the pile from expanding laterally into the Critical Environmental Area adjacent to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area? What are the alternatives to a pile underdrain system that must function in perpetuity to ensure stability?

Likewise, regarding noise impacts, what alternatives are feasible to mitigate the noise during active mining options that is plaguing nearby homeowners and is expected to worsen in the future? What are the options for reducing 24/7 noise from the mill building and tailings pile operations, such as insulating the walls, retrofitting pumps, installing noise berms, replacing old equipment, moving operation to a new building or subsurface. APA should require an analysis by one of the many engineering firms specializing in noise mitigation.

Minimizing Possibility for Catastrophic Collapse of the Tailings Pile

Barton's geotechnical expert Knight-Piesold concludes installation of underdrains beneath the waste pile is critical to reduce porewater pressure, necessary to maintain pile stability. Although these underdrains will need to operate forever to reduce the risk of potentially catastrophic collapse of the pile in the future, there is no discussion of the consequences of failure of underdrains to operate properly, now or in the future. Failure could result from extreme precipitation events, pile shifting or settling, earthquakes, or other unforeseen circumstances. The Barton mine is located near the highest seismic hazard region in New York State as indicated on the USGS seismic hazard map. There is no evaluation of whether inspecting and repairing the drains is possible, as they will eventually be buried under more than 15 million cubic yards of tailings.

During the past two summers in neighboring Vermont, and just a few weeks ago in western North Carolina, flooding resulting from extreme rainfall decimated communities. In North River, local residents have recently reported to the Agencies turbid discharges from Barton operations. Brown Pond Brook, a former brook trout stream and receiving waterbody for Barton site stormwater, has run brown and turbid after heavy precipitation events. It is only because of resident's complaints that DEC and APA are aware of these water quality

violations. Barton has no instrumentation to record turbid discharges, and does not report turbid discharges to DEC and APA, and neither DEC nor APA inspect the facility during or after heavy rainfall events. The impact of extreme rainfall on tailings pile stability, and overall site stormwater discharge must be evaluated.

Post Closure Plan

Barton proposes few details on what the multi-year reclamation process will look like at the end of mine operations. For example, buildings will need to be removed, settling ponds filled in, drainage systems rerouted, wetlands restored, and roads removed and revegetated. The top 20-feet of the massive tailings pile will be removed and placed on top of the quarry, the pile supposedly graded, revegetated with topsoil, compost and fertilizer. Long-term monitoring will be required for the entire site, including measurement of the porewater pressures at the bottom of the tailings pile. Barton, however, has not presented a post-closure plan. Additionally, it has provided no estimate of closure and post-closure costs. The Agencies have no information to determine the amount of financial assurance required of the company to ensure reclamation and post-monitoring and possible remediation occurs. Lack of financial wherewithal at the end of life for a mine is not uncommon in the mining industry. Concern regarding end-of-life reclamation at the Barton North River site is especially justified given the company's failure to perform reclamation at the Barton Gore Mountain mine site.

Failure to Address Current and Possible Future Nuisance Noise

Beginning when the mine commenced operation in 1983, and for approximately 35 years afterwards, noise from active quarry mining, and mill and tailings pile operations, was largely inaudible. Many North River residents did not even realize that some mine operations occurred 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

But more recently, noise during active daytime mining and the 24/7 mill and tailing pile operations has increased significantly. Residents often experience constant noise, night and day, on weekends and holidays. Barton mine noise is audible along all of Thirteenth Lake, a lake DEC designated in 2011 to be motorboat-free to protect its wilderness character, including its soundscape. Barton noise can also be heard deep into the Siamese Ponds Wilderness and at various locations throughout North River. North River residents have documented this pervasive and offensive noise in the record. The noise intensity can vary hourly, daily, and seasonally, seemingly dependent on the presence of interceding landforms that can block sound waves, air temperature and humidity, and amount and seasonality of vegetation. Other variables, for which Barton has provided no information, such as ongoing changes in mine operations (e.g. changes in equipment, processes or throughput (loading)) may have also contributed to increasing noise impacts.

Community residents began to raise noise issues with Barton beginning in 2019. At a second meeting, Barton representatives stated that a noise expert hired by the company suggested that changes to the landforms associated with the mine had created an "amphitheater effect," resulting in increased projection of sound into the North River valley.

Pursuant to its 2021 mine expansion application, Barton did not mention the amphitheater effect nor offer any reasons why the noise levels increased. The Agencies have not requested Barton to analyze the increased noise and how to mitigate it. The Agencies have not even agreed to meet with residents on this issue or visit residents' homes in order for agency staff to hear the nuisance noise themselves. Barton's explanation to the Agencies that "nothing has changed, only the neighbors have" belies logic. Many neighbors observing increased noise have been North River residents for decades. They support the mine and the jobs and tax base it provides. Operating the mine in an environmentally safe manner should create more jobs, not less. Concerned residents are reasonable people with better things to do than make up complaints about noise.

Barton's position now that nothing at the mine has changed recently on their end that would increase noise levels is contrary to its prior recognition of the "amphitheater effect" and needs investigation, which the Agencies have not requested. Has new equipment been installed since 1983? If so, is it larger, more powerful and louder? If not, has the old equipment degraded, possibly resulting in increased noise? Has the number or size of the huge pumps used to move the waste slurry to the top of the tailings pile increased? Has the recent change to crush rock to produce a smaller grain size product changed equipment or process? Has the operation of the ball mills or rock crusher changed? How has the increased size of the tailings pile or the increased surface area of quarry walls increased sound propagation from the site? What is the expected life of the mill building, a 43-year-old metal structure three stories high and an acre in area? Has the integrity of the mill building degraded? There are many more questions that need to be evaluated, questions only Barton can answer. There must be scientific explanations for the recent increase in sound intensity.

Board-certified noise experts from Resource Systems Group (RSG) recently evaluated noise data presented in the Barton permit application. RSG concluded that the increase in projected future noise levels violates the NYSDEC noise policy, Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts. Given this finding, and without understanding why mine noise has recently increased and what can be done to mitigate it, the Agencies cannot reasonably grant the company a permit to expand operations and operate until close to the end of the century.

Effective mitigation of noise from industrial operations is a common occurrence. The Agencies should require Barton to retain an engineering firm specializing in noise mitigation to prepare a report for public review and comment. The burden should not be on the residents impacted by the noise, who have limited knowledge of the specific sources of Barton noise, to identify solutions.

Dust Mitigation Plan

In its most recent application, we are pleased to see Barton propose use of dust suppressants to reduce particulate plumes into the community and surrounding wilderness. We are relying upon the Agencies to ensure the proposed suppressants are safe for use in the environment. However, Barton does not present a plan for monitoring the efficacy of the application of dust suppressants, and implementation of other control

measures if necessary. As detailed in our previous comments, and as is commonly required at similar facilities with dust problems, APA and DEC should require Barton to submit and implement a Dust Suppression Plan, complete with defined numerical limits for air quality at the site fence line.

The Agencies became aware of the Barton dust plumes due to reports from concerned citizens. These offsite plumes violate Barton's NYSDEC Mine Land Reclamation Permit. The Agencies should require the company, not citizens, to monitor and report these violations.

Inconsistency With Wilderness Character

Barton is operating on one of the few locations in the Adirondack Park designated for industrial use. Given the unusual nature of its operations in an area surrounded by wilderness, the agency must ensure that the mine's operation does not impair the natural and wilderness experience on the surrounding lands. Photographs provided by the public to the agency document that the enormous tailings pile is currently an eyesore visible from various vantage points including Moxham Mountain and viewpoints within the Siamese Ponds Wilderness. The proposed permit would allow Barton to increase the height of the pile by the equivalent of a ten-story building, further impairing the public's enjoyment of the Adirondack Park and potentially making the pile visible from additional wilderness viewpoints. As the beneficiary of an unusual industrial use classification, Barton has an obligation to minimize its intrusion into the surrounding wilderness, which it has failed to do.

Sincerely,

Alan Belenz

On Behalf of Friends of Siamese Ponds

Cc:

Beth Magee

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From: [Paul Roberts](#)
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Dear Ms. Corrie Magee and Ms. Beth Magee,

I own property in North River, NY. I value the “forever wild” Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area, especially Thirteenth Lake. I am concerned about the current operations at the Barton Mine on Ruby Mountain in Johnsbury, NY as well as their application for expansion submitted to the Adirondack Park Agency. My primary concern is the noise levels associated with the mining operations.

I hear the hum of the mine almost continuously, sometimes worse than others. Occasionally I hear an explosion that literally shakes my house. There is no warning such a violent shockwave is coming. Is there a way the sounds of the mine can be muffled so as not to disturb the peace and quiet of the wilderness area? Would it be possible to require the mine to insulate its mill house and/or the pumps that drive the slurry up to the top of the tailings?

While I understand that working mines do make noise, I am concerned that the noises coming from this mine are getting worse in recent years. I worry that once the permit is approved, the noises may become even more noticeable in the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area—unless significant noise-mitigating measures are taken.

Please consider my concerns. My past correspondence went unanswered.

Sincerely,
Paul Roberts
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North River, NY

From: [Patrick Kellogg](#)
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Please allow Barton Mines to continue its operations in the Adirondack mountains. They have been operating since 1878 and then moved over to Ruby mountain in 1983 continue their operations. If you don't permit the transition, you will put close to 100 people out of a job. I'm sure you don't want to do that. I've lived full and part time on Barton Mine Rd and Hayes Rd and never had any problems. Please allow Barton Mines to continue on with its plans.

Patrick M. Kellogg

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To whom it may concern,
I would like to lend my support to maintain Barton Mines' operation on Ruby Mountain.
Not only are the mines vital for local employment; but the product obtained from the mines are a necessary industrial component.
Sincerely, Marie Leila Lewis
Indian Lake, New York

From: [Tim Talmage](#)
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I am writing to support the Barton Mines application to modify their mining permit that is before the APA.

As a homeowner in the area and an outdoor enthusiast and conservationist, I would like to support the businesses that employ residents ADK Park.

It appears Barton has made good faith efforts to do their work in a responsible fashion.

Sincerely,

Timothy Talmage
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Dear Corrie and all recipients of this email,

Our family supports Barton Mines! We urge you to approve the requested permit modifications, which appear to be well thought out and reasonable. I grew up in this area, and Barton has always been here, and has shown itself to be a positive local business that employs many people that I know, including my husband. It's important to have local, family-owned businesses, and Barton is one of the best. The company has been responsible and thoughtful about its practices, and has never been the cause of anything negative in our community. They work hard and they don't create unnecessary noise, drama, or BS, nor do they try to insinuate themselves in people's lives. Frankly, you barely know they are there; however we do know that they provide essential products to the world and jobs to our community. Please allow them to stay in operation for another 60 years.

Thank you,
Nellie R. Halloran

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Dear Corrie Magee,

I am writing in regards to Bartons' mine project 2021-0245. I have been a seasonal resident of Indian lake for close to 40 years and have always held Barton Mines in high regard. Barton Mines holds a high asset to the area in regards to employment and good stewardship of the land. I think it is a good idea to keep an employer like Barton Mines in the area for as long as possible.

Sincerely

Richard Matthies

5592 Route 30

Indian Lake NY 12842

From: [Rick Allen](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Barton Mines. Barton Mines has been a great employer of local residents in that area. My Father in-law worked there along with many others from the Indian Lake, NY area. I sincerely hope that the permit process moves forward, and Barton Mines can continue to operate and employ for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Rick Allen

518/470-3292

From: [Steve McLaughlin](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
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Hello ,

I am writing to comment on the Barton Mines permit. While I do not mind them using their land for a profit I do not think we should triple the truck traffic on 13th lake road. That will have severe impacts on the road maintenance and surrounding neighbors. Please consider denying that part of the permit.

Thank you
Steve McLaughlin
North River Ny
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Gwen Calkins](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#); [Magee, Beth A \(DEC\)](#)
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
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We are residents of Indian Lake and are in full support of approval needed from DEC and APA in order for the mine to continue operations. We feel they are committed to respecting the environment and are vital to employment for our neighbors.

With so few businesses here in the Adirondacks we feel strongly that everything should be done to keep a well run, family business in operation for years to come.

Gwen and Les Calkins
PO Box 776
Indian Lake, NY 12842

From: [RICHARD HEZEL](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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In this comment I am representing myself and my wife, Janice O. Hezel. We strongly object to the extension of the mine permit.

Further, we urge that APA extend the public comment window to 60 days on this important matter.

We live, part-time, in a residence that is among the most proximate to the Barton Ruby Mountain mine, our home lying 1.06 km ESE of the peak of the mine's tailings berm. The mine is about at 300 degrees from our home, exactly the direction of prevailing winds. Those winds carry more particulate matter now than we have observed in our 17 years in residence.

When the windspeed is low, the noise of the mine is constant from very early morning until late into the night. The Thirteenth Lake Book valley is a megaphone from the mine to our home and others nearby.

We cannot see the mine from our home, but in our hikes on state forest land nearby (Hooper mine, Balm of Gilead) we see the expanding scar Barton mine has opened on the landscape.

In preparation for this permitting process, I (Richard) joined a Zoom meeting on May 18, 2021, with Garnet Hill residents Tom and Bonnie Ludlow and Barton Mine company then-owner Chuck Barton and his employees Rob Albano and Mario Cangemi. Mr. Barton promised at that meeting to address my three specific requests: reduce noise, reduce light pollution, reduce dust. Three years later the Barton mine has reduced the grinding, grating noise but not the constant drone of the conveyor. Now we are cleaning up more tailings dust than ever before--and more regularly. The bright light of the mine still shines down Thirteenth Lake Road.

We recognize that Chuck Barton no longer holds a controlling interest, or any interest, in Barton Mines. His promises of 2021 were not executed. Now we are concerned that operations/spending control decisions, made from afar, with a long-term permit, will ignore promises made. That would be deleterious to our beloved home, affecting our family for years to come.

We urge APA to deny the long-term permit.

Richard and Janice Hezel

106 Ruby Mountain View Dr

PO Box 156

North River, NY 12856

From: [Sherry Williams](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
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October 3, 2024

Corrie Magee

Adirondack Park Agency

PO Box 99

Ray Brook, NY 12977

Re: Project 2021-0245 Barton Mines, LLC

Dear Ms. Magee:

Barton Mines has been a friend of the hamlet of North River and the towns of Indian Lake and Johnsburg for many years. It has in the past, and remains today, a large employer for the area that, in addition to the employment, puts many thousands of dollars into the economies of the towns, both in taxes and directly to local businesses.

Barton's provides some very unique products to the world. Its abrasives are currently being used to refurbish ships for the United States Navy. Their garnet was also used as an abrasive in cutting and shaping the sleds for the 2022 Olympic Gold winning US Luge team. We need to be proud of this local resource.

They have worked diligently to develop a long-term plan for extending the life of their operations, continuing to offer employment in our area where employment opportunities are very limited, and continuing their ability to supply this valuable product to the world.

Their request for enlargement of the areas used for their storage operations does not constitute additional lands, only an expansion of the usage of their existing property. Our local economy needs Barton Mines. The Adirondack Park needs more responsible employers of their magnitude to support our local economies.

I urge the Adirondack Park Agency and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to approve the permit application for Barton Mines, enabling them to continue to be a responsible and very needed part of our communities.

Thank You.

Sherry Williams

502 Big Brook Rd

Indian Lake, NY 12842

From: sgaechter@gaechterlaw.com
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#); bethmagee@dec.ny.gov
Cc: JACOBGAECHTER@GMAIL.COM; [TANYA M GAECHTER](#); [Lily Gaechter](#)
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We are writing to express our strong and unwavering support for Barton Mines' application pending before the Agency and DEC to modify and extend their mining permit for their operations in Johnsbury.

Our family purchased our home in Johnsbury in 1999, and we also own and operate a business on Main Street in North Creek known as Izzy's Market and Deli. Our daughter, son with their spouses and our grandchildren all reside in Johnsbury as well.

Barton as a family-owned business has been operating the mine since 1878, and they provide many secure and well-paying jobs for residents of our town and region. If their permit is denied it would result in dire and devastating economic consequences for our community. Needless to say, our community and schools need to keep our residents from leaving-- which is occurring throughout the Adirondacks, given the lack of good jobs and economic opportunities.

Lastly, we believe that Barton has been a conscientious neighbor, and have always operated their business in a most environmentally responsible manner. We often hike and swim at 13th Lake--very close to their mine-- and are amazed at how pristine the area remains, and how their operations do not interfere with our enjoyment of the beautiful and unique place we have made our home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steven and Tanya Gaechter
449 Oven Mountain Road
North Creek, NY 12853

From: zahfam@frontiernet.net
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
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I fully support the Barton Mines' application to modify their mining permit. Should any questions arise about my staunch support for this project please contact me at the following email address: zahfam@frontiernet.net

Sincerely,
John Zahray
Big Brook Road
Indian Lake, NY

From: [Katherine Halloran](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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I fully support the Barton Mines request for permit modifications. Bartons contributes to the local economy and community. They provide many needed jobs and generously support area organizations. They work to keep their operation as clean and unobtrusive as possible.

Kathy Halloran

From: [Kim LaScala](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#); [Magee, Beth A \(DEC\)](#)
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Attached, please find Letter of Support for Barton Mines application permit.

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Kim LaScala

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RE: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

I am writing in support of Barton Mines' mine permit modification application, which must be approved to extend the life of the company's Adirondack operations – providing critically important jobs and economic benefits for future generations.

Barton has managed its Ruby Mountain operations in a safe and responsible manner since opening in 1983, and I have confidence that Barton's plan is designed to minimize community Impacts.

Barton is a major employer, providing approximately 125 good jobs. Barton is also an important taxpayer, and a customer to many other area businesses.

The Adirondack Park needs responsible natural resource managers like Barton who keep local people employed and our local community thriving. I urge you to approve the company's permit application and enable Barton to provide these types of community benefits far into the future.

Respectfully,

Robert Harte
President and CEO

From: [Ralph Low](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#); [Magee, Beth A \(DEC\)](#)
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Hello, I am writing to support Barton Mines in their application to modify their mining permit. They are a responsible employer of many local ADK jobs, as well as a steward of the environment here in the Adirondacks. As a full time resident of Indian Lake for 15 years , you don't even notice their operation, and it is self contained on their property. I whole heartedly support their operation for years to come. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.
Ralph Low.

From: [Charles Jones](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Project 2021-0245;Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
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To Whom It May Concern, I approve of the Barton Mines application to modify their mining permit and I support their decision. Yours truly, Dr Charles E Jones , 3216 Broad Street , Port Henry, NY 12974.

From: [Paul Renaud](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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To APA officials,

As a longtime resident of the Park I continue to support the balance between the area's natural beauty, resources and responsible economic activity that supports the local communities.

I fully support the Barton Mines application. They have proved to be both a responsible corporation and strongly supportive of the local communities in the Park. Given this the continuation of their operations, in a responsible way, is a benefit to the overall region.

Regards,

Paul Renaud

Austin Pond Road

North Creek, NY

From: [gene mulligan](#)
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This is in support of the efforts for Barton Mines modification of their permit to keep the company operating for the next several years. This will supply a lot of jobs for our area and a product that is used all over the world - especially our military branches.

Sincerely

Eugene Mulligan

From: [claudio Cappabianca](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Project 2021-2045; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
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I strongly support this project as it's fundamentally necessary to protect first and foremost the local jobs for our community. We need a vibrant economy, family cannot survive in this weak economy, our schools are struggling with decreasing enrollment and skyrocketing costs, look at what is going on with the Johnsbury and the Minerva School District.

Please to the just thing and approve this project.

Respectfully,

Claudio Cappabianca

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North Creek, NY 12853
518-251-3805

Sent from my iPad

From: [William Bannan](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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My name is William Bannan and I have owned home on Harvey Road since 2001. I would like you to know that I fully support the Barton Mine project. I have excellent hearing and the noise from the mine is occasional and generally insignificant. Upper Harvey Road is a dirt road as are many others near Thirteen Lake. All the dust around my home comes from traffic on Harvey Road.

Barton Mine is a good neighbor and does a great deal for our community.

William Bannan

Sent from my iPad



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Ray Brook, NY 12977

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P. O. Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

**RE: Request for Extension of Public Comment Period:
Barton Mines, LLC Application
APA Project No. 2021-0245**

Dear Chairman Ernst and Executive Director Rice:

As you know, the Adirondack Park Agency ("APA") is in the process of reviewing an application by Barton Mines, LLC for expansion of its Ruby Mountain Mine located in the Town of Johnsburg, Warren County (the "Barton Project"). On September 16, 2024, APA issued a notice of complete application for the Barton Project and announced that a public comment period on the application will run from September 25 to October 10, 2024.

We are writing to request that APA extend the public comment period for this massive, complex, and controversial project beyond the paltry 15 days that APA staff is currently proposing. We also write to protest what appears to be APA staff's rush to judgment on whether substantive and significant issues will be raised during the public comment period requiring an adjudicatory hearing on the Barton Project application.

The Public Comment Period Should be at Least 60 Days

As proposed, the Barton Project would expand the footprint of the mine by more than one-third, from 195 acres to 267 acres; increase the on-site waste disposal pile by 15 acres and raise the elevation of the waste pile by more than 100 feet which, at its current elevation of more than 2,200 feet above sea level, is already

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higher than many Adirondack peaks; continue to operate industrial equipment at the site 24 hours a day, seven days a week, perpetuating unacceptable noise levels; increase the hours of operation of on-site trucking and mining vehicle operation and increase the frequency of blasting, adding to noise impacts to nearby residents and recreational users; and triple the heavy duty truck trips entering and leaving the mine site. The site of the Barton Project directly abuts the Siamese Pond Wilderness Area portion of the Forest Preserve, and is or will be visible from several other important recreational resources in the Forest Preserve including, among others, Thirteenth Lake, Moxham Mountain, and Gore Mountain.

Protect the Adirondacks, the Garnet Hill Homeowners' Association, and Friends of the Siamese Lakes Wilderness have been actively involved in the application process and have submitted detailed comment letters concerning the Barton Project's significant noise, visual, air and water quality impacts, together with expert reports on noise and visual impacts and on the many geotechnical and engineering issues posed by the immense on-site waste pile that Barton proposes to expand. The massive scope and complexity of this project is reflected in the fact that the application and supporting documents and reports number thousands of pages. In addition, in the nearly three years that the Barton Project has been under review by APA, the project has received a Notice of Incomplete Application ("NIPA") on four separate occasions, including the most recent NIPA issued on July 16, 2024.

Given the scope and complexity of the Barton Project, as well as the significant degree of public interest and opposition, APA staff's proposal that the public be afforded only 15 days in which to provide comments is woefully inadequate. Apart from the large size of the application and its complexity, Barton has apparently submitted additional voluminous materials in response to APA's July 16, 2024 NIPA, copies of which we received only yesterday. It is unrealistic to expect interested parties to thoroughly review these most recent submissions and formulate comments on this technically complex project in such a short time. In our view, the minimum public comment period on a project of this magnitude, which has such an array of significant environmental impacts, is 60 days, and we therefore urge APA to extend the deadline for public comment to November 25, 2024.

APA's Rush to Judgment on an Adjudicatory Hearing

PROTECT and others have submitted expert reports identifying substantive and significant omissions and flaws in the application for the Barton Project. Nevertheless, an email from APA staff to Barton's representatives obtained by PROTECT pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law, states that "We plan to present this project to the Agency Board at their November meeting, which is scheduled for November 14, 2024." Apart from severely truncating the opportunity for public review and comment, this needlessly hasty schedule assumes that an adjudicatory hearing will not be held on this major project application, despite the array of expert reports submitted by PROTECT and others taking issue with Barton's assumptions and projections and identifying significant flaws and omissions in the application. We object to this apparent prejudgment by APA staff that no substantive and significant issues have been raised or will be raised during the public comment period requiring an adjudicatory hearing on the Barton Project application. Moreover, the decision on whether to hold an adjudicatory hearing is the sole province of the APA Board and should be made only after the Board engages in a thorough and balanced evaluation of

the issues raised during the public comment period and review of the regulatory criteria for holding an adjudicatory hearing.

Conclusion

After a nearly three-year application process, it appears that APA is now rushing to approve the Barton Project without an adequate opportunity for public review and comment. In addition, the APA staff's email appears to indicate that this large and complex project with numerous environmental impacts will be considered by the APA Board without an adjudicatory hearing, thereby depriving the Board of a full and complete examination of the many significant issues raised by the application. We object to such a pre-ordained outcome and urge APA to extend the public comment period to 60 days and to make clear that it will be the Board, not APA staff, that will determine whether an adjudicatory hearing is required for the Barton Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Amato", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher Amato
Conservation Director and Counsel



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Via Email

October 10, 2024

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**RE: Comments on Application by Barton Mines, LLC
APA Project No. 2021-0245
Ruby Mountain Mine Expansion
Town of Johnsburg, Warren County**

Dear Ms. Magee:

Protect the Adirondacks! ("PROTECT") submits these comments to the Adirondack Park Agency ("APA") on the application by Barton Mines, LLC ("Barton") for expansion of its mountaintop Ruby Mountain Mine in the Town of Johnsburg, Warren County ("the Project").

Summary of Comments

As discussed in detail below, Barton's application and the expert reports submitted by PROTECT and others previously and during this public comment period demonstrate that the Project will have undue adverse impacts on the natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological or open space resources of the Adirondack Park. Among other things, the Project will:

(i) significantly alter and degrade the Critical Environmental Area ("CEA") adjoining the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area by extending Barton's open pit mining operations and mine tailings waste pile onto more than 26 acres of the CEA, necessitating the removal of over 16,000 trees. In addition, Barton's current encroachment into approximately 3.5 acres of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness CEA is not authorized by Barton's current APA permits;

(ii) have an undue adverse impact on Adirondack Park resources because Barton has not demonstrated that the tailings waste pile, which has not been engineered, is currently stable and that the proposed lateral expansion of the

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waste pile by 40 acres and vertical expansion of the pile by 100 feet in height will not result in catastrophic failure of the pile;

- (iii) have undue adverse visual and aesthetic impacts because of the massive scale and height of the mine tailings waste pile, which will be visible from multiple public viewpoints in the Forest Preserve and from sensitive receptors on private land such as Garnet Hill Lodge. Barton's claim that visual impacts will be mitigated by revegetating the waste pile is unsupported because Barton's pilot revegetation efforts have been unsuccessful;
- (iv) have undue air quality, scenic and aesthetic impacts because Barton's dust suppression efforts have been unsuccessful and the company is proposing no new dust mitigation measures as part of its application; and
- (v) have an undue adverse impact on Park resources because Barton is proposing no mitigation whatsoever for noise impacts, despite numerous complaints from neighboring homeowners about current noise levels and an expert noise consultant has concluded that the increase in projected future noise levels violates the DEC noise policy.

In addition, Barton's application and APA's review suffer from the same fatal legal deficiency because Barton has failed to provide, and APA has failed to require, an analysis of the Project's greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions as required by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. Moreover, Barton has failed to provide an analysis of the climate change impacts of the Project's proposed clearcutting of approximately 36 acres of forest—an analysis specifically requested by APA staff—and Barton's brief and conclusory statements about the project's climate change impacts are woefully insufficient for a project of this magnitude.

It bears emphasis that Barton's application is singularly lacking in discussion of alternatives to the magnitude, scope, and operations of the Project as originally proposed. The application makes clear that Barton has not seriously considered, much less proposed or evaluated, a less intrusive, massive and environmentally disruptive expansion of its mine. As acknowledged by Barton, the mine can continue to operate as currently permitted for another eight years. Although Barton has claimed in its public relations materials that the massive mountaintop mine expansion is necessary for the continuation of its business, to our knowledge the company has failed to provide any financial or mineral resources projections or data to APA to support this claim. Thus, there is no basis for APA to assume that a more modest expansion of the mine would not be financially viable.

For all of these reasons, PROTECT urges APA to deny Barton's permit application because the APA Board cannot, based on the current administrative record, make the requisite statutory finding that the Project will "not have an undue adverse impact upon the natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological, wildlife, historic, recreational or open space resources of the park or upon the ability of the public to provide supporting facilities and services made necessary by the project, taking into account the commercial, industrial, residential, recreational or other benefits that might be derived from the project." Executive Law § 809(10)(e). At the very least, APA must hold an adjudicatory hearing due to the numerous substantive and significant issues raised concerning

Barton's application and the high degree of public interest in the proposed mine expansion. *See* 9 NYCRR § 580.2.

Background

Environmental Setting of the Project

The Project is located in the Adirondack Park and borders Forest Preserve lands that are part of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. As recognized by the New York Court of Appeals, “[t]he Forest Preserve is a public owned wilderness of incomparable beauty.” *Protect the Adirondacks v. New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation*, 37 NY3d 73, 79 (2021); *see also Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve v. New York State Adirondack Park Agency*, 34 NY3d 184, 187 (2019) (“The Adirondack Park is a world-renowned treasure in our own backyard . . . [I]ncorporating more territory than Yosemite, Yellowstone, Glacier, Grand Canyon, and Great Smoky Mountain National Parks *combined*, there are 3,000 lakes and ponds and 30,000 miles of rivers and streams in the Adirondack Park.”) (emphasis in original). As recognized in the Adirondack Park Agency Act (“APA Act”), “[t]he Adirondack park is abundant in natural resources and open space unique to New York and the eastern United States. The wild forest, water, wildlife and aesthetic resources of the park, and its open space character, provide an outdoor recreational experience of national and international significance.” Executive Law § 801.

The Project site consists of approximately 580 acres located on the slopes of Ruby Mountain and Big Thirteenth Lake Mountain. The Project site is roughly bisected by Brown Pond Brook, which flows in a southerly direction. Lands east of Brown Pond Brook, which contain the active mine face, are classified Industrial Use by the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan. Lands west of the brook, which include the mine tailings waste pile, are classified Resource Management. A small portion of the site, located southeast of Thirteenth Lake Road, is classified Rural Use. *See* Figure 1.

The Project site adjoins State-owned Forest Preserve lands on the east, west and north sides that are part of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. Those portions of the Project site located within one-eighth mile of the Wilderness boundary are designated as a CEA pursuant to statute. Executive Law § 810(e)(1)(d).

Scores of residences are located in close proximity to the Project site. Garnet Hill Lodge, a tourist accommodation facility, is located on Thirteenth Lake Road.

Thirteenth Lake is a popular recreational resource located approximately one mile from the Project site. The lake is bordered almost entirely by Forest Preserve lands that are part of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area, and has a public boat launch that is accessible from Thirteenth Lake Road.

The Project site is located approximately 0.5 miles northeast of Thirteenth Lake and 0.2 miles east of Thirteenth Brook. Drainage features and stormwater from the Project site discharge into Thirteenth Brook. Thirteenth Brook enters into the Hudson River approximately four miles to the east of the Project site.



Figure 1. Photograph showing the mine tailings pile in the foreground, Thirteenth Lake in the middle, and the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area in the background.

