

STATEMENT FOR ATTRIBUTION TO NYS DEC

DEC strictly oversees Greenidge Generation's operations and its compliance with requirements to protect public health and the environment. This facility is currently operating in compliance with its DEC permits and there is no basis at this time to modify or rescind Greenidge's permits. This facility's current Title V air permit will expire in September 2021, and if Greenidge submits a renewal application, DEC will evaluate whether the renewal would be consistent with New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

To help mitigate potential impacts to fisheries and water quality, DEC is reviewing a Thermal Study Criteria Workplan and will oversee the installation of an intake screen.

1/ How does the governor plan to respond to the hundreds of Finger Lakes businesses that are calling on him to deny Greenidge's Bitcoin expansion permit?

DEC is not currently reviewing any permit applications related to the bitcoin expansion. The town undertook a State Environmental Quality Review.

2/ Is it correct, as the letter states, that Greenidge's "behind the meter" Bitcoin operations would evade CLCPA requirements entirely through the year 2050? If not, please explain how the plant's air emissions would be factored into the CLCPA count.

In its upcoming permit renewal or requested modification, Greenidge will need to submit information regarding consistency with the CLCPA under Section 7.

3/ Why has the DEC deferred to the Planning Board of the Town of Torrey, population 1,241, on the decision to waive an environmental impact statement on Greenidge's proposed Bitcoin development (when neighboring municipalities believe it would affect most if not all of Seneca Lake)?

DEC did not defer to the town's Planning Board, nor is DEC an involved agency for the Bitcoin development project SEQR. The town of Torrey treated the action as a unlisted action.

4/ Another unrelated letter to the governor (ATTACHED-2), signed by more than 1,100 people, raises objections to the state regulation of Cargill's salt mining under Cayuga Lake. How has the Cuomo Administration addressed their concerns?

DEC subjects all permit applications to rigorous review to protect public health and the environment and will continue its strict oversight of this facility. After a comprehensive review and public input, DEC issued the permit for the Shaft #4 Permit in August 2017. DEC regularly inspects the Cargill Mine for compliance with the state Environmental Conservation Law and regulations.