

February 15th, 2023

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Re: Water License 2AM-DOH1335 – Notice of Construction for Doris Vent Raise and Crown Pillar Surface Water Diversion Infrastructure

Dear Mr. Shaikh,

This letter represents Agnico Eagle Mines (**Agnico**) written notification to the Nunavut Water Board (**NWB**) regarding the planned construction of surface water diversion infrastructure near the Doris Vent Raise and Crown Pillar Recovery Trench area. This notification is being provided to the NWB prior to commencement of work, as required under the Type A Water License 2AM-DOH1335 Part D Item 1.

The purpose of this infrastructure is to mitigate surface water inflows into the underground workings by diverting flows. In previous years, a significant volume of water has been observed to be flowing into the underground mine via the Doris Vent Raise shaft, and via the Doris Crown Pillar Recovery Trench backfill area. Surface water that enters the mine must then be managed as contact water, placing additional demands on Hope Bay's water treatment and storage infrastructure.

A design overview and stamped construction drawings are provided in Attachment 1.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at Brennan.jay@agnicoeagle.com

Sincerely,

Brennan Jay

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<u>Attachments</u>

Attachment 1: Doris Vent Raise Surface Water Management - Design Overview



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Memo

To Brennan Jay, AEM Client Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

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Date February 14, 2023

Subject Doris Vent Raise Surface Water Management - Design Overview

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1 Introduction

SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc. was retained by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) to develop a detailed design for surface water management infrastructure in near the Doris Vent Raise and Doris Crown Pillar Recovery Trench (Doris CPRT) at the Hope Bay mine in Nunavut. This memo documents the design and supports the notice of construction.

2 Project Purpose

Inflows of surface water have been observed at the Doris Vent Raise and the backfilled Doris Crown Pillar Recovery Trench over the recent past spring and summer seasons, with significant inflows observed during freshet and following heavy rain events. The purpose of this project is to construct diversions upstream of the infrastructure to reduce these surface water inflows and direct the water to the Doris Lake (the historic receiving body for this catchment).

3 Hydrologic Design Basis

3.1 Catchment Area

The Doris Vent Raise and CPRT are located southeast of the Doris Camp, along the TIA access road. The catchment area is defined by a bedrock ridge and the Doris Mesa to the north west, which historically flowed to the southwest into Doris Lake and Doris Creek. The maximum catchment area reporting to the proposed Doris Vent Raise culvert is estimated to be 8.2 ha.

3.2 Hydrology

The design basis for the proposed surface water infrastructure uses the site-specific intensity-duration-frequency (IDF) curves adjusted for climate change using RCP4.5 for the 2050s (SRK 2022) and

distributed using an alternating block storm hyetograph (Chow, Maidment, & Mays 1988). In accordance with the Agnico Eagle Corporate Standards (AEM 2021), infiltration losses (i.e. runoff coefficient of 1.0) and time of concentration were not considered.

The average 30-day snowmelt was applied to consider freshet conditions. Snowmelt was distributed equally over 30-days.

The resulting design events are summarized in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Doris Vent Raise Design Event

Return Period (yr)	24-hour Precipitation (mm)	24-hour Snowmelt (mm)	24-hour Precipitation + snowmelt (mm)	30-day Snowmelt (mm)
100	62.3	56.1	118.4	307
50	51.8	53.3	105.1	289
20	41.1	49.1	90.2	262
10	32.9	45.4	78.3	237
5	27	40.9	67.9	207
2	19.4	32.2	51.6	151

4 Culvert Sizing

Based on the site inventory, Corrugated Steel Pipe (CSP) with diameters of 600 mm were considered for this design.

Culvert sizing was completed using the HY-8 culvert analysis program (FHA 2021) for both the 10-year and 100-year design flow, and for both a two- and three-barrel design. A single barrel design was excluded due to the maintenance issues associated with freezing conditions and aufeis. The results of the analysis are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Culvert Sizing

Culvert Type	Barrels	10-yr Design Flow (m³/s)	10-yr Event Minimum Freeboard (m above culvert)	100-yr Design Flow (m³/s)	100-yr Event Minimum Freeboard (m above culvert)
600 mm CSP	2	0.81	0.29	1.58	2.8
600 mm CSP	3	0.81	_1	1.58	0.97

Notes

¹ Flow is fully contained within the culverts (i.e., no back water)

Due to the location of the culvert, an upstream diversion berm will be constructed on the east side of the upstream ditch alignment, toward the vent raise. This will help to contain overtopping or back water during large flow events. Where the backwater exceeds the elevation of the TIA access road, the grade will be field fit to direct excess water flow over the berm and road, toward the downstream ditch, or toward the vent raise until the flow subsides.

