

December 17, 2018

Nunavut Water Board
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RE: Guidance of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) Following the Decision of the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Northern Affairs and Internal Trade in Relation to the Assessment of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Proposed Modification to the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project to Allow In-pit Tailings Deposition.

Dear Karen Kharatyan,

In follow-up to the November 30th, 2018 letter and teleconference hosted by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) on December 7th, 2018, the following letter is Agnico Eagle's written application to the NWB amendment Type A 2AM MEA1526 to include In-pit Disposal of Tailings at the Meadowbank Mine. As the Board is aware, the in-pit tailings disposal project has been reviewed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) and received ministerial approval of the reconsideration on November 29th, 2018. Attached to this cover letter is the amendment application.

Agnico Eagle currently places all tailings at the Meadowbank Mine in an approved tailings storage facility, identified as the Meadowbank Tailings Storage Facility (within the former Second Portage Lake northwest dewatered arm), where tailings have been deposited as slurry and water from the ponds reclaimed during operation. Agnico Eagle is proposing to modify tailings deposition at Meadowbank and is planning to place tailings in Meadowbank mined out pits (Refer to Figure 1). The in-pit tailings disposal project will improve the current economics and mine planning, reduce overall freshwater consumption during closure re-flooding, while using existing Meadowbank mill for ore processing facilities, within an area that has previously been impacted. During operations, we will continue to use existing facilities and continue monitoring the mine operations, water use and water quality in accordance with 2AM MEA1526 requirements as previously approved by NWB.

As described in this cover letter and illustrated in Figure 1, the In-pit tailings disposal in the Portage and Goose pits will require the continued use of the:

- pits and dikes to segregate operations from Third Portage and Second Portage Lake;
- reclaim water barge;
- tailings deposition barge;
- closure reclaim water treatment plant; and
- extension of the slurry and reclaim water piping.

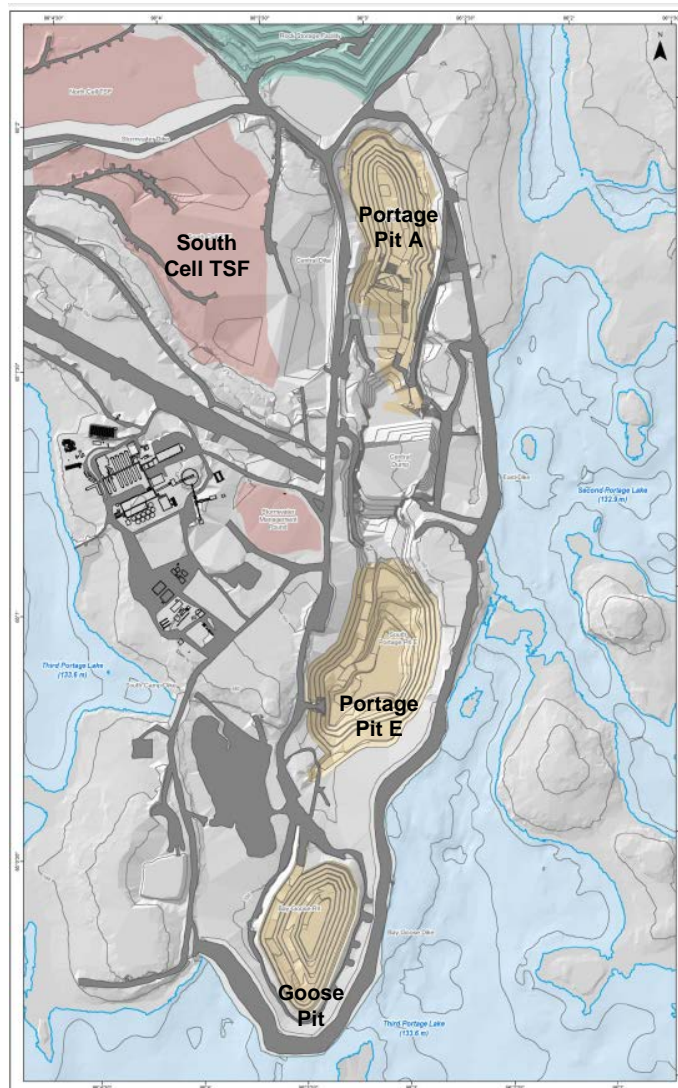


Figure 1: Meadowbank Site Layout with In Pit disposal

Agnico Eagle believes the requested in-pit tailings disposal is consistent with NWB Type A 2AM-MEA1526 definitions and approvals for operation of the Meadowbank Tailings Storage Facility. As per the NWB letter dated November 30th, 2018, the NWB's recent decision to review this file as an Amendment to 2AM MEA1526, Agnico Eagle has adjusted the construction and operation schedule of the in-pit tailings deposition.

On February 26th, 2018 NWB acknowledged the receipt of Agnico Eagle's notification (February 23 2018 submission) to the NWB for a "modification" with a cover-letter and a series of

supporting documents. On February 23 2018, as per Part B General conditions Item 13¹, Agnico Eagle has submitted the version of the:

- Mine Waste Rock and Tailings Management Plan, November 2017,
- Water Management Plan, November 2017 (and updated water quality forecast), and
- Groundwater Monitoring Plan, November 2017.