Current Mining Operations

Barton is the only mountaintop open pit mining operation in the Adirondack Park. The currently permitted Life of Mine area is 194.5 acres. Barton mines garnet-bearing rock by drilling and blasting, with a current lateral excavation limit of 28.8 acres and an excavation depth limit of 1,880 feet. Material is loaded from the active mine face by front-end loader and/or excavator into an off-highway haul truck and transported to an on-site crusher. Crushed material is conveyed to an on-site mill for further processing.

Waste tailings from the mill are disposed of in a massive on-site waste disposal site, euphemistically referred by Barton as the “residual materials facility.” The tailings waste is

separated by a cyclone system into fine-grained and coarse-grained waste. The fine-grained waste leaves the cyclone system in the form of a slurry that is disposed of in two ponds, and the coarse-grained waste is disposed of on the waste pile. The tailings waste disposal site occupies approximately 73 acres and is 2,275 feet above mean sea level (“amsl”) in height.

Barton is currently permitted to operate its milling operations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Barton’s on-site mining vehicles can operate between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Barton operates its crusher Monday through Saturday; an excavator and truck are used to feed the crusher on Saturday. Garnet produced at the Mill is permitted to be hauled to Barton’s Hudson River Plant by a single on-road haul truck for five trips per day. No truck traffic is permitted on Thirteenth Lake Road on any day between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. Contractor truck traffic associated with the mining operation is restricted to 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Barton claims that it is currently permitted to conduct mining operations, including mining, extracting ore, conducting “support operations,” stockpiling material and constructing roads, in approximately 3.5 acres of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area CEA. Barton Applic. at 4. However, neither the conceptual approval for the Barton Mine (APA Order 78-401) nor its current permits (APA Permit 79-358 and Permit 87-39B) authorize Barton to conduct any mining operations within the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area CEA.

Proposed Expansion of Mining Operations

Barton has applied to APA and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) for amendments to its current permits to allow the following expansion and increase in mining operations:

- Expansion into, and destruction of, an additional 26.1 acres of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area CEA;
- Expansion of the Life of Mine area from 194.5 acres to 267 acres, a net increase of 72.5 acres;
- Expansion of the lateral excavation limit of the mine from 28.8 acres to 69 acres;
- Expansion of the excavation depth of the mine from 1,880 amsl to 1,720 amsl;
- Expansion of the lateral extent of the tailings waste disposal site from 73 acres to 113 acres, an increase of 40 acres;
- Increasing the height of the tailings waste disposal pile from 2,275 feet amsl to 2,375 feet amsl;
- Modification of the reclamation within the quarry to allow placement of fine-grained tailings waste in containment cells to be created in the formerly mined out area; and

Increasing off-site truck trips from 5 to 16 trips per day.

Comments

I. The Proposed Mine Expansion Will Have Undue Adverse Impacts on Adirondack Park Resources and the Permit Application Must Therefore be Denied

A. Barton's Existing Expansion of its Mining Operations into the CEA Violates its APA Permit and its Proposed Significant Further Expansion of the Waste Pile and the Open Pit Mine into the CEA Will Have an Undue Adverse Impact

1. The CEA Provides a Critical Buffer Between the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area and Barton's Industrial Mining Operations

The Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area consists of approximately 113,000 acres and is one of the largest Wilderness areas in the Adirondack Park, extending about 23 miles from north to south and about 17 miles from east to west at its widest part. Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (Aug. 2019) ("Master Plan") at 78. The Siamese Ponds Wilderness includes 99 water bodies and 61 miles of trails. *Id.* at 79. The Master Plan notes that the Siamese Ponds Wilderness "is known for its lovely natural features . . . [including] Thirteenth Lake, Chimney Mountain, Puffer Pond, Siamese Ponds, Auger Falls on the West Branch of the Sacandaga River, the East Branch of the Sacandaga River, and John Pond." *Id.* at 78.

As stated in the Master Plan, "[a] wilderness area, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man--where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. A wilderness area is further defined to mean an area of state land or water having a primeval character, without significant improvement or permanent human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve, enhance and restore, where necessary, its natural conditions . . ." *Id.* at 22.

The APA Act reinforces the Master Plan's definition of Wilderness by classifying those portions of private lands located in Resource Management that are within one-eighth mile of a Wilderness area as a CEA. Executive Law § 810(e)(1)(d). *See also* 6 NYCRR § 617.2(i) (defining a CEA as "a specific geographic area having exceptional or unique environmental characteristics").

The statutory designation of lands within one-eighth mile of a Wilderness boundary as a CEA underscores the State's recognition of the sensitivity of Wilderness areas to private land development on adjacent lands that could jeopardize, interfere with or degrade the attributes that caused the area to be classified Wilderness. The statutory CEA thus provides a critical buffer between a Wilderness area and development activities on private lands. It is self-evident that industrial mining operations are wholly inconsistent with the Master Plan's definition of a Wilderness area and, indeed, as discussed below, APA has previously recognized the critical role of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness CEA in providing a buffer from Barton's mining activities. *See* Figure 2.



Figure 2. Photograph showing the mine (quarry at the bottom and tailings pile at the top) and the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area in the background. Barton seeks to encroach upon 26 acres of the CEA in the forested area to the right of both parts of the mine.

2. Barton's Expansion of Mining Operations Violates its APA Permits

The APA Order providing conceptual approval for the commencement of mining operations at the Barton site specified that “[n]o development will occur in the Resource Management portion of the site within one-eighth mile of State forest preserve classified wilderness.” APA Order 78-401 at 5 (emphasis added). Several years later, Barton applied for and APA approved an amendment to the permit allowing expansion of the tailing waste disposal into two areas: the Tailings Valley site and the Finger Valley site. The amended permit specifically noted that a portion of the planned Finger Valley disposal site would extend into the CEA, but APA expressly reserved the right to

prohibit use of the Finger Valley site for disposal if additional disposal areas became available later. *See* APA Permit 87-39.

However, when it became clear that use of the Finger Valley site for waste disposal would not be feasible, Barton applied for and APA approved another permit amendment that eliminated the Finger Valley disposal site and provided that all tailings waste disposal would occur at the Tailings Valley site. *See* APA Permit 87-39B. As noted in the amended permit, which remains in effect, elimination of the Finger Valley disposal site, before any disturbance occurred, kept the Finger Valley site in its natural condition and “*significantly increases the undisturbed buffer to the adjoining State Wilderness area.*” *Id.* at 6 (emphasis added).

Barton claims that is currently permitted to conduct mining operations, including mining, extracting ore, conducting “support operations,” stockpiling material and constructing roads, in approximately 3.5 acres of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area CEA. Barton Applic. at 4. However, Barton fails to cite to any Findings of Fact or Conditions in the currently applicable permits allowing such mining operation to occur within the CEA. To the contrary, neither the conceptual approval for the Barton Mine (APA Order 78-401) nor either of the currently effective permits (APA Permits 79-358 and 87-39B) include any provisions authorizing Barton to conduct mining operations within the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area CEA. Consequently, Barton’s expansion of mining operations into the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area CEA violates its APA permits.

3. Barton’s Proposed Expansion Will Destroy a Significant Portion of the CEA

Barton acknowledges that “[t]he proposed expansion will increase permitted activities within the CEA to 29.6 acres, a net increase of 26.1 acres.” Barton Applic. at 44. This proposed expansion of Barton’s industrial activities into the CEA will, by Barton’s own admission, require the destruction of approximately 16,678 trees. *Id.* at 45. Barton proposes to extend both the mining excavation area and the tailings waste pile into the CEA, coming within 225 feet of the boundary line with the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. *Id.* (See Figure 3).

As previously acknowledged by APA, the CEA provides a critical buffer between Barton’s industrial mining operations and the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. The intrusion of a massive tailings waste pile and open pit mining into the CEA would obliterate a large portion, approximately 36%, of the CEA on that side of the mine and severely limit its effectiveness as a buffer. This is fundamentally at odds with the purpose of its statutory designation as a CEA and will therefore have an undue adverse impact on Adirondack Park resources. APA should not permit any further expansion of the mine into the Siamese Ponds Wilderness CEA.

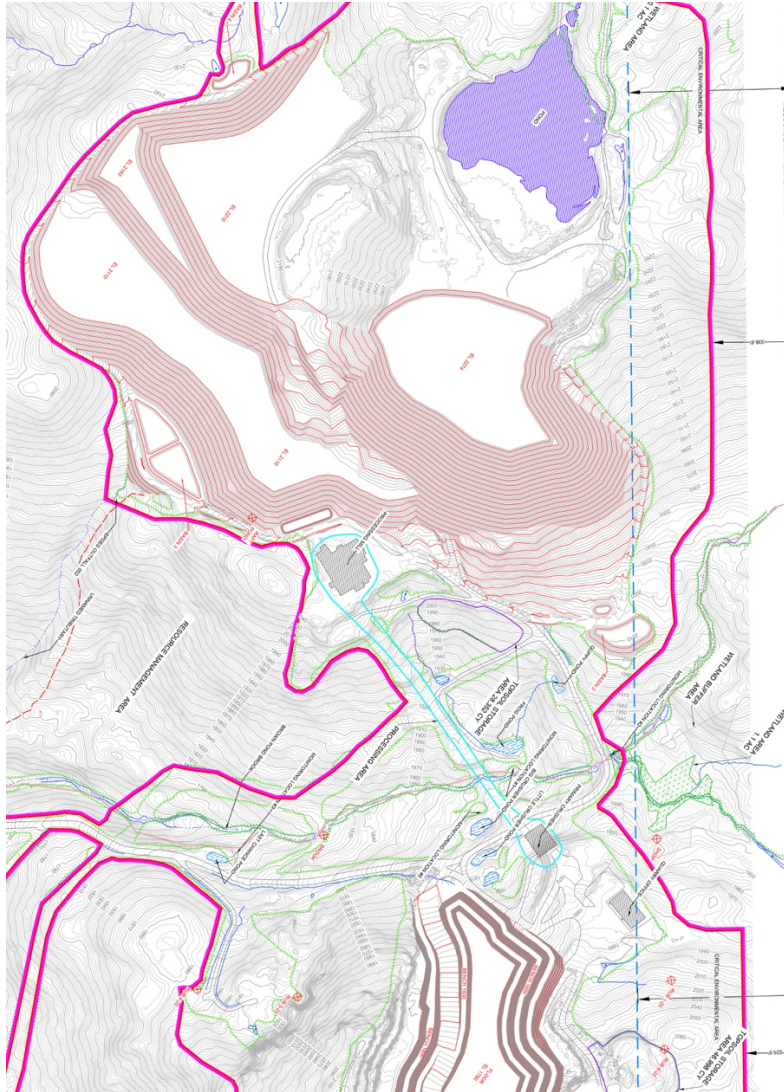


Figure 3. Map showing the boundary line between Barton's property and the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area. Barton proposes to expand the quarry to within 225.5' of the Wilderness and the tailings pile to within 336.6' of the Wilderness. The property boundary is the green line, CEA boundary is the blue dotted line, and the boundary of the mine is the purple line.

B. Expansion of the Tailings Waste Pile Will Have an Undue Adverse Impact on Park Resources Because Barton has Failed to Show That the Waste Pile Will Remain Stable and Will Not Fail

Barton's engineering consultant has acknowledged that the tailings waste pile is characterized by "the general lack of engineered fill placement." Ltr. From Knight Piesold Consulting to Jacob Barnhart, Barton (Oct. 30, 2023) at 1. As a result, Barton's consultant states that "an observational approach has been and will continue to be taken with regards to the geotechnical design and associated construction" of the waste pile. *Id.*

As set forth in the enclosed expert report from PROTECT's engineering consultant, Sterling Environmental, Barton's conclusion that the tailings pile will remain stable during the proposed massive expansion of this un-engineered waste dump is unsupported:

It is STERLING's professional engineering opinion that the application contains insufficient information to support a determination that the Residual Minerals Storage Facility (hereinafter referred to as the "RM Facility") will remain stable and will not fail over the life of the proposed mine expansion. Specifically, the August 2024 Geotechnical Report lacks the data necessary to support a conclusion that the RM Facility will be stable over the life of the expansion, and the report fails to adequately analyze and discuss the consequences and potential impacts of a slope failure.

Sterling Environmental Report (Oct. 9, 2024) enclosed herein as Exhibit A, at 1.

In addition, Sterling points out that the "observational approach" proposed by Barton to increasing the size of the waste pile is deeply flawed:

There are two problems with this approach for the mine expansion. First, an observational approach is not appropriate for the long-term construction of the RM Facility where one of the observations could be a large slope failure. Second, while many construction projects operate under a "design-build" approach, such an approach includes specific performance requirements and the roles and responsibilities of involved personnel are clearly defined. In contrast, the observational approach described in the October 2023 report and carried forward in the proposed monitoring plan in the August 2024 report is ambiguous, lacks specific performance requirements, fails to describe the roles and responsibilities of involved personnel, *and is therefore insufficient to ensure that long-term stability of the expanded RM Facility will be achieved.*

Id. (emphasis added).

Sterling also points out that Barton's slope stability analysis is unreliable and does not support its conclusion that the waste pile will remain stable, including because it fails to consider that the waste pile is located in a seismically active area:

The Geotechnical Report includes large deep seated failure scenarios that barely achieve the minimum FOS of 1.3. The failure surfaces cross through several material layers that are assigned specific material properties that are based on a limited field investigation and testing program. Good engineering practice is to perform a sensitivity analysis on the model input parameters, such as material properties or groundwater elevation, to assess the impact of a change in those parameters on the FOS. This is particularly important given the size of the failure surfaces at the RM Facility and the closeness of the scenarios to the minimum FOS.

For all practical purposes, the RM Facility is a landfill. In New York, the NYSDEC has specific stability analysis requirements for landfills, including a requirement to perform a seismic stability analysis for any facility located in a seismic impact zone. The RM Facility is located in a seismic impact zone as indicated on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Seismic Hazard Map of New York (2014). A seismic analysis is critical to the assessment of potential adverse impacts based on the size and complexity of the RM Facility and the consequences of a failure.

Id. at 2.

The Sterling report makes clear that Barton's conclusion that the tailings waste pile is stable and will not fail during the proposed expansion is unsupported by reliable data and is at odds with good engineering practice. Given the uncertainty regarding the current stability of the waste pile, the proposal to significantly expand it laterally and vertically risks catastrophic failure and will therefore have an undue adverse impact on the natural resources of the Adirondack Park and poses a risk to the safety of the public. (*See* Figure 4).



Figure 4. Aerial view showing the mine in proximity to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area and Thirteenth Lake. Base map from APA website.

C. The Proposed Expansion of the Waste Pile Will Have Undue Adverse Visual and Aesthetic Impacts

PROTECT has previously submitted three expert reports from Dr. Richard Smardon under cover of letters dated November 22, 2022, May 31, 2023, and January 9, 2024. Dr. Smardon is a Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York, where he has taught for over 36 years. He is a certified environmental professional with over 40 years of experience in visual impact assessments, and has written three professional reference books on the subject.

Dr. Smardon's submissions demonstrate that the proposed expansion of the tailings waste pile will have undue adverse visual and aesthetic impacts. Specifically, the proposed expansion will result in the waste pile becoming visible or becoming increasingly visible from several sensitive publicly accessible receptors, including from Thirteenth Lake, the Hooper Mine trail and the Balm of Gilead Mountain trail in the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area; the Moxham Mountain trail in the Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest; and Gore Mountain (a popular public ski resort owned and operated by the State). The waste pile will also become increasingly visible from Thirteenth Lake Road and from Garnet Hill Lodge. Blowing dust from the waste pile and mining equipment and vehicles on the waste pile increase the adverse visual impacts of the waste pile. (See Figure 5). In addition, Barton has failed to evaluate the visual impacts of the planned removal of approximately 43,000 trees from a 67-acre portion of the mine property.



Figure 5. View of waste pile and mining equipment.

As discussed in Dr. Smardon's reports, Barton's claims that the visual impacts of the waste pile will be partially mitigated by vegetation planted on the Project site is unsupported by any detailed simulations of vegetative cover that will exist over time. Moreover, as pointed out by Dr. Smardon, Barton's conclusory claims that the RM pile and quarry face will be totally or nearly totally screened by vegetation from these important viewpoints are not supported by Barton's monitoring report on its revegetation testing program, submitted as Exhibit N to the application. In fact, the report documents poor success rates for revegetation, undermining the assumption that the visual impacts of the expanded mining operation will be mitigated by vegetative screening. Furthermore, as demonstrated by the current visibility of the tailings pile from multiple publicly accessible viewpoints, the revegetation that APA previously required, which was to commence nearly 30

years ago (in 1996), has not been successfully accomplished. Thus, there is no rational basis for assuming that vegetation will be able to grow on the tailings pile in a way that will mitigate its adverse visual impacts.

Barton also claims that visual impacts from windblown fugitive dust from the waste pile will be mitigated by annual placement of a biodegradable treatment. However, as pointed out by Dr. Smardon, the application includes no specific reference to the proven effectiveness of such a measure. In any event, this mitigation measure fails to address the windblown material coming off the conveyer belt and other machinery during windy conditions at the top working area of the waste pile.

D. Fugitive Dust From the Proposed Expansion Will Have Undue Adverse Impacts on Air Quality and on Scenic and Aesthetic Resources

As noted in Dr. Smardon's reports and documented by photographs included as exhibits to his reports, fugitive dust blowing off the waste pile and associated components such as the conveyor belt are a continuing problem during windy conditions. Barton claims that "[t]he application of DUST/BLOKR and Mincryl X50 on the residual minerals facility has shown excellent performance." Ltr. From Bowman Consulting Group Ltd. to Beth A. Magee, DEC, and Corrie Magee, APA (Aug. 30, 2024) at 3. However, the photographic evidence included in the Smardon reports proves otherwise. (See Figure 6). In addition to the adverse visual and aesthetic impacts from the fugitive dust, it has an adverse air quality impact both on-site and off-site, as depicted by the photographs showing dust from the waste pile being blown off-site. Residents near the mine have reported that they have to clean up large amounts of the dust from the mine that has accumulated on their properties.



Figure 6. Windblown dust from the waste pile.

E. The Proposed Expansion Will Have an Undue Adverse Impact on Park Resources Because Barton is Proposing No Noise Mitigation Measures

Despite the fact that numerous residents of the community adjacent to Barton’s property have complained about increased noise from mining operations, the company is proposing no additional measures to mitigate noise. Nor is Barton proposing to reduce its 24/7 milling operation to reduce noise impacts from its nighttime and weekend operations. Board-certified noise experts from Resource Systems Group (RSG) recently evaluated noise data presented in the Barton permit application. RSG concluded that the increase in projected future noise levels from the mine violates the DEC noise policy. Given this finding, and Barton’s refusal to propose any additional noise mitigation measures, the noise from the proposed expansion will have an undue adverse impact on Adirondack Park resources.

II. APA and Barton Have Failed to Comply With the Climate Act

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, Ch. 106, Laws of 2019 “CLCPA” or “Climate Act”) establishes economy-wide requirements to reduce Statewide greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions. Article 75 of the ECL (enacted as part of the CLCPA) requires the Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) to promulgate regulations ensuring that Statewide GHG emissions be reduced to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030, and 85% below 1990 levels by 2050.

ECL § 75-0107(1). As required by the CLCPA, DEC promulgated regulations translating the statutorily required statewide GHG emission percentage reduction limits into specific limits based on estimated 1990 GHG emission levels. *See* 6 NYCRR Part 496. The regulations establish Statewide GHG emissions limits for 2030 and 2050, respectively, of 245.87 and 61.47 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents (measured on a 20- year Global Warming Potential basis). *Id.*

Section 7(2) of the CLCPA imposes a mandatory duty on all State agencies to consider the GHG emissions associated with the issuance of a permit or approval:

In considering and issuing permits, licenses, and other administrative approvals and decisions . . . all state agencies, offices, authorities and divisions shall consider whether such decisions are inconsistent with or will interfere with the attainment of the statewide [GHG] emissions limits established in [ECL Article 75]. Where such decisions are deemed to be inconsistent with or will interfere with the attainment of the statewide [GHG] emissions limits, each agency, office, authority or division shall provide a detailed statement of justification as to why such limits/criteria may not be met, and identify alternatives or [GHG] mitigation measures to be required where such project is located.

Ch. 106, Laws of 2019, § 7(2).

The CLCPA’s mandatory GHG provisions apply to APA’s consideration of the permit application for Barton’s proposed expansion. There is no dispute that Barton’s proposed expansion will result in increased GHG emissions from on-site machinery and industrial equipment and from additional truck traffic. In addition, Barton’s proposal to clearcut 36 acres of forest has a negative effect on forest carbon storage and sequestration potential. To date, Barton has failed to submit an analysis of the Project’s direct and upstream GHG emissions and, to our knowledge, neither APA nor DEC have taken any steps to evaluate the Project’s potential GHG emissions.

APA’s third Notice of Incomplete Application (“NIPA”) stated:

The proposal appears to result in the conversion of approximately 36 acres of forest to a non-forested coertype during Phase I, and associated loss of forest carbon storage and forest carbon sequestration potential. Section 9.0 on page 56 of the narrative response document titled “Climate Change,” should be revised to account for this loss.

APA Third NIPA (Jan. 12, 2024) at 5.

Barton’s response to this comment is that “[t]he narrative has been updated to address Climate Change.” Letter from Bowman Consulting Ltd. to DEC and APA (July 15, 2024) at 19. But the Climate Change narrative in Section 9 on page 67 of the July 2024 application document does not address the loss of carbon storage and forest carbon sequestration potential associated with the clearcutting of 36 acres of forest during Phase I of the Project, as requested by APA.

Moreover, the Climate Change narrative is woefully inadequate, consisting entirely of vague conclusory, self-serving statements that are unsupported by any data or analysis. For example, Barton states that “[t]he Barton project as proposed will have a negligible impact on and will not impede New York State goals on . . . GHG emissions” but fails to provide any data concerning Barton’s current GHG emissions or how those emissions are projected to change as a result of the mine expansion. Barton Mine Permit Amendment and Modification (July 2024) at 67. Barton likewise fails to provide any data to support its claim that “[t]otal emissions from all sources for the life of the proposed project will remain essentially unchanged.” And Barton peppers its discussion with vague and qualified assertions such as that GHG emissions will be “essentially” unchanged, that the number, type and use of mobile equipment at the mine “should” remain the same, and that future (unspecified) technological advances “may” lead to a decrease in GHG emissions from mine operations. *Id.* Barton’s brief and conclusory statements about the Project’s climate change impacts are woefully insufficient for a project of this magnitude. APA cannot satisfy its CLCPA duty to consider GHG emissions by relying on the narrative in Barton’s application.

III. An Adjudicatory Hearing Must be Held on Barton’s Application

As discussed above, APA cannot, based on the current record, make the statutory findings that are a prerequisite to approval of the Barton application. APA must therefore hold an adjudicatory hearing on the application as required by the APA Act. Executive Law § 809(3)(d).

In any event, public comments submitted to APA, particularly regarding the instability of the waste pile, the visual and noise impacts of the project, the encroachment into the CEA, and the GHG emissions, “raise substantive and significant issues relating to any findings or determinations the agency is required to make . . . including the reasonable likelihood that the project will be disapproved or can be approved only with major modifications because the project as proposed may not meet statutory or regulatory criteria or standards.” *Id.* Furthermore, “the general level of public interest” in the Project, as demonstrated by the hundreds of public comments submitted to APA, warrants an adjudicatory hearing on the application. *Id.*

In addition to meeting the statutory criteria in the APA Act for an adjudicatory hearing, the facts concerning the Barton application plainly satisfy the criteria for an adjudicatory hearing set forth in APA’s regulations. The proposed mine expansion is a major permit application that is large and complex; there is a high degree of public interest in the proposed project; expert reports have been submitted disputing the analyses and conclusions in Barton’s application concerning the stability of the tailings waste pile, the visual and aesthetic impacts of the proposed expansion, and the noise and dust impacts from mining operations, thus raising significant issues relating to the criteria for approval and the possibility that the project can be approved only with major modifications or significant conditions; and the testimony of these experts at a hearing would be of assistance to APA in its review. *See* 9 NYCRR § 580.2(a). An adjudicatory hearing is also necessary given the extremely truncated public comment period (15 days) provided by APA for a project of this magnitude, scope and complexity, which has severely limited public involvement. *See id.* § 580.2(a)(6) (requiring consideration of the extent of public involvement by other means).

Conclusion

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Protect the Adirondacks, please let me express our gratitude for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Sincerely,

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Christopher Amato
Conservation Director and Counsel

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EXHIBIT A



October 9, 2024

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Subject: Barton Mines, LLC
Ruby Mountain Garnet Mine
Major Permit Modification
NYSDEC Mine Permit #5-5230-00002/00002
APA Permit #P79-140, P79-356, P87-39, P87-39A, P87-39B, P88-393, P88-393A
STERLING File #2024-01

Dear Ms. Magee:

Sterling Environmental Engineering, P.C. (STERLING) has been retained by Protect the Adirondacks to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with the major permit application by Barton Mines, LLC ("Barton") to expand its Ruby Mountain Garnet Mine located in the Town of Johnsbury, Warren County (the "mine"). The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) issued a Notice of Complete Application on September 18, 2024.

As described below, it is STERLING's professional engineering opinion that the application contains insufficient information to support a determination that the Residual Minerals Storage Facility (hereinafter referred to as the "RM Facility") will remain stable and will not fail over the life of the proposed mine expansion. Specifically, the August 2024 Geotechnical Report lacks the data necessary to support a conclusion that the RM Facility will be stable over the life of the expansion, and the report fails to adequately analyze and discuss the consequences and potential impacts of a slope failure.

The Geotechnical Report concludes that the slope stability analysis meets industry standard Factors of Safety (FOS). However, the following critical data gaps demonstrate that the report's slope stability analysis is incomplete and that its conclusion that it meets the industry FOS lacks sound engineering support:

1. The Geotechnical Report relies heavily on the October 30, 2023 report included in Appendix A prepared by Knight Piesold Consulting. The October 2023 report is a feasibility assessment that describes an "observational approach" for future construction that requires the continuous involvement by a qualified geotechnical engineer to confirm assumptions, provide guidance on construction methods and investigation programs, and to initiate re-designs if warranted based on observations. There are two problems with this approach for the mine expansion. First, an observational approach is not appropriate for the long-term construction of the RM Facility where one of the observations could be a large slope failure. Second, while many construction projects operate under a "design-build" approach, such an approach includes specific performance requirements and the roles and responsibilities of involved personnel are clearly defined. In contrast, the observational approach described in the October 2023 report and carried forward in the proposed monitoring plan in the August 2024 report is ambiguous, lacks specific performance requirements, fails to describe the roles and responsibilities of involved personnel, and is therefore insufficient to ensure that long-term stability of the expanded RM Facility will be achieved.

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It is standard engineering practice when adopting a design-build approach to include long-term design and construction details in a comprehensive document, such as a Basis of Design Report, Operations and Maintenance Manual, or a Construction Quality Assurance Plan. No such report is included in the application. This omission leaves unanswered the important questions regarding how the ongoing engineering and construction oversight necessary for a project of this magnitude will be implemented. Although the October 2023 report identifies “geotechnical risks” and recommends construction practices to improve geotechnical performance of the expansion, these technical elements are not fully assessed and the procedures to execute and monitor the construction recommendations are not identified.

2. The October 2023 report describes specific stability scenarios that were not assessed, such as earthquake loading and rapidly rising groundwater conditions. These scenarios must be evaluated to fully understand the long-term stability of the RM Facility. However, the 2024 Geotechnical Report makes no mention of these previously identified risk scenarios and does not state whether they were evaluated or if they will be assessed at any time during the future observational approach. A comprehensive design-build document would normally describe when specific scenarios will be assessed and describe all required field observations, sampling programs, data collection, action levels, and notifications.
3. The Geotechnical Report concludes that the RM Facility is expected to be stable over the life of the expansion because the assessed FOS meets or exceeds the industry standard FOS of 1.5 for drained conditions and 1.3 for undrained conditions. However, this statement lacks context because it does not include an assessment of the variability of design factors or an analysis of the consequence of a slope failure. The Geotechnical Report includes large deep seated failure scenarios that barely achieve the minimum FOS of 1.3. The failure surfaces cross through several material layers that are assigned specific material properties that are based on a limited field investigation and testing program. Good engineering practice is to perform a sensitivity analysis on the model input parameters, such as material properties or groundwater elevation, to assess the impact of a change in those parameters on the FOS. This is particularly important given the size of the failure surfaces at the RM Facility and the closeness of the scenarios to the minimum FOS. Slope stability cross sections C and F have failure surfaces spanning approximately 800 to 1,000 feet and crossing through the lower process water ponds at SPDES Outfall 002. If a failure of this magnitude occurred, mine tailing and process water would be released into the unnamed tributary that flows into Thirteenth Brook.
4. For all practical purposes, the RM Facility is a landfill. In New York, the NYSDEC has specific stability analysis requirements for landfills, including a requirement to perform a seismic stability analysis for any facility located in a seismic impact zone. The RM Facility is located in a seismic impact zone as indicated on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Seismic Hazard Map of New York (2014). A seismic analysis is critical to the assessment of potential adverse impacts based on the size and complexity of the RM Facility and the consequences of a failure.

As noted above, the application documents lack necessary information to support a conclusion that the RM Facility will be stable over the life of the proposed expansion.

We appreciate your consideration of these comments.

Very truly yours,
STERLING ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, P.C.

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Dear Corrie Magee:

Please accept these public comments on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC, application:

1. The noise and visual impacts from the expanded mine on the community and on the Siamese Ponds Wilderness and other areas of the Forest Preserve are unacceptable.
2. This visual, noise impacts, and fugitive dust impacts have not been fully investigated by the Barton Mines and the APA.
3. Round the clock 24-hour-a-day mining and processing operations should not be allowed.
4. The expansion of the mine tailings waste pile height by 100 feet will make the pile larger than some peaks in the Adirondacks and Barton has no viable way to revegetate this massive pile. As a result, it will leave a permanent scar on the Adirondack Park.
5. There are problems with the management of stormwater and industrial process wastewater, dust control, the so-called residual materials waste dump, and environmental monitoring at the Barton site.
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I currently live in the mountains of northeast Georgia. My family spent summers at my grandparent's home in Upper Lake, and the Adirondacks are near and dear to my heart. Please take steps to protect this land.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Barbara Luhn <baluhn@windstream.net>
684 Wildwood Circle
Clarkesville, GA 30523

From: [Sandra Litchfield](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
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PO Box 99
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Sincerely,

Sandra Litchfield <sandylitch@gmail.com>
247a Maple Lodge Road
Blue Mt Lake, NY 12812

From: [Gerry Harris](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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Thank you very much.0

Sincerely,

Gerry Harris <gerry00harris@gmail.com>
7 Straight Brook Lane
North Creek, NY 12853

From: [Christine Harris](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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Sincerely,

Christine Harris <christinewharris60@gmail.com>
7 Straight Brook Lane
North Creek, NY 12853

From: [Carolyn and Walter Bishop](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Carolyn and Walter Bishop <cbishopma@icloud.com>
175 Scott Road. and. 7 Orchard Street
Caroga Lake. and. Belmont, NY and MA 12032. & 02478

From: [Dean Bianco](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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Sincerely,

Dean Bianco <deanadk@hotmail.com>
43 Broadway, Apt 2-13
Saranac Lake, NY 12983

From: [Ewa Hammer](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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Sincerely,

Ewa Hammer <ewahammer@mac.com>
3240 Lake Pointe Blvd. Apt 335
Sarasota, FL 34231

From: [Barry Oreck](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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Sincerely,

Barry Oreck <barryoreck@gmail.com>
291 Prospect Place
Brooklyn, NY 11238

From: [Claudia Braymer](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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Sincerely,

Claudia Braymer <deputydirector@protectadks.org>
PO Box 2369
Glens Falls, NY 12801

From: [Leanna DeNeale](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
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Sincerely,

Leanna DeNeale <willsbororx@gmail.com>
3221 Essex Road
Willsboro, New York 12996

From: [Thomas Weickert](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
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I have property in the Adirondack Park (near Brantingham, NY) and I live there part time during the year. I am concerned about the conduct of the mining operations in this region.

