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Re: Response to Comments Contact Water Pond 3 (CPW2) 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 Contact Water Pond 3 (CWP3) 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:	**Location of CWP3**		

Request Made by Interested Party:

The application does not state where the CWP3 will be located. The concern is that the CWP3 could be located within 31 meters of the normal high water mark of a water body or that it is outside of the footprint of the Hope Bay Project.

CIRNAC recommends that the applicant provide information regarding the proposed location of the CWP3 preferably by photo in relations to other camp structures and water bodies and confirm that it is located within the footprint of the Hope Bay Project a minimum distance of 31 meters of the normal high water mark of a water body.

Agnico Eagle's Response to Request:

CWP3 is within the Project Development Area of the Hope Bay Mine. It is located north of the Naartok portal and to the east side of the Windy Road (all-weather road linking the Doris and Madrid areas). The image below shows the location of CWP3 in relation to lakes and infrastructure. CWP3 is outside 31 metres of the normal high-water mark.


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Interested Party:	**CIRNAC**	**Rec No.:**	**CIRNAC-2**
Re:	**Thermistor**		

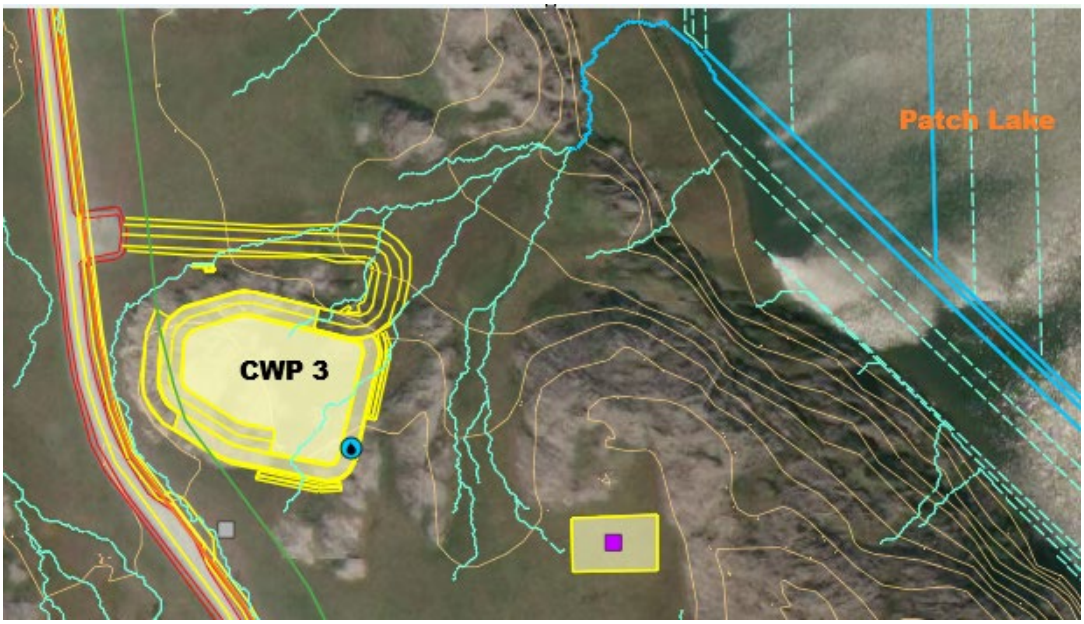
Request Made by Interested Party:
Section 3.2.3 of the Design Report states that
"To ensure that the overburden / bedrock is frozen to the east of the CWP 3, a thermistor string will be installed along its eastern edge."

It is unclear why thermistors are only going to be installed on that edge. The concern is that the thermistors will not detect if the CWP3 is functioning correctly meaning no spills occurring.

CIRNAC recommends that the applicant provide more information to demonstrate why the thermistors will be located on the East side of the CWP3.

Agnico Eagle's Response to Request:
CWP3 will be built within the footprint of an outcrop where the surface water naturally drains toward Patch Lake. The pond is excavated within bedrock. Once the pond is in place, contact water will be stored in the pond.

Thermistors are installed along the eastern edge of CWP3 to confirm that the bedrock on that side of the pond remains frozen, ensuring there is no seepage that can drain toward Patch Lake.



Interested Party:	**CIRNAC**	**Rec No.:**	**CIRNAC-3**
Re:	**Transfer Schedule to TIA**		

Request Made by Interested Party:

It is unclear how long the CWP3 will retain contact water before it is transferred to the TIA or if CWP3 will continuously have contact water within it. The concern is that the design report states that CWP3 is only to be used temporarily as stated in section 3.1 "The CWP3 Pond is designed for temporary storage of water and is not designed as a permanent holding pond."

CIRNAC recommends that the applicant provide more information on the proposed holding and transfer times and water balance.

Agnico Eagle's Response to Request:

Under a design event condition, about 95,915 m^3 will be transferred from CWP3 to TIA Reclaim Pond within 30 days following the spring runoff.

At Hope Bay, contact water generated by spring runoff, snowmelt, and rain events during the summer are collected in sumps and then transferred to different collection ponds on the site. Ultimately, the contact water is transferred to the TIA Reclaim Pond where it can be re-used in the process plant or treated and discharged to Roberts Bay.

CWP3 is designed as a central pond that receives the runoffs collected around the Madrid and Patch 7 deposits. As stated in the report, all of the sumps and ponds are sized to contain contact water from a design event consisting of a 100-year, 24 hr rain event (57.2 mm) and an average year (2.33 yr) 30-day snowmelt (190.0 mm). The pumps in the sumps are designed to drain this volume in 2 to 4 days, while the pumps for ponds, like CWP3, are sized to drain the pond completely in 30 days. Prior to the start of winter, all sumps and ponds will be emptied so that they can manage the spring runoff of the following year.

Interested Party:	**CIRNAC**	**Rec No.:**	**CIRNAC-4**
Re:	**Access Road and Pumphouse**		

Request Made by Interested Party:

The design report mentions an access road and a pumphouse station however these do not seem to be included in the application or if they have been previously assessed and approved. It is unclear if the pumpstation will have pipes leading into and out of CWP3 and how often they will be inspected as well as other general information about the pumpstation.

The concern is that not all aspects of the application have been brought forward and the specifics related to its functional use are not clearly articulated.

CIRNAC recommends that the applicant provide more information on how the access road and pumpstation relate to CWP3 and more information on the how they will be built, managed, etc.

Agnico Eagle's Response to Request:

CWP3, associated pipes, and the access road are within the assessed Project Development Area (see image in response to CIRNAC-1).

The engineering of the pump station at CWP3 is currently underway. The pump station will consist of a submersible pump installed on a floating barge. The pumps are being designed to meet the criteria for the pond as outlined in response to CIRNAC-3.

Details of the pumping station and line will be submitted once the engineering work is completed.