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Re: Response to Comments Airstrip Extension-Surface Water Transfer Point Design Report Application for the Hope Bay Project, Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-DOH1335

Dear Mr. Hunter,

Agnico Eagle thanks the Nunavut Water Board for the opportunity to respond to comments received regarding the Airstrip Extension-Surface Water Transfer Point Design Report Application for Hope Bay, Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-DOH1335. Our comments are provided in the enclosed.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Regards,

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CROWN-INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA (CIRNAC)

Interested Party:	**CIRNAC**	**Rec No.:**	**CIRNAC-1**
Re:	**Contact Water**		

Request Made by Interested Party:

Section 4.1 of the Report states "The design criteria for the airstrip surface water transfer point includes…Consider inflow design flood volumes to determine the maximum flooding elevation which could flood this area. For design, the water is considered non-contact water and as such a containment is not required."

De-icing of airplanes and runways are known airport activities.

CIRNAC recommends the Licensee provide explanation and/or a plan on how contact water from de-icing airport activities is kept separated from the airstrip surface water transfer point.

Agnico Eagle's Response to Request:

Existing site practices and management plans will be followed, including the airstrip operations procedures and de-icing management approach. The water transfer point is located outside the natural drainage area associated with the de-icing apron; therefore, under typical conditions, runoff from that area does not report to the transfer point. Even under extreme storm conditions, any potential migration would depend on a prior loss of containment, which is managed through existing operational controls.

Interested Party:	**CIRNAC**	**Rec No.:**	**CIRNAC-2**
Re:	**Active Pumping**		

Request Made by Interested Party:

Section 4.2 of the Report states "Due to the substantial portion of the design volume being associated with snowmelt and considering the typical snow melt duration of 15 to 30 days, larger magnitude rainfall events during freshet will be managed through active pumping and otherwise flow to the north along the airstrip shoulder."

CIRNAC recommends the discharge point for active pumping be specified along with the erosion prevention measures at the discharge point.

Agnico Eagle's Response to Request:

The design drawings (62-132-230-002 of the Design Report submission) identifies the discharge route, with water pumped northward from the Surface Water Transfer Point. Erosion protection will be provided via a 3.0 m by 3.0 m splash pad constructed of coarse quarry material (0.5 m thick). The outlet will discharge directly onto the pad and be secured in place, with final positioning adjusted in the field as needed to minimize erosion potential.

Interested Party:	**CIRNAC**	**Rec No.:**	**CIRNAC-3**
Re:	**Snow Removal**		

Request Made by Interested Party:

Section 4.2 of the Report states "Due to the substantial portion of the design volume being associated with snowmelt and considering the typical snow melt duration of 15 to 30 days, larger magnitude rainfall events during freshet will be managed through active pumping and otherwise flow to the north along the airstrip shoulder."

Snow removal is a known airport activities.

CIRNAC recommends the Licensee provide a snow removal plan for the Doris Airstrip Extension.

Agnico Eagle's Response to Request:

Snow removal at the airstrip extension will follow established site practices. Snow will be cleared from the airstrip surface and preferentially stockpiled west of the runway. Where this is not feasible, snow may be placed to the east, north of Station 0+150. Snow pile placement will continue to consider drainage and avoid contributing to ponding during spring freshet. Please note that additional detail is provided in response to CIRNAC-1.