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Sincerely,

Thomas Weickert <t.weickert@neura.edu.au>
8496 Melo Circle
Clay, New York 13041

From: [John Fenaroli](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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John Fenaroli <johnfenaroli@gmail.com>
13 Lakeview Drive
Adirondack, NY 12808

From: [Carolyn A Cyr](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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Carolyn A Cyr <cpw3cyr@gmail.com>
165 Combs Rd
Warrensburg, NY 12885-5824

From: [Robert Fuss](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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Sincerely,

Robert Fuss <robertlfuss@aol.com>
4 Parkwood Lane
Spencerport, NY 14559

From: [Peter Bauer](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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Sincerely,

Peter Bauer <peb1962@gmail.com>
PO Box 167
Blue Mountain Lake, NY 12812

From: John P <johnp101203@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 9:18 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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See attached letter containing public comment regarding Major Project Public Notice Application Completed, APA Project 2021-0245.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you.

John Pulvermiller
johnp101203@gmail.com
914-826-1479

October 8, 2024

Corrie Magee
Adirondack Park Agency
P.O. Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

John Ernst
Chair
Adirondack Park Agency
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Barbara Rice
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Adirondack Park Agency
P. O. Box 99
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**Public Comment Regarding
Major Project Public Notice of Application Completed
Barton Mines, LLC Application
APA Project No. 2021-0245**

Dear Corrie Magee, John Ernst and Barbara Rice,

At the outset, allow us to share our concerns, intentions and goals regarding this correspondence.

We have owned our home here in North River, NY for nearly 20 years and now permanently reside here for about 5. It goes without saying we love it in the Adirondack Mountains. For us there is nothing better than being cradled in this majestic wilderness. Truthfully, though, it is the down to earth outlook of area residents which makes life here a truly wonderful experience.

But we digress. This letter is not about us. We are concerned for our children and grandchildren. Our hopes and dreams for them is North River continues to be a healthy and safe place to grow and experience the world. Our direct personal observations over the past few years leave us feeling this dream is threatened. We are speaking of the expanding operations at Barton Mines and its impact on the area's environment.

We are not experts in noise decibel measurements. Nor are we knowledgeable regarding dust mitigation and tailings pile management. But we do know what we see and hear and the changes we are experiencing. When we return home from visiting family for a week, we now must use a damp cloth to wipe fine grit off desks & tables. When we walk our dog in the early evening we hear the low hum of mine operations. And when we drive on 13th Lake Road, we see machinery and an increasing pile of tailings being scattered via dust plumes to the area wilderness. All this becoming more pronounced and visible in the past year and a half.

Our concerns go beyond these inconveniences and nuisances. We worry about long-term safety in this evolving ecosystem. Is the air now and will it continue to be safe to breathe? Will the fish and other aquatic life be adversely impacted by tailings and other unmanaged runoff into local streams and ultimately the Hudson River. And will wildlife be threatened in the adjacent Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area?

We are hopeful these environmental impact concerns are front and center to the APA and other area governing bodies. Given the APA's recent and sudden Notice of Complete Application, we area residents and taxpayers naturally have questions. We look for assurance our concerns for the environment are given the weight they deserve. And likewise, the permit application documents these concerns are appropriately addressed. Finally, we are dismayed at the extremely long duration of the Barton Mines Application. It leaves area residents virtually no leverage or avenue for mitigating action as the years move forward, technologies advance, and mining operations potentially change.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

John J. Pulvermiller and
Sherry J. Fraser
P.O. Box 117
North River, NY 12856

From: Kahteraks Quinney <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 10:08 PM
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Sincerely,

Kahteraks Quinney <kquinney_goodleaf@hotmail.com>

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From: Rachel Bulau <info@protectadks.org>
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Rachel Bulau <ardourslips@duck.com>

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From: Raquel Mennella <info@protectadks.org>
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September 30, 2024

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From: William Rawson
Susan Rawson
P. O. Box 98
197 Main Street,
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To: Ms. Corrie Magee,
Adirondack Park Agency
P.O. Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

Copy To: Ms. Beth Magee,
Deputy Regional Permit Administrator
NYSDEC
232 Golf Course Rd.
Warrensburg, NY 12885-1172

RE: Barton Mines APA/DEC Mine Permit Modification

Ms. Corrie Magee,

We are writing in support of the Barton Mines' mine permit modification application. We believe that the changes requested in the application will allow Barton Mines to continue to provide a substantial number of jobs which are necessary for the local economy as well as to eliminate the late-night truck trips which can understandably have a negative impact on nearby residents. The employment in the facilities located in the Towns of Johnsburg and Indian Lake are better paying than those offered by the tourist industry in the local area and are year-round not seasonal as those in tourism.

In addition to providing important jobs in the area, Barton Mines has also been a philanthropic partner with the Towns of Johnsburg and Indian Lake.


An example is their support of local fire companies which is a benefit to all residents. Also, the donation of recreational easements to the Town of Johnsburg shows Barton Mines commitment to both the local economy and ecological tourism.

For the above reasons we urge you to approve the company's mine permit application as it is to the benefit of the region.

Thank you for your consideration,



William E. Rawson


Susan P. Rawson

CC: Ms. Beth Magee,
Deputy Regional Permit Administrator
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From: Rayna Roundpoint <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 11:33 PM
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Sincerely,

Rayna Roundpoint <raynaroundpoint@gmail.com>

1983 highway 11c
North Lawrence, Ny 12967

From: [Valerie Havas](#)
To: [Magee, Corrie \(APA\)](#); [Magee, Beth A \(DEC\)](#); [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: [Valerie Havas](#)
Subject: Re: Project 2012-0245, Barton Mines
Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 2:06:40 PM

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October 2, 2024

Re: Project 2012-0245, Barton Mines

Dear Ms. Corrie Magee and Ms. Beth Magee,

I am writing regarding the Barton Mines' application for a mining permit. My primary concern is the noise levels associated with the mining operations.

I am an enthusiastic user of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area, and I am disappointed that sounds from the mine frequently intrude upon my enjoyment of this otherwise-pristine environment. For example, on Monday, September 30, during my early-morning hike (around 8:30 or so) near the Beach Road trailhead, I could clearly hear what sounded like a jet plane – though the sound was continuous. The next morning, Tuesday, October 1, while canoeing on 13th Lake, I could hear the same sustained noise. The constant droning was a jarring contrast to the eerie, beautiful sounds of the loons (though less so than the booming sounds of blasting, which was apparently not occurring on those days).

My hope is that there may be some way that the sounds of the mine could be somewhat muffled so that they don't disturb the peace and quiet of the wilderness area. Would it be possible to require the mine to insulate its mill house and/or the pumps that drive the slurry up to the top of the tailings?

While I understand that working mines do have to make noise, I am concerned that for some reason the noises coming from this mine have been getting more and more noticeable in recent years. I worry that once the permit is approved, the noises may become even more noticeable in the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area—unless significant noise-mitigating measures are taken.

In my view, acceptance of the current and future conditions without resolution of these outstanding issues indicates the need for an adjudicatory hearing on the proposed expansion of Barton Mines.

Many thanks for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Valerie Havas

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From: Rebecca Harris <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 9:49 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Harris <beckbird17@yahoo.com>

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Boxborough, MA 01719

53 Austin Pond Road
North Creek, NY 12853
September 29, 2004

Adirondack Park Agency
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RE: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines: Corrie Magee

To APA officials,

As a long time resident of the Park I continue to support the balance between the area's natural beauty, resources and responsible economic activity that supports the local communities.

I fully support the Barton Mines application. They have proved to be both a responsible corporation and strongly supportive of the local communities the Park. Given this the continuation of their operations, in a responsible way, is a benefit to the overall region.

Regards,



Paul Renaud

From: Richard Vincelette <rbvincelette@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 7:09 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0245: Barton Mines, LLC, Corrie Magee

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I own property in Indian Lake. The Adirondack Park has been a favorite spot for mine for 65 years. Having canoed and hiked through most major regions of the park, I am very supportive of efforts to retain the remote nature of the park. That said, the park depends on the local population to provide support to preservation efforts, but also to support those visiting or living in the park. Everyone cannot work in tourism or for some form of government. Other occupations, such as construction related trades, logging or mining help support the park constituents. Barton Mines has been one of those businesses for almost 150 years. They employ nearly 100 and generate a positive economic impact in the central Adirondacks, an area that does not enjoy the wealth of areas like Lake Placid, Saranac Lake, Old Forge or even North Creek. In Indian Lake we struggle to retain basic services such as a grocery store, auto repair or a building supply store, even though we are a regional hub. Removing tens of millions from the economy will further stress the few services we have today. More of the local youth will exit the park because there is no viable employment. Aging of the resident population is already an issue. I love the park, but a thriving park needs to be supported by a basic infrastructure for all, not just those that have the time, money and health to demand all industry be extinguished so they may enjoy wilderness. Mining on a limited scale in the park can be done with minimal environmental impact - locally and in the park overall.

Let Barton Mines have another 50 years while you figure out how to balance preservation with stable local infrastructure much better than has been done to date.

Rich Vincelette

From: Rick Bennett <northcreektradingpost@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 11:48 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Bartons Mines

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Please keep Bartons in business for the foreseeable future. They are a valuable asset and good neighbor. Losing them would cause a terrible hardship on the communities of Johnsburg and Indian Lake

Thank you,
Rick Bennett
North Creek NY

From: Rick Dunn <riandunn66@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 1:39 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Anita Dunn
Subject: APA Project #2021-245

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Dear Ms. Magee,

I am a resident of North River, NY, writing to express my concern with the expansion of the Barton Mines. The Siamese Pond Wilderness and surrounding areas are a gift to New York State residents and I am advocating for their protection.

I have been in my house for 30 years and have watched the following, especially in the past 5 years:

More and more truck traffic on 13th Lake road
Growing tailing piles more visible to the eye
Hearing more blasting noise at all times of the day
Experiencing dust clouds throughout the neighborhood

The mine employs many locals and I appreciate their business here.
However, to grant expansion of operations for 75 years without addressing these issues and requiring modifications to protect our environment is a step backward for the APA. The APA's purpose is to protect and I hope you will continue to do so in this case by addressing my concerns before granting Barton Mines their request to expand.

Thank You,
Anita Dunn
131 Old Farm Road
North River, NY. 12856

From: Robert Murphy <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 11:51 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Robert Murphy <robertmurphy359@gmail.com>
9554 Pierce Road
HOLLAND PATENT, New York 13354

From: Robert Stevenson <r.stevenson@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 12:56 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of Barton Mines, LLC in their request to amend and expand their single garnet mine at Ruby Mountain in Warren County. Barton's request is critical to the ongoing capability to successfully run the business.

It's well known that Barton Mines has been in operation since 1878 and is a critical employer in the region, with around 100 employees in jobs with strong benefits and career growth opportunities. Many of these jobs are well suited to the area's available workforce. Of course, Barton's activities generate many additional local jobs downstream dependent on Barton's success. Because of this, the company is well integrated into the fabric of Warren County and the surrounding areas. Through Barton's employees, the company's involvement in community events and charitable functions, and much more, many in the area have worked directly or indirectly with Barton at some point in their lives. Barton truly cares about its employees and the community.

In addition to Barton's commitment to the people of Warren County, the company takes pride in being connected to the area's environmental fabric. Barton not only runs an operation mindful of any environmental impacts to minimize them, but also to look forward to end-of-life mine shutdown, backfilling, and vegetation regrowth. The company today takes active steps to reduce noise and any dust, and older areas no longer in use on Barton's property are now regrown and blended into the existing landscape. Barton has also helped with trail expansions in adjacent areas and on-property easements for hikers or others who want to take in the beauty and vastness of the region. In short, Barton cares about its neighbors, and the beauty and enjoyability of the Adirondack wilderness - not only today, but for future generations to come.

Thank you for your time.

Robert

From: Robert&Deborah Schwarting <rdschwarting@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 7:11 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Dear Corrie Magee,

We are writing in support of Barton Mines' mine permit modification. Barton Mines provides critically important job opportunities and economic benefits for present and future generations of Adirondack residents.

We are part time residents and have seen the economic downturn of the Town of Indian Lake in just the last 25 years. Our economy in the Adirondack Park cannot rely solely on tourism. Loss of 100 good paying, private sector job opportunities for residents, especially younger generations, will result in those residents leaving the area in search of opportunities elsewhere. We cannot afford this loss economically and we certainly can't lose the population of the future. Where will our future volunteer fireman, EMTs, church, meals-on-wheels volunteers and school board members come from if our communities can't offer decent employment to maintain our population?

Besides Barton Mines being a major employer, it is also an important tax payer and a customer to many other area businesses. Barton Mines mines and processes a much-needed industrial product. This garnet is sourced in the USA unlike many products that are sourced or processed in/by China.

The Adirondack Park needs responsible natural resource managers like Barton who keep local people employed and our local communities thriving. We urge you to approve the company's permit modification and enable Barton to provide these types of community benefits far into the future.

Thank you,

Deborah and Robert Schwarting

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Clifton Park, NY 12065

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(518) 877-7602

From: Ron <ronstarusnak@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 8:33 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Permanent change for temporary gain. I would not recommend allowing this mining to move forward.
The results will be seen for millions of years.

From: Ron Gonzalez <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2024 8:32 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Sincerely,

Ron Gonzalez <iamrongon@duck.com>
56 Sterling Street
Beacon, NY 12508

From: Ron Spitzer <ronspitzer@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 2:54 PM
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Ms. Corrie Magee
Environmental Program Specialist 1
Adirondak Park Agency

Dear Ms. Magee:

My name is Ron Spitzer. My wife, Cecile Vanech and I have owned a home in North River for 23 years at 776 Thirteenth Lake Road in the Garnet Hill community.

For the first 15-18 years Barton Mines was a good responsible neighbor with no apparent impact on the local environment or community. That ended around 5 years ago. Since that time, we have had a steady and significant increase in noise, dust, and the visual impact of an enormous tailing pile that can now be seen from miles around.

The biggest issue for us is the noise level. Our house is the second home in the Garnet Hill community which puts us roughly 1/2 to 1 mile from the mine. While we used to hear no noise other than an occasional blast during the week, we now hear constant 24/7 noise from the mine which appears to be getting louder and louder as time goes on. At first, we would occasionally hear mine noise outside of our home. Now the noise permeates the inside of our house at all hours of the day. The noise is so loud that it often wakes us up early in the morning. The noise comes from what appears to be mining operations (mainly during the day), grinding operations (24/7), and trucking (throughout the day and sometimes at night). We understand that the sound testing done by Barton has been woefully inadequate and completely at odds with other sound studies done by various experts. Barton's contention that the noise is simply "ambient" sound is simply preposterous. It is very loud and excessive noise.

Dust is the second biggest issue as it is most certainly health related. We often have residual amount of dust gathering on our deck, which most certainly in the air that we breath. This is clearly a concerning health risk.

The ever-growing tailings pile is also of great concern, not only for the visual impact to the largest park in the US outside of Alaska, but more so for concerns over stability of the tailing pile and dust emanating from such pile. The severe weather patterns we are experiencing make this concern even greater.

It is very obvious that the mine expansion plan that Barton is pursuing has already been put in place absent any agreement on the expansion. This must be a significant violation of the current mining plan and local laws and regulations. Barton claims to be a long-time family-owned business with a positive role in the community. They are most certainly not!

We are in no way suggesting that the mine be closed but only that Barton revert to being the good neighbors that they used to be when we were proud to have one of the largest garnet mining operations just down the road. The biggest benefit of having an active mine **with a far more modest mining plan** is the employment it brings to the area. Barton claims to employ 100 people but that seems suspect and is probably stretched out way beyond the mine operations.

We recognize the importance of keeping such jobs in the community. But it is also important to note that there are not enough workers in the area to fill open jobs. There is a help wanted poster on Rte.28 by the entrance to the Barton works. Garnet Hill Lodge has a help wanted poster at the bottom of 13th Lake Rd. Many businesses in the area also have help wanted poster including Stewarts, Tops Market, Dollar General, and on and on. It took us three years to get a

contractor to renovate our home as they were all short of staff. Gore Mountain is building a large new lodge which will create more employment opportunities which will be difficult to fill. The point being that there are more than ample available jobs in the area which currently are not being filled without this extremely aggressive expansion plan being put forth by Barton for an unprecedented 75 years!

While Barton claims to be a good local family-owned corporate neighbor, in reality they are not. There are ample rumors that Barton is aggressively pursuing this extraordinary 75-year expansion plan to increase the value of its operation in anticipation of a sale to either a foreign entity or a private equity entity, neither of which will be able to even claim local stewardship and will be motivated only by profit with little concern over local employment or the local community.

We urge you to give ample consideration to the concerns of the local community and reject the proposed expansion plan and instead to pursue a far more modest plan.

Thank you,

Ron Spitzer
776 13th Lake Rd
North River, NY

From: Ron Spitzer <ronspitzer@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 2:48 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Ms. Beth A Magee
Environmental Program Specialist 1
Adirondak Park Agency

Dear Ms. Magee:

My name is Ron Spitzer. My wife, Cecile Vanech and I have owned a home in North River for 23 years at 776 Thirteenth Lake Road in the Garnet Hill community.

For the first 15-18 years Barton Mines was a good responsible neighbor with no apparent impact on the local environment or community. That ended around 5 years ago. Since that time, we have had a steady and significant increase in noise, dust, and the visual impact of an enormous tailing pile that can now be seen from miles around.

The biggest issue for us is the noise level. Our house is the second home in the Garnet Hill community which puts us roughly 1/2 to 1 mile from the mine. While we used to hear no noise other than an occasional blast during the week, we now hear constant 24/7 noise from the mine which appears to be getting louder and louder as time goes on. At first, we would occasionally hear mine noise outside of our home. Now the noise permeates the inside of our house at all hours of the day. The noise is so loud that it often wakes us up early in the morning. The noise comes from what appears to be mining operations (mainly during the day), grinding operations (24/7), and trucking (throughout the day and sometimes at night). We understand that the sound testing done by Barton has been woefully inadequate and completely at odds with other sound studies done by various experts. Barton's contention that the noise is simply "ambient" sound is simply preposterous. It is very loud and excessive noise.

Dust is the second biggest issue as it is most certainly health related. We often have residual amount of dust gathering on our deck, which most certainly in the air that we breath. This is clearly a concerning health risk.

The ever-growing tailings pile is also of great concern, not only for the visual impact to the largest park in the US outside of Alaska, but more so for concerns over stability of the tailing pile and dust emanating from such pile. The severe weather patterns we are experiencing make this concern even greater.

It is very obvious that the mine expansion plan that Barton is pursuing has already been put in place absent any agreement on the expansion. This must be a significant violation of the current mining plan and local laws and regulations. Barton claims to be a long-time family-owned business with a positive role in the community. They are most certainly not!

We are in no way suggesting that the mine be closed but only that Barton revert to being the good neighbors that they used to be when we were proud to have one of the largest garnet mining operations just down the road. The biggest benefit of having an active mine **with a far more modest mining plan** is the employment it brings to the area. Barton claims to employ 100 people but that seems suspect and is probably stretched out way beyond the mine operations.

We recognize the importance of keeping such jobs in the community. But it is also important to note that there are not enough workers in the area to fill open jobs. There is a help wanted poster on Rte.28 by the entrance to the Barton works. Garnet Hill Lodge has a help wanted poster at the bottom of 13th Lake Rd. Many businesses in the area also have help wanted poster including Stewarts, Tops Market, Dollar General, and on and on. It took us three years to get a

contractor to renovate our home as they were all short of staff. Gore Mountain is building a large new lodge which will create more employment opportunities which will be difficult to fill. The point being that there are more than ample available jobs in the area which currently are not being filled without this extremely aggressive expansion plan being put forth by Barton for an unprecedented 75 years!

While Barton claims to be a good local family-owned corporate neighbor, in reality they are not. There are ample rumors that Barton is aggressively pursuing this extraordinary 75-year expansion plan to increase the value of its operation in anticipation of a sale to either a foreign entity or a private equity entity, neither of which will be able to even claim local stewardship and will be motivated only by profit with little concern over local employment or the local community.

We urge you to give ample consideration to the concerns of the local community and reject the proposed expansion plan and instead to pursue a far more modest plan.

Thank you,

Ron Spitzer
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North River, NY

From: Rosemary J Fritz-Grabowska <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 3:28 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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TO: NYSAPA

Corrie Magee
NYSAPA
PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

Dear Corrie Magee:

Please accept these public comments on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC, application:

I'm writing to encourage the rejection of Barton Mines, LLC's project application. Expanding this mine will create noise and visual impacts upon the Siamese Ponds Wilderness and other areas of the Forest Preserve that are unsustainable and unacceptable. The mind should not be permitted to grow into a critical environmental area, nor should this project be allowed to cut down over 16,000 tree in this area. This area is meant to be a legal buffer with the purpose of protecting a designated wilderness area! How can it be a designated wilderness area with a mine jutting into it?

Barton LLC has not included any proposals to mitigate noise impacts, even though residents have submitted numerous complaints about existing noise levels.

By expanding mining operations this also expands the waste pile height by 100 ft which will make the pile larger than some peaks of the actual Adirondack mountains! Barton has not proposed a viable method of revegetating this waste pile, but instead seems to think it can just leave a permanent scar in the Adirondack Park. Not to mention this waste pile is not compliant with Part 360 permit requirements.

Barton has also not proposed any new dust mitigation measures, ensuring that this project will greatly, but negatively, impact air, scenic, and aesthetic quality, even as current attempts at mitigation have been unsuccessful. Perhaps most egregious of all Barton has failed to provide any analysis of climate change impacts from the tripling of heavy duty truck use, and the clear-cutting of close to 36 acres of forest; have we learned nothing from Hurricanes Helene and Milton? Are we so eager to continue our contributions towards storms of centuries once a week?

Based on their basic lack of information and due diligence, Barton's application to expand should

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms Magee,

I live in the Adirondack Park and I fully support Barton Mines' attempt to expand operations.

Barton Mine has been operating in the area for many generations and has been one of the few employers funding the local economy, importing cash to the area when it sells its products around the world. This has meant well paying jobs for both employees and local businesses and contractors.

Barton Mines has repeatedly demonstrated its local community well-being focus, including its commitment to sustainable environmental practices.

Again, I live in the Adirondack Park and personally I resent efforts by people and groups outside the Adirondack Park undermining efforts by locals to control its destiny. No one is more invested in the local environment (or its economy) than the locals themselves.

Roy Zalis
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5. The project will have undue air quality, scenic and aesthetic impacts because Barton's dust suppression efforts have been unsuccessful and the company is proposing no new dust mitigation measures.
6. Although the mine expansion will result in a tripling of heavy-duty truck trips, the continued operation of multiple sources of greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions, and the clear-cutting of approximately 36 acres of forest, Barton has failed to provide any analysis of the climate change impacts of these actions.
7. Independent experts provided information on substantive deficiencies in the Barton Mines application, which the APA has failed to take into account.
8. Barton's application for an expansion should be denied. Please hold an adjudicatory hearing to deny this application.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Corrie Magee, Adirondack Park Agency
Beth Magee, NYSDEC

October 4th, 2024

“Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee”

To All Concerned,

My family has had a residence in North Creek since 2008. During those 16 years we have developed friendships with many people and business owners.

Over that time, we have enjoyed co-existing with numerous businesses that help allow the Adirondack Regional economy and quality of life to continue. It is always a balance between business necessity/prosperity and retaining the rural character that residents and visitors value and ensuring that business presence continues as a major aspect/employer of the Township.

Barton Mines from my observations are a valued member of the Community and have worked diligently to minimize the impact of their operations. As a continuing family run business for almost 150 years it appears they take this role very seriously.

I have read the proposal for public opinion and offer my family's support in approving this application. I also wish to state that no family member nor I have any financial connection to Barton Mines.

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Thank you.

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Re: Friends of the Siamese Ponds Comments on Barton Mines, LLC Application for
Expansion, APA ID 2021-2045

Dear Ms. Magee:

Please accept this letter on behalf of our client, Friends of the Siamese Ponds, regarding the pending application for expansion. This letter emphasizes the importance of the detailed comment letter provided by the Friends of the Siamese Ponds, which was filed this morning. A copy is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Barton's application to expand remains incomplete. There is no ecological impact analysis of the proposed expansion and no documentation that the expansion will not have an undue adverse impact upon the natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological, wildlife, recreational and open space resources of the Adirondack Park, as required by the Adirondack Park Act.

We ask that you compile a complete record of the current and future impacts of the mine and its proposed expansion. This more complete record, which will necessarily include a new and valid noise study, must evaluate all reasonable alternatives to the environmental impacts before the mine is expanded for decades, as proposed. The current record before the Agency lacks complete information, to which the Commissioners and the public are entitled. It is time to pause, require more information and consider the impacts of the decision upon the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area and its adjacent recreational and open space community.

Fundamentally, the Applicant proposes to cover an additional fifteen (15) acres of

Resource Management Lands with a permanent waste pile. Much of this acreage is in a Critical Environmental Area directly adjacent to Wilderness. As the law provides, the “need to protect” these lands is of “paramount importance because of overriding natural resource and public considerations” Exec Law Section 805 (g). A more complete record and greater scrutiny are required here. See generally, Executive Law Section 810 (e) (describing protected Critical Environmental Areas in Resource Management Lands to include all areas within 1/8 of a mile of the Wilderness, as here.)

This project, if it were outside of the Adirondack Park, would be a Type I action under SEQRA that would necessarily include a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and at least three (3) public meetings to scope the project, air the draft EIS and lay out the final EIS. The format would require analysis of full impacts and all reasonably available control technologies, including noise mitigation and dust mitigation measures.

The courts anticipate that the Agency will conduct an even more thorough review than is required by SEQRA in the interest of protecting the Park’s public benefits and resources. Here, when a Type I action is on the table, the Agency has an obligation to go above and beyond SEQRA both substantively and procedurally, which includes not only substantive analysis of environmental impacts and mitigation measures on the record, but full engagement with the public in meetings prior to finalizing any decision.

The record now before the Agency is not even remotely equivalent to the analysis, process or public involvement of an EIS. Here, a full record must be completed and at least the public hearing procedures of Executive Law Section 813 should be employed so that the public has an opportunity to see the complete record and openly comment upon it.

The Agency has resource to the adjudicatory hearing process to develop the record more fully on external impacts of the mine and its proposed expansion including those related to ecological impacts, visual impacts, pile stability, noise and dust. These resources should be employed.

Review of this application must be based upon factual and expert analysis of documented impacts and mitigation alternatives. The process of decision making must have nothing to do with general form letters of support for the Applicant from members of the public that were triggered by a mass communications plan implemented by a professional public relations firm, which have accumulated in the record. Yes, the mine and its jobs should continue, within reasonable land use limits, but there must be a full record in support of any expansion including s record of all reasonably available measures to control sound, dust and other impacts.

For all these reasons, the Friends of the Siamese Ponds ask that you compile a more complete record of environmental impacts upon the Park’s resources, and mitigation alternatives, including those associated with adjacent Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area and the neighboring recreational and open space community, prior to taking final action on the application.

Corrie Magee
October 10, 2024
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Respectfully yours,

/s/ *John J. Privitera*

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EXHIBIT A



Friends of Siamese Ponds
North River, NY

October, 10, 2024

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**Friends of Siamese Ponds Comments on Barton Mines, LLC Application for Expansion,
ID 2021-2045**

Dear Ms. Magee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments during the formal public comment period for the Barton Mines permit application. Friends of Siamese Ponds represents citizens concerned with current and future impacts from the Barton Mines North River operation. Over the past three years we have provided extensive comments into the administrative record on the three versions of the Barton application. While some of our environmental concerns have been addressed by the applicant, serious issues remain. The length of APA's public comment period is quite short, only 15 days for an administrative record with over 5000-pages of documents. APA denied a request for extension of the public comment period. Consequently, the following comments will elaborate on only a few of the issues raised previously, all of which we reiterate and incorporate by reference in response to the proposed permit.

The issuance of the initial APA permit for Barton's Ruby Mountain operation was controversial, requiring lengthy administrative hearings in front of APA commissioners. The proposed project was a big test for the Agency in its early years -- a large mountain-top mine directly adjacent to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness, the upper Hudson River and its tributaries, and a long-time community of North River residents. At the time of the application, homes in the community dated back over one hundred years and existing hospitality businesses, such as the Garnet Hill Lodge, had been attracting visitors to the area since 1936.

In 1979 APA issued Barton permit P79-358. The permit required minimization of visual impacts via ongoing revegetation of the expanding tailings pile, maintaining water quality to protect brook trout population in Brown Pond Brook and Thirteenth Brook, unobtrusive noise levels in the wilderness and community, and promised reclamation of mining

impacts at the previous Gore Mountain mine site. In the end, none of this occurred. Now Barton has presented a proposal for a large 70-year expansion.

No Analyses of Alternatives.

Barton has essentially presented its application as an ultimatum---if its application is not approved, it claims without evidentiary basis that it will have to shut down within five years. Even if this claim is true, it's not relevant to its responsibility to evaluate and mitigate current and proposed future environmental impacts. A full evaluation requires analyses of alternatives that would mitigate current and potential impacts, including visual, noise, water quality, dust, and tailings pile stability. But the APA and DEC (hereafter Agencies") have not requested that alternatives analysis and Barton has not provided one.

As an example, for the tailings pile, what alternatives exist for a smaller yet still economically viable project, one that may increase pile height by 20 or 40 feet, rather than 100 feet, possibly increasing stability and reducing visual impacts? What alternatives are available to prevent the pile from expanding laterally into the Critical Environmental Area adjacent to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area? What are the alternatives to a pile underdrain system that must function in perpetuity to ensure stability?

Likewise, regarding noise impacts, what alternatives are feasible to mitigate the noise during active mining options that is plaguing nearby homeowners and is expected to worsen in the future? What are the options for reducing 24/7 noise from the mill building and tailings pile operations, such as insulating the walls, retrofitting pumps, installing noise berms, replacing old equipment, moving operation to a new building or subsurface. APA should require an analysis by one of the many engineering firms specializing in noise mitigation.

