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Robert Hunter
Nunavut Water Board
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Re: Agnico Eagle's Response to Comments on the Emulsion Plant Site Design Report for the Hope Bay Mine Project, Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-DOH1335

Dear Mr. Hunter

Agnico Eagle thanks the Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada for their comment and review on the 2026 Emulsion Plant Site Design Report for the Hope Bay Mine. Our response is 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-NWB-01**
Re:	**Permafrost Monitoring**		

Request Made by Interested Party:

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent clarify the rationale for the proposed five-year monitoring period and describe any plans, contingencies, performance criteria, or adaptive management measures that would be implemented should thermal monitoring indicate permafrost degradation. This information would assist in confirming the long-term protection of permafrost and associated water resources.

Agnico Eagle's Response to Request:

The five-year monitoring period corresponds to the monitoring hardware and satellite data subscription included in the Thermosyphon supplier's contract. Upon completion of the initial five-year period, Agnico Eagle will continue thermal performance monitoring for the life of the infrastructure; however, this may be achieved either through renewal of the satellite monitoring subscription service or through local data retrieval from the data logger via Bluetooth. Monitoring beyond the initial five-year period is not included in the current Thermosyphon supplier scope.

In addition, routine inspections will continue throughout the life of the mine. Should any signs of settlement, erosion, or other performance concerns be identified, appropriate mitigation and adaptive management measures will be implemented to maintain the structural integrity.