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Re: Response to Comments Sump 4 and Sump 5 Design Reports for the Hope Bay 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 Sump 4 and Sump 5 Design Reports for Hope Bay, Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-DOH1335. Our responses 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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Interested Party:	**CIRNAC**	**Rec No.:**	**CIRNAC-R-01**
Re:	**Freeboard Height**		

Request Made by Interested Party:

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent provide a minimum freeboard of 1.0 m or more, to provide additional contingency capacity and greater assurance that the sumps can effectively manage contact water during operational, storm, and freshet conditions, thereby supporting water protection objectives.

Agnico Eagle's Response to Request:

The design intent of the sump is to temporarily store contact water and transfer the content within a week to the main storage ponds. With that in mind, the minimum freeboard design criterion was set a 0.5 m. However, due to the design of the sump within the bedrock and the depth available, it was decided that a 1.0 m freeboard is achievable for these sumps.

Interested Party:	**CIRNAC**	**Rec No.:**	**CIRNAC-R-02**
Re:	**Location of the Proposed Pumps**		

Request Made by Interested Party:

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent provide additional information confirming the extent to which Sump 4 and Sump 5 will be contained within competent bedrock, including if any portions extend into the tundra or potentially frost-susceptible soil.

If any part of the facilities is located outside a competent rock formation, CIRNAC further requests the rationale supporting the conclusion that slope stability and thermal analyses are not required, and whether this could influence containment performance and contact water management.

Agnico Eagle's Response to Request:

Agnico Eagle confirms that Sump 4 and Sump 5 will be built within competent bedrock (e.g., non-fractured bedrock). There are no portions of these sumps that are planned to be excavated and extend into an overburden area.

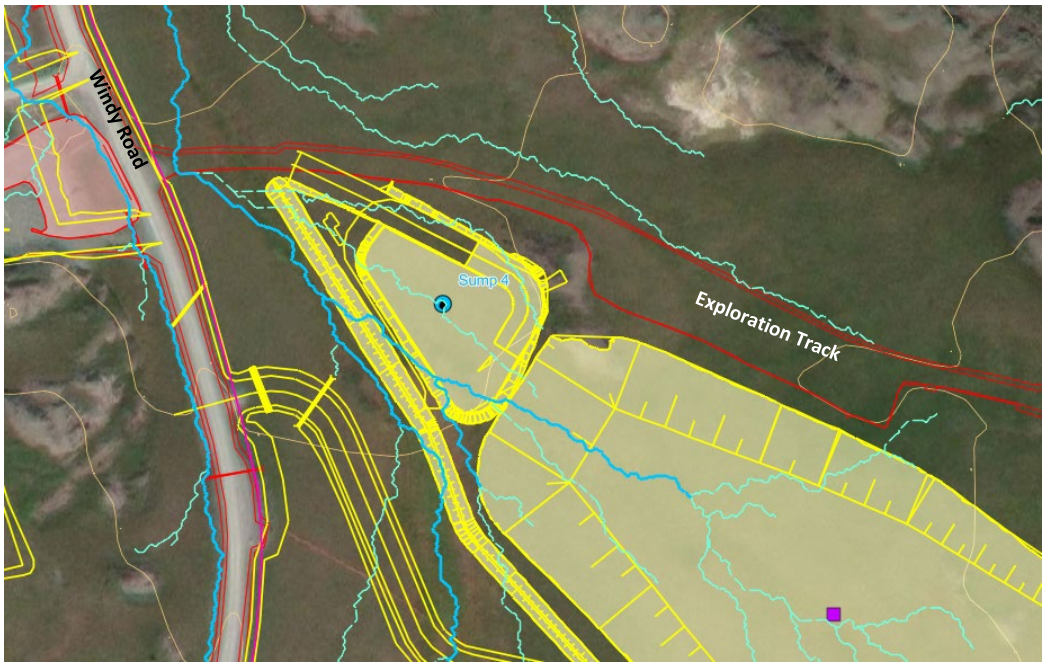
Interested Party:	**CIRNAC**	**Rec No.:**	**CIRNAC-R-03**
Re:	**Stream Proximity**		

Request Made by Interested Party:
CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent provide additional information on the proximity of Sump 4, the access road, and diversion berm(s) relative to the adjacent stream, and ensure all monitoring and mitigation measures be implemented during construction to minimize the potential for sedimentation, erosion, or dust deposition to nearby freshwater environments and align with all relevant Water Licence requirements.

Agnico Eagle's Response to Request:
The figure below shows the main drainage path in the area where Sump 4 and the overburden area will be built. Currently, the runoff naturally drains to the corner of the existing exploration track and Windy Road and continues its path toward Patch Lake.

Sump 4 is excavated downstream of the planned overburden pile; therefore, all runoff from the overburden pile will flow via gravity into the sump. The main purpose of the diversion berm is to divert clean runoff away from Sump 4 so that only contact water from the overburden pile is managed.

Erosion and sediment control measures will be in place during construction (i.e., silt fence) to mitigate any erosion and sediments from entering the stream.



Interested Party:	**CIRNAC**	**Rec No.:**	**CIRNAC-R-04**
Re:	**Access Roads Design and Construction**		

Request Made by Interested Party:

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent provide additional information regarding the design and construction of the proposed access roads and stream crossings associated with Sump 4 and Sump 5, including drainage controls, culvert or crossing design, erosion and sediment control measures, and consideration of permafrost-related stability, to satisfy the information requirements of Water Licence No. 2AM-DOH1335 (Part D, Item 1; Schedule D, Item 1).

Agnico Eagle's Response to Request:

Proposed access roads were not included in this design report submission. Separate submission(s) associated with culvert(s) will be submitted through the appropriate avenues in due course.

Interested Party:	**CIRNAC**	**Rec No.:**	**CIRNAC-R-05**
Re:	**Size and Storage Capacity of Sump 5**		

Request Made by Interested Party:

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent confirm the planned final dimensions and operational storage capacity of Sump 5, to confirm that the proposed design provides sufficient capacity to contain the predicted contact water volumes and prevent uncontrolled releases to the receiving environment.

Agnico Eagle's Response to Request:

The proposed Sump 5 layout has an irregular shape; however, Agnico Eagle can confirm through our 3D model that the useful sump volume achieved is 31,000 m^3.