



ᐅᐱᐅᐱᐅ ᐅᐱᐅᐱᐅ ᐅᐱᐅᐱᐅ  
NUNAVUT WATER BOARD  
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI  
OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

**NWB File No: 2AM-MEA0815 /  
Short Term Renewal**

January 30, 2015

Stéphane Robert  
Manager Regulatory Affairs Nunavut  
Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited – Meadowbank Division  
10200, Route de Preissac  
Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec J0Y 1C0

Email: [stephane.robert@agnico-eagle.com](mailto:stephane.robert@agnico-eagle.com)

**Subject: Licence No. 2AM-MEA0815, Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.; Application for a  
Short-Term Renewal**

---

Dear Mr. Robert,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) acknowledges receipt on January 23, 2015, of the Short-Term Renewal application (STR Application) for a Type “A” Water Licence and supporting documentation from Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited (the Applicant or AEM) for the Meadowbank Gold Project, under the Type ‘A’ Licence No. 2AM-MEA0815.

Your submission has been placed in the Board’s Public Registry and is available from our ftp site using the following access (Username: *public* and Password: *registry*) and the link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/1%20PRUC%20PUBLIC%20REGISTRY/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEA0815%20Agnico/1%20APPLICATION/2015%20Short%20Term%20Renewal/>

The following documents have been included within the STR Application:

- Cover Letter;
- \$30 application fees; and
- Nunavut Water Board (NWB 2AM-MEA0815) Type A Water Licence Renewal Application

The NWB’s preliminary review of your submission determines that your Application meets the requirements allowing for public distribution in support of an initial technical assessment. Importantly, the Board recognizes that the Application is for a short-term renewal to a maximum of 180 days, of the Licence term **ONLY**, which has been requested primarily to minimize the risk of the Applicant and current Licensee, being without a valid operating licence on June 1, 2015, while a more comprehensive renewal application is being processed by the Board.

Reflecting that this STR Application involves a short-term renewal (STR) request not to exceed 180 days, the Board will, and asks reviewers to confine their technical review comments on this Application to the Short-Term Renewal (STR) request, which involves:

- Absolutely no changes to the existing Licence (administrative or otherwise);
- The term of the renewal not to exceed 180 days, with the expiry of the STR occurring on the earlier of November 27, 2015 or on the grant of the amended and renewed water licence requested in the comprehensive water licence renewal application;
- No plans, studies, reports, or designs have been submitted in support of the STR as this information has already been provided or will be provided during the Board's processing of the comprehensive renewal application dated July 23, 2014 (the contents of which are outlined below); and
- The assumption that even if the STR is granted, the comprehensive renewal application will continue to be processed by the Board in as timely and efficient a manner as possible.

For the information of all parties, the comprehensive renewal application being processed by the Board was received by the Board on July 23, 2014 and contained the following documents:

- Executive Summary – English and Inuktitut;
- Water Licence Compliance Assessment;
- Appendix A – List of Leases, Permits and Authorizations;
- Appendix B – Management Plans including:
  - Appendix B1 – Aquatic Effect Management Program (AEMP), Version 2 (Dec. 2012);
  - Appendix B2 – Appendix B2- Core Receiving Environment Monitoring Program (CREMP), Design Document, Version 1 (Dec. 2012);
  - Appendix B3 - Water Quality Monitoring and Management Plan for Dike Construction and Dewatering, Version 4 (April 2010);
  - Appendix B4- Groundwater Monitoring Plan, Version 4 (Jan. 2014);
  - Appendix B5- Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Plan, Version 2 (July 2014);
  - Appendix B6- Water Quality and Flow Monitoring Plan, Version 3 (July 2014);
  - Appendix B7 - Emergency Response Plan, Version 6 (Aug. 2013);
  - Appendix B8 - Hazardous Material Management Plan, Version 3 (Oct. 2013);
  - Appendix B9 - Spill contingency Plan, Version 4 (Nov. 2013);
  - Appendix B10 - Operational ARD/ML Testing and Sampling Plan, Version 2 (Nov. 2013);
  - Appendix B11 - Baker Lake Bulk Fuel Storage Facility: Environmental Performance Monitoring Plan, Version 3 (June 2014);
  - Appendix B12 - Meadowbank Bulk Fuel Storage Facility: Environmental Performance Monitoring Plan, Version 2 (June 2014);
  - Appendix B13 - Incinerator Waste Management Plan, Version 5 (July 2014);
  - Appendix B14 - Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan, Version 2 (Jan. 2014);
  - Appendix B15 - Landfarm Design and Management Plan, Version 3 (Feb. 2013);
  - Appendix B16 - Landfill Design and Management Plan, Version 2 (March. 2013);

- Appendix B17 - 2013 Water Management Report and Plan, Version 1 (March 2014);
- Appendix B18 - Ammonia Management Plan, Version1 (Feb. 2013);
- Appendix B19 - Dewatering Dike : Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance Manual, Version 3 (Sept. 2013);
- Appendix B20 - Tailings Storage Facility: Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance Manual, Version 3 (Sept. 2013);
- Appendix B21 - Mine Waste Rock and Tailings Management Plan, Version 1 (March 2014);
- Appendix B22 - Operation and Maintenance Manual: Sewage Treatment Plan, Version 4 (Apr. 2013);
- o Appendix C – Nunavut Water Board Type A Licence Renewal Application;
- o Appendix D – Core receiving Environment Monitoring Program (CREMP) 2013 (Azimuth, 2014); and
- o Appendix E – AANDC Inspectors Direction and AEM’s Response.

The Technical Meeting, Pre-hearing Conference and associated Community Information Session component of the NWB’s process in consideration of the comprehensive renewal application, were completed on January 14 and 15, 2015 and a Pre-hearing Conference Decision Report summarizing the outcome of those meetings will be issued by the Board in the near future.

With respect to the STR Application, pursuant to s. 55(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, (the Act), the Board gives notice, by copy of this letter, of the STR Application received from Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. for the short term renewal of Type “A” Water Licence 2AM-MEA0815. By this Notice, the Board invites interested persons or parties to commence their technical review of the STR Application for a period of thirty (30) days and to file their written comments with the Board on or before **March 9, 2015 (4:00 p.m. MST)**. Notice of the STR Application will also be forwarded to the council of each municipality in the area(s) most affected by the STR Application and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected.

All parties are advised that, as the STR Application requests the short term renewal (not greater than 180 days from the date of expiry of Water Licence 2AM-MEA0815), on the same terms and conditions as the existing licence, this Application is **NOT** subject to a Public Hearing (as permitted by s. 9(1)(b) of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*). Consequently all interested parties wishing to comment on the STR Application must file their comments, in writing, with the NWB on or before **March 9, 2015 (4:00 p.m. MST)**, after which time the Board may make its decision regarding the Application without further notice or additional opportunities to comment. Parties are further advised that the right to compensation for other water users affected by the STR Application may be lost if those users fail to respond and participate in the NWB licensing process as outlined in ss. 59 and 60(2) of the Act.

If you have any questions regarding the above or procedural matters, please contact Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing, at (867) 360-6338 or by e-mail to [licensing@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:licensing@nwb-oen.ca) . For inquiries related to Technical matters, please contact Karén Kharatyan, Technical Advisor, by

email to [Karen.Kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:Karen.Kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca) or David Hohnstein, Director of Technical Services, by email to [David.Hohnstein@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:David.Hohnstein@nwb-oen.ca).

Sincerely,

*Original signed by:*

David Hohnstein  
Director of Technical Services/Acting Executive Director

DH/bm/ri

Cc: Meadowbank Distribution