Minimizing Possibility for Catastrophic Collapse of the Tailings Pile

Barton's geotechnical expert Knight-Piesold concludes installation of underdrains beneath the waste pile is critical to reduce porewater pressure, necessary to maintain pile stability. Although these underdrains will need to operate forever to reduce the risk of potentially catastrophic collapse of the pile in the future, there is no discussion of the consequences of failure of underdrains to operate properly, now or in the future. Failure could result from extreme precipitation events, pile shifting or settling, earthquakes, or other unforeseen circumstances. The Barton mine is located near the highest seismic hazard region in New York State as indicated on the USGS seismic hazard map. There is no evaluation of whether inspecting and repairing the drains is possible, as they will eventually be buried under more than 15 million cubic yards of tailings.

During the past two summers in neighboring Vermont, and just a few weeks ago in western North Carolina, flooding resulting from extreme rainfall decimated communities. In North River, local residents have recently reported to the Agencies turbid discharges from Barton operations. Brown Pond Brook, a former brook trout stream and receiving waterbody for Barton site stormwater, has run brown and turbid after heavy precipitation events. It is only because of resident's complaints that DEC and APA are aware of these water quality

violations. Barton has no instrumentation to record turbid discharges, and does not report turbid discharges to DEC and APA, and neither DEC nor APA inspect the facility during or after heavy rainfall events. The impact of extreme rainfall on tailings pile stability, and overall site stormwater discharge must be evaluated.

Post Closure Plan

Barton proposes few details on what the multi-year reclamation process will look like at the end of mine operations. For example, buildings will need to be removed, settling ponds filled in, drainage systems rerouted, wetlands restored, and roads removed and revegetated. The top 20-feet of the massive tailings pile will be removed and placed on top of the quarry, the pile supposedly graded, revegetated with topsoil, compost and fertilizer. Long-term monitoring will be required for the entire site, including measurement of the porewater pressures at the bottom of the tailings pile. Barton, however, has not presented a post-closure plan. Additionally, it has provided no estimate of closure and post-closure costs. The Agencies have no information to determine the amount of financial assurance required of the company to ensure reclamation and post-monitoring and possible remediation occurs. Lack of financial wherewithal at the end of life for a mine is not uncommon in the mining industry. Concern regarding end-of-life reclamation at the Barton North River site is especially justified given the company's failure to perform reclamation at the Barton Gore Mountain mine site.

Failure to Address Current and Possible Future Nuisance Noise

Beginning when the mine commenced operation in 1983, and for approximately 35 years afterwards, noise from active quarry mining, and mill and tailings pile operations, was largely inaudible. Many North River residents did not even realize that some mine operations occurred 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

But more recently, noise during active daytime mining and the 24/7 mill and tailing pile operations has increased significantly. Residents often experience constant noise, night and day, on weekends and holidays. Barton mine noise is audible along all of Thirteenth Lake, a lake DEC designated in 2011 to be motorboat-free to protect its wilderness character, including its soundscape. Barton noise can also be heard deep into the Siamese Ponds Wilderness and at various locations throughout North River. North River residents have documented this pervasive and offensive noise in the record. The noise intensity can vary hourly, daily, and seasonally, seemingly dependent on the presence of interceding landforms that can block sound waves, air temperature and humidity, and amount and seasonality of vegetation. Other variables, for which Barton has provided no information, such as ongoing changes in mine operations (e.g. changes in equipment, processes or throughput (loading)) may have also contributed to increasing noise impacts.

Community residents began to raise noise issues with Barton beginning in 2019. At a second meeting, Barton representatives stated that a noise expert hired by the company suggested that changes to the landforms associated with the mine had created an "amphitheater effect," resulting in increased projection of sound into the North River valley.

Pursuant to its 2021 mine expansion application, Barton did not mention the amphitheater effect nor offer any reasons why the noise levels increased. The Agencies have not requested Barton to analyze the increased noise and how to mitigate it. The Agencies have not even agreed to meet with residents on this issue or visit residents' homes in order for agency staff to hear the nuisance noise themselves. Barton's explanation to the Agencies that "nothing has changed, only the neighbors have" belies logic. Many neighbors observing increased noise have been North River residents for decades. They support the mine and the jobs and tax base it provides. Operating the mine in an environmentally safe manner should create more jobs, not less. Concerned residents are reasonable people with better things to do than make up complaints about noise.

Barton's position now that nothing at the mine has changed recently on their end that would increase noise levels is contrary to its prior recognition of the "amphitheater effect" and needs investigation, which the Agencies have not requested. Has new equipment been installed since 1983? If so, is it larger, more powerful and louder? If not, has the old equipment degraded, possibly resulting in increased noise? Has the number or size of the huge pumps used to move the waste slurry to the top of the tailings pile increased? Has the recent change to crush rock to produce a smaller grain size product changed equipment or process? Has the operation of the ball mills or rock crusher changed? How has the increased size of the tailings pile or the increased surface area of quarry walls increased sound propagation from the site? What is the expected life of the mill building, a 43-year-old metal structure three stories high and an acre in area? Has the integrity of the mill building degraded? There are many more questions that need to be evaluated, questions only Barton can answer. There must be scientific explanations for the recent increase in sound intensity.

Board-certified noise experts from Resource Systems Group (RSG) recently evaluated noise data presented in the Barton permit application. RSG concluded that the increase in projected future noise levels violates the NYSDEC noise policy, Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts. Given this finding, and without understanding why mine noise has recently increased and what can be done to mitigate it, the Agencies cannot reasonably grant the company a permit to expand operations and operate until close to the end of the century.

Effective mitigation of noise from industrial operations is a common occurrence. The Agencies should require Barton to retain an engineering firm specializing in noise mitigation to prepare a report for public review and comment. The burden should not be on the residents impacted by the noise, who have limited knowledge of the specific sources of Barton noise, to identify solutions.

Dust Mitigation Plan

In its most recent application, we are pleased to see Barton propose use of dust suppressants to reduce particulate plumes into the community and surrounding wilderness. We are relying upon the Agencies to ensure the proposed suppressants are safe for use in the environment. However, Barton does not present a plan for monitoring the efficacy of the application of dust suppressants, and implementation of other control

measures if necessary. As detailed in our previous comments, and as is commonly required at similar facilities with dust problems, APA and DEC should require Barton to submit and implement a Dust Suppression Plan, complete with defined numerical limits for air quality at the site fence line.

The Agencies became aware of the Barton dust plumes due to reports from concerned citizens. These offsite plumes violate Barton's NYSDEC Mine Land Reclamation Permit. The Agencies should require the company, not citizens, to monitor and report these violations.

Inconsistency With Wilderness Character

Barton is operating on one of the few locations in the Adirondack Park designated for industrial use. Given the unusual nature of its operations in an area surrounded by wilderness, the agency must ensure that the mine's operation does not impair the natural and wilderness experience on the surrounding lands. Photographs provided by the public to the agency document that the enormous tailings pile is currently an eyesore visible from various vantage points including Moxham Mountain and viewpoints within the Siamese Ponds Wilderness. The proposed permit would allow Barton to increase the height of the pile by the equivalent of a ten-story building, further impairing the public's enjoyment of the Adirondack Park and potentially making the pile visible from additional wilderness viewpoints. As the beneficiary of an unusual industrial use classification, Barton has an obligation to minimize its intrusion into the surrounding wilderness, which it has failed to do.

Sincerely,

Alan Belenz

On Behalf of Friends of Siamese Ponds

Cc:

Beth Magee

Regional Permit Administrator

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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My Comments:

I am writing in support of this application for the Barton Mines. This is family run, wonderful company that has been creating jobs in this area for 150 years. I think they should be granted this proposal so they can continue to do good in and for this community.
Thank you

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Sheri A Welch <hudsonriverh20@gmail.com>

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From: Stephan Beffre <info@protectadks.org>
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Stephan Beffre <sbeffre@yahoo.com>

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From: Stephen J. Donovan <sd45@columbia.edu>
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October 6, 2024

To: APA's notification of completeness RE: **APA Project Number 2021-245**

Corrie Magee

Environmental Program Specialist 1

Adirondack Park Agency

1133 NYS Route 86, Ray Brook, NY 12977

Dear Ms. Magee,

As a resident in the Garnet Hill HomeOwners Association, I am dismayed by a recent alert I received from the Mine Committee that the APA has deemed the Barton Mine permit application ready for the last step before implementation: review by the community. The scheduling of this action is for all practical purposes a call for expedited review. All community commentary on the Barton's case must be completed by October 10, 2024. I believe this length of review by the community is far too short to be adequate. If any decision should *never* be expedited, it is one like this. Barton Mine is asking for a 75 year permit to do much of what it wants to the land surrounding us, and a rush to judgment must be avoided as generations to come will have to live with what we decide and allow to happen to this *protected* land. If we, Barton, the APA and the community make a mistake, future generations will also drink of this poisoned chalice.

Transparency and time are needed. The changes could violate the understanding that allowed Barton Mines to operate as a business on protected land in the 1970s, that the company would not expand into the heart of the wilderness and disrupt the balance between human activity and nature. Noise, inhaled dust, lowering the quarry floor, lack of engineering investigation as to the stability of the proposed increase size of the tailing, a 300 percent increase in the daily volume of trucking, seepage into the water table, and the cumulative impact of all the above remain subjects residents need to consider and comment on. I am against these changes. Transparency is essential to any expansion of business, especially on protected land. More time would help the deliberation, democratic process.

Yours truly

Stephen J. Donovan MD

From: Stephen Smith <info@protectadks.org>
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From: Steven Jurow <sjurow@HNTB.com>
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Corrie Magee and Beth Magee (APA and NYSDEC, respectively, as I understand your roles):

I am a part-time resident of North River (Garnet Hill community) since 1996 and homeowner since 2004, and I ask your consideration of these comments in making your final determinations with respect to the Barton Mine permit application for physically- and temporally-extended garnet-mining operation.

I recognize and appreciate the importance of the mine as a significant local employer, and applaud their efforts to accommodate their operation to the considerations attending heavy industry adjacent to the “forever-wild” Siamese Pond wilderness area and the Park. And I am encouraged by the several rounds of comments and revisions that you have required since the initial application filing several years ago. Yours is a difficult but critical mainstay in the State’s efforts to promote appropriate economic activity balanced with the need to preserve the Park’s natural condition.

As such, I offer the following concerns with regard to issuance of the permit:

1. I am concerned that a 60-year permit is inappropriate and wildly optimistic; I should think that 25 years is more than enough for planning and executing a strategic plan for the mine operation, and I am concerned with operating guarantees beyond that time frame. I cannot imagine a practical justification for a 70-year timeframe in which to further expand, deepen, and heighten the mine and its residual wastes.
It is my understanding that these mountains contain a skein of garnet at approximately 2200 feet elevation, and that, when the ore has been exhausted in one location, there is nothing further to do unless a mining operation intends to “chase the skein” laterally, impacting more and more of the surrounding wilderness area. I do not think that your agencies, in their protective capacities, should permit unending lateral expansion of the Ruby Mtn excavation so near to one of the largest and most important “forever wild” wilderness areas. Therefore, and in view of the need for continual rebalancing of the need for commercial/industrial activity and for wilderness preservation, there would have to be a point in the future when this mine would cease operation, as occurred at Hooper Mine across 13th Lake. For these reasons, I oppose a permit extension beyond 25 years, at which time those responsible for your regulatory duties can revisit this permit.
2. I would hope that the permit you ultimately issue requires assessment of compliance with permit requirements by the APA and NYSDEC on a much shorter review time-frame (3-5 years), and contains the option to revoke the permit should mine compliance be deemed insufficient at any such review, or the mine be unwilling to take appropriate remedial or corrective action.
3. The visual impact of the mine is adverse to the character of the mountains in which it is situated; enlarging its footprint worsens this unfortunate contrast. I would ask that you consider requiring immediate reclamation of areas already expended so that, as the mine footprint broadens, the areas already consumed are returned to natural forest now, not at some distant future time.
4. The tailings piles should not be permitted to grow any taller; if anything, they should shrink. Rather than storing tailings and other stone/dust residue on site in an enormous and increasingly unsightly and dust laden pile, the mine operation should be required to ship excess tailings to an appropriate disposal facility where they can be re-used or permanently interred. I do not think they should simply remain as a huge grey pile of gravel in the middle of the Adirondack Park forest. From environmental work I did in the 1990s for my then-employer, I came to understand that such major disposal facilities exist in many states in the mid-west; removal of the tailings to those locations would be protective of the Park’s character in ways that on-site storage is not.
5. To respect the surrounding wilderness, the mine should not operate past sundown (in deference to sleep or nocturnal hunting/mating requirements of local wildlife); the Adirondacks are most special in regard to their natural silence and lack of man-made sound, a condition which should be preserved as a key regulatory concern (along with natural darkness) in issuing this permit.

6. If the mine must operate certain machines 24/7, these machines should be required to be housed in sound-proof structures appropriately baffled to bring industrial noise to the lowest possible levels, particularly at night. Where such structures have doors, these should be required to be closed except when in active use. If excessive indoor heat is a problem during warm weather, the operator should use air conditioning (also appropriately baffled for sound) rather than propping doors open.
7. The mine should be required to build up a reclamation fund sufficient to return the mine site to a natural condition, whether that is 5, 10, 20, or 25 years in the future. Such a reclamation fund should be bonded to NYSDEC and the APA such that – should the mine operation declare bankruptcy or in some other manner fail to return the site to native condition - regulators can pull the bond to accomplish that purpose.
8. I see in a local Adirondack newspaper that you are receiving comments that indicate 9:1 in favor of granting the permit. As an environmental activist in the 1970s, I would offer that - for regulators like the APA and NYSDEC - public sentiment should not be a basis for permitting a significant industrial operation in the park. Rather, your decision should be based on science and precedent, and should honor the unique biology and associated natural conditions that define and characterize the park. Virtually every environmental protection since 1970 has met with significant unpopularity and sometimes fierce opposition among business groups; yet, those environmental protections (CAA, CWA, TSCA, RCRA, and others) have proven immensely beneficial to both the natural and human population, and have rarely conflicted with long-term economic growth (in some cases actually fostering whole new industries, as the wind/solar campaign - derided quite scornfully by a majority of the American public for the past forty years - is currently demonstrating). I would hope that your decisions as to permit duration, operational controls, reclamation obligations, and nuisance items such as fugitive dust emissions, quiet, and natural darkness are based on good science and a deep appreciation of the irreplaceability of so unique a resource as is the Adirondack Park.
9. It is possible that this mine – as a small family operation – may not be able to easily afford the operational controls, waste disposal, and reclamation requirements appropriate to the circumstances. As an important local employer, such a concern must be considered with utmost seriousness. It should be noted, however, that hundreds if not thousands of small “mom and pop” gasoline stations have had to close over the past 30 years due to the significant costs associated with complying with the 1988 underground storage tank regulations and associated soil and groundwater remediation obligations resulting from the operation of leaky tanks. As such, if the mine is suggesting that permit conditions associated with waste disposal, water pollution control, fugitive dust emissions controls, and noise and natural light requirements would impose unacceptably high costs, your agencies should ask to review their finances and attempt to find a balance point between adequate regulation and the mine’s continued economic function.

Thank you for your steadfast commitment to protect the Park while providing for the continued economic health of the North Country.

Sincerely,

Steve Jurow
116 4H Road
North River, NY 12856

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Date: Saturday, September 28, 2024 12:06:03 PM
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We are full-time residents in Garnet Hill in North River. We support the approval of the permit as explained in the attached.

If anyone wants further discussion, feel free to reach us directly at 518-251-4661.

Regards,

Gay

Gay Gordon-Byrne
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September 28, 2024

Mr. Robert E Byrne
Ms. Gay Gordon-Byrne
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Support for APA Project Number 2021-245 permit (via email)

The Garnet Hill area has always been based on mining starting in 1898 with the former Hooper Mine (now the site of the Garnet Hill Association). The mine is a tourist attraction where visitors hike into the former mine, collect rocks with garnet, and enjoy the views. Many of the residences surrounding Garnet Hill Lodge were former Miner's Cabins. None should pretend that mining is a conflicting activity within the Association.

As a member of the Town of Johnsbury Planning Board, I've learned to appreciate that Barton Mines is the largest private employer in the area – and their employees make good wages and good benefits year-round. Barton is an economic anchor without which the area would not be able to support businesses in North Creek. Indian Lake is a good example of a town without industry – and they can no longer support even a small grocery store.

Nearly all other jobs in the area are seasonal and pay marginal wages including Gore Mountain. A large percentage of Johnsbury residents are on some form of public assistance. This is a very hard place to make a living and raise a family. We need more good employers like Barton. The renewal of their permit will assure other businesses that investment in the area won't be shut down arbitrarily over the personal preferences of non-residents.

We urge your prompt approval of the permit.

Sincerely,

Gay and Rob Byrne
518-251-4661

From: [Scott Centea](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: [Jess Centea](#)
Subject: Support for Barton Mines" Backfill Operations and Long-term Sustainability
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Dear DEC/APA

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my support for Barton Mines regarding their backfill operations on their property. I understand the (DEC) commitment to environmental safety and recognize the importance of adhering to stringent standards to protect our natural resources.

That said, Barton Mines has been a cornerstone of the community for over 60 years, providing stable employment for many families. It is my belief that with proper oversight and adherence to all Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), mandated by the DEC, allowing Barton to backfill mined rock on their property would enable them to continue their important work without compromising environmental integrity.

By finding a balance between environmental responsibility and economic stability, we can help preserve local jobs and sustain the livelihoods of those who have been part of Barton's workforce for generations. I respectfully urge the DEC to consider a path forward that ensures both the protection of our environment and the future of Barton Mines as a valuable community partner.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Scott Centea
90 William J. Baker Rd.
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I wish to extend my support for Barton Mines application to continue to mine and expand its area. We live in Indian Lake and regularly visit Garnet Hill Lodge on top of the mountain just past Barton's operation. We have never observed any negative issues or seen anything that deters from the lovely Adirondacks that this area is. We also support employees that work at the facility. It saddens me to see these lovely small towns dying due to lack of employment. Many of these workers are lower income that truly need these jobs. Having Barton in business helps families to support themselves. Please give your support to these families by approving Barton's application

Thank you,
John Layton
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PO Box 51
170 Bennett Rd
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After careful review of the Barton Mines proposal for their mine permit modifications, I want to express my support for them. The existing mine has been in operation for many years and has been a good neighbor and employer for the area.

Mark Brand
Indian Lake

From: tcarroll@energydynamicsolutions.com
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: [Magee, Beth A \(DEC\)](#)
Subject: Support of Barton Mine proposed Operational Improvements
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Hello,

My name is Tim Carroll and have a family 2nd home in Olmstedville NY. I have read the proposed changes to the to the Barton mine operation. I feel the increase in the material storage capacity will not impact negatively to the community as the operation is an existing concern and will only occupy 30% if the existing operational footprint as well as providing need good paying jobs to the area.

I fully support the proposal and hope this is approved.
Tim

Timothy M. Carroll, CEM, CEA, DGCP, CBCP

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From: Susan W Fishet <info@protectadks.org>
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Susan W Fishet <susanwfisher2@gmail.com>

524 East 72 Street
NY, NY 10021

From: Suzanne Flagor <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Suzanne Flagor <sflagor@comcast.net>

664 East Shore Drive
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From: Taryn Anne Willson <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 10:23 PM
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Sincerely,

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From: [Teague-Bonham](#)
To: [Magee, Corrie \(APA\)](#)
Cc: [Magee, Beth A \(DEC\)](#)
Subject: Barton Mine Complete Permit Application
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024 2:45:06 PM
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Dear Ms. Corrie Magee,

Be advised have submitted the attached comments via the APA website. I should note that it is very disturbing that the agency offered such an abbreviated public comment period of only 15 days for such a complex project with 4 NIPAs being issued over three years, and with many unanswered questions.

Thank You,

Patrick Teague
North River, NY

Dear Corrie Magee:

I am writing to the DEC and APA re: comments about the completed Barton Mine permit application number 2021-0245. First of all, why has APA shortened the comment period to 15 days? Is this a rubber stamp of approval to prevent any meaningful analysis of the 1,000 plus page complex application documents? We understand that this project is on the APA's November agenda, indicating that the agency is attempting to avoid an adjudicatory hearing for this complex project. This abbreviated comment period totally disregards the public who will have to live with the APA's decision for the next 75-years and beyond.

As a neighbor residing in the Garnet Hill area, I am extremely concerned about the state's approval and oversight of Barton's mines current and future operations. The main areas of concern for many of us who live in the area are:

- The constant 24-7 noise emanating from the mine and incomplete Barton sound studies.
- The visual impact of the growing tailing piles, and Barton's plans to increase the size of the pile from 73 acres to over 88 acres, as well as lowering the quarry floor of the mine from 1,860 feet to 1,790 feet.
- The lack of engineering for the planned increase in tailing piles needed to be done to ensure their stability and safety.
- The lack of a dust management plan and incomplete revegetation plan.
- The proposed increase in trucking up 13th Lake Road from 5 to 16 trips per day.
- Finally, the mine is seeking to expand its presence by applying for a 75-year permit, in which they do not propose any meaningful efforts to mitigate these issues.

We would like answers to understand what the state agencies are doing to protect the surrounding wilderness and the interests of those who live in the area.

Noise Comment

Those of us who live in the area are exposed to an increase in the noise that emanates from its mill operation, 24-7. Six or seven years ago, this noise was not present, indicating that something has either changed in their operation or the landscape of the mine has changed. Having read the voluminous sound studies they conducted, I remain skeptical of their reported results as the agencies' comments indicate that the reported results are inconsistent in terms of data and do not answer state their questions to have them redone so they include a consistent methodology and are done at the agencies' recommended locations and times. While measuring the sound emanating from the operation makes sense, my question is related to the actual noise, which cannot be measured. The DEC's definition of noise reads:

"Noise is defined as any loud, discordant, or disagreeable sound or sounds. More commonly, in an environmental context, noise is defined simply as unwanted sound. Certain activities inherently produce sound levels or sound characteristics that have the potential to create noise. The sound generated by proposed or existing facilities may become noise due to land use surrounding the facility. When lands adjoining an existing or proposed facility contain residential, commercial, institutional, or recreational uses that are proximal to the facility, noise is likely to be a matter of concern to residents or users of adjacent lands."

My question is, what can be done to mitigate the unwanted noise that we are constantly hearing from our homes, on 13th Lake and from the surrounding wilderness area? Surely, there are engineering solutions to reduce the noise exposure that the wildlife and residents of the area are experiencing. We neighbors approached Barton about this issue in 2019 before and again after they submitted their permit, only to be ignored and read in their application that the “noise” is “quiet noise.” Is there such a thing as quiet noise? We read in the initial application that the noise from the mill was considered by Barton to be ambient noise, which everyone knows is untrue, thus my skepticism.

Visual Impact Comment

As the mine expands its tailings, which are really waste materials, are there plans to revegetate the area? One wonders what will grow on the powder-like material that they now produce from their new products. Aren't their “residual mineral” tailings actually waste materials, with their so-called intention to sell this as a product, just a way around the state regulations, i.e., have they found any buyers for the dust?

In reading the permit application, they have not tested any vegetation in many years, and provided outdated information from decades ago. The waste material has changed resulting in increased dust as well as the growing unsightliness of the tailing piles. Is this safe for the surrounding wilderness and wildlife? Will this affect the tourist industry for the Garnet Hill Lodge where guests have complained about the noise while hiking in the area?

Engineering of the Tailing Piles Comment

Has a complete engineering plan and program been developed to ensure the stability and safety of the increasing size of the tailing piles? In reading the previous iterations of the permit application, this was lacking. Clearly, this is an issue of the utmost concern. Likewise, when the mine eventually closes in 75 years, who will monitor the stability of the tailing piles? Does the state have the expertise to monitor the stability of these piles?

Dust Comment

As the state agencies are aware, there have been several occasions when dust clouds have been seen blowing off the tailing piles atop Ruby Mountain. When the dust clouds are reported, we get boiler plate answers that this occurred due to high winds, with no solutions. The obvious questions are:

Are the minute dust particles harmful to humans and animals? The change in their process has reduced the size of the particles used in their new product from 0.6 cm to .025 micron. This is a dramatic change in their process that no one in the state agencies seems to have considered.

Can the piles be revegetated?

Is it really possible to spread dust retardant, as proposed, over such an extensive area? If so, is it being done?

Trucking Comment

Is increasing the trucking trips from 5 to 16 per day protecting the environment? Is it ok to permit an additional nuisance to those who live in the area? Will Barton be required to invest in electric vehicles to reduce the noise and additional carbon emissions they plan to create?

75-Year Permit Comment

My questions are:

- Why is a permit being granted for such an extended period and what steps are the state agencies taking to monitor the mine's compliance?
- At one point, the APA was recommending incremental 5-year reviews before the next phase of the expansion could proceed. Is this requirement still in place?

In closing, I remain hopeful that the APA and DEC will protect those of us who live in the area and protect the surrounding wilderness. Surely, Barton Mine can step up to mitigate these concerns if they want to live up to their PR campaign of being a good neighbor and friend of the wilderness.

Thank you,

Patrick Teague

North River, NY

From: Tee Atwater <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 5:15 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 3:38 PM
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From: [Frances Rucker](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments; Magee, Beth A \(DEC\)](#)
Subject: The Sounds of Silence
Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 10:51:04 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Last night was different, it was dark, like any other night, but it was silent. The grinding noise emanating from Barton Mine was gone, it was peaceful. Recent evenings have been loud, by wilderness standards, destroying any pleasure we might find in being outside.

The noise from Barton mine is impacting tourism. Road Scholar guests at Garnet Hill Lodge last week complained to the management and their guides of hearing loud explosions. It was not the peaceful vacation they had anticipated. As the blasting increases to triple the number of mine pits, and waste piles approximately double in size, more areas will be exposed to the noise of blasting and heavy machinery, not to mention the noise of tripling the number of trucks.

Barton claims to be considerate to their neighbors, this is not what we have experienced. As their immediate neighbors, living within 2 miles of the mine, we live with nearly constant noise, dust, and unsightly piles of potentially unstable waste. It is well known that the tailings are unsuitable for road repairs as they become slippery when wet. Obviously, these factors have no impact on people Barton refers to as neighbors living in North Creek, 6 miles away from Barton Mine.

Please protect the wilderness nature of this area by requiring noise mitigation, dust management, and strict management of the integrity of the waste pile, now and in perpetuity. Those waste piles are going to be there for a very long time. In the meantime, the sounds of silence are getting louder.

Regards,
Frances Rucker

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Thomas Urtz <urtzthomas1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 8:11 PM
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Hello,

Please see my wife's comment letter and my comment letter, both attached, regarding Barton Mine Permit Modification (2021-0245). We support the Barton project unconditionally.

Thank you,

Thomas Urtz

Thomas Urtz
6387 NYS Rt. 30
Indian Lake, NY, 12842

October 09, 2024

Beth Magee
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Dear Ms. Magee and Ms. Magee,

I have been a member of the Barton team for approximately 8 years as the Health, Safety, Environmental Engineer, which is substantially shorter than the time my grandfather was a team member, approximately 42 years. I am striving to achieve that level on longevity as my grandfather did. As a current resident of Indian Lake, a neighboring community, I have found no negative impacts and a substantial number of positive impacts on our community (employment, outreach, donations, environmental stewardship).

With a rich heritage of mining and logging, my family continues to work in these industries locally. One grandfather work at Barton for 42 years, my other grandfather logged in the Adirondacks his entire career until he retired. My grandmother was born and grew up, along with their family, in Tahawus Mining Community working there until the ultimate closure of the mine and town. My father works in the heavy construction and logging in upstate New York. This level of hard work and heritage is only available when the people are allowed to work in these industries either on their own land or contracted to perform the work. I plan on continuing my legacy in the Adirondacks as long as businesses are profitable and communities are operational. If Barton wasn't approved this expansion, this would devastate my family forcing a decision to leave the Adirondack Park and New York State. My wife is now an employee of Barton continuing and adding to the family culture.

Although the agencies are poised with managing the impacts on the environment, stewards of the environment have to make the best decisions possible. Barton is one of those stewards, Barton doesn't make the decisions they do because they have to, but because they want to.

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Thank you for your consideration,

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Dear Ms. Magee and Ms. Magee,

I have been added as a member of the Barton team recently as a customer service representative. I applied to Barton with the prospect of a long career helping the customers. I married my husband last year and we live in Indian Lake. He has worked at Barton for almost 8 years and enjoys working for Barton, which prompted my application to Barton. My husband's grandfather was a team member, approximately 42 years. As a resident of Indian Lake, a neighboring community, I have found no negative impacts and a substantial number of positive impacts on our community (employment, outreach, donations, environmental stewardship).

I would like to continue to live in the Adirondack Park and to work for a great company like Barton. I plan on continuing my legacy in the Adirondacks, getting married this fall, as long as businesses are profitable and operational. If Barton wasn't approved this expansion, my family would be forced to leave the Adirondack Park and New York State.

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From: Thomas Welch <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 8:23 AM
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To: Corrie Magee
Environmental Program Specialist 1
Adirondack Park Agency
1133 NYS Route 86, Ray Brook, NY 12977

Dear Corrie,

My family have been residents of North River, NY for over 50 years enjoying the “forever wild” Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area, especially Thirteenth Lake. We can remember times before the mine opening in 1983 and have observed the effect the mine has had on the community and environment since then.

I have serious concerns about the increasingly intrusive and disruptive operations at the Barton Mine on Ruby Mountain in Johnsburg, NY as well as their proposed plans to apply for an expansion of their permit with the Adirondack Park Agency.

The tailings pile has grown dramatically over years so that it is now visible from Thirteenth Lake Road and from hiking trails in the Wilderness Area. The noise from mining operations has increased significantly. We have noticed changes in Thirteenth Brook and the prevalence of brook trout in the brook and 13th Lake.

I am particularly concerned about the proposed more than tripling of trucks on 13th Lake Road. These heavy trucks on a narrow winding road will damage the condition of the road, worsen the environment and make traffic worse for residents. The number of trucks per day needs to be limited to a much smaller number than the 16 trips per day planned.

I am most outraged by the 15 day commentary period for approval of a license for **75 years!** The comment period needs to be at least 60 days and the license period should be much shorter, say 10-20 years. Do you honestly know the environmental impact over 75 years?? NO, neither you nor we know, so why commit to a cost to the community that is unknown, as it may be many times greater than the benefit to the community with the result that residences will decline and local income and property tax revenues will disappear.

Thus, Barton Mines should not be granted a new permit without thorough consideration for each of these issues and their impact on both the Wilderness Area and the local residents. To that end, if potential impacts are not mitigated, I request an official adjudicatory public hearing if this project is to move forward.

Thank you for your openness to hearing from all stakeholders as you proceed with your evaluation. I look forward to continuing advocacy to protect the Adirondack Park.

Tim Nuding
144 4H Road, North River, NY

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From: Tom Ludlow <tomludlow@juno.com>
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Dear Corrie Magee,

Thank you for your work on this project and for the difficult task of weighing it's future impact on Adirondack Park and the residents of the area, of which I am one. I live near the Ruby Mountain Barton Mine and have done so since 1975. I want the project to continue because of the value to society of the minerals that are mined there and because it has such a positive impact on the livelihood of residents and the economy of the area.

