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2AM-DOH1335  
Our file - Notre référence  
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**Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Response to Reply on the Review of the Licence Design Report (CWP3) Contact Water Pond 3 for Hope Bay Project, Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-DOH1335**

Dear Robert,

Thank you for the January 30, 2026 invitation to review the referenced licence Design Report, submitted by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico), for Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-DOH1335.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) examined the application pursuant to its mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act*. Please find CIRNAC comments and recommendations in the attached Technical Memorandum.

The applicant shall provide confirmation from the Nunavut Water Board that all outstanding water license fees have been paid in full prior to approval of this application.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at (867) 975-3877 or [Joyce.Demers@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:Joyce.Demers@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca) or Andrew Keim at (867) 975-4550 or [Andrew.Keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:Andrew.Keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

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## Technical Review Memorandum

**Date:** February 6, 2026

**To:** Robert Hunter – Licensing Administrator, Nunavut Water Board

**From:** Joyce Demers – A/Regional Manager of Water Resources, CIRNAC

**Subject:** **Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada’s Response to Reply on the Review of the Licence Design Report (CWP3) Contact Water Pond 3 for Hope Bay Project, Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-DOH1335**

**Region:**     Kitikmeot     Kivalliq     Qikiqtani

CIRNAC provides the following comments and recommendations pertaining to the application package. A summary of the subjects of recommendations can be found in Table 1. Documents reviewed as part of this submission can be found in Table 2 of Section B. Detailed technical review comments can be found in Section C.

**Table 1: Summary of Recommendations**

Recommendation Number	Subject	Status
R1	Location of CWP3	Resolved
R2	Thermistors	Resolved
R3	Transfer Schedule to TIA	Resolved
R4	Access Road and Pumphouse	Not Resolved

### **B. DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND REFERENCED**

The following table (Table 2) provides a list of the documents reviewed under the submission and reference during the review.

**Table 2: Documents Reviewed and Referenced**

Document Title	Author, File No., Rev., Date
260129 2AM-DOH1335 Agnico Eagle Response to Comments on CWP3 Design-ILAE	Agnico Eagle, January 29, 2026



## C. RESULTS OF REVIEW

### 4. Access Road and Pumphouse

#### **Comment:**

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.

#### **Recommendation:**

(R-04) CIRNAC recommends that the applicant provide more information on how the access road and pumpstation relate to CWP3 and more information on how they will be built, managed, etc.

#### **Agnico's Reply:**

"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."

#### **CIRNAC's Response:**

CIRNAC understands that the pumpstation application has yet to be submitted to the NWB and confirms that portion of the recommendation complete. The application for the access road portion of the comment has yet to be addressed.

CIRNAC's comments to the road include among other things the confirmation that the access road will be constructed with materials that are non-potentially acid generating and non-metal leaching and that water management strategies will be put in place to ensure that water from the access road drain correctly without contaminates. In addition, CIRNAC notes that all potentially contaminated water be treated and stored as per the water license requirements.