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RE: Licence No: 2AM-DOH1335 Type A, Doris-Madrid Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited; Design Report for Fresh Water Intake, Pumping Station and Pipelines at Windy Lake North

Dear Ms. Range:

On June 23, 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 the Freshwater Intake, Pumping Station and Pipelines at Windy Lake North. 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 a new freshwater intake pumping station to sustain the current potable water supply and accommodate potential domestic use increases (subject to water license approval) at the Doris Camp. Agnico Eagle intends to eliminate water trucking by pumping water directly from Windy Lake to the new potable treatment plant (PTP).

The new Fresh water Intake Facility will be in the northern portion of Windy Lake and will consist of 2 72 m long insulated and heat traced HDPE pipes, anchored to the bottom of the lake. A pumping station, including 2 pumps (1 standby), will be installed along the shoreline. The maximum amount of water to pump each day will be 210 m³ which gives a mean flow of 8,75 m³/h.

Agnico Eagle has stated that *“Construction of the in-water components is currently scheduled for September or October 2026. The project will be submitted to Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) for review. While the activities will occur within a restricted in-water work window, Agnico Eagle is confident that the proposed construction methods and appropriate mitigation measures will effectively avoid impacts on fish and fish habitat. Construction of the land-based components, including the pumping station and pipelines extending to the Doris potable water treatment plant, is planned for completion by Q4 2026.”*

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All materials used for earthworks will be free from acid generation/metal leaching potential (i.e. non-PAG).

On June 23, 2026, the NWB distributed the Design Report and drawings for a public review, parties were invited to provide their submissions by July 21, 2026. Submissions were received from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) requested an extension and provided their submission on July 28, 2026.

KIA in their submission, received on July 7, 2026, stated that they had no concerns at this time.

Agnico Eagle responded to parties' submission on August 6, 2026. By August 11, 2026, all parties had confirmed that their concerns were addressed by Agnico Eagle's responses.

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

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), July 28, 2026

1. CIRNA recommended that Agnico Eagle provide additional information regarding –
 - a. Erosion and sediment control measures during construction;
 - b. Shoreline stabilization, bank protection, or erosion protection measures;
 - c. Impact to water quality and mitigation measures;
 - d. Containment, management and treatment of contaminated water.

Agnico Eagle's response: (a) *"The Water Management Plan (Section 4.1.1) outlines mitigations used to minimize potential water quality impacts during and after construction activities. These measures may include silt fencing and coco matting around construction activities and during rainfall and snowmelt periods."*

(b) *"No shoreline destabilization and erosion concerns are anticipated from the construction and operation of the Windy North Intake as Agnico Eagle will be applying relevant mitigations as per the Water Management Plan during construction (Section 4.1.1), and the infrastructure will be regularly inspected during operations."*

(c) *"The Water Management Plan (Section 4.1.1) outlines mitigations used to minimize potential water quality impacts during and after construction activities. These measures may include silt fencing and coco matting around construction activities and during rainfall and snowmelt periods. In the event of a spill, Agnico Eagle will follow the Spill Contingency Plan."*

(d) *"The working pad will be constructed from clean material evaluated or determined through testing as NPAG. Best management practices for machinery are employed, with machinery arriving at the work site clean and free of leaks, inspected prior to use. Any water will be non-contact water and will be managed per the Water Management Plan (Section 4.1.1)."*

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2. CIRNA recommended that Agnico Eagle clarify the following:
- Whether the return of water to Windy Lake during operations is planned in the existing water management plans and authorized under the current licence conditions;
 - Whether there is any potential for contamination of the water during extraction, conveyance, storage, or pigging operations;
 - Whether the water returned to Windy Lake would be returned untreated or post-treatment, such as heated or chemically treated water;
 - Whether the volumes and frequency of return-water discharges to Windy Lake would be recorded and considered when calculating the total volume of water use from Windy Lake; and
 - Whether the potential for localized erosion, sediment mobilization, scour, or other physical impacts to the lakebed or shoreline at the proposed discharge location has been evaluated, and if so, if there is a potential for disruption and if mitigation measures may be used.

Agnico Eagle's response: (a) *"The direct return, or drainage, of water within a water intake pipeline back to the source lake is common practice. This practice is currently used at the Doris intake at Hope Bay."*

(b) *"Agnico Eagle does not anticipate any potential for contamination during the extraction or conveyance of water, or during pigging operations. Windy Lake water quality will continue to be monitored following the Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan."*

(c) *"Water within the waterline that is returned to Windy Lake will be untreated. The water withdrawn from Windy Lake is not treated until it arrives in the potable water treatment plant, after the raw water tank."*

(d) *"Regardless of if water is returned to Windy Lake, all water withdrawn from Windy Lake will be recorded. Per the Water Management Plan, the flow meter at the pump house would record water taken, and it would be included in the total volume of water withdrawn from Windy Lake under the existing or an amended Water Licence. Pigging operations are only anticipated if the draining of the waterline is required."*

(e) *"Water returned to Windy Lake would drain through a separate pigging line. Agnico Eagle will take precautions to ensure the pigging line returns water to Windy Lake in a manner that does not result in erosion, sediment mobilization, scour, or other physical impacts to the lake bed or shoreline."*

3. CIRNA recommends that the proponent clarify whether the entire pipeline will be constructed and operated within previously disturbed areas associated with existing roads and infrastructure and if disturbance outside existing developed areas is anticipated, what measures will be put in place to minimize potential effects on terrain stability, permafrost, surface drainage, and adjacent water resources during construction and operation.

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Agnico Eagle's response: *“Per Section 5.1 of the design report, the above ground pipeline will be installed at the toe of the roads in previously disturbed areas, following alignment of the Doris-Windy Lake Road and the Windy Lake Fresh Water Pumping Station Access Road. Disturbance outside of existing developed areas is not anticipated.”*

4. CIRNA recommended that Agnico Eagle provide additional information regarding –
- a. Whether construction will be carried out under an existing approved QA/QC Plan or a project-specific QA/QC program;
 - b. QA/QC measures related to protection of freshwater during construction, including implementation of erosion and sediment control measures, management of construction runoff, and protection of Windy Lake and adjacent water resources; and
 - c. How QA/QC activities will verify that water management and freshwater protection measures are functioning as intended throughout construction;

Agnico Eagle's response: (a) and (b) *“Construction activities would be carried out following task specific QA/QC measures.”* These may include a representative of the design engineer on-site to conduct inspections and approve changes, surveys at key stages, construction summary records and as-built reporting.

(c) *“Water management measures (i.e., erosion and sediment control measures) are regularly inspected when required to ensure they are functioning as intended.”*

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), July 21, 2023

DFO recommended that Agnico Eagle submit a Request for Review for the construction of the new freshwater intake. Further, DFO provided their standard recommendations for Agnico Eagle to comply with the *Fisheries Act*.

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 the Windy Lake Freshwater Intake](#)

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 the freshwater intake, pumping station and pipelines at Windy Lake North.

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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,



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