But I think that the project, for the foreseeable future, will cause significant environmental harm. The harm, currently existing and increasing in the future, can only be mitigated by the forthcoming decisions of the permitting agencies. Please advise the APA that unacceptable levels of noise, dust, lights at night, storm water flow and truck traffic must be dealt with in a way that supports its mission of protecting the environment of the Adirondack Park.

Also, I think that the length of time for which the applicant seeks approval of the project is understandable from a business perspective, but not from mine. My twelve year old grandchild will have to live with the environmental impact of the project her entire life. And what about the next generation? And the next? Please advise the APA to significantly decrease the duration of the approval. Residents and other stakeholders should have their concerns considered, and possibly changes to the project mandated, by the permitting agencies on a timely basis.

Thanks again for your most difficult and extremely important work.

Tom Ludlow
11 Whispering Pines Way
North River, NY
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From: tom.meusel@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 3:00 PM
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Hi Corrie and the APA, I have been visiting the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area since the mid-1980's and have been a resident and taxpayer in Johnsbury since 2006. I'm writing to express my strong objections to the proposed expansion of Barton Mine on Ruby Mountain bordering the Siamese Pond Wilderness area (APA Project Number 2021-245). The proposed expansion raises serious concerns that I believe have and will continue to negatively impact the environment, community, economy and quality of life for residents and visitors in the surrounding area. I urge you to carefully consider these concerns and take the necessary steps to protect this sensitive region.

Negative impact from the Expansion of Barton Mine:

1. Constant 24/7 Noise and Incomplete Sound Studies

The ongoing noise generated by the mine, which operates around the clock, is already a significant disturbance to the surrounding areas. The noise pollution is not only disruptive to the local community but also to the natural habitat in the Siamese Pond Wilderness. The sound studies provided by Barton are self-serving, incomplete and do not adequately address the impact of the continuous noise they create. It is crucial that a comprehensive sound study be conducted to assess the true impact of continuous operations on the environment and local residents.

2. Visual Impact of Growing Tailing Piles

The visual impact of the expanding tailing piles is another critical concern. Barton plans to increase the size of the tailing pile from 73 acres to over 88 acres while also lowering the quarry floor from 1,790 feet to 1,860 feet. This significant alteration of the landscape will have a lasting visual impact, detracting from the natural beauty of the surrounding wilderness area. Such a dramatic change in the landscape needs to be carefully evaluated to minimize the disruption to the scenic views of this pristine region.

3. Lack of Engineering for Tailing Pile Stability

I am deeply concerned about the absence of adequate engineering plans for the increased tailing piles. Without proper engineering studies and assessments, there is no guarantee that the stability and safety of these piles will be ensured and certainly not to hold up for 75 more years. It is essential that a detailed engineering plan is developed to address the risks associated with the increased tailing piles to prevent potential hazards.

4. Lack of Dust Management and Incomplete Revegetation Plan

Barton Mine's expansion proposal lacks a sufficient dust management plan to mitigate the impact of increased operations. Dust from the mine can have severe effects on air quality, local ecosystems, and nearby residents' health. Additionally, the revegetation plan presented by Barton is incomplete and lacks specificity on how they will restore and manage the disturbed land. A comprehensive dust control and revegetation strategy is needed to mitigate the environmental damage caused by the mining activities.

5. Increase in Truck Traffic on 13th Lake Road

The proposed increase in truck traffic from 5 to 16 trips per day on 13th Lake Road raises concerns about road safety, noise pollution, and further environmental impact. Increased trucking activity will not only affect the residents living along this route but also disrupt the peace and tranquility of the area. The cumulative impact of this additional traffic on the local infrastructure and community must be thoroughly evaluated.

6. 75-Year Permit with No Meaningful Mitigation Efforts

Finally, I am concerned that Barton Mine is seeking a 75-year permit without proposing any significant efforts to address or mitigate the issues mentioned above. A permit of such an extensive duration should not be granted without clear, enforceable commitments from Barton to minimize noise, visual, and environmental impacts and to ensure the health and safety of the local community and environment.

7. Impact on local businesses and the economy

Although Barton claims to employ almost 100 people in Warren County, the vast majority sit in their "green" building in Glens Falls. Ironically there's nothing "green" about their operation on Ruby Mountain. The few employees that reside in Johnsbury are no more important than the employees that drive the true economy in the area, which is tourism.

Hospitality, recreation and other outdoor activities far out number the jobs that Barton claims. With the continued expansion of Barton mine you, the APA and DEC, put those jobs at risk.

In light of these concerns, I strongly urge the APA and DEC to thoroughly review and reconsider Barton Mine's expansion proposal. It is imperative that Barton addresses these issues with a focus on sustainability, environmental protection, and community well-being before any permit or approval is granted. The protection of the Siamese Pond Wilderness area and surrounding regions should be a top priority, and I believe the current proposal does not meet the necessary standards to safeguard this valuable natural resource.

To that end, if the concerns above are not effectively addressed nor mitigated, I request an official adjudicatory public hearing if this project is to move forward.

Thank you for considering my comments. I trust that you will make a decision that prioritizes the long-term health of our environment and the communities that depend on it.

Sincerely, Tom Meusel

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Sincerely,

Vaughn Thompson <vaughnrt@gmail.com>
28 Split Rail Run

Penfield, New York 14526

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Via Email Address: RPComments@apa.ny.gov

Corrie Magee
Adirondack Park Agency
P.O. Box 99
Ray Brook, New York 12977

In re: Project 2021-0245: Barton Mine, LLC: Corrie Magee

Dear Corrie Magee:

My wife and I wholeheartedly support the Barton Mines application to modify its mining permit. As I explain below, the Adirondacks, and particularly the Town of Johnsbury and Warren County, need local, fulltime and gainful employment for the foreseeable future, and Barton Mines provides that for some 100 employees.

My wife grew up in Glens Falls, New York. In 2006 we purchased a small home located at 256 River Road, Town of Johnsbury, Warren County, New York to enjoy hiking, hunting, Kayaking and skiing in the Adirondacks with our three children. While those 3 children are now young adults, we still spend many weekends in the Adirondacks.

We otherwise live and work in the Albany, New York area and are merely “*part-time*” or “*intermittent*” residents of the Adirondacks. This means that we are not part of the fabric of the local emergency response community; we do not belong to either the local volunteer fire department or the local Emergency Medical Services squad. Our intermittent schedules don’t permit us to serve the local community in that way. I suspect that many of our neighbors from downstate New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, etc. don’t volunteer for those essential services for the very same reasons.

However, the 100 fulltime employees of Barton Mines, who live and work in the community are part of the essential fabric of the community, and many of them volunteer to provide the essential services that keep our families safe in the most trying times. Local, fulltime, employees are critically important for just that reason; they can and do respond in a moment’s notice. Employees that must commute out of town for gainful employment are not available to respond to emergencies at a moment’s notice. When seconds count, emergency responders cannot be an hour or more away.

Corrie Magee,

Adirondack Park Agency

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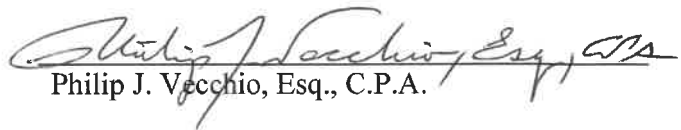
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Lest this sound theoretical, our son ruptured his spleen on Gore Mountain and nearly bled to death in 2010. I am sure that his injury is not unique; many who live and play hard in the Adirondacks have had life threatening injuries.

I ask the Adirondack Park Agency who will be there to respond to those emergency calls without these fulltime local employees of Barton Mines?

Very truly yours,
FOR THE FIRM


Philip J. Vecchio, Esq., C.P.A.

From: Victoria McComber <info@protectadks.org>
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Victoria McComber <sewsmart60@gmail.com> Box 1058 Akwesasne, Ny 13655

From: W Thompson <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

W Thompson <waverliee@outlook.com>

11 Cree Rd
Hogansburg, NY 13655

From: Wayne Dippold <wdippold@actioncleanup.com>
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To whom it may concern,

As an Indian Lake resident and facing our country's current economic conditions, inflation at its peak, etc., we understand the importance of local jobs here in the area and the lack thereof. From my knowledge, Barton Mines has provided local jobs for over 40 years in their current location while minimizing any impacts to the surrounding environment and community. My family and I ask the regulators to approve the Barton Mines permit modification request so they can continue to provide jobs for decades to come.

Thank you

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September 30, 2024

Dear Ms. Magee:

I am writing in support of Barton Mine's mine permit modification application. My understanding is that after numerous Notices of Incomplete Permit Applications (NIPA) the staff concluded the application is complete. The fact this has taken over 3 years to bring this to the Adirondack Park Agency Board and Designees indicates the staff has done their due diligence, and this application should be approved unanimously.

The Barton Family and the Barton Mines Corporation have for over 145 years been involved in the Adirondack Community. The economics of many of the surrounding communities through employment and the ancillary benefits can be traced back to their sound business practices. Their planning and foresight to extend the mining operation for 60 additional years and be responsible stewards of their property is an example of how to do business inside of the Blue Line.

I offer this letter of support as Town of Indian Lake Supervisor, Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, Founding member of "The Five Towns" and proudly a former employee of the Barton Mines Corporation.

Brian E Wells

From: Will Holmlund <info@protectadks.org>
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Will Holmlund <willholmlund@gmail.com>

186 Kiwassa Rd
Saranac Lake, NY 12983

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William E Lamb <blamb64@gmail.com>

128East Remington St
Black River, NY 13612

From: william logan fox <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

william logan fox <WMLOGAN.FOX@GMAIL.COM> Hewitt Road Minerva, NY 12851

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Good Afternoon,

As a lifelong resident of Warren County, former Town of Johnsbury Resident and current Town of Johnsbury Property Owner, I would like to voice my full support of the upcoming application of Barton Mines. It is very easy to underestimate the impact Barton Mines on the town but it is one of the true industry employers in what is becoming a ghost town of full time residents. Most visitors do not realize the mine exists, it has virtually no visual impact to many, very limited trucking impact yet provides both direct and residual jobs to those that choose to live in town. Do not make a mistake and pass up the opportunity to allow this mine to continue to operate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bill Deppe
518-321-6976

From: Zora Gussow <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Zora Gussow <zmgussow@gmail.com>

164 Averill Ave
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These are the people's public lands and that of the creatures that inhabit them.

Beauty is forever. So is destruction.

Gary Rosenberger
Roxbury, NY

Barton Mines Project 2021-0245 Corrie Magee

Joan Morris <captamajora1@gmail.com>
To: <rpcomments@apa.nygov>

Corrie Magee
Adirondack Park Agency
P.O. Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

Tue, Oct 8 at 1:32 PM

My husband and I support the Barton mines plan to stay in business
In the Adirondacks forevermore.

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It is a worthwhile entity - it provides employment which is sorely
Needed in this area

It also has a tax base in our community The locals cannot take
On any more of a tax burden.

It is part of our rural social being here. Part of our town of
Johnsburg tourism and helping our economy as such with tours,
Demonstrations etc

They have a wonderful plan to take care of our environment and
Add to our economic impact,

Most of their acreage is nicely forested.

They run their operations well and look out for the local areas.

Please for all of us who live in the Adirondacks approve this carefully thought out plan

Thanking you in advance for your approval

Joan and Jim Morris

MR. & MRS. JAMES J MORRIS, III
52 Morris Road
P.O. Box 2
Wevertown, N.Y. 12886-0002

10/8/24

(518) 251-2653

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James J. Morris, III
Joan P. Morris

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~ DANIEL J. KUHN ~
CATHERINE HARVEY KUHN
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October 6, 2024

Corrie Magee,
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RE: Project 2021-2025 Barton Mines, LLC

Dear Ms. Magee:

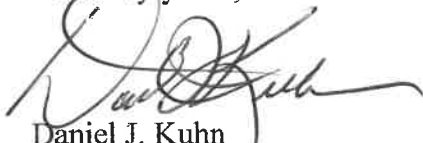
We are corresponding in reference to the above named project and our Complete Support of the Approval Process. We are Seasonal Property Owners at 397 Harvey Rd. North River, NY 12856

Barton Mines, has been and remains a supplier of their products which are the industry standard in providing vital abrasives used in many finished products. These products play an important part which has significant impact Nationally and Worldwide in varied industries. On a local basis, they make significant contributions to our economy with their Tax Revenues Contributions for Local, State & Federal Governments. Additionally they are the largest commercial local employer who in turn generate Income Tax Revenues for our governments thru their Income Tax Contributions. Vital byproducts to the economy include Corporate & Employee expenditures for Food & Clothing and are most supportive of our Education System both in Johnsbury and adjoining School Districts.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our family ties have benefitted immensely from Barton Mines for almost a Century. Those who are creating opposition to the approval process, have significant less time living and working in our Community.

We are Thanking You in advance for an anticipated approval to their application for continuing their Vital Business Operations.

Sincerely yours,



Daniel J. Kuhn
Catherine M. Harvey Kuhn

OCT 11 2024

October 7 2024
re: Project 2021-0245
Barton Mines LLC

Beth Megee - NYSDC
Corrie Megee - APA

I am writing to express support for the Barton Mines application to modify their mining permit going forward.

Barton Mines has been a mainstay of the community forever providing good jobs and generous community support while responsibly utilizing resources.

Barton's has been a good steward of the land employing the latest techniques and equipment available.

If the decision is based on science, it will be to continue. If the decision is swayed by grumbling neighbors, the outcome is less certain. The community will suffer irreparable harm. The industry will suffer a loss. The essential products will be unavailable elsewhere.

As a local resident and lifelong outdoorsman enjoying 13th Lake and the Siamese Ponds Area for over 50 years, my observations are that the adverse impact to the area is from the overdevelopment of the Gerret Hill complex, resulting in noise pollution, light pollution and inevitably septic effluence leaching into the lake.

Approve Barton Mines application.
Sanitize the expansion at Gerret Hill.

Respectfully
[Signature]

OCT 11 2024

Reference:

"Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines LLC;
Corrie Magee"

Dear Corrie Magee,

My name is Peter Barton, a long time resident of the hamlet of North River, a 1970 graduate of Johnsburg Central School. I was employed at Barton Mines from the late 1970's to the early 1990's. Now I'm considered a snowbird and spend winters in Fort Lauderdale and the spring through the fall in the hamlet of Blue Mountain Lake.

The purpose of this letter is to express my endorsement and desire to have the above referenced project approved. Approving this project will mean continued employment for many local families and allow Barton Mines to continue to be a major supporter in many ways for the local communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Barton

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: zarra0595@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Alexander Zarr
Email from: zarra0595@gmail.com
Address: 123 Collignon Ln Johnsburg New York 12843
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I wholeheartedly support barton mines in their endeavor to expand their mining permit. Bartons provides crucial jobs for the upstate NY area and a rejection of this permit modification would be detrimental to the economy in the north creek/johnsburg area. Thank you - Alexander Zarr

From: Gary Winders <info@protectadks.org>
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Gary Winders <gbear54@gmail.com>

21 Shoreland Drive
Belfast, ME 04915

From: Alix Sacknoff <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Elise Morrison <elisermorrison@gmail.com>

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Edgewater, NJ 07020

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 3:09 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Philip Barton Barton Lowden Email from: bartonlowden@gmail.com
Address: 33 Intrepid Cir Marblehead MA 01945
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Hello,

I hope that passing is amendment will help Barton Mines in continuing to grow; being a place for its local employees to grow with the Company. Additionally strengthening a family owned American operation that has been able to give jobs to families in the area since 1878.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Roger Lewis
Email from: carlscabin12843@yahoo.com
Address: 2453 Garnet Lake Road North Johnsburg NY 12843
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am in favor of the above project and wish to show my support for Bartons Mines.

Bartons Mines has been a great source of employment for generations as well as a supporter of local community groups. Generations of our family has found reliable employment, health benefits, and retirement pensions from this family run business.

They not only play a part in the community but their product is in demand world wide. During the COVID pandemic they continued to operate as essential workers to fulfill the government/military obligations.

I wish to see this company continue operating for generations to come and continue to be a proud part of the Adirondack Park history as noted by several museums.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: laurajbentley1977@live.com
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Comments from: Laura Bentley
Email from: laurajbentley1977@live.com
Address: 1430 S Johnsburg Rd Johnsburg NY 12843
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Good Morning,

Barton Mines is an essential part of the community, they not only provide employment to many residents around the area and help support the local economy but also give back to the community and the families of their employees. Not approving the mine permit would not only hurt us employees but many local businesses in the area

Sincerely,

Laura Bentley

From: Peter Madison <p.j.madison10562@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2024 10:24 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments; Magee, Beth A (DEC)
Subject: Fwd: Barton Mine Permit Application APA Project Number 2021-245

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To: rpcomments@apa.ny.gov, beth.magee@dec.ny.gov
Cc: SimpsonM@nyassembly.gov stec@nysenate.gov

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377 Midland Rd
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Comments from: Nazz Chaudhry
Email from: nchaudry@barton.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Hello, I work at barton mine and would love to retire from here it's a great job and awesome work environment. Barton mine has helped me support my family for 5 years and many other families as well seeing this place keep running and making garnet helps us all stay running and keeping our families afloat, so please support us by supporting Barton Mine. Thank You for your time.

From: [Mary Whiting Puckett](#)
To: [Magee, Corrie \(APA\)](#)
Subject: GHPOA Supplemental Cover Letter Re: APA Project 2021-245: Barton Mines Proposed Expansion, Town of
Johnsburg, Warren County
Date: Friday, October 18, 2024 12:07:26 PM
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Whiting Puckett
President, GHPOA

Garnet Hill

Property Owners Association

GarnetHillPOA@gmail.com

October 18, 2024

Corrie Magee,
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PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977
Corrie.magee@apa.ny.gov

Re: Expert Review and Recommendations by RSG on the Re-submitted Noise Studies by the Applicant for APA Project 2021-245: Barton Mines Proposed Expansion, town of Johnsburg, Warren County

Dear Ms. Magee:

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The GHPOA would like to reiterate a prior request and respectfully ask the APA to include the following noise mitigation requirements to ensure that the DEC noise requirements are included as part of the mine permit conditions:

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Garnet Hill

Property Owners Association

GarnetHillPOA@gmail.com

Again, thank you for the important work you do to safeguard the amazing Adirondack Park we all cherish.

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From: Nicole Sawyer <info@protectadks.org>
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Nicole Sawyer <nicolesawyer88@gmail.com>

276 Barker rd
dolgeville, New York 13329

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John Balzano <johnbalzano@verizon.net>

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Ronald Cuccaro <roncuccaro@gmail.com>

2230 Douglas Crescent
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From: Louanne R Petronio Cossa <info@protectadks.org>
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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My son walks by pallets of Barton's abrasives during work at Corning Inc.
They appreciate there is a supplier relatively close . Keeping people employed in the
ADK should be the aim of politicians , business , and the community .

Thank you

From: Martin Phillipps <mphil48@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2024 6:25 PM
To: Magee, Beth A (DEC); SimpsonM@nyassembly.gov; stec@nysenate.gov; APA Regulatory Programs Comments; crbartin@barton.com
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To All:

I am a resident and member of Garnet Hill Property Owners Association in North River, New York. I support Barton Mines application for continuation of mining operations and recommend approval by the APA and DEC. However, I am concerned about the tailings and noise issues as specified by our GHPOA Board, of which I am a member.

My recommendations are as follows:

1. Application should be issued for a period of 10 years with a 5- year view of compliance.
2. Tailings should be moved from the current location to the open-pit site at the mine.
3. All tailings should be watered to reduce dust, revegetated with grass until tailings are extracted for relocation and additional commercial use. Area should then be reforested. These projects should have a reasonable date for completion.
4. Financing of the relocation and restoration project may be funded by environmental bond funds and tax credits. Restoration project may offer employment opportunities for the community.
5. The APA and DEC are the appropriate agencies for monitoring noise and other compliance regulations.
6. GHPOA, Barton Mine and the North River/North Creek community form a committee to explore solutions for the environmental-impact problems. I believe all parties have a social/ecological responsibility to cooperate and participate to respectfully resolve these problems and should not engage in the continuation of an adversarial relationship.

Barton Mines is a responsible member of our community and a significant economic pillar in our community and requires approval of its application.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin J. Phillipps

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Comments from: Jay Johnston
Email from: jjohnston@palletsincorporated.com
Address: 99.5 East Street Fort Edward New York 12828
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am a supporter of the above action request. Barton Mines is a respectful business that employs over 100 men and women in this area. Barton Mines produces a globally known product that prides themselves in quality. I feel this is very important for the future of the area and Barton Mines.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.

Jay Johnston

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Email from: ryan.curtis@altg.com
Address: 17 Northway Lane Latham NY 12110
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

This project will have a positive and deep impact on the capital region for the years and decades to come.

From: Barb <barbnwheeler@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:08 AM
To: Magee, Beth A (DEC); APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Hi Beth,

I own a second home in Indian Lake and am writing to support Barton Mines. There are few opportunities for work in the area, I see the people, the school and the economy struggling and good jobs are sorely needed. Jobs that can support a family. I think that people who vacation in the area should not be considered to be more important than full time residents, although they are also important contributors to the economy. I fully support the requested permit modifications for the mine.

Thank you,

Barb Wheeler
Pawtucket, RI and Indian Lake, NY
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From: [Erik Werner](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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I support Barton Mine Permit Application.
Good local industry like Barton Mine is good for the park.
A connection to the land by working on it is positive.
Thank you
Kind regards,
Erik

Erik Werner
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Indian Lake, NY 12842
(518) 648-5752

From: [Privitera, John](#)
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John

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Subject: On behalf of Friends of the Siamese Ponds--Comment on Barton Mines, LLC Application for Expansion, APA ID No. 2021-2045

Beth and Corrie:

Please add this letter to the comments, on behalf of our client, Friends of the Siamese Ponds.

John

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October 10, 2024

VIA EMAIL

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Re: Friends of the Siamese Ponds Comments on Barton Mines, LLC Application for
Expansion, APA ID 2021-2045

Dear Ms. Magee:

Please accept this letter on behalf of our client, Friends of the Siamese Ponds, regarding the pending application for expansion. This letter emphasizes the importance of the detailed comment letter provided by the Friends of the Siamese Ponds, which was filed this morning. A copy is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Barton's application to expand remains incomplete. There is no ecological impact analysis of the proposed expansion and no documentation that the expansion will not have an undue adverse impact upon the natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological, wildlife, recreational and open space resources of the Adirondack Park, as required by the Adirondack Park Act.

We ask that you compile a complete record of the current and future impacts of the mine and its proposed expansion. This more complete record, which will necessarily include a new and valid noise study, must evaluate all reasonable alternatives to the environmental impacts before the mine is expanded for decades, as proposed. The current record before the Agency lacks complete information, to which the Commissioners and the public are entitled. It is time to pause, require more information and consider the impacts of the decision upon the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area and its adjacent recreational and open space community.

Fundamentally, the Applicant proposes to cover an additional fifteen (15) acres of

Resource Management Lands with a permanent waste pile. Much of this acreage is in a Critical Environmental Area directly adjacent to Wilderness. As the law provides, the “need to protect” these lands is of “paramount importance because of overriding natural resource and public considerations” Exec Law Section 805 (g). A more complete record and greater scrutiny are required here. See generally, Executive Law Section 810 (e) (describing protected Critical Environmental Areas in Resource Management Lands to include all areas within 1/8 of a mile of the Wilderness, as here.)

This project, if it were outside of the Adirondack Park, would be a Type I action under SEQRA that would necessarily include a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and at least three (3) public meetings to scope the project, air the draft EIS and lay out the final EIS. The format would require analysis of full impacts and all reasonably available control technologies, including noise mitigation and dust mitigation measures.

The courts anticipate that the Agency will conduct an even more thorough review than is required by SEQRA in the interest of protecting the Park’s public benefits and resources. Here, when a Type I action is on the table, the Agency has an obligation to go above and beyond SEQRA both substantively and procedurally, which includes not only substantive analysis of environmental impacts and mitigation measures on the record, but full engagement with the public in meetings prior to finalizing any decision.

The record now before the Agency is not even remotely equivalent to the analysis, process or public involvement of an EIS. Here, a full record must be completed and at least the public hearing procedures of Executive Law Section 813 should be employed so that the public has an opportunity to see the complete record and openly comment upon it.

The Agency has resource to the adjudicatory hearing process to develop the record more fully on external impacts of the mine and its proposed expansion including those related to ecological impacts, visual impacts, pile stability, noise and dust. These resources should be employed.

Review of this application must be based upon factual and expert analysis of documented impacts and mitigation alternatives. The process of decision making must have nothing to do with general form letters of support for the Applicant from members of the public that were triggered by a mass communications plan implemented by a professional public relations firm, which have accumulated in the record. Yes, the mine and its jobs should continue, within reasonable land use limits, but there must be a full record in support of any expansion including s record of all reasonably available measures to control sound, dust and other impacts.

For all these reasons, the Friends of the Siamese Ponds ask that you compile a more complete record of environmental impacts upon the Park’s resources, and mitigation alternatives, including those associated with adjacent Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area and the neighboring recreational and open space community, prior to taking final action on the application.

Corrie Magee
October 10, 2024
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Respectfully yours,

/s/ *John J. Privitera*

John J. Privitera

cc: Beth A. Magee
NYS DEC
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EXHIBIT A



Friends of Siamese Ponds
North River, NY

October, 10, 2024

Corrie Magee
Environmental Program Specialist 1
Adirondack Park Agency
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Ray Brook, NY 12977

Friends of Siamese Ponds Comments on Barton Mines, LLC Application for Expansion, ID 2021-2045

Dear Ms. Magee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments during the formal public comment period for the Barton Mines permit application. Friends of Siamese Ponds represents citizens concerned with current and future impacts from the Barton Mines North River operation. Over the past three years we have provided extensive comments into the administrative record on the three versions of the Barton application. While some of our environmental concerns have been addressed by the applicant, serious issues remain. The length of APA's public comment period is quite short, only 15 days for an administrative record with over 5000-pages of documents. APA denied a request for extension of the public comment period. Consequently, the following comments will elaborate on only a few of the issues raised previously, all of which we reiterate and incorporate by reference in response to the proposed permit.

The issuance of the initial APA permit for Barton's Ruby Mountain operation was controversial, requiring lengthy administrative hearings in front of APA commissioners. The proposed project was a big test for the Agency in its early years -- a large mountain-top mine directly adjacent to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness, the upper Hudson River and its tributaries, and a long-time community of North River residents. At the time of the application, homes in the community dated back over one hundred years and existing hospitality businesses, such as the Garnet Hill Lodge, had been attracting visitors to the area since 1936.

In 1979 APA issued Barton permit P79-358. The permit required minimization of visual impacts via ongoing revegetation of the expanding tailings pile, maintaining water quality to protect brook trout population in Brown Pond Brook and Thirteenth Brook, unobtrusive noise levels in the wilderness and community, and promised reclamation of mining

impacts at the previous Gore Mountain mine site. In the end, none of this occurred. Now Barton has presented a proposal for a large 70-year expansion.

No Analyses of Alternatives.

Barton has essentially presented its application as an ultimatum---if its application is not approved, it claims without evidentiary basis that it will have to shut down within five years. Even if this claim is true, it's not relevant to its responsibility to evaluate and mitigate current and proposed future environmental impacts. A full evaluation requires analyses of alternatives that would mitigate current and potential impacts, including visual, noise, water quality, dust, and tailings pile stability. But the APA and DEC (hereafter Agencies") have not requested that alternatives analysis and Barton has not provided one.

As an example, for the tailings pile, what alternatives exist for a smaller yet still economically viable project, one that may increase pile height by 20 or 40 feet, rather than 100 feet, possibly increasing stability and reducing visual impacts? What alternatives are available to prevent the pile from expanding laterally into the Critical Environmental Area adjacent to the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area? What are the alternatives to a pile underdrain system that must function in perpetuity to ensure stability?

Likewise, regarding noise impacts, what alternatives are feasible to mitigate the noise during active mining options that is plaguing nearby homeowners and is expected to worsen in the future? What are the options for reducing 24/7 noise from the mill building and tailings pile operations, such as insulating the walls, retrofitting pumps, installing noise berms, replacing old equipment, moving operation to a new building or subsurface. APA should require an analysis by one of the many engineering firms specializing in noise mitigation.

Minimizing Possibility for Catastrophic Collapse of the Tailings Pile

Barton's geotechnical expert Knight-Piesold concludes installation of underdrains beneath the waste pile is critical to reduce porewater pressure, necessary to maintain pile stability. Although these underdrains will need to operate forever to reduce the risk of potentially catastrophic collapse of the pile in the future, there is no discussion of the consequences of failure of underdrains to operate properly, now or in the future. Failure could result from extreme precipitation events, pile shifting or settling, earthquakes, or other unforeseen circumstances. The Barton mine is located near the highest seismic hazard region in New York State as indicated on the USGS seismic hazard map. There is no evaluation of whether inspecting and repairing the drains is possible, as they will eventually be buried under more than 15 million cubic yards of tailings.

During the past two summers in neighboring Vermont, and just a few weeks ago in western North Carolina, flooding resulting from extreme rainfall decimated communities. In North River, local residents have recently reported to the Agencies turbid discharges from Barton operations. Brown Pond Brook, a former brook trout stream and receiving waterbody for Barton site stormwater, has run brown and turbid after heavy precipitation events. It is only because of resident's complaints that DEC and APA are aware of these water quality

violations. Barton has no instrumentation to record turbid discharges, and does not report turbid discharges to DEC and APA, and neither DEC nor APA inspect the facility during or after heavy rainfall events. The impact of extreme rainfall on tailings pile stability, and overall site stormwater discharge must be evaluated.

Post Closure Plan

Barton proposes few details on what the multi-year reclamation process will look like at the end of mine operations. For example, buildings will need to be removed, settling ponds filled in, drainage systems rerouted, wetlands restored, and roads removed and revegetated. The top 20-feet of the massive tailings pile will be removed and placed on top of the quarry, the pile supposedly graded, revegetated with topsoil, compost and fertilizer. Long-term monitoring will be required for the entire site, including measurement of the porewater pressures at the bottom of the tailings pile. Barton, however, has not presented a post-closure plan. Additionally, it has provided no estimate of closure and post-closure costs. The Agencies have no information to determine the amount of financial assurance required of the company to ensure reclamation and post-monitoring and possible remediation occurs. Lack of financial wherewithal at the end of life for a mine is not uncommon in the mining industry. Concern regarding end-of-life reclamation at the Barton North River site is especially justified given the company's failure to perform reclamation at the Barton Gore Mountain mine site.

