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By email

**Re: Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. – Amendment/Renewal for Water Licence
8BC-TEH – Tehek Access Road Project**

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC) I have reviewed the above renewal and amendment application documents, and offer the following comments for your consideration:

This licence was issued Feb. 8, 2007 for a one year period, specifically to construct the road between Baker Lake and the Meadowbank Gold Project site. Terms and conditions of the licence will need to be substantially amended to transition from construction to operation of the road, and to allow for the proposed camp, quarrying, site road development, and other pre-development activities. Standard licence conditions should be sufficient to address environmental concerns associated with these activities.

The Waste and Water Management Plan for Mine Pre-development Work Spring 2008 outlines that contact water will be directed to Tear Drop Pond (providing criteria are met) or to another pond (Lake 2) to the north. Prior to discharge of any contact water to Lake 2 at the proposed water quality limits it should be confirmed that this water body is not fish-bearing, nor frequented by fish seasonally. It is noted that Lake 2 will ultimately be covered by the Portage Rock Storage Facility when all approvals are received and the project proceeds to development, but in the meantime protection may be warranted if it is a fisheries water.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-4735 with any questions or comments regarding the foregoing.

Sincerely,

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Water Pollution Specialist

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