

Daniel Sullivan, Cargill spokesman, statement to WaterFront, June 7, 2022:

We remain heartbroken by the tragic accident that resulted in the death of two employees at our Avery Island mining facility. Our condolences are with Lance Begnaud's and Rene Romero Jr.'s families and friends. We know nothing will overcome the impact of their loss. However, we cannot comment on the litigation.

Regarding the closing activities at our Avery mine, I can confirm that on June 6, 2022, Cargill began closing the salt mine located on Avery Island, Louisiana by filling it with water, marking a significant milestone in the company's journey to safely close the oldest operating salt mine in the United States. The intent to close the mine was originally announced by the company in January of 2021. Mine closure activities are expected to be complete by the end of 2022.

The closure of the mine is specialized work. The process is expected to take 45 days, followed by an additional 30 days of monitoring to ensure the safety of the area. All residents and regular visitors to the island have been informed that no unauthorized personnel will be allowed within an 800-foot radius of the mine footprint during this time. All Tabasco operations and tourist attractions are outside the 800-foot radius and will remain accessible.

Cargill is committed to the safety of our employees and the community as we work to close the mine. For over 25 years, we have been proud to be part of the Avery Island and New Iberia communities. We thank our employees and community partners who have supported us in the operation of the mine over that time.