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RE: Licence No: 2AM-DOH1335 Type A, Doris-Madrid Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited; Design Report for Quarry D Contact Water Pond 3 (CWP3)

Dear Ms. Range:

On January 6, 2026, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or the Board) received a Design Report and drawings, from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) for the construction of Contact Water Pond 3 (CWP3). This notification is required under Part D, Item 1 of the Type A Water Licence 2AM-DOH1335.

Agnico Eagle have stated that they intend to construct CWP3 to manage the contact water transferred from the Madrid and Patch 7 deposit areas. CWP3 will be used to collect contact water runoff from sumps in the Madrid deposit area and from the Patch 7 CWP4. The water from CWP3 will then be pumped into the Tailings Impoundment Area (TIA) Reclaim Pond for re-use in the process plant or for treatment prior to discharge to the receiving environment.

The design report states that the pond will be excavated within bedrock and will consist of an access ramp, diversion berms for non-contact water and thermal berms where required. CWP3 is designed for temporary storage of water and is not as a permanent holding pond.

On January 6, 2026, the NWB distributed the Design Report and drawings for a public review, parties were invited to submit comments by January 21, 2026. Submissions were received from the Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). DFO and ECCC in their submissions, received on January 8 and January 16, 2026 respectively, stated that they had no comments at this time.

Agnico Eagle responded to CIRNA's information requests on January 30, 2026. CIRNA submitted a follow-up request on February 6, 2026. Agnico Eagle responded on February 9, 2026. CIRNAC confirmed on February 18, 2026, that their concerns were addressed by Agnico Eagle's responses.

Following is a summary of the comments/questions and Licensee's responses.

CIRNA comment/question:

1. CIRNA requested that Agnico clarify the location of CWP3.

Agnico Eagle's response: Agnico Eagle informed that CWP3 will be located "within the Project Development Area of the Hope Bay Mine", north of the Naartok portal and on the east side of Windy Road.

2. CIRNA requested that Agnico Eagle explain why thermistors will be located on the East side of the CWP3.

Agnico Eagle's response: Agnico Eagle stated that "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."

3. CIRNA requested clarification on the proposed holding and transfer times, and water balance for CWP3.

Agnico Eagle's response: Agnico Eagle stated that "Under a design event condition, about 95,915 m³ will be transferred from CWP3 to TIA Reclaim Pond within 30 days following the spring runoff."

At Hope Bay, contact water from summer rainfall, snowmelt, and spring runoff is collected in sumps and transferred to site ponds, ultimately reaching the TIA Reclaim Pond for reuse in the process plant or treatment and discharge to Roberts Bay.

Further Agnico Eagle explained that CWP3 serves as a central pond collecting runoff from the Madrid and Patch 7 deposits. All sumps and ponds are designed to contain a 100-year, 24-hour rainfall event (57.2 mm) and a 30-day average-year snowmelt (190.0 mm). Sump pumps drain this volume within 2–4 days, while pond pumps, including CWP3, fully drain within 30 days. All facilities are emptied before winter to accommodate the following spring runoff.

4. CIRNA requested clarification on how the access road and pumpstation relate to CWP3 and more information on the how they will be built and managed.

Agnico Eagle's response: Agnico Eagle stated that “CWP3, associated pipes, and the access road are within the assessed Project Development Area. 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.”

CIRNA follow-up: CIRNAC followed up requesting confirmation that the access road will be constructed using non-acid-generating and non-metal-leaching materials, and that appropriate water management measures will be implemented to ensure proper drainage without contamination. CIRNAC also requested confirmation that any potentially contaminated water will be treated and stored in accordance with water licence requirements.

Agnico Eagle's response: Agnico Eagle confirmed that the access road will be constructed using non-acid-generating and non-metal-leaching materials, and that water will be managed in accordance with the Water Licence, and will be contained within appropriate water management infrastructure.

Copies of all documents received in support of the Notice of Construction can be accessed through the NWB's Public Registry and FTP site using the following Link:

[NWB public registry link to Design Report for Quarry D Contact Water Pond 3 \(CWP3\)](#)

NWB's Review and Decision

The NWB, having fully reviewed the Licensee's request in the context of potential impact of the proposed activities on the freshwater environment, and consistency of the proposed activity in relation to the scope of the Licence, determined that the proposed construction is consistent with the scope of activities considered under the Licence issued to the Project. Therefore, by way of this correspondence, the Board authorizes Agnico Eagle to undertake the construction of Contact Water Pond 3 (CWP3).

Further, in keeping with Part D, Item 11 of the Licence's terms and conditions, the submission of post-construction information, including as-built plans and drawings, shall remain applicable to this authorization. The Board also advises that a Construction Summary Report should be provided as per Licence terms and conditions.

The Licensee is advised that the Board's review of this document is a verification that the proposed activity is consistent with the existing terms and conditions of the Licence and more specifically with Part D, and may proceed in accordance with the design specifics and drawings provided. It should be noted that the Board's acceptance is NOT intended or offered as any representation regarding the suitability of the plans nor third-party verification of the design, construction, planning or engineering discussed in the notice of construction and accompanying documents.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the NWB Licensing Department by email to licensing@nwb-oen.ca or by phone at (867) 360-6338.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MAS', is enclosed in a light blue rectangular box. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

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Cc: Distribution List – Doris North, Kitikmeot