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Mr. Rolf Tiedemann, President  
Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Tiedemann,

I am responding to your recent letter regarding Eurasian Milfoil in Lake George. It has been decided that the Department of Environmental Conservation will not be an applicant or co-applicant for the permits to use the herbicide "Sonar" in the waters of Lake George, and **the Department will not be an applying entity.** In making that decision, we considered the fact that **the Department was in opposition to the use of "Sonar" during the previous hearing process,** which was never completed. In addition, the Department will be a pen-nitting agency (pesticide permit required) which requires us to be objective in that process.

Department staff have spent many hours on the Eagle Lake and Lake George Milfoil issue. It is expected that there will be a considerable amount of staff time required to complete the process. Without evidence of funding for these projects, we are reluctant to make such a large commitment of staff time.

I know you are aware, being a member of COLAM, that milfoil is problematic in many bodies of water in New York State. The Department has been giving serious consideration to all nuisance aquatic plants that threaten our State waters. We will be undertaking a revision of our statewide nuisance aquatic species management plan during the next year which will provide a public forum for addressing these issues.

I urge you to continue your good work, and offer our assistance where possible, with your efforts to control milfoil in Eagle Lake.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John P. Cahill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

John P. Cahill