

**NEPA PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING ON EPA REGION 2 SCOPING
DOCUMENT “ALLEVIATE SEDIMENTATION TO ONONDAGA CREEK
FROM MUDBOIL ACTIVITY
TULLY VALLEY, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK”**

ISSUES AND SUGGESTIONS



Originator: *EPA Region 2*

Coordination: *Onondaga Environmental Institute*

Location: *Grimshaw Elementary School, LaFayette, New York*

Date: November 5, 2010

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The following issues are suggestions and concerns from the attendees.

1. Source(s) of funding to pay for project(s).
2. An all-inclusive assessment for the mudboil activity needs to be done: a) indirect and cumulative impacts, b) combination of alternatives, c) Purpose and Need for this project need to be broadened, d) upstream assessment, e) salt mining assessment, f) geological reasons, g) global warming, h) dam on reservation, i) study area broadened, j) past projects assessment, k) Hydrofracking, l) valley sinking circumstances, m) reservoir consideration.
3. Involvement and coordination of Total Maximum Daily Loads and mudboil project(s) for the creek.
4. Eco-friendly alternatives for the area with a long lasting sustainable change. The use of the water from depressurizing, the use of wetlands, re-forested the watershed, beneficial use of sediment from mudboils.
5. OCRP, Nation’s Vision for a Clean Onondaga Lake and OEI’s Onondaga Lake’s Restoration Plan as references for EPA’s document.
6. Assessment and addressing the cause.
7. Stronger public involvement and input.
8. Long term cost analysis projections.
9. Assess reversibility of alternatives.