Failure to Address Current and Possible Future Nuisance Noise

Beginning when the mine commenced operation in 1983, and for approximately 35 years afterwards, noise from active quarry mining, and mill and tailings pile operations, was largely inaudible. Many North River residents did not even realize that some mine operations occurred 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

But more recently, noise during active daytime mining and the 24/7 mill and tailing pile operations has increased significantly. Residents often experience constant noise, night and day, on weekends and holidays. Barton mine noise is audible along all of Thirteenth Lake, a lake DEC designated in 2011 to be motorboat-free to protect its wilderness character, including its soundscape. Barton noise can also be heard deep into the Siamese Ponds Wilderness and at various locations throughout North River. North River residents have documented this pervasive and offensive noise in the record. The noise intensity can vary hourly, daily, and seasonally, seemingly dependent on the presence of interceding landforms that can block sound waves, air temperature and humidity, and amount and seasonality of vegetation. Other variables, for which Barton has provided no information, such as ongoing changes in mine operations (e.g. changes in equipment, processes or throughput (loading)) may have also contributed to increasing noise impacts.

Community residents began to raise noise issues with Barton beginning in 2019. At a second meeting, Barton representatives stated that a noise expert hired by the company suggested that changes to the landforms associated with the mine had created an "amphitheater effect," resulting in increased projection of sound into the North River valley.

Pursuant to its 2021 mine expansion application, Barton did not mention the amphitheater effect nor offer any reasons why the noise levels increased. The Agencies have not requested Barton to analyze the increased noise and how to mitigate it. The Agencies have not even agreed to meet with residents on this issue or visit residents' homes in order for agency staff to hear the nuisance noise themselves. Barton's explanation to the Agencies that "nothing has changed, only the neighbors have" belies logic. Many neighbors observing increased noise have been North River residents for decades. They support the mine and the jobs and tax base it provides. Operating the mine in an environmentally safe manner should create more jobs, not less. Concerned residents are reasonable people with better things to do than make up complaints about noise.

Barton's position now that nothing at the mine has changed recently on their end that would increase noise levels is contrary to its prior recognition of the "amphitheater effect" and needs investigation, which the Agencies have not requested. Has new equipment been installed since 1983? If so, is it larger, more powerful and louder? If not, has the old equipment degraded, possibly resulting in increased noise? Has the number or size of the huge pumps used to move the waste slurry to the top of the tailings pile increased? Has the recent change to crush rock to produce a smaller grain size product changed equipment or process? Has the operation of the ball mills or rock crusher changed? How has the increased size of the tailings pile or the increased surface area of quarry walls increased sound propagation from the site? What is the expected life of the mill building, a 43-year-old metal structure three stories high and an acre in area? Has the integrity of the mill building degraded? There are many more questions that need to be evaluated, questions only Barton can answer. There must be scientific explanations for the recent increase in sound intensity.

Board-certified noise experts from Resource Systems Group (RSG) recently evaluated noise data presented in the Barton permit application. RSG concluded that the increase in projected future noise levels violates the NYSDEC noise policy, Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts. Given this finding, and without understanding why mine noise has recently increased and what can be done to mitigate it, the Agencies cannot reasonably grant the company a permit to expand operations and operate until close to the end of the century.

Effective mitigation of noise from industrial operations is a common occurrence. The Agencies should require Barton to retain an engineering firm specializing in noise mitigation to prepare a report for public review and comment. The burden should not be on the residents impacted by the noise, who have limited knowledge of the specific sources of Barton noise, to identify solutions.

Dust Mitigation Plan

In its most recent application, we are pleased to see Barton propose use of dust suppressants to reduce particulate plumes into the community and surrounding wilderness. We are relying upon the Agencies to ensure the proposed suppressants are safe for use in the environment. However, Barton does not present a plan for monitoring the efficacy of the application of dust suppressants, and implementation of other control

measures if necessary. As detailed in our previous comments, and as is commonly required at similar facilities with dust problems, APA and DEC should require Barton to submit and implement a Dust Suppression Plan, complete with defined numerical limits for air quality at the site fence line.

The Agencies became aware of the Barton dust plumes due to reports from concerned citizens. These offsite plumes violate Barton's NYSDEC Mine Land Reclamation Permit. The Agencies should require the company, not citizens, to monitor and report these violations.

Inconsistency With Wilderness Character

Barton is operating on one of the few locations in the Adirondack Park designated for industrial use. Given the unusual nature of its operations in an area surrounded by wilderness, the agency must ensure that the mine's operation does not impair the natural and wilderness experience on the surrounding lands. Photographs provided by the public to the agency document that the enormous tailings pile is currently an eyesore visible from various vantage points including Moxham Mountain and viewpoints within the Siamese Ponds Wilderness. The proposed permit would allow Barton to increase the height of the pile by the equivalent of a ten-story building, further impairing the public's enjoyment of the Adirondack Park and potentially making the pile visible from additional wilderness viewpoints. As the beneficiary of an unusual industrial use classification, Barton has an obligation to minimize its intrusion into the surrounding wilderness, which it has failed to do.

Sincerely,

Alan Belenz

On Behalf of Friends of Siamese Ponds

Cc:

Beth Magee

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My Comments:

Please do not approve this expansion - the current eyesore is bad enough, and this is a unique wilderness area rich in ecological diversity, not to mention a buffer against climate change. No to the expansion!

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To:

Corrie Magee

NYSAPA

PO Box 99

Ray Brook, NY 12977

Hello

I am voicing my opposition to the expansion of the Barton Mines complex, until numerous issues dealing with noise, environmental impact, and visual impact, are addressed much more significantly and thoroughly.

The current mining site can be viewed as an ugly scar on the wilderness areas near Siamese Ponds. Granted, it's operating now, and I'm not about to call for any curtailment at this time, at its present size and scope.

However, plans for the expansion of that operation should be absolutely halted until many issues are addressed, including those mentioned above.

Sincerely

Frank Coppa

51 Capitol Place

Rensselaer, NY 12144

518 331 6156

fcoppa@nycap.rr.com

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: hpeckhaus@johnpac.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Hans Peckhaus
Email from: hpeckhaus@johnpac.com
Address: 101 Cattail Pointe Dr LA 70506
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I have worked with Barton Mines for decades as a manufacturer and supplier of packaging goods for their mineral products. Barton not only provides important gainful employment locally but also helps support local and regional businesses. I have always admired the Bartons dedication to a low impact process and leaving a small footprint on the environment to mention a spectacular dedication to employee safety and health.

My company is in an economic development zone in Cajun Country USA and our business and professional (and personal) relationship with Barton Mines directly benefits over 100 local workers. Please lend them any assistance in continuing their 150 year old history. Fantastic company! Sincerely, Hans Peckhaus, Director, JohnPac LLC

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: loggerone@aol.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: James pulsifer
Email from: loggerone@aol.com
Address: 32119
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Suppor this application wholeheartedly. Most the items we have in our world come from mining Has to be done in a safe fashion but don't need use less regulations that cost everyone money This mine has an excellent history of doing the right thing for the community and the environment. We should trust that they would continue their polices.

From: [Kanerahtentha Taylor](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
Date: Friday, October 11, 2024 7:54:34 AM

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PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Kanerahtentha Taylor <ehsgail@yahoo.com>
Box 886
Kahnawake, Quebec J0L1B0

From: [Brad Schmidt](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
Date: Friday, October 11, 2024 8:21:10 AM

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Dear Corrie Magee:

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Approve the mine permit
Approve the mine permit
Everything we have depends on industry of various sorts and the Adirondacks needs jobs and has a lot to provide to the lives all of us Americans live.
Approve the permit
Thank you

Sincerely,

Brad Schmidt <schmidt7b@yahoo.com>
27 Andrew Pind Rd
Pottersville, NY 12860

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: rileymsauschuck@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Riley Sauschuck
Email from: rileymsauschuck@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Barton is crucial to so many towns in the Adirondack Park. It keeps people living and working in the Adirondacks and employs many. Please support them in the ways they are needed. We need them!

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: gadwayrealty@yahoo.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Aaron Gadway
Email from: gadwayrealty@yahoo.com
Address: 1046 Big Brook Road Indian Lake NY 12842
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Please know that I am in support of Barton Mnes application , Barton has been a good neighbor and a supporter of many local jobs and adds greatly to a local economy that is already depressed.

Many thanks for your consideration.
Aaron & Cindy Gadway

From: [Mark Dumont](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
Date: Friday, October 11, 2024 1:24:42 AM

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mark Dumont <m22dumont@gmail.com>
215 Danbury Circle North
Rochester, NY 14618

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: bartonlowden@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments
Date: Friday, October 11, 2024 3:05:45 PM

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Philip Barton Barton Lowden
Email from: bartonlowden@gmail.com
Address: 33 Intrepid Cir Marblehead MA 01945
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Hello,

I hope that passing is amendment will help Barton Mines in continuing to grow; being a place for its local employees to grow with the Company. Additionally strengthening a family owned American operation that has been able to give jobs to families in the area since 1878.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: Cknight@johnpac.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Courtney Knight
Email from: Cknight@johnpac.com
Address: 13811 Preacher Road Rayne LA 70578
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Over the last 10 years, I have personally had the pleasure of providing dedicated customer service to Barton, ensuring their packaging needs are met with the highest level of attention and care. It has been an honor to work closely with such a fantastic company, and I have witnessed firsthand their commitment to excellence.

From: [Shannon M Coleman](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Shannon M Coleman <s.cobra64@protonmail.con>
178 Burlington Ave
Rochester, New york 14619

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Cc: mehenry@johnpac.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Mary Ellen Henry
Email from: mehenry@johnpac.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

We have supplied packaging to Barton over 15 years. They are a responsible party to the environment in their manufacturing processes and in their packaging design and function. Excellent partner.

From: [Debra Runyon](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Barton Mine
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 12:18:40 PM

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I am writing in support of the continued operations of the Barton Mine. This mine has been family owned and operated for many years. It is a United States Company that produces a high-quality garnet abrasive. With so much of our necessary products globally sourced, I feel it is important that companies based in the United States be given our full support. This mine provides employment to local residents and is an essential employer for our area. As the review process/decision to enable this company to continue its operations moves forward, please keep in mind the importance of this mine to our local commerce. Thank you,

Debra Runyon
Thurman Supervisor
PO Box 29
Athol, NY 12810
838-766-5013

From: [Ashley Berkowitz](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee
Date: Saturday, October 12, 2024 3:39:24 PM

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Ashley Berkowitz <ashleyberk19@gmail.com>
15 mountain ln
Saranac Lake, NY 12983

From: tom.meusel@gmail.com
To: [Magee, Corrie \(APA\)](#)
Subject: RE: APA public input error message for APA Project No. 2021-0245 form
Date: Friday, October 11, 2024 10:54:54 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Hi Corrie, I appreciate that, but I've tried it from 2 different laptops with 4 different browsers. It's not a cache issue. Perhaps your IT team needs to test it from outside your own firewall.

Tom

Tom Meusel
617-438-7210 (mobile)
tom.meusel@gmail.com

From: Magee, Corrie (APA) <Corrie.Magee@apa.ny.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 2:35 PM
To: tom.meusel@gmail.com
Subject: RE: APA public input error message for APA Project No. 2021-0245 form

Hi Tom,

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Thanks,
Corrie

From: tom.meusel@gmail.com <tom.meusel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 3:18 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments <RPCComments@apa.ny.gov>; Magee, Corrie (APA) <Corrie.Magee@apa.ny.gov>
Subject: APA public input error message for APA Project No. 2021-0245 form

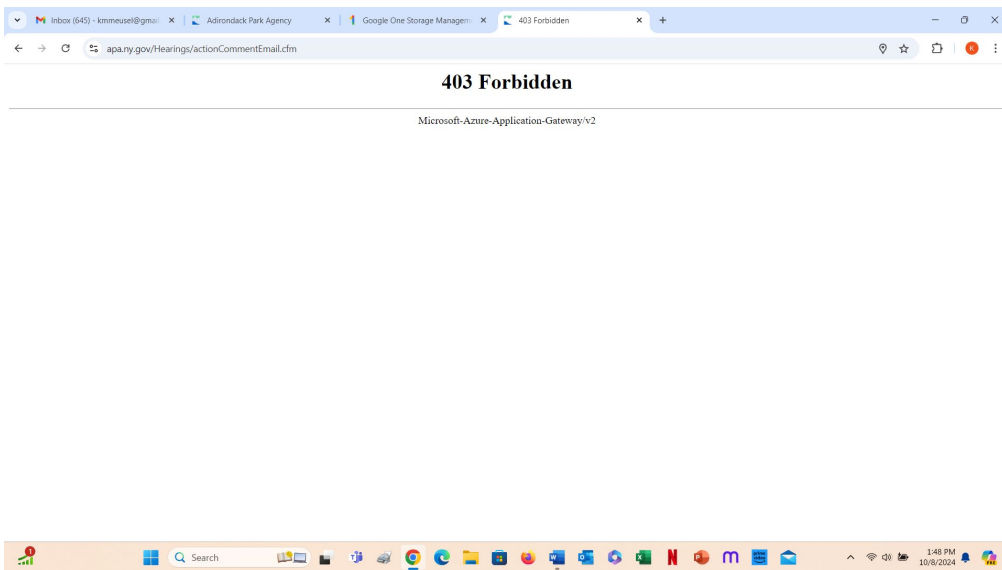
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Alexander Zarr
Email from: zarra0595@gmail.com
Address: 123 Collignon Ln Johnsburg New York 12843
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I wholeheartedly support barton mines in their endeavor to expand their mining permit. Bartons provides crucial jobs for the upstate NY area and a rejection of this permit modification would be detrimental to the economy in the north creek/johnsburg area. Thank you - Alexander Zarr

From: Ann Elizabeth Woodward <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 2:55 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Sincerely,

Ann Elizabeth Woodward <ann.woodward@aol.com>

55 West 14th Street, Apt 15A
New York, NY 10011

From: Carol Drozdyk <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:52 PM
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Sincerely,

Carol Drozdyk <cdrozdyk61@gmail.com>

155 Rowland Street, Apt. 20
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

From: Carrie Moodie <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 8:46 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Sincerely,

Carrie Moodie <carriemoodie@frontiernet.net>

243 Durant Road
Blue Mountain Lake, NY 12812

From: Celeste Barker <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:29 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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CHESTERTOWN, NY 12817

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93 Pleasant St.
East Dorset, Vermont 05253

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My family and I, all of whom were born and raised in the area (and most of whom still live there), have enjoyed the Adirondacks for generations. Please do not move forward with this project that will cause irreversible damage within the Park.

Thank you,

Daniel S. White

Sincerely,

Daniel S White <dan.white@gordon.edu>
65 Campmeeting Road
Topsfield, MA 01983

From: Daniel Willner <info@protectadks.org>
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190 Cherry Street
Katonah, NY 10536

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Dean Bianco <deanadk@hotmail.com>

43 Broadway, Apt 2-13
Saranac Lake, NY 12983

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mary m cronk <mc389@cornell.edu>

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Binghamton, NY 13901

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Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Why? Jobs? Profit. How long can continually destroying Nature result in more money in the end? I, My family and friends do not approve of any more expansion into the Adirondacks.
Thank you,

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:47 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: heather.m.steffek@gmail.com
Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Heather Steffek
Email from: heather.m.steffek@gmail.com
Address: 396 Barton Mines Road North River NY 12856
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I have found Barton Mines to consistently be good neighbors with a barely noticeable footprint. This business is an asset to North River. I am in full support of Barton Mines application.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Comments from: Pamela H. Hanke
Email from: pamhanke@yahoo.com
Address: 14 Maple Street, EDINBURG, Hadley New York 12835
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Come on, APA, you know this is a very bad idea for the Adirondack Park and for all the people in the vicinity of the mine project. Don't let us down as we depend on you to do what is right for the park and its residents!!

From: Patti Packer <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 9:17 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Sincerely,

Patti Packer <pattiac@nycap.rr.com>

5 Jennifer Rd
Scotia, NY 12302

From: Richard Evans <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Richard Evans <rge@richeva.com>

PO Box 1655
Lake Placid, NY 12946

From: Robert Fuss <info@protectadks.org>
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Robert Fuss <robertlfuss@aol.com>

4 Parkwood Lane
Spencerport, NY 14559

From: Ron Larsen <info@protectadks.org>
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Ron Larsen <rlarsen01@twcnny.rr.com>

174 CR 35
Canton, NY 13617

From: Susan Hoekstra <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Susan Hoekstra <susan.hoekstra.writer.editor.llc@gmail.com>

122 Kibler Point Road, PO Box 74
Wells, NY 12190

From: Thomas Wesley Weickert <info@protectadks.org>
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I live part time in the Adirondacks Park area.

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Sincerely,

Thomas Wesley Weickert <t.weickert@neura.edu.au>
8496 Melo Circle
Clay, New York 13041

From: Valerie Grieder <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 6:16 PM
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Valerie Grieder <valeriegrieder@verizon.net>

1703 Beards Creek Court
Davidsonville, MD 21035

From: Avery DeLeonardis <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2024 11:46 PM
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Sincerely,

Avery DeLeonardis <averydeleonardis@yahoo.com>

30 Magnolia Drive
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

From: Becky Thayer <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2024 7:17 AM
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Becky Thayer <becky.thayer@me.com>

7 Grotto Ct
Watervliet, NY 12189

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Betsy Ehrlich <betsyehrich@gmail.com>
8299 Boonville Road
Boonville, NY 13309

From: Dale Tracy <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2024 9:13 PM
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Dale Tracy <daletracy@nycap.rr.com>

20 Martin Ave
Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

From: David L Myers <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2024 10:09 AM
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David L Myers <blackdogmyers@sbcglobal.net>
141 Cedar Lane
Blue Mountain Lake, NY 12812

From: David Sauter <info@protectadks.org>
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Dear Corrie Magee:

I am for the expansion of the mine.

Thank you very much.

David Sauter

Sincerely,

David Sauter <bristoloaksfarm@frontiernet.net>
5540 Bristol Rd
Canandaigua, NY 14424

From: Deborah Meyers <info@protectadks.org>
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Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2024 9:19 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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185 Durant Rd
Blue Mountain lake, NY 12812

From: Denise Griffin <info@protectadks.org>
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Denise Griffin <mayadenise@yahoo.com>

PO Box 33
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From: Isabel Rodrigues <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2024 3:51 PM
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Isabel Rodrigues <rodrisab8@gmail.com>

5 Wildwood Ct
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From: Jenks, Rich <rgjenks@barton.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 10:27 AM
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Dear Corrie –

Thank you for your service to the APA and the Adirondack communities.

I respectfully ask that you support Barton's mine permit application on its merits and dismiss the misrepresentation/tyranny of the minority.

Thank you in advance for your balanced and thoughtful approach to this important matter for the benefit of the Adirondack communities served by the Barton organization.

Regards –

Rich Jenks

From: jeremy litts <info@protectadks.org>
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jeremy litts <JEREMYLITTS@YAHOO.COM>

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Yours truly,
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John Nemjo <johnnemjo@aol.com>

87 Meadowbrook Rd
saratoga springs, New York 12866

From: judy b <jandjbrown@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2024 5:30 PM
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Julia Piskun <julia.55@piskun.com>

3 Plaid Place
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From: Karen Koscianski <info@protectadks.org>
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2645 Quail Ridge Road
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From: Ken DeLong <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Lauren Woodcock <lwoodcp@gmail.com>

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From: Linda A Frederick <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2024 10:18 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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From: Lynn M. Kelly <lynnkelly@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2024 5:20 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Kent Hirozawa
Subject: "Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee"

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Please accept my comments below on the proposed Barton Mines Expansion:

1. I have been the co-owner of a family camp in Johnsbury for nearly 35 years. I hike in the Siamese Pond Wilderness, cross-country ski at Garnet Hill and hike and kayak on Thirteenth Lake and downhill ski at Gore Mountain. I pay local property and school taxes and shop in local stores and dine in North Creek and Warrensburg and have done so for 35 years.
2. Barton Mines has written and asked us several times to write in support of their expansion and included information about their role as a local employer for many years. We appreciate Barton's efforts to keep good jobs in Johnsbury and I would be interested in knowing how many of their current employees (not retirees) live in Johnsbury as opposed to commuting from other locations? What is also not included in their letters seeking support from us as local property owners is a firm commitment by Barton Mines to keeping the same number of jobs for the local workforce into the future years if the company is allowed to expand their operations. In addition, although the company seeks to expand operations, I have seen no indication of plans to expand the workforce and assume that automation has replaced many jobs that were done in the past by a larger local workforce. In fact, the company's application to increase the hours of truck traffic out of the site means they will remove the product faster. Longer hours of mining and faster operations just means the mine is depleted faster and thus jobs ended faster. A real job focus would be reasonable work hours and an enforceable commitment to keeping the same number of jobs in place until the mining operation is completed. I have seen no such commitment from the company.
2. What is left for the local community will be environmental devastation beyond that which is already showing up. The visual impact from the Barton Mines operation has increased from insignificant to readily apparent in the last few years. The mining operation is now visible from Thirteenth Lake Road and looks like the top has been taken off of the mountain and it is a huge hole without trees when viewed from various points. In addition, I have seen increased dust and particulate matter in the air on windy days when I have been out hiking. Tourists including the skiers, hikers, rafters and canoeists on which the local small businesses depend are likely to be put off by the increasingly apparent effect of ramped up mining in this area. The southern Adirondacks needs these tourists to visit and disperse pressure from the more well known and pristine High Peaks area. The APA must consider these effects.
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8. Please hold an adjudicatory hearing in order to fully consider the environmental and all other APA related considerations in deciding the company's application. Barton's application for an expansion as currently submitted should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn M. Kelly
lynnkelly@verizon.net

From: Marc Jacobs <info@protectadks.org>
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Marc Jacobs <mjakeo@gmail.com>

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From: Mike Reid <info@protectadks.org>
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From: Monica L Bills <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

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Beth Magee
NYS DEC
232 Golf Course Road
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Dear Governors of Lands, Waters and Wildlife of Adirondack Park:

The application submitted by Barton Mines, North River, NY to continue the mining permit at Ruby Mountain is worthy of approval in all respects relevant to its final form as generated during the long negotiation period recently completed.

Barton has worked hard to meet state and resident requests for conformance as much as possible in the areas of dust and visuals relating to tailings deposition, plant and road noise, and truck traffic. All parties at the table must come to realize that each has to give a little because it would be grossly unbelievable for NYS to kick Barton Mines out of the state.

For more than a century, Barton Mines has grown with the Johnsburg community and today enjoys huge respect throughout the Town and Warren County for their progressive conscience in environmental protection, social interaction, and economic stimulation.

Most North River folks and state officials understand that the roughly 100 women and men who go to work at Ruby every day are a highly productive and very big part of the region's economy. Keeping them employed by extending the mine's contract is worthy of support.

Best regards,



Robert Nessel & Kelly Nessel

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Sarah Rain
Email from: posniesd@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Please do not approve Barton Mines' expansion request. Reducing the buffer between their operations and Siamese Ponds, expanding the tailings pile, and increasing truck traffic will have negative impacts on local tourism, which employs large numbers of people both directly and indirectly. In addition, noise from increased operations and traffic will negatively impact local residents without providing them with any compensation. Trucks also cause significant more wear on the roads than passenger vehicles.

expanding its residual mineral pile. The tailings would rise another 100 feet. The company proposes to lower the quarry floor and increase trucking and mining vehicle operation hours.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Subject: APA Project 2021-0245 Public Comments

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Bonnie cook
Email from: bonnievcook@gmail.com
Address: 2 Snyder Rd West Sand Lake NY 12196-2236
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Dear Commissioners,

I am in alignment with the excellent analysis opposing this project, as detailed by Protect the Adirondacks.

The expansion of this mine favors only the business and in return erodes the important and fragile Adirondack forests and threatens the nearby lakes. It also sets a precedent to allow further mining in the Adirondack Park - A Park whose purpose is to protect wilderness, slow climate change, and serve the people.
Please deny this expansion. Thank you.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2024 7:40 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Comments from: John Williams
Email from: jwilliams@mdandb.com
Address: 66 helen drive Queensbury Ny 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I have been involved with Barton Mines for 16 years. They are an outstanding company with a high focus on safety and the environment. All of my interactions with Barton Mines has revolved around high standards and ethics. I feel they are one of the best, if not the best operations in the mining business . They have a long history in the Adirondacks, and are well respected. I believe they would only do what's best regardless of the situation. Best practices in a good neighbor.

David M. Pratt, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist

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Environmental Program Specialist 1

Adirondack Park Agency

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Ms. Magee:

I am writing to you regarding APA Project Number 2021-245.

My wife and I are homeowners in the Garnet Hill Community at 13th Lake in North River, NY. We have owned our home at 3 lakeview Lane for around 20 years and have been coming up to 13th lake for more than 30 years. We truly love this area for its pristine environment and year round opportunities for out of door recreation and adventure.

Neither one of us is an environmental engineer, but we know what environmental damage looks like when we see it. We are very concerned about the damage Barton Mines has already created on Ruby Mountain and we are truly frightened about the damage that will likely occur over the course of another 75 years if this permit is approved.

The Barton Mine Company has already caused irrevocable damage to the environment in North River, NY. The expansive tailing pile they have created in the middle of an otherwise pristine Ruby Mountain will increase from its current 73 acres to 88 acres should their plan be approved. These tailings can be seen for miles from many vantage points in and around North River and as far away as Minerva, NY (about 12 miles from North River) spoiling an otherwise pristine Adirondack scene.

The enormous tailing pile has contributed to significant rainwater runoff which flows unimpeded down the mountain side causing considerable soil erosion as well as flooding and damaging 13th Lake Rd. beneath the mine. Their permit if approved will allow Barton Mines to lower the quarry floor from its current 1,860 feet to 1,790 feet. The noise, dust and light pollution associated with the mine has increased significantly in the past few years and will likely continue to increase should their permit be extended. Truck traffic up and down 13th lake road has also increased significantly over the past few years and has caused considerable damage to 13th lake Road.

We urge you and your agency to do a closer examination of the permit extension and the damage to the environment and quality of life to residents and visitors that has already been done and the likely enormous damage it will cause over the next 75 years.

Please consider reducing the tenure of the new permit and creating restrictions to prevent further environmental damage as we've described above.

David M. Pratt, Ph.D. & Celia N. Spacone, Ph.D.

David M. Pratt, Ph.D.
Celia N. Spacone, Ph.D.

From: Ralph Cossa <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Ralph Cossa <wladk.com@gmail.com>

74 Old Ice House Road
Woodgate, NY 13494

From: Robert Murphy <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 6:47 AM
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Robert Murphy <robertmurphy359@gmail.com>
9554 Pierce Road
HOLLAND PATENT, New York 13354

From: Sean Harrington <sean@homes401.com>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2024 11:40 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Dear Corrie,

As a local property owner I am writing to voice my support of Barton Mines permit modification request. I think that it is important that Barton Mines continues to operate. I have seen the significance of their local employment. They have a long history in the area and operate responsibly. I believe that they can continue to co-exist with the local population in a harmonious manner.

Thank you.....

Sean Harrington - 401.300.2222

From: Susan Shanley <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2024 8:09 AM
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Susan Shanley <sus.shanley@gmail.com>

163 Woodlawn Ave.
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-1523

From: Thomas R. Karamintzas <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Thomas R. Karamintzas <tommyk21@yahoo.comt>

509 New York 376
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From: Katie Martens <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 10:06 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Sincerely,

Katie Martens <katiemartens1838@gmail.com>

154 Georganna Dr.
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Valerie Brunelle
Email from: valerie.brunelle07@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

This project will significantly decrease the enjoyment of the park. If APA wants to continue having people visit the park, its important to take its prosperity and protection seriously. Expanding an open pit mine is one of the worst things to do for the environment. Mines are major contributors to pullution with its use of heavy machinery, its destruction of nature, the waste produced, and not to mention the horrid sight it is. Imagine taking a walk in mountains and working hard physically to enjoy the beautiful sights of mountains and nature just to be reminded that the park officials actually dont care about the park and allow mining operations to take place and EXPAND. Its truly insulting for the general public who gain nothing from this mine. Please take these criticisms seriously and reconsider the role the APA has towards ensuring the public can enjoy the park.

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Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

A noise level study should be conducted in the vicinity of the mine to assess the potential impact on wildlife that may be caused by the mine's operations. The expansion of the mine's activities could have adverse effects on wildlife, particularly during nighttime hours. Measures should be implemented to mitigate these potentially negative impacts and establish appropriate noise level regulations. The involvement of a local Wildlife Biologist during this process is essential.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Judson Dasno
Email from: jdasno@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

With the potential expansion of the residual mineral pile size come concerns for potential runoff and mineral leaching into groundwater or adjacent waterbodies. A buffer of 100 feet would be ideal, along with consistent and rigorous water quality testing for sulfate and heavy metals in adjacent water bodies and streams. Ensure to "filter" tailings before depositing them into the residual mineral pile.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Paige Marsh
Email from: pmarsh@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

- 1.) What is the watershed adjacent to this project? Is there a buffer of 100 feet?
- 2.) What is the long term restoration plan for this site?

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Wesley Burkit
Email from: wburkit@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Dear Corrie Magee:

Please review the following public comments regarding the APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC, application:

This project will increase noise pollution and visual impairments from the removal of trees, and increase in use of heavy machinery. This change can disturb residents, visitors, and wildlife as trucking and mining will increase truck traffic from 5 loads to 16 loads per day and operation hours from 7 am-4:30 pm. Noise pollution from the hours of operation and truck load increase, wildlife habitat and community members routines will be impacted from increased traffic, noise, and pollution from the vehicles.

Are the roads and infrastructure of the area developed to support this increased traffic? Are there noise pollution or trucking guidelines being followed to minimize disturbance of wildlife? What is your action plan for protecting the integrity of the park aesthetics and experience for all who live and visit here?

This project will reduce habitat for various keystone species in the ADKs, like red foxes, as the deforestation from removing almost 17,000 trees will reduce forest cover and protection for fox dens and hunting cover. Many mammals and other important wildlife will be out of their homes, night covers or hunting grounds.

Has this project considered the impact of habitat and species populations in the area? Is there an action plan to reduce habitat destruction? Please consider restoring or planting an equivalent or greater amount of forest than is being removed to offset the carbon stores being released by the proposed clear cutting.

Typically, chemical leaching from mineral residue piles increasing in size will impact the ground water supply and contaminate water ecosystems and organisms by increasing pollutants like sulfur and aluminum. The soil in this

area is sandy loam which is a group A soil. This soil type has the highest susceptibility to leaching pollutants into the ground water supply.

What chemicals have the potential to leach from the mine residue? How will the mine residue be disposed of? Please document the chemical leaching management strategy and monitor ground water and soil pollution annually.

With the increase in truck traffic, the Green House Gas emissions from the vehicles and mining operations will contribute to local and regional pollution of the atmosphere and depletion of the ozone layer.

What are the pollution offsets being considered to reduce the impact of Green House Gas emissions?

The current land use classifications are rural use, resource management and industrial use. As it stands, the resource management still predominates those three, but with the expansion of this mine, the important resource management land will be turned into industrial which has the heaviest impact on the environment from all land use categories.

What are the impacts of reclassifying this land? What are the efforts in place to minimize the impacts? In what ways will this project benefit the community and the Adirondacks?