As discussed with NWB during the call on December 7th, 2019, and outlined in NWB November 30th, 2018 letter, Agnico Eagle submits that the following are to be considered by NWB as amendment application documents:

- all documents that were provided to NWB by Agnico on February 23rd, 2018,
- all follow-up technical reviews, commentary, recommendations and technical responses, and
- supporting response documents as part of the “modification” review process to date.

The list of documents supporting the amendment are summarized in Table 1 below and a complete list of submissions as part of the NPC, NIRB and NWB review is attached to this coverletter.

Table 1: NWB 2AM MEA1526 Amendment Application Supporting Documents.

<i>Submission Date</i>	<i>Review Phase</i>	<i>Document Title</i>	<i>Description</i>
2/23/2018	Modification Notification	2AM MEA1525 Planned Modification_ Meadowbank Mine_02232018	RE: Agnico Eagle Mines Meadowbank Mine Type A Water License – 2AM- MEA1525 Modification Request
2/23/2018		2016 Water Management Report and Plan Update V00	Water Managment Report and Plan Update including in-pit
2/23/2018		2016 Mine Waste Rock and Tailings Management Plan Update V00	Mine Waste Rock and Tailings Management Plan Update including in-pit
2/23/2018		11172017 Portage Area NNLP Update	Updated NNL Calculations for Habitat Gains in Second and Third Portage Lakes
2/23/2018		637215-5000-4GER-0001_A00_MAA	Tailings Storage Facility Extension - Multiple

¹ Part B Item 13; The Licensee shall, for all Plans submitted under this Licence, implement the Plan as approved by the Board in writing. The Board has approved (or accepted) the following Plans for implementation under the relevant sections in the Licence: Any changes to the plans deemed significant shall be considered as an amendment to the plans (s) or as a modification and must be approved by the Board.

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2/23/2018		Goose Pit elaboration November 20, 2017	Account Analysis Re: Additional information regarding determining the presence/absence of fish in Goose Pit
2/23/2018		Goose Pit fish determination signed Oct 5, 2017	Re: Goose Pit fish determination Memorandum
2/23/2018		Ground Water Monitoring Plan 2018_V8_20180125_Final	Ground Water Monitoring Plan 2018 including in-pit disposal
8/17/2018	Response to Technical Comments	08172018 Agnico Eagle Responses _ Inpit Final Submission_ NWB coverletter	Agnico Eagle response to technical comments cover letter
8/17/2018		180815 - 2AM-MEA1526-Agnico Eagle - In pit disposal - Final Response	Agnico Eagle response to technical comments
8/17/2018		651196-3000-4WER-0001_A00_Hydrogeo-ModelingReport	Hydrogeological modelling for in-pit tailings deposition - Detail Engineering (Version 2)
8/17/2018		651196-3100-4GER-0001_00 Thermal Modeling	In-pit tailings deposition Thermal Modeling - Detail Engineering (Version 2)
8/17/2018		In pit deposition - ECCC meeting July 12 2018	In pit deposition - ECCC meeting July 12 2018 - Presentation Material
8/17/2018		MDRB Meeting No 19 Report	Meadowbank Dike Review Board Meeting No19 Report
8/17/2018		MDRB Meeting No 22 Report	Meadowbank Dike Review Board Meeting No22 Report
8/17/2018 8/17/2018		SNC Project Team Resume Chorley, Don (en)	SNC Project Team Resume Don Chorley Resume
10/2/2018	Hydrogeology and Permafrost Discussion	181121 2AM-MEA1526 Agnico Presentation to GSC - Sept 25 2018-IMLE	Hydrogeology and Permafrost Discussion - Sept 25,2018 - Presentation material
10/2/2018		181121 2AM-MEA1526 NRCan - Agnico - September 25 2018 - Meeting record - Final draft-IMLE	Hydrogeology and Permafrost Discussion - Sept 25,2018 - Meeting Record
12/12/2018	Technical Responses	12122018 Agnico Eagle _In pit disposal _ Flooding Strategy.pdf	NWB File No. 2AM MEA1526- In-Pit Disposal: Flooding Strategy

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12/13/2018	Technical Responses	654769-5000-40ER-0002_00 MDK ICRP update.pdf	Meadowbank ICRP 2018 Update considering Tailings In-Pit Deposition
12/14/2018	Technical Responses	655183-0000-4GCA-0001 Meadowbank In Pit Tailings Disposal Update Memorandum.pdf	Meadowbank In-Pit Tailings Disposal - Thermal and Hydrogeological Modeling Update to Address NRC's Comments (Version 4)

In our view this fulfills the document requirements needed for NWB to complete its review. If you require any further information, please contact the undersigned via email or telephone.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Quesnel", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Attachment A – List of documents previously provided to NPC, NIRB and NWB