5 Diversion Ditch and Berm

5.1 Diversion Sizing

Diversion ditches are proposed upstream of the Vent Raise and CPRT to direct flow through the culverts and convey the flow from the culverts to the downstream outlet ditch/channel. The diversion ditch sizing is provided below.

Table 3: Diversion Ditch Sizing

Ditch Alignment	Assumed Design Catchment (ha)	10-yr Design Flow (m³/s)	10-yr Flow Depth (m)	100-yr Design Flow (m³/s)	100-yr Flow Depth (m)
Alignment 1 (U/S of Vent raise)	5.2	0.51	0.27	1.00	0.39
Alignment 2 (U/S of TIA Access road and CPRT)	2.4	0.24	0.17	0.46	0.26
Alignment 3 (D/S of culvert)	8.2	0.81	0.35	1.58	0.49

5.2 Ditch and Berm Armoring and thermal protection

The diversion ditches will be excavated and lined with non-woven geotextile. Clean run-of-quarry material / spalls is recommended for armoring the ditches, with a grain-sizes ranging from 25 mm – 250 mm. The armoring layer will be 0.5 m thick to serve as thermal protection where the ditch is excavated in permafrost.

6 Construction Considerations

The proposed construction in along the Secondary Road which is the only access to the TIA. This requires a few important construction considerations:

- Construction is expected to take place using a phased approach.
 - Construction of Phase 1 channels is expected to occur prior to freshet.
 - Construction of remaining infrastructure (if required) will take place after freshet.

- After Phase 1, additional infrastructure will be constructed based on the evaluated effectiveness of the Phase 1 infrastructure. (i.e. Phase 1 channels will be lengthened if required to capture surface water flow).
- Duration of restricted access to the TIA shall be kept to a minimum, by completing the culvert installation in an expedient manner.
- All pipelines and utilities shall be located and flagged prior to the start of construction in the area.
- Exposed or disturbed permafrost overburden remaining after construction shall be minimized, and covered by a minimum of 0.5 m of ROQ fill (thermal protection) to the extent practicable.
 Maintenance will be completed as necessary following construction.
- Construction traffic shall be maintained within the ultimate construction footprint of the proposed works, so as to minimize disturbance to the tundra.
- All surface runoff for the duration of construction will be managed according to water license 2AM-DOH1335 Part D, Item 9.

7 Environmental and Monitoring Considerations

- Best practices for construction and erosion control measures will be implemented and license requirements for construction will be adhered to.
- For the first year, periodic inspections will be completed prior to and during freshet, and following any notable rain events.
- All surface runoff for the duration of construction will be sampled according to water license 2AM-DOH1335 Part D, Item 9.

8 Closure

It you have any questions or concerns regarding the design or notice of construction, please contact Agnico Eagle (<u>Brennan.jay@agnicoeagle.com</u>) or SRK (<u>pluedke@srk.com</u>, <u>jkurylo@srk.com</u>)

Regards,

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Attachments:

Attachment 1 Drawings

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Engineering Drawings for Vent Raise Surface Water Management Hope Bay, Nunavut, Canada

Active Drawing Status

Drawing Number	Drawing Title	Issue	Date	Revision
VRP-WM-100	General Arrangement	Issued for Permitting	February 8, 2023	А
VRP-WM-101	Existing Conditions	Issued for Permitting	February 8, 2023	А
VRP-WM-102	Site Plan	Issued for Permitting	February 8, 2023	А
VRP-WM-200	Diversion Ditch 1 Segment A Plan and Profile	Issued for Permitting	February 8, 2023	A
VRP-WM-201	Diversion Ditch 1 Segment B Plan and Profile	Issued for Permitting	February 8, 2023	А
VRP-WM-202	Diversion Ditch 2 Plan and Profile	Issued for Permitting	February 8, 2023	А
VRP-WM-300	Typical Sections	Issued for Permitting	February 8, 2023	А
VRP-WM-400	Typical Details	Issued for Permitting	February 8, 2023	A



















