

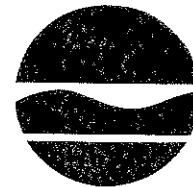
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Mr. Patrick Becher, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Becher:

This is in response to your letter regarding reports Mohawk Valley Water Authority (MVWA) provided in support of the Water Supply Permit Application for the Towns of Frankfort, Schuyler, Kirkland, and Westmoreland. Staff have reviewed those reports and have found that the model and methodology used by MVWA to evaluate the safe yield of Hinckley Reservoir is sound and consistent with those used in previous reservoir analysis.

However, it is important to note that model outputs are only as sound as the data inputs. One of the critical inputs into the model MVWA provided for Hinckley assumes deviations from the 1920 Operating Diagram when the reservoir is low. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) has not been provided proof that those deviations will be made, as required by the model. Without a written agreement between MVWA and NYS Canal Corporation establishing that the deviations will be made, the Department cannot accept MVWA's safe yield analysis for Hinckley Reservoir as valid.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, feel free to contact me at 315-785-2239.

Sincerely,

Judy Drabicki
Regional Director
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