Please consider denying the application for the foreseeable future or mandating mitigation and remediation plans regarding the concerns raised in conjunction with a decreased scope or range of the project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely ,

Wesley Benjamin Burkit

Practicing Environmental Scientist and Restoration Ecologist

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Tristian Olsen
Email from: acording@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

The noise along with the visual impacts from this mine expansion will have effects on the community and the Siamese Ponds Wilderness. There will also be surrounding areas in the Forest Preserve that will see these effects. 16,678 trees will be cut down which is supposed to act as the initial buffer. The removal of these trees removes habitats for wildlife, natural resources, and a buffer from all the noise created. The equipment used to remove these trees would also release incredible amounts of CO2 emissions. To mitigate the level of CO2 emissions released on the job site biodiesel along with alternative energy can be used. The overall Barton Mine expansion of 26.1 acres adds to the removal of wildlife habitat. To accommodate for this removal there can be money placed into a conservation fund used to help preserve public lands in New York State.

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Email from: dparo@paulsmiths.edu
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Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

There are concerns about this mining project given that it is stated to affect quality of life for residents and surrounding businesses with the loud industrial activities all day long and additional physical factors such as dust, degrading of the environment, etc. Let's think about the visual and physical affects it could take on the people and environment surrounding this expansion project good and/or bad. With that being said, this expansion could be beneficiary to the public in numerous ways, but it needs to remember the effects it could potentially have in general. Even with all of this construction runoff and potential noise and other problems, they could have a time when they are physically working so the surrounding community would know the times that it will nosier than usual. Additionally, think about the chemicals that are leaching from the mine piles, the habitat reduction, the waterbodies that are adjacent, etc., and how you can balance those reactions. For an example, they could document chemical management and monitor those aiding factors around that. Will the wilderness around the mining operations be affected, will the community after the expansion has finished still have the physical effects of dust, and noise, etc.? All these factors should be taken into consideration while potentially building the expansion of the mine and the downsides and upsides and what they could do to balance those equations out to have the least amount of change in the community, environment, etc.

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Address:
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My Comments:

The expansion of the mountaintop mine will cause the pile of mine waste to increase by 100 feet, which will make the pile higher than some of the Adirondack peaks. Leaving this waste pile will leave a permanent scar in the park. I would suggest mitigating this issue by transporting the material offsite to a specified dumping site. Another issue I had was the level of noise that the expansion of the mine would create. The mine already has complaints about the noise levels from nearby homeowners.

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Email from: dgrant@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

The mine proposes to expand 11 acres and dig down 100 more feet. The project will be beneficial to the local economy and bring more money into the area. The downside of course being the environmental side of things. How does the site plan on accounting for the loss of habitats? Have they conducted any analysis of the local wildlife in the area they are expanding?

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Email from: askinner1@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

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From: Sara Smolevitz <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Sara Smolevitz <:ssmolevitz95@gmail.com>

82 Pepper Bush Place
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

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Sincerely,

emilia sabatso <esabatso@gmail.com>

10 Clarkson Ave
Potsdam, NY 13699

From: Jeffrey Levitt <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Jeffrey Levitt <laborerman@yahoo.com>

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ALBANY, New York 12209

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Email from: acording@paulsmiths.edu
Address: 20 symond sq colton ny 13625
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

With the mass need for vehicles and fossil-fueled vehicles/machinery, the impact of burning fossil fuels is also significant. How are these released carbon emissions being combated while this mine is being built or used? Along with the use of fossil fuels, what is the impact of the run-off settlement being produced with the usage of the mine? Is there any chance of any potential pollution of the local watershed? If so, what is the competent of this issue if it arises?

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Comments from: Eric Potter
Email from: eric.potter@utexas.edu
Address: 38 Caitlin Dr Queensbury NY 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the application by Barton Mines. The proposed expansion is on land they own and is properly zoned. Many of the nearest neighbors moved in knowing the mine was there and might expand. The expansion is minor in terms of acreage, and it not on a mountain top as some environmental groups contend. It is in a saddle along a ridge line.
Keeping Barton Mines viable should be a goal of all stakeholders. I do think the company should do a better job of dust control on their spoil pile - all parties would be happier if that was accomplished.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Henry Paul Mossell III
Email from: hmossell@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Regarding the noise and visual impacts the 26.1 acre expansion into the buffer area that is supposed to be buffering and protecting the adjacent designated wilderness area, what is the plan to replace the lost buffering of the wilderness area.
To reduce impacts on wildlife, visitors, and adjacent landowners, mining operations should only take place during daylight hours. If possible, don't have flood or external building lights face towards the tree line to reduce light pollution in the forest, and to have a lesser effect on wildlife.
If any waste is generated from the site, construction or operational, that can't be properly stored or mitigated, have it removed from the area entirely and not left where it could become a potential hazard or cause atmospheric or ground water pluming at any point.
The physical buildings and expansion of the site should not impede the scenic or aesthetic look and feel of the adjacent Siamese Ponds Wilderness, and the expansion should not degrade the biological health of the land anymore than is necessary (i.e. cutting down more trees than needed). As the expansion is 26.1 acres, and per the Adirondack Park Agencies guide, a permit must be attained before any sort of clear-cutting can begin for a lot of 25 acres or more. Proof of this permit should be proved for public acknowledgement.
In an effort to realistically reduce some of the projects emissions, implement practices like running machines off of biodiesel, have vehicles and machines not allowed to be idled, use lower lumen light bulbs inside and outside at night, or when the roads start to freeze over try pre-salting the roads to reduce the amount of salt it takes to get rid of the ice.

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Comments from: Alexander J Elderbroom
Email from: elderbrooma@gmail.com
Address: 7777 State Route 30, Mailbox 754 Paul Smiths NY 12970
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

The potential impacts of the expansion plan for the Barton Mines operation would be absolutely disastrous for the nearby protected wilderness and water bodies apart of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area. This area in particular is a protected part of the Adirondack part and encroaching further on already protected wilderness will just bring further issues in a park that is supposed to be forever wild. In researching the topic there are several potential impacts if this plan is to continue, those being:

- a. The proposed clear-cutting of 26.1 acres of protected wilderness and impacting an already flourishing ecosystem. This will disrupt ecosystem operations, hierarchy, and flow. Removing nearly 16,000 trees would vastly disrupt the surrounding area.
- b. The use of unsustainable building material will further increase carbon emissions as well as potentially pollute the local area that is developed.
- c. Construction and operations at the mine could further influence local water bodies by polluting them with hazardous runoff as well as polluting local forests and fields. Leeching hazardous materials into the soil and disrupting things such as tree growth and the growth of shrubs.
- d. Mining operations are often extremely dirty and have the potential to pollute the surrounding air quality with things such as dust, dust comprised of different particles of rock, metals, and carcinogens.

Please consider the following for the sake of our precious Adirondack Park.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Megan Hartmann
Email from: acording@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

The expansion of mountaintop mining on the Ruby Mountain Mine in Johnsbury, New York will create impacts on the existing environment and individuals living in the area. Noise pollution from the project may pose an annoyance to local residents and business owners in Johnsbury. Please complete a noise mitigation plan to document the strategies that will be used to reduce the project noise to a reasonable level. Noise decibel levels below 70 dB are considered safe for unprotected ears. Noise levels of 90 dB or above can cause hearing damage, especially if exposed to for long periods of time. Potential mitigation measures include installing a noise barrier of at least two inches in thickness. Quilted fiberglass panels are commonly used on construction sites in order to reduce reflected noise within the job site. Gaps in the barrier will reduce the effectiveness of blocking noise.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Cody Day
Email from: Cday@paulsmiths.edu
Address: 6082 barker road New York 13425
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am writing this comment to express some concerns I have for the Ruby Mountain Mine expansion. While this project may represent a significant opportunity to enhance this mining operation while contributing to local economic development, it also raises potential environmental and community concerns that must be carefully addressed. My first concern is the potential environmental impacts. Potential environmental impacts include effects on local wildlife, water quality, soil stability, and air quality. The air quality will have impacts on the local community with 24 hour mining there will be a lot of dust blowing off the property. When stone dust gets wet it sticks to everything like cement so it could potentially impact the visuals of the environment around the mine potentially making trees look bland. My final impact of this expansion is the noise that will affect our local community. 24 hour mining means non stop sound coming from the mine which will most definitely affect us in the community. Thank you for your attention

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Jackson Novak
Email from: Jnovak9703@gmail.com
Address: 70 Mountain View road Putnam Valley NY 10579
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

To Whom it May Concern,

The projected plans for the expansion of the mining operations will have impacts that pose a threat to the nearby protected area of wilderness at Siamese Pond. This area is currently protected on behalf of the Adirondack Park service due to it's important location, habitat development, and safety for the ecosystem. Looking into the expansion project it seems to put the protected area at a higher risk from impacts of expansion such as construction efforts that can negatively impact habitats of many organisms, and pollutants that could kill fragile species. Another main impact is the large clear-cutting that would need to be done and the expansion of mining operations would lead to leaving the area more vulnerable to pollutants, contamination, carbon emissions, and habitat/animal loss. I was wondering what information you can provide about these concerns. There are more issues to address these are just addressing the some of issues that need to be addressed before we even consider the expansion of the mines.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Kyle Davis
Email from: kdavis@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am for the Barton mine expansion. I am wondering how will it affect ground water pollution? I will be wanting a document showing what the ground water will look like during the expansion. Also, there are endangered and invasive species in the Adirondack Park. I would also like to see a document and a map on how to preserve those plants. Some plants are very important within the area. Lastly, the Adirondack Park is a high tourist destination. Many people will travel to go hiking and to experience the outdoors. How will noise pollution affect the tourist numbers coming into Hamilton and Warren County? I would like to see a document showing effects on the tourist within the area.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Tristan Wilde
Email from: twilde@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Some of the potential impacts as a result of the Ruby Mountain mine are noise pollution. If the plan moves forward, it will be within 225 feet from a wilderness area, increasing the noise from the mine to hikers and campers in the wilderness area. This can possibly be mitigated by implementing noise-reduction techniques, such as sound barriers, equipment mufflers, and operational curfews.
Another potential impact if the project moves forward is a visual impact, with the mine being so close to the wilderness, it will take away the naturalness of the Adirondacks to passing hikers. A possible mitigation measure could be to maintain a buffer zone with native vegetation around the mining area to shield it from view.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Tyson Smith
Email from: tsmith@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

How are the project managers monitoring affects to wildlife in the area caused by the mining and processes involved in it? How will dangerous chemicals being used in the mine be recorded, monitored and disposed of to ensure they do not leech into the area around the mine.

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Comments from: Jack Donders
Email from: jdonders@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

While looking at the proposed project to expand Barton Mine, I had some questions regarding environmental impacts on local water sources and, more specifically, the nearby wilderness area on which the expansion of your mine may start encroaching on this land. From the information I've gathered, your project plans to expand the site by up to 33% on top of the already hefty 850 acres of land which this mine falls upon. However, being so close to the Siamese Pond Wilderness Area, which encapsulates a protected body of water, poses some challenges when running an operation like this. During your project, how will you mitigate runoff from the site and prevent heavy metals like aluminum, zinc, and copper from contaminating local groundwater, waterbodies, soils, and geology? While there may be less impact than coal runoff from other mines currently in operation or closed, once this facility has exhausted the resources, it should not be left to fill with water to poison the area. Some restoration plan should be in place for the eventual closing of Barton Mountain to prevent these things from happening in the future.

From: [Drew Price](#)
To: [APA Regulatory Programs Comments](#)
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PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

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3. Round the clock 24-hour-a-day mining and processing operations should not be allowed.
4. The expansion of the mine tailings waste pile height by 100 feet will make the pile larger than some peaks in the Adirondacks and Barton has no viable way to revegetate this massive pile. As a result, it will leave a permanent scar on the Adirondack Park.
5. The project will have undue air quality, scenic and aesthetic impacts because Barton's dust suppression efforts have been unsuccessful and the company is proposing no new dust mitigation measures.
6. Although the mine expansion will result in a tripling of heavy-duty truck trips, the continued operation of multiple sources of greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions, and the clear-cutting of approximately 36 acres of forest, Barton has failed to provide any analysis of the climate change impacts of these actions.
7. Independent experts provided information on substantive deficiencies in the Barton Mines application, which the APA has failed to take into account.
8. Barton's application for an expansion should be denied. Please hold an adjudicatory hearing to deny this application.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Drew Price <drprice20@gmail.com>
14 Deer Path Lane
Mansfield, MA 02048

From: Scott Hinton <info@protectadks.org>
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Scott Hinton <shinton62@gmail.com>

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Ballston Spa, NY 12020

From: Sid Harring <info@protectadks.org>
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Sincerely,

Sid Harring <sid.harring@gmail.com>

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Mayfield, NY 12117

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Sincerely,

Sophia LoDico <sophialodico03@gmail.com>

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Dear Mr. West and Ms. Magee,

As a concerned third party interested in the preservation and conservation of the finite span of natural communities found in the Adirondack Park boundary, I would like to make apparent the ecological impacts, current operations and future expansion plans of the Barton Mines impose on the surrounding region.

My background centers on broadscale ecological concepts, however, my undergraduate work centered on the forested mountains of upstate New York- an ecosystem fairly similar to that of the Barton Mines. While I understand the economic importance of the Barton Mines, it is crucial to address the environmental concerns that accompany its operations.

Biological Concerns:

The Siamese Ponds Wilderness Preserve continues shrinking in acreage as the Barton Mine expands. The 114,000-acre wilderness preserve acts as an immediate buffer preserving quality of life of neighboring residences, including Saddle Lodge and The Inn on Gore Mountain. The mountain top excavation would require terraforming and preparation in order to access the work site and unearth garnet and other resources. Haul roads and excavation requires forest clear-cutting and combustion of bedrock and parent material, resurfacing not only sought-after material, but atomized rock flung downwind as dust, as well.

To address air quality impairment, it is essential to measure particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10) levels in the surrounding area before and after mining activities. Alongside air quality impairment, the impact on plants inhibits their efficacy of photosynthesis by blocking sunlight and obstructing stomata. Monitoring chlorophyll content and stomatal conductance in plants within a 5-mile radius of the mine is necessary to assess botanic system health.

The impact on wildlife is twofold that of plants; the direct health impacts also accumulate with the influence on plants, resulting in a trophic cascade disruption. Conducting wildlife surveys to track changes in species presence and behavior, particularly focusing on indicator and endangered species such as the Northern long-eared bat and the Wood turtle, is crucial. Documentation of surveyed ecological impacts, such as air quality, wildlife behavior, and impact on vegetation, and how they were sampled must be included with the final iteration of the APA application.

Given that all resources are finite, it is imperative to implement rewilding initiatives in depleted sections of the mine to ensure no-net loss of natural communities as expansion efforts continue. These efforts would include reforestation projects, habitat restoration, and the creation of wildlife corridors to support biodiversity. Rewilding must focus on planting native tree species, restoring natural hydrologic regimes, and creating habitats that support a diverse range of flora and fauna. Additionally, involving local communities in rewilding projects can foster a sense of stewardship and ensure the long-term success of these initiatives, conveying support of the Barton Mines' expansion.

Sustained Operation Duration Concerns:

Current Barton Mine services sustain continuous operation, which fundamentally alters the functionality and behavior of the wilderness community. The constant source of chemical and noise pollution disrupts natural soundscapes and the visual aesthetics of the area, and the repercussions span well beyond the scope of the mine's boundaries. Methods to mitigate these effects need to include an appraisal of decibel levels at various distances from the mine site, particularly capturing data representative of peak operation hours; these would be

assessed in conjunction with wildlife behavior. Chemical pollution must be assessed, both its severity and range of impact, by testing surface soil and water samples, for contaminants such as heavy metals and hydrocarbons within a 10-mile radius of the mine.

The abrasive stimulus of consistent operation discourages wildlife use of neighboring habitat, reshaping their distribution; generally, towards urban communities in efforts to impose a comfortable distance from the mines' activities. As anthropogenic influence encroaches on wildlands, the wilderness is guided into niche corridors where the available wild areas cannot accommodate the abundance of individuals. These imposed stressors on carrying capacity induce conflict between humans and wildlife experiencing desperation.

In conclusion, the biological importance of preserving the natural communities within the Adirondack Park cannot be overstated. These proposed solutions aim to balance the economic interests of Barton Mines with guidance of environmental stewardship. I sincerely appreciate your consideration of these suggestions and look forward to seeing a commitment to sustainable practices that protect our invaluable natural resources.

With appreciation,

Tristan Miller

Tristan Miller: candidate for a B.S. in Ecological Restoration at Paul Smith's College

tmiller1@paulsmiths.edu

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Barton Mines,

I write to you as a concerned resident of the Adirondacks regarding that which exists, and which may exist within the scope of the Ruby Mountain mining operation. It has been the custom for long years for residents of Johnsbury and surrounding communities to live in relative harmony with and harbor respect for the wilderness which permeates so much of the Adirondacks and gives it its intrinsic value. Unfortunately, the infrastructure put in place and the actions taken by Barton have caused tangible damage to the wild traits and values of the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area. Furthermore, it has potentially jeopardized the property and living conditions of the locals. The multiple failures both to follow regulations such as CLCPA and the APA permit it holds, and to enact routine safety measures such as mitigation of waste disposal site tailings. Some of the conditions created by these poor practices include massive sprawling dust clouds from the exposed 73-acre debris pile that can endanger the health of anyone in the area along with their unsightly appearance, constant round-the-clock noise from blasting and other processing operations, along with there being no plan to revegetate the massive pile of tailings at any point.

The current draft proposal makes no mention of these shortcomings and instead, chooses to expand without any apparent thought of potential increased consequences, be they physical, chemical, ecological, visual, or medical. Before any attempt to expand is made, the current operations should bring themselves to a reasonable standard of compliance with regulations and operation with the basic safety of surrounding areas in mind.

It is crucial that Barton acknowledge, not just that they are culpable for the actions taken at this site, but also that it is their responsibility to fund any cleanup operations necessary, including but not limited to: medical bills, ecological restoration, and installation of water treatment facilities. It should also be the responsibility of Barton to ensure that, to best mitigate climatic damage, the site should be reconfigured in order to begin operating at a carbon deficit. As a final step to demonstrate the commitment of Barton to turning over a new leaf with regard to its practices, a publicly accessible website should be created giving a window for the public to view all monitoring data, progress made towards ecological restoration, the functioning of water treatment installations, the current amount paid to the community for medical assistance, and all measures taken to reduce net carbon emission including a fully shown calculation of cumulative emissions. All this in addition to changing current practices so that the Ruby Mountain mining operations do not continue to worsen the conditions mentioned above in any substantial way moving forward. Only then should expansion be considered.

Sincerely,
Alden J Berkey

From: Alexander Loomis <aloomis@paulsmiths.edu>
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Amanda Cording
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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Below is a comment regarding the Barton Mines expansion proposal.

Alex Loomis

Comment:

SOIL:

Soil in the Adirondack Park in general terms is often sandy, sandy soil has the highest infiltration rate of all soil types. Sandy soil has an infiltration rate of 0.74 – 1 in/h. This being the case, it is imperative that the soil in and around the site be occasionally analyzed for pollutants from mining and construction operations at least on a monthly basis.

WATER:

Groundwater has the potential to be contaminated from mining and construction runoff. If such contamination was to occur there is the potential for wells drawing from that groundwater to be contaminated as well. In order to mitigate the risks of this a groundwater study should be conducted to understand potential points of contamination. If susceptible groundwater is found monthly testing and monitoring should be conducted to check for containments. A fund should be created to help remediate any potential contamination.

There are several bodies of water near the proposed mine expansion. Any bodies of water including Little Crusher Pond, Big Crusher Pond, Frog Pond, Guppy Pond, Last Chance Pond, Brown Pond Brook, and Welcome Pond should be monitored for containments resulting from mining and construction activity. A 100 ft area between this expansion and any bodies of water should be observed to mitigate potential contamination.

HABITAT REDUCTION:

The expansion of the “residual minerals pile” and the expansion of the mine more generally is likely to reduce the habitat for a multitude of species. A percentage of the mines profit should be contributed to the Adirondack Land Trust to help offset this reduction.

RESTORATION PLAN:

A long-term restoration plan should be created for when the mine closes down. A percentage of the mines profit should be contributed to the execution of this plan yearly.

ENDANGERED SPECIES:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation lists the Golden Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Spruce Grouse, and Round Whitefish as being endangered and in Hamilton County. A survey of the sites should be completed to make sure that expansion does not impact any endangered species. If the expansion does have the potential to impact these species, the expansion areas should be moved to an area of lesser impact.

GREENHOUSE GAS:

Increasing the number of trucks on site will increase the greenhouse gas emissions from the mining operation. The average freight truck emits 161.8 grams of CO2 per ton-mile. In order to mitigate carbon emissions, seek to limit the amount of idling trucks and consider alternative fuel sources like biodiesel.

AIR QUALITY:

As a result of variable wind conditions on the site, clouds of dust and debris can be kicked up into the air, lowering air quality and having the potential to obstruct or block viewsheds. Occasional air quality tests should be conducted to make sure that harmful containments are not a threat to public health. Other mitigation techniques should be used to try and limit dust and debris entering the air.

AESTHETIC IMPACTS:

With the increased working hours of the mine into the evening, there is likely to be increased light and sound pollution coming from it. In order to mitigate light pollution, lights on site should be fully shielded. To mitigate sound pollution's impact on locals loud machinery should only be operated during daylight hours.

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Good afternoon,

I am writing in support of the Barton Mines' Mine Permit Modification Application. Your attention and approval is paramount to further the life of the company's Adirondack Operations-Providing critically important jobs and economic benefits for future generations!

A little background on myself.. I am a conservation minded, outdoor enthusiast. The approval of this permit modification will remain in the best interest of the Adirondack Park and the state of New York, along with many other elements. Barton is a major employer, providing approximately 125 vital jobs, an important taxpayer and supporter of many corporations.

With respect and appreciation,

Ava Barton

November 4th 2024

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I am writing in support of Barton Mines' mine permit modification application.

I have been a resident of Warren County almost my entire life, over 50 years. My family has had deep roots in the North Country for several generations, and although I personally relocated out of the area for a period of 5 years, I proudly returned 20 years ago to once again be a member of the North Country community.

I am honored to say that I have been a full-time employee at Barton for almost the past 12 years. Throughout my career, I have been fortunate to work for some very good organizations, but I can honestly say that my decision to work for Barton has been the best decision of my professional career. Barton is a company that truly values their employees above all else. The company's culture, focusing on both safety and a healthy work environment, is just one way Barton shows dedication to employees. A comprehensive and affordable benefits package; generous contributions to retirement plans, and other programs are all part of Barton's commitment to the employees. Environmental concerns are very important to me and I value our beautiful Adirondacks. So, when I first interviewed for my position with Barton, I questioned whether or not I wanted to work for a mining company. However, during the interview process it became very clear to me that Barton's culture is also one with a strong commitment to Environmental Stewardship. I remain very impressed with Barton's LEED Platinum Certified corporate headquarters in Glens Falls and the company's commitment to solar energy; as well as the actions Barton has taken to be a good neighbor to others in our community. Barton is dedicated to minimize any visual impacts of our operations; has enacted plans to reclaim more residuals to slow growth of the mineral pile. Most of our employees live and play in the North Country. Barton wants the Adirondacks to continue to thrive so we can all enjoy our beautiful area for generations to come.

To sum it up, Barton's ultimate culture is one of integrity. At all times, Barton is focused on "doing the right thing" and always acts with integrity. This is not something to be taken lightly. Many companies put profits ahead of all else. This is not true of Barton. Providing members of our community with a health and safe working environment; helping employees afford rising healthcare costs; and always doing the right thing is what drives our organization and the leaders at Barton.

Barton Mines has been a part of our community for over 140 years, providing good jobs to our neighbors and helping our employees provide for their families. I hope you agree that Barton's proposal is a well-thought-out and responsible application in the best interests of not only Barton, but also our community.

Sincerely,

Victoria Berwaldt

Vice President, Sales Operations

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Dear Barton Mines,

I have been looking into your proposal about expanding the operations at the Ruby Mountain Mine in Johnsbury, NY. I have a few concerns about some environmental impacts caused by the mining and expansion of operations.

I understand that you are interested in changing your water source from surface extraction to a new freshwater source. Most of the freshwater sources in the area are part of wetland systems. Wetland systems have many important roles such as filtering our drinking water, providing shelter from large storms, and providing habitat for rare and endangered species. Taking water and resources from these wetlands can impact their ability to function properly. I am requesting that a buffer with a minimum of 100ft be added around each of the wetlands (this includes the wetlands along Thirteenth Lake Rd, Beach Rd, Ruby Mountain Rd, and the wetlands near the Hamelton/Warren border). If a buffer is not possible, a restoration project must be funded to return the wetlands to healthy conditions. In addition, water quality testing of the water source chosen should be completed a minimum of four times a year. The results of these tests should be properly documented and available to the public. Any water quality issues should be addressed and fixed.

In your proposal you mentioned running five truckloads a day but would like to increase the number of truckloads to sixteen per day. An increase in truck loads from five to sixteen would also increase the amount of air pollutant emissions by three times the current amount. I am requesting that you document the emissions coming from the trucks and that you switch to using alternative fuels such as biodiesel instead of regular diesel.

Thank you for your time and please consider these requests to help mitigate some of these environmental impacts.

Sincerely,
Danielle Boyea

From: Emma Clay <eclay@paulsmiths.edu>
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Increasing offsite trucking trips from 5 to 16 per day is more than doubling it which would increase the amount of fuel used amongst other things. While the hours of operations are only changing by an hour throughout the day so that is not too much of a difference it is still much increasing the noise and activity going on there. The mines are located in such a pretty area, and increasing the activity of the mines contributes to the area not looking as good. This also has the potential of having more of an effect on the wildlife in the area. The size of the mineral pile being expanded could have effects on the wildlife as well. This also decreases water quality in the area due to pollutants from the mines as well as the increased vehicle activity can also cause pollution to the water.

Emma Clay

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Hello,

Primary concerns surrounding the expansion of Barton Mine LLC, Ruby Mountain Mine in Johnsbury, NY are that of lack of mitigation proposal & plan and the proximity to a Wilderness Area involved in the operations. Time and attention should be prioritized when scheming up plans for projects of this magnitude, especially in an area such as Adirondack Park. Mine boundaries in the new expansion indicate that it'll come as close as 225.5 ft to the Wilderness area, and 336.6 ft from the northern part of the proposed mine boundary line. The Critical Environmental Areas are implemented with the purpose to buffer impacts from the protected Wilderness Area. The expansion extends around 26.1 acres into this CEA. There is violation to this in the expansion of the mineral extraction and residual mining storage areas. If these regulations are set in place by the APA, why are they being violated in this case? Aren't these strict regulations surrounding the protection of Wilderness Areas their preservation? Possibly extending the project into other areas that won't have nearly negative impacts on the project site and Wilderness area is something to further research. Further natural development such as reforestation or "buffing" up other areas that may be of risk in the future could be part of the mitigation plan should this project go ahead.

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TO: NYSAPA

Corrie Magee
NYSAPA
PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

Dear Corrie Magee:

Please accept these public comments on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC, application:

1. The noise and visual impacts from the expanded mine on the community and on the Siamese Ponds Wilderness and other areas of the Forest Preserve are unacceptable. The mine should not be allowed to expand into the critical environmental area (CEA) by 26.1 acres, or be allowed to cut down 16,678 trees in the CEA. The CEA is supposed to be a legal buffer to protect the designated Wilderness Area.
2. The project will have undue impacts on Park resources because Barton is proposing no mitigation whatsoever for noise impacts, despite numerous complaints from neighboring homeowners about current noise levels.
3. Round the clock 24-hour-a-day mining and processing operations should not be allowed.
4. The expansion of the mine tailings waste pile height by 100 feet will make the pile larger than some peaks in the Adirondacks and Barton has no viable way to revegetate this massive pile. As a result, it will leave a permanent scar on the Adirondack Park.
5. The project will have undue air quality, scenic and aesthetic impacts because Barton's dust suppression efforts have been unsuccessful and the company is proposing no new dust mitigation measures.
6. Although the mine expansion will result in a tripling of heavy-duty truck trips, the continued operation of multiple sources of greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions, and the clear-cutting of approximately 36 acres of forest, Barton has failed to provide any analysis of the climate change impacts of these actions.
7. Independent experts provided information on substantive deficiencies in the Barton Mines application, which the APA has failed to take into account.
8. Barton's application for an expansion should be denied. Please hold an adjudicatory hearing to deny this application.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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I live in North River down the hill from Barton mine. I have chosen not to write letters on this so far, but I want to share my personal experience at this late date.

I've lived in Johnsbury for 37+ years, the past 26 years in North River. This is where my children were raised; I'm not a recent arrival or a second home owner.

From Harvey Rd where I live, we could always hear the mine explosions, and sometimes see the clouds of dust. That's just the way it is, and I accept that. I am a science teacher, and outdoors person. I have wondered about the effect of the mine (mostly the tailings) on the water quality of 13th Lake Brook, and have been following some of the conversation about it, but not forming an opinion as of yet.

I write to share my personal experience of, say, the last 6 years. I'm used to dark skies; they are rare, and the Adks is one of the few special places that has a lot of dark. It seemed that pretty quickly a few years back, the sky glow from the mine took over the night sky, where it used to be dark. I honestly couldn't figure out what it was at first! Especially on cloudy nights, the light dominates the sky to the west/NW. I am quite discouraged about that, and to me it does not seem like rocket science to mitigate it. I do understand that the tailings reflect a lot of light, but surely something can be done? Directional lighting? More lighting on the equipment used, but not on the area as a whole? There must be a lot of options available. I have faith that you could figure it out.

And - the sound. The constant whine of the crusher or whatever it is has entered my brain and I feel like it follows me around wherever I go. I can't get it out of my head. It comes in through my thin-walled old farmhouse. I was up on Lows lake last week and actually had to think about the fact that - oh wow - it's quiet! (even though my brain tried to still register it as present) When I camp on 13th lake, I specifically choose the side of the lake that is blocked by hills from the mine. That's a tough place to be. When I'm at Botheration Pond, or Hour Pond, the mine sound is there! It can really park itself in one's head. Surely something can be done? Insulate the building better from the sound? It just seems that there must be solutions. I worry that it will get worse with the expansion. The machinery - no big deal, nor the explosions. But the constant whine is challenging.

I don't know why sometimes the mine is "off." Last night, no sound, no lights. I don't know their schedule, but it is a huge mental relief when it's off!

Respectfully,

Julie West (from down the hill)

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Dear Corrie Magee ,

I am writing on behalf of Barton Mines Company LLC, project 5-9905-00089/00002.

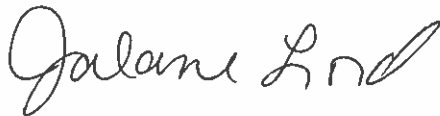
I have been an employee of Barton Mines Company LLC for the past 6 years. I am confident in their business integrity and character, and contributions to the North Country in the APA.

Barton Mines Company has consistently demonstrated dedication to their employees and community.

I am confident that Barton Mines Company LLC will always make the most respectful and honoring decisions that would always keep the APA safe and secure.