Submission Date	Submitted to	Review Phase	Document Title	Description
12/18/2017	NPC	Notification of self-assessment	NPC Letter - In-Pit Deposition Modification - 12182017_Final	RE: Notification of Self-Assessment - Agnico Eagle Mines Meadowbank Non-Significant Modification – In-Pit Tailings Disposal
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	2016 Mine Waste Rock and Tailings Management Plan Update V00	Mine Waste Rock and Tailings Management Plan Update including in-pit
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	2016 Water Management Report and Plan Update V00	Water Management Report and Plan Update including in-pit
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	637215-5000-4GER-0001_A00_MAA	Tailings Storage Facility Extension - Multiple Account Analysis
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	643541-3000-4WER-0001_Hydrogeo-Modeling Report_A00	Hydrogeological Modeling For In-Pit Deposition of Tailings - PFS (Version 1)
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	643541-5000-40ER-0001_B00 Water Balance and Water Quality Forecast	In-Pit Tailings Deposition Water Balance and Water Quality Forecast - PFS (Version 1)
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	643541-7000-40ER-0001 Groundwater Monitoring Program_V00	Groundwater Monitoring Program including in-pit
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	651196-0000-4EER-0001_B01_TechNoteEIS_IPD	Environmental Impact Study Review – Meadowbank In Pit Tailings Deposition
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	03232017 DRAFT DFO, KivIA and AEM Meeting Summary and Action Items	DFO/AEM/KIA Meeting Summary and Action Items - Winnipeg - March 23, 2018
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	03232017 Meadowbank update_v1	DFO/AEM/KIA Meeting - AEM Presentation - Winnipeg - March 23, 2018
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	08022018 Baker Lake In pit disposal community meeting - attendees list	Baker Lake In pit disposal community meeting February 8, 2018 - Attendees list
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	08022018 In Pit Baker Lake Presentation Posters	Baker Lake In pit disposal community meeting February 8, 2018 - Presentation Material
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	11172017 Portage Area NNLP Update	Updated NNL Calculations for Habitat Gains in Second and Third Portage Lakes

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2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	20180215 Agnico Eagle Responses to NIRB_ RE NPC cover letter V00	Request for Opinion as to whether Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "In-pit Tailings Disposal Modification" Project Proposal is a Significant Modification to an Existing Project
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	Agnico Eagle Non-technical summary - English	Agnico Eagle Non-technical summary - English
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	Agnico Eagle Non-technical summary - French	Agnico Eagle Non-technical summary - French
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	Agnico Eagle Non-technical summary - Inuktitut	Agnico Eagle Non-technical summary - Inuktitut
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	Goose Pit fish determination signed Oct 5, 2017	Re: Goose Pit fish determination Memorandum
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	Ground Water Monitoring Plan 2018_V8_20180125_Final	Ground Water Monitoring Plan 2018 including in-pit disposal
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	Inpit disposal _ summary for EC _ Meadowbank Mine_11302017	RE: Agnico Eagle Mines Meadowbank In-pit Tailings Disposal Summary for Environment Canada
2/23/2018	NIRB	Project Proposal	MDRB Meeting No 19 Report	Meadowbank Dike Review Board Meeting No19 Report
2/23/2018	NWB	Modification Notification	2AM MEA1525 Planned Modification_ Meadowbank Mine_02232018	RE: Agnico Eagle Mines Meadowbank Mine Type A Water License – 2AM-MEA1525 Modification Request
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2/23/2018	NWB	Modification Notification	Ground Water Monitoring Plan 2018_V8_20180125_Final	Ground Water Monitoring Plan 2018 including in-pit disposal
7/11/2018	NIRB	Response to Information Request	001-1775467-MTA-Rev 0 2017_12_14	Whale Tail Pit Project, Laboratory Testing on Process Plant Tailings
7/11/2018	NIRB	Response to Information Request	643541-7000-40ER-0001_B00 In Pit Tailings Deposition - PFS Engineering Report	TSFE – In-Pit Tailings Deposition – Prefeasibility Study Final Report
7/11/2018	NIRB	Response to Information Request	180711-03MN107-Agnico Eagle Whale Tail Pit IR Response Package ECCC-DFO-CIRNAC	Proponent Response to Information Request (1)
7/16/2018	NIRB	Response to Information Request	180716-03MN107-Agnico Eagle Whale Tail Pit IR Response Package NRCAN	Proponent Response to Information Request (2)
8/17/2018	NIRB	Response to Technical Comments	08172018 Agnico Eagle Responses to NIRB_Inpit Final Submission	Re: NIRB File No. 03MN107 : Final Written Submission Responses for the Review of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd's "In-pit Tailings Disposal Modification" Project Proposal
8/17/2018	NIRB	Response to Technical Comments	180815-03MN107-Agnico Eagle - Final Response	Agnico Eagle response to technical comments
8/17/2018	NIRB	Response to Technical Comments	651196-3000-4WER-0001_A00_Hydrogeo-ModelingReport	Hydrogeological modelling for in-pit tailings deposition - Detail Engineering (Version 2)

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8/17/2018	NWB	Response to Technical Comments	Chorley, Don (en)	Don Chorley Resume
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