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Ms. Shawna Papale
President
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584 Phoenix Drive
Rome, New York 13441

**Re: Reaffirmation of Lead Agency for Griffiss International Airport – Airport Business Park Development Project
Supplemental Environmental Assessment Form – Rome Chobani Facility**

Dear Ms. Papale:

This letter is being sent to all involved agencies to reaffirm Oneida County's status as Lead Agency for the above-referenced project.

On December 18, 2024, Oneida County circulated a notice of its intent to act as Lead Agency. No objections were received within the 30-day coordinated review period. Thereafter, Oneida County assumed the role of Lead Agency in accordance with 6 NYCRR 617.6(b)(3) of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

This project involves development of a Business Park at Griffiss International Airport, extension of flex-industrial zoning to certain areas of Griffiss International Airport and the immediately adjacent parcel formerly known as Mohawk Glen Golf Club, and creation and preservation of certain grassland for habitat destruction mitigation. Chobani, LLC has now submitted an updated site plan and a revised Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) which expands the footprint of its proposed facility, proposing development on both the Griffiss International Airport "Triangle Site" and adjacent former Mohawk Glen Golf Club. There are no changes proposed with regard to the creation and preservation of certain grassland for habitat destruction mitigation. A copy of the revised FEAF is enclosed herewith.

Oneida County has reviewed these changes and has determined that they are not material alterations that would affect the environmental assessment or require redesignation of lead agency status. The project remains essentially the same as originally proposed under the criteria in 6 NYCRR 617.6. As such, Oneida County intends to continue serving as the Lead Agency for the environmental review of this project.

We acknowledge and value your continued participation as an involved agency. We will keep you informed of any further steps in the SEQRA process. Please feel free to contact me at (315) 798-5913 or acortese-kolasz@oneidacountyny.gov with any questions regarding this matter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Amanda L. Cortese-Kolasz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amanda" being the most prominent part.

Amanda L. Cortese-Kolasz
Assistant County Attorney

Enclosure