Thank you for considering my support letter for Barton Mines Company LLC. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jalane Lord". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jalane Lord

Staff Accountant

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Barton Mines Company LLC

From: Nathalie Ross <nross@paulsmiths.edu>
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The proposed Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC raises concerns for the surrounding environment and community. This comment addresses red flags and offers possible solutions to consider if the expansion is approved. My first critique concerns the tailings waste pile of Barton Mines. The project proposes to expand the pile by 40 acres laterally and 100 ft vertically. Such expansion will have adverse impacts on the visual and aesthetics, as well as the ecological values of the Adirondacks. The current waste pile interferes with scenic views from nearby trails, businesses, and private residences. The waste pile resembles an Adirondack peak that can be seen from the Hooper Mine trail and the Balm of Gilead Mountain trail in the Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area, the Moxham Mountain trail in the Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest, and Garnet Hill Lodge, a popular tourist destination. Additionally, dust clouds are visible from these locations and reduce air quality. To offset these impacts, I request that Barton revegetate the waste pile to reduce dust and revive aesthetic value. Ecologically, there are implications from the waste pile that must be managed. There is a possibility that there could be chemical leaching. I request that there be documentation on chemical management. Additionally, groundwater must be monitored for leachates at a minimum annually, but ideally monthly. The expansion of the mine will destroy groundwater monitoring wells, this infrastructure must be replaced. The Siamese Ponds Wilderness area is one of the largest in the park. The project proposes to expand its acreage by 26.1 into the wilderness preserve, specifically into critical environmental areas. If this land cannot be preserved, 26 acres must be conserved elsewhere. Another critique is adherence to the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. The proposal states an increase from 5 to 16 trucking trips per day. This combined with the increase in operation hours and removal of forest carbon storage will increase greenhouse gas emissions. Barton must mitigate their emissions. This could potentially be done through the use of biodiesel as a source of fuel for mining equipment and trucks. This comment is not to halt the operations of Barton Mines but to bring awareness to regulations that must be upheld.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Emma Smith
Email from: acording@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Many reports and Barton's application demonstrate that this project will have numerous adverse impacts on the surrounding area. These will include effects on air quality, water quality, noise, scenic vistas, and other resources. This proposal seeks to raise the elevation of the current tailings waste disposal pile over 100 feet from its current standing at 2,200 feet above sea level, increase the frequency of blasting, triple the amount of equipment traffic, and continue to operate for 24 hours per day, seven days per week. This will impede scenic views as the waste pile sits above many Adirondack Mountain peaks as well as contribute to unacceptable noise levels. More sustainable disposal methods could be implemented, such as tailings dams with improved containment measures, or recycling and reprocessing materials. Introduction of plants and grasses on the tailings surface could contribute to stability of the area, soil retention, local biodiversity, and restoration of the natural environment as well. Copious amounts of dust blown from the site also have negative impacts on surrounding communities. Local recreational facilities such as Garnet Hill lodge will suffer from these impacts as well. Installing dust suppression systems surrounding the site to reduce airborne particulate matter could lessen such negative impacts on nearby residents' health and lifestyle.

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Comments from: Nicolas Main
Email from: acording@paulsmiths.edu
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Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Ruby Mountain Mine expansion plan. I am a student living within the Adirondack Park, looking to gain a background in environmental practices and application.

I would like to raise a few questions regarding the proposed plan and permit to increase the operations of the mine. Firstly, what plans are in place to reduce potential noise pollution? Can erecting barriers to reduce noise around machinery help? Secondly, will this proposed expansion allow for more local employment? Additionally, what will be done to combat habitat reduction? Has a full study been conducted to understand the impacts on certain species?

In summary, impacts on wildlife, economic value, and habitat reduction should be considered and released to the public before any more development moves forward.

Sincerely,
Nicolas Main
Paul Smith's College

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Comments from: Mathew Severance
Email from: mseverance@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I find the proposed project details to be very suitable for the scale and nature of the Ruby Mountain garnet mine. However, I have a few questions as to how some of these project adjustments will be implemented. Firstly, with the expansion of the mineral disposal pile area by 15.4 acres, will this expansion require a reevaluation or readjustment of the buffer zones surrounding it? Secondly, by increasing the daily off-site trucking from 5 to 16 trips per day, how will carbon emissions and fuel consumption be mitigated? Could a potential solution to this be use of biofuel, as it would cut cost and carbon emission?

Thank you for your time and consideration, Mathew Severance

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Comments from: Riley Shone
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Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

The expansion of the Ruby Mountain Mine in Johnsbury is a threat to its surrounding environment. Within the plans to expand it would expand into a critical environmental area. There is also no plan to mitigate the noise pollution and dust being put into the air that the mine may cause, which is especially a problem because they are mining 24 hours a day. Some ways that these impacts can be mitigated for improvement by using quieter equipment to lower the noise pollution or using techniques like water suppression to prevent dust from being put into the air.

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Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Dear Barton Mines,

Changes to the Ruby Mine expansion plan will increase the size of the residual mineral piles from 73 to 88.4 acres and level the floor of the quarry from 1,860 to 1,790 feet. In addition, the time for on-site trucking and mining vehicle operations will be increased an hour from 7:00 am through 3:30 PM pm to 7:00 am to 4:30 pm on Monday through Friday. Off-site trucking trips will be increased from 5 to 16 hours a day during the business week to reduce the off-site trucking hours from 7:00 am through 10:00 pm to 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

These changes to the Ruby Mine project have the potential to cause disturbance to the residents and environment in near proximity to the project site. My question is what will be the plans to reduce the increased noise disturbance produced by the extended mining operations throughout the day? In addition, what systems will be put in place to reduce air pollution from emissions released by the increased quantity of mineral piles and higher frequency of truck trips?

Sincerely,

Zachary Spieler

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Cody Hanson
Email from: chanson1@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

The Barton Mine (Ruby Mountain Mine) expansion project can lead to various environmental and social issues on the Adirondack Parks and Forest Preserve Lands. Close to the project site adjoins the Siamese Pond Wilderness CEA and Garnet Hill Lodge, both visited by tourists and inhabited by wildlife. The proposed expansion of Barton's residual mineral piles into the Siamese Wilderness Area CEA would require the destruction of over 16,000 trees, limiting its effectiveness as a buffer. This could influence wildlife species, specifically the endangered bats listed in the Environmental Resource Mapper. These waste piles can then lead to adverse visual and aesthetic impacts as they become increasingly visible from tourist areas such as Gore Mountain. Furthermore, Barton's 24/7 milling operations have led to numerous noise complaints and concerns about greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Establishing a plan that reduces environmental and social impacts is crucial. Using low-noise equipment or reducing the operation hours of machinery would be ways to mitigate disruption. Additionally, utilizing sustainable strategies such as electricity to reduce GHG emissions would be a cleaner method to reduce Barton's carbon footprint. What steps are you taking to protect wildlife and individual well-being?

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My Comments:

The proposed Ruby Mountain Mine expansion plan is in very close proximity to the Siamese ponds' wilderness area. We are worried about the impacts this expansion plan will have on the wildlife and human populations. There are 33 bodies of water located on this 114,000-acre piece of land and is home to hundreds of land and water species. The Siamese wilderness area also is used by tourists for camping, fishing and hiking all year around. This mining expansion project will create increased debris piles affecting the aesthetic Adirondack wilderness and ruining the experience for locals along with tourists. Could these debris piles be transported somewhere else where it would have less effect on the environment and people, or could it be destroyed in an environmentally safe way? Another issue this expansion project would create is the loud machinery affecting the wildlife and human populations nearby. Could there be specific working hours during this expansion project where no machinery or work is allowed to be used such as dawn to dusk and only five days a week maximum?

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Comments from: Andrew Freebern
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Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

The proposed increase in the residual minerals pile from 73 acres to 88.4 acres represents a 21% growth in the storage area. This expansion could impact the stability and hydrology of the surrounding soil. As residual materials often contain fine particles, the risk of airborne dust and sediment runoff could increase, especially during storm events. To mitigate these issues, the installation of dust control systems, such as water spraying mechanisms or wind barriers, a detailed sediment and erosion control plan, and dust level monitoring at multiple points along the site perimeter and at downwind locations is necessary. Reducing the quarry floor from 1,860 feet amsl to 1,790 feet amsl, an approximately 70-foot depth increase, may have implications for groundwater levels and water table stability. A hydrogeological study to assess groundwater flow patterns and clear thresholds for groundwater drawdown including contingency plans should be implemented. Increasing the off-site trucking trips from 5 per day to 16 per day is substantial, as it has the potential to impact local traffic, road wear, and air quality. To decrease the impact from off-site trucking trips, peak traffic times should be avoided, road maintenance funding would be beneficial for reducing road wear, further exhaust reduction on vehicles, and load-covering requirements will reduce particulate spread. Reducing off-site trucking hours from 7 am - 10 pm to 7 am - 5 pm could potentially concentrate traffic impacts within a shorter time frame. I would ask if traffic and air quality studies have been conducted to assess the impact of this adjustment. If not, such studies should be conducted to evaluate whether air quality or noise levels in the surrounding community could be affected during these condensed hours.

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Comments from: Luke Dillon
Email from: ldillon@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

In regard to the proposed expansion of the Ruby Mountain mining site

Many factors have been already considered and discussed, but in-depth mitigation options appear to be limited. The four main areas of concern with the proposed expansion lie in Dust and debris Noise pollution Waste materials/potential chemical leaching Mitigation options in regard to these factors should be heavily considered. Increased activity, along with braiding operations, will result in a higher disturbance. The following potential mitigation options for noise pollution should be considered.

Limit hours of operation

Limit area of operation

Limit certain activity- Ex: No blasting or drilling on certain days or times.

When considering pollution and effects from dust residue, preventive steps should be taken to adequately lower the amount of dust produced by operations. Some options that could be considered are:

Invest in continuous ambient air quality monitoring equipment Invest in fog canyons or mist sprayers Wash the wheels of large dust producing machinery Mechanized road sweeper

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Comments from: Brenden Lucia
Email from: acording@paulsmiths.edu
Address: 7777 NY-30 Paul Smiths New York 12970
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the mineral extraction project. I would like to address the potential impacts of increased trucking operations on local air quality and noise levels.

The proposed increase from 5 to 16 off-site trucking trips per day will significantly raise daily vehicle emissions, which could impact air quality in the area. Additionally, the extension of on-site vehicle operations until 4:30pm may create prolonged exposure to noise for nearby residents. To address these potential impacts, I request that the project team consider implementing specific mitigation measures:

Emission Reduction Technologies: Retrofitting trucks with emission-reducing technology or using low-emission vehicles could help minimize the impact of increased emissions on air quality.

Noise Control Measures: Sound barriers or adjusted routes could reduce noise levels for nearby residences, particularly during hours when noise levels are most disruptive.

Air Quality and Noise Monitoring: Implementing a monitoring plan for air quality and noise could provide data to assess ongoing impacts, ensuring any further adjustments are supported by real-time information.

Thank you for your consideration of these measures to help reduce the impact of expanded trucking operations on the environment and local community.

-Lucia, Brenden

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Comments from: Simon Morganstern
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Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

One of the proposals includes expanding the number of allowed truck trips from 5 to 16. I'd like to see a plan to mitigate the increase in emissions that would result from this expansion of the transportation fleet (using biodiesel, for example), with a comparison between a fleet using alternative fuels and a fleet using more traditional fuels such as diesel or gasoline. Another concern I have around the expansion of the mine is the inevitable increase in runoff from mining operations, which I'd like to see a mitigation plan for as well.

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Comments from: Dylan Jannarone
Email from: acording@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

The Ruby Mountain Mine expansion sits next to the Siamese pond wilderness area, which is one of the biggest wilderness areas in New York. I would like to see data and research on that pond to see if there has been any harmful impacts that has already occurred to the pond while the mine has been in operations. If there is a clear depiction that the mine is causing harm before the expansion, this could bring more harm to the pond itself. 16% of every operational mine in America pollutes the nearing waterways (World Resource Institute). The impact may bring pollution and effect water quality in the pond. This may also cause less tourism in the area as the wilderness area provides numerous outdoor activities. Noise will be a concern within the wilderness area. Noise effects communication, foraging, navigation, and mating within wildlife. Will there be work throughout the night? Will Work be seven days a week?

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Kim Hunt
Email from: pax99kim@gmail.com
Address: 27 Maple Dr Queenbury New York 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am writing to you in support of the permit modification that Barton Mines has proposed.

My husband has worked for Barton Mines for the last 5 years and loves what he does.

I fully endorse this permit application and love the support Barton gives to the area. Barton has treated our family very well and have only heard positive things about Barton in the past.

I can't imagine they would propose any permit modification that were not fully researched and vetted out.

I urge you to approve this permit modificaiton.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Jesse Benton
Email from: brokedown.lost@gmail.com
Address: 212 13th Lake Rd North River New York 12856
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I would like to show my support for Barton Mines. I am a full time resident of North River and I own a house on 13th Lake Road. I am a volunteer firefighter for the North River Fire Co. I am also a forth generation employee (at least) at Barton Mines and I am currently the supply coordinator.

I understand that my input only counts as one, but I have a Wife and child that live here with me, and it really bothers me that people from blue mountain or even out of state have a say on my livelihood.

I love back road exploring and hiking and sometimes hunting in the Mountains around where I live. Barton Mines does not have a negative effect on my experience with nature. I have lived within 15 miles of Bartons my entire life, and I can assure you, I have never had an issue.

Please feel free to publicly use my comments as I believe that many of the negatively commenting people do not understand that they are not just affecting a mine company. The people that live here need to be heard as well.

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My Comments:

I support Barton.

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My Comments:

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Comments from: Allison Heffernan
Email from: allieh5757@hotmail.com
Address: 2480 st rt 8 Johnsbury Ny 12843
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Corrie Magee,

I am writing this letter in support of Barton Mines. Barton is a vital employer in our community. Not only do they employ my husband but they have provided jobs for many of my relatives in the past. I believe they have jumped through hoops to show how much they care for this community and to prove they work safely and follow the protections the APA has in place. If Barton was not allowed to continue their operations my entire family would be uprooted as well as many other families in this community.
I strongly urge you to pass this permit application and allow this local company to continue to serve this community with family values and safety at the forefront.
Allison Heffernan

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Comments from: Lauriebee Brown
Email from: lauriebee@gmail.com
Address: 6 MEADOWLARK LN WARRENSBURG NY 12885
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

We are supporting Barton Mines INC 100%

This is the lively hood of many people including my husband.

He like everyone employed at Barton Mines have families to support .

The company is STILL guided by the values established by Henry Barton, such as product quality, worker safety, and family !

The mine has been a critical employer in the area, with about 100 workers, those are jobs HIGHLY needed and will be needed and sought out for years to come in The North River area .

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Email from: Jkan13@yahoo.com
Address: 1910 Marlin Drive Mandeville LA 70448
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Support of Barton Mines Project:

I have experienced firsthand the value of the mined materials coming out of the Barton mine in the Adirondacks. The Barton mine produces some of the highest-quality garnet in the world. The impact on production and manufacturing in the United States is unmeasurable in the number of jobs created and projects completed.

Furthermore, the Barton team is focused on sustainability, environmental safety, and preservation of the park's natural resources. In addition to the focus on the park's surrounding habitats, the Barton team is mindful of its neighbors within the park and the conditions the mine may create. Barton makes constant efforts to limit audible, visual, or any other sensory pollution to its neighbors or park visitors.

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Email from: ericcooper618@yahoo.com
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Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mines as a business, and I support the new mining permit. As one of the largest employers in the area and the amount of taxes they pay they are critical to the surrounding areas. Keep them mining so that people can keep their jobs, and the community can thrive.

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Email from: Rjh5591@gmail.com
Address: 2480 STATE ROUTE 8 Johnsburg NY - New York 12843
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

As an avid outdoors enthusiast, I have enjoyed coming to the Adirondacks long before the working age. Fifteen years ago, I was fortunate enough to relocate to the Adirondacks and start a family. This was made possible after graduating college thanks to the opportunity Barton Mines presented me to fulfill my technical engineering background while financially supporting a growing family. The culture that Barton has created through the deep history of mining in the area of "employees are our most important asset" speaks volumes to the type of employer the company strives to be, keeping their actions honest and respectful while being mindful of the surroundings. I support the Barton Mines permit application.

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Email from: MCangemi@barton.com
Address: 4 Sherwood Dr Queensbury NY 12804
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I have been actively involved in the Project since the onset and can fully attest that every aspect of the Project has been vetted to ensure long-term compliance with APA and DEC regulations and policies.

Mining is a critical aspect of the US economy. We must approve this Permit and support a responsible mining company. We owe to our local, state and national economy. We can't not afford to lose more jobs to foreign interests that are NOT responsible like Barton Mines is.

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Cc: rmorehouse@barton.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Richard Morehouse
Email from: rmorehouse@barton.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support the approval of this application.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Owen Edwards
Email from: owen.edwards1414@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Regarding the proposed expansion of the Ruby Mountain Mine, there is one concern that I would like to see addressed. That is the impact that the mine expansion could have on the surrounding Siamese Ponds Wilderness. Currently, the mine expansion plan includes a 500-foot buffer zone, however, an environmental analysis regarding the effectiveness of this buffer in preventing impacts on wildlife and plant life would be beneficial. Helping us, the public, to understand how the 500-foot buffer is sufficient in protecting the area from the mines impact is important to those of us who value the Siamese Ponds Wilderness area.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Jason Lemery
Email from: jlemery@barton.com
Address: 1241 Barton Mines Rd. North River New York 12856
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am writing to express my support of the Ruby Mt. Mine Permit Application being proposed by Barton International which includes increasing the depth of the mining pit, expansion of the residual minerals pile, and the changes of the trucking operations.

I have worked with Barton for the past 20 years and have seen their commitment to maintaining safe and environmentally conscious operations while minimizing effects to the neighboring wilderness and properties. Barton has continually provided job opportunities and support to the surrounding communities during my tenure at the company.

Barton has also shown forethought towards the final dismantling of the mining facility and the reclamation of the land to provide future land use possibilities even though the end date will be further into the future.

For the above reasons, I pledge support of the Barton application.

From: Roethke, Michelle <MRoethke@barton.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 1:26 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments; Magee, Beth A (DEC)
Subject: Barton Mines Project ID 5-9905-00089/00002

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Cory and Beth Magee,

I am writing in support of Barton Mines' mine permit modification application. Barton Mines provides critically important job opportunities and economic benefits for present and future generations of Adirondack residents.

I am a current employee of Barton and have been for the last 8 years. Our economy in the Adirondack Park cannot rely solely on tourism. Loss of 100 good paying, private sector job opportunities for residents, especially younger generations, will result in those residents leaving the area in search of opportunities elsewhere. We really can't afford this loss economically and we certainly can't lose the population of the future. Where will our future volunteers in fire departments, ambulance, church, meals-on-wheels programs and school board members come from if our communities can't offer decent employment to maintain our population? Communities do not thrive when decent jobs are lost.

Besides Barton Mines being a major employer, it is also an important tax payer and a customer to many other area businesses. Barton Mines, mines and processes a much-needed industrial product. This garnet is sourced in the USA unlike many products that are sourced or processed in/by China.

The Adirondack Park needs responsible natural resource managers like Barton who keep local people employed and our local communities thriving. Barton has created easements on their property for hiking trails, build an outside classroom at the local school, and adopts a local family at Christmas time. We also have a solar farm on the property to help us use as much green energy as possible. I urge you to approve the permit modification and enable Barton to provide these types of community benefits far into the future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Roethke

Inside Sales Representative

Barton International

Six Warren St

Glens Falls, NY 12801

Direct Line: 518-615-2025

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Cc: Magee, Beth A (DEC); Matthew Simpson; Daniel G Stec
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Please see my attached letter to the APA Board regarding the Barton Mine expansion permit.
Elizabeth L. Maher, MD
132 Old Farm Road
North River, NY 12856

November 6th, 2024

RE: APA Project Number 2021-245

To the NYS Adirondack Park Agency Board,

Yours is an awesome task, representing all the shareholders of the Adirondack Mountains in protecting this special place. I am so very appreciative that the Board has been giving careful attention to the matter of the Barton Mine Application over the last three years. Previous accusations of rubberstamping projects are unfounded in this instance, and I thank you. Specifically, on this last day of an *expanded* comment period, I am grateful to again share my comments and opinions.

The Board has already heard from many Park residents describing the Barton family business as great employers, supportive of both working families and pensioners while also being generous community partners. During the 38* years I have I called North River my home I have witnessed the positive effect that the Barton Company has had in this area, and I would like to see those positive effects continue.

However, I have been an “eye and ear” witness to the impact of the mine, especially in the last 5-10 years. Barton is a mining company, an industry with a dubious legacy of environmental damage. The January 2019 tailings dam failure in Brazil that killed 270 people and caused serious environmental devastation is a haunting reminder of what can happen. Of course, the situation here is unique. Preparing for an uncertain future with climate change requires sophisticated science and analysis.

Due to this uncertainty, conflicting expert opinion in the record, and the need for professional expertise, the Park Agency would benefit from the information presented at a public hearing. This is one of only eight reasons why I am asking the Board to require an adjudicatory public hearing on the matter of the Barton Mine Expansion Permit.

Sincerely and with gratitude for your service,

Elizabeth L. Maher, M.D.

132 Old Farm Road

North River, NY 12856

716-432-9681

*The love affair started in 1986, but it took 20 years before I could claim North River my permanent address.

From: Lemay, Steeve <slemay@barton.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 2:49 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Barton Mines Application - SUPPORT
Attachments: Barton Support Letter - APA.pdf

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Good Afternoon,

Please see my attached letter of support for this project.

Best Regards,

Steeve Lemay

Director of Logistics
Barton International

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Steeve Lemay
112 Sherman Ave
Glens Falls, NY 12801

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Corrie Magee
Adirondack Park Agency
PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977
rpcomments@apa.ny.gov

RE: Barton Mines - Mine Permit Modification

Dear Ms. Magee,

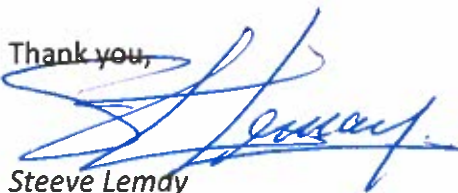
I am writing in SUPPORT of Barton Mines' mine permit modification application, which must be approved to extend the life of the company's Adirondack operations – providing critically important jobs and economic benefits for future generations.

Barton has managed its Ruby Mountain operations in a safe and responsible manner since opening in 1983, and I have confidence that Barton's plan is designed to minimize community impacts.

Barton is a major employer, providing approximately 125 good jobs. Barton is also an important taxpayer, and a customer to many other area businesses.

The Adirondack Park needs responsible natural resource managers like Barton who keep local people employed and our local community thriving. I urge you to approve the company's permit application and enable Barton to provide these types of community benefits far into the future.

Thank you,



Steve Lemay

From: Lilyana Brainard <lbrainard@paulsmiths.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 11:58 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Cc: Amanda Cording
Subject: Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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As a student at Paul Smith's college environmental impacts are a big topic on our minds. As I have investigated your project, there seems to be a pros and cons list to your proposed project. These are a few items of concern on my list.

Before the site is expanded an endangered species evaluation needs to be conducted to make sure that no habitat that is critical for their survival is harmed.

Then there needs to be a management plan created for land rehabilitation after the mine is no longer in operation. Native vegetation, ecosystems, landscapes, and habitat need to be recreated over all the affected sites. Adjacent to your project site is the Siamese Pond Wilderness land. The replanted site needs to be the same as that land so the local wildlife can expand.

During the years, the mine is active a fence (or other) needs to be put into place to protect the wildlife in the Siamese Pond Wilderness Area from entering or reaching the mining site/area, then removed after the mine has closed.

Like any other job site or project there are chances of accidents and emergencies. A plan needs to be set forth to the community of your plan of response to mitigate environmental impacts from accidents like spills of chemicals, oils, and severe damage to landscape, wildlife, etc.

A test of all the waterways in the immediate area (1 mile) needs to be conducted monthly to ensure leachate is not occurring and the groundwater and waterways are not being contaminated by mining residue and chemical runoff. If a waterway is located inside the mine area and 100ft buffer needs to be in place on all sides. This would minimize the risk of contamination.

Accounting for the fact that the increase in truck trips and increased mining activity will increase your greenhouse gas emissions. Set forth a plan to the public on how you plan to mitigate those effects in efforts to meet the state of New York's carbon emissions reductions goals.

We ask that a plan is set forth to the public on how you plan to mitigate your effects on the air pollution in the area. The amount of dust produced is a huge public concern to those who live by.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing your improvements to your plans.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Cc: Molliejchristianson@gmail.com
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Mollie Christianson
Email from: Molliejchristianson@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.

I live and work in the Adirondacks and much enjoy being close to nature, but it seems like every passing year nature gets more and more far away. The sounds of the highway, leaf blowers, lawn mowers, boats, work trucks, lots being cleared, and air traffic fill the landscape and bounce between mountaintops. I'm afraid the expansion of the mine will most certainly worsen the load of noise pollution in the environment. Not only will the mine add 24/7 noise pollution, it will also disrupt many acres of wildlife habitats, create excess air pollution from dust, and really threaten the reason people live and visit the Adirondacks, specifically the Siamese wilderness. I believe strongly that we need to protect what we hold sacred, and I whole heartedly deem the expansion of the Barton mines a threat to just that.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Eric Cooper
Email from: ecooper@barton.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support barton mines new mining permit, as an employee and as a local resident. I believe we should keep the mine going to keep jobs in the community. As long as Bartons is being safe and respectful of locals the business should be supported.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: kim barnes
Email from: kbarnes3000@yahoo.com
Address: glens falls 12801
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mines as they are a very well known company and they house jobs for many of my family and friends. I am behind barton mines with this.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Shannon Baldwin
Email from: shannbaldwin518@outlook.com
Address: Glens falls 12801
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I would like to show support for Barton Mines. They support our community and house jobs for many of my friends and family. They are a very well known company and have been around for years. I support Barton, and am hoping this will help them.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: luke donohue
Email from: ldonohue@barton.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Bartons has been a part of my family's past employment in the area. My uncle worked for this company from the 50's to the late 70's. Today I have been employed with this company for a decade. Working at Bartons has enabled me to work locally and be with my family of four to watch them grow' otherwise I would have had to continue to work on the road missing many milestones throughout the years. I feel many of my coworkers could relate to the same thing as well. expanding the permit allows not only years of employment, but wholesome family time also. Solid employment is hard to find in this area and I feel if Bartons could not continue to operate we would most likely see our school districts grow smaller and ultimately many families wouldn't be able to stay in a place they've considered home since birth.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Christopher Beavers
Email from: cbeavers@paulsmiths.edu
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

Hello, I wanted to bring up a topic about this potential mine expansion and some of the issues that I think are relevant. My first concern is of the dust that has been a issue from the mine site has no new mitigation solutions, following this the expansion of tailing mounds by 100 feet with no restoration plan will leave a mound larger then some peaks within the area.
Next is the increased operations that will be happening at this site and the lack of analysis of the climate change impacts that the expansion will have ranging from the cutting of approximately 36 acres of forest for this site to the near 24/7 hours If work time and they extra carbon this will produce.

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Carter Hart
Email from: Carterhart9@gmail.com
Address: 183 rt74 schroon lake ny 121870
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

i just got hired, i support barton.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Comments from: Tyler Roberts
Email from: Tylerr0605@yahoo.com
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Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support

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Email from: julialaperlee2005@gmail.com
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Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton

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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Dawn Morehouse
Email from: morehouse1977@Gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I am writing in support of the approval of this application. approval of this application will allow my Husband to continue having stable employment so he can continue to take care of his family.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Zack Baldwin
Email from: zacharilous@aol.com
Address: Glens falls NY 12801
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

I support Barton Mines and their Mining, they support many people in the community. They supply my friends and family with jobs.

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Corrie Magee
Comments from: Keith Manning
Email from: kmanning2317@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0245, Barton Mines, LLC

My Comments:

To who ever this may concern, this proposal is critical to the sustainment of job and local constituents in the community and feel this is a project that needs to be supported. I am providing my full support for this project to continue Thank you Keith Manning

From: Ola Forsstrom-Olsson <info@protectadks.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 10:30 AM
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Subject: Public Comment on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC; Corrie Magee

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TO: NYSAPA

Corrie Magee
NYSAPA
PO Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977

Dear Corrie Magee:

Please accept these public comments on APA Project 2021-0245; Barton Mines, LLC, application:

1. The noise and visual impacts from the expanded mine on the community and on the Siamese Ponds Wilderness and other areas of the Forest Preserve are unacceptable. The mine should not be allowed to expand into the critical environmental area (CEA) by 26.1 acres, or be allowed to cut down 16,678 trees in the CEA. The CEA is supposed to be a legal buffer to protect the designated Wilderness Area.
2. The project will have undue impacts on Park resources because Barton is proposing no mitigation whatsoever for noise impacts, despite numerous complaints from neighboring homeowners about current noise levels.
3. Round the clock 24-hour-a-day mining and processing operations should not be allowed.
4. The expansion of the mine tailings waste pile height by 100 feet will make the pile larger than some peaks in the Adirondacks and Barton has no viable way to revegetate this massive pile. As a result, it will leave a permanent scar on the Adirondack Park.
5. The project will have undue air quality, scenic and aesthetic impacts because Barton's dust suppression efforts have been unsuccessful and the company is proposing no new dust mitigation measures.
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8. Barton's application for an expansion should be denied. Please hold an adjudicatory hearing to deny this application.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Corrie Magee
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Ray Brook, NY 12977

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I would like to express my feelings of support for the Barton Mines LLC Permit. This year will make my 36 yrs of employment with Barton Mines. It is a great company to work for in the area. This has provided my employment over the years to be able to live in North Creek and raise my family in the area and support other local businesses in that area also. Both of my daughters and ourselves were able to live and stay in connection with their other family members and friends in the area. Being one of the bigger company's for this North Area provides employment for many people and has for many generations. It also provides money and support for other businesses in the area. Barton follows all environmental laws and rules and safety aspects needed for this to be a successful operation in the Adirondacks and I myself and many many other people support Barton Mines to be able to continue this business in the same area it has been for years and years and help support the locals and other businesses and people for many more years. It would be devastating for this company not be allowed to continue their business and employ so many people for years to come and keep this area alive.

Thank you
Scott Beavers

From: Valerie Havas <vchavas@gmail.com>
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Dear Ms. Corrie Magee and Ms. Beth Magee,

I am writing regarding the Barton Mines' application for a mining permit.

One of my major concerns is the growing tailings, which I see virtually every day as I travel up 13th Lake Road towards my full-time home in North River. I understand that Barton plans to expand the area of the tailing piles from 73 acres to more than 88 acres, and I worry about the stability of the piles.

I was horrified to read about the devastation caused by the massive landslides that crashed into North Carolina towns in the wake of Hurricane Helene this fall, and I worry that something similar could happen in North River if proper engineering plans are not enacted to ensure the stability and safety of the tailings.

Due to the effects of climate change, we can expect to be dealing with more and more severe weather events, which is why I think that it's vitally important that every effort is being made during the permit application process to ensure the stability of the tailing piles and the safety of my community.

Thank you,
Valerie Havas
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