



**NIRB File No.: 03MN107**

NPC File No. 148681

*Related to NWB File No.: 2AM-MEA1525*

*Related to DFO File No.: NU-03-191 Mine Site*

*Related to ECCC File No.: 6100 000 008/002*

May 29, 2018

Meadowbank Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**Re: Scheduling of a Technical Meeting for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification" Project Proposal, a Proposed Amendment to the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project**

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Dear Parties:

On March 22, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) to screen Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle, or Proponent) "In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification" project proposal, with an accompanying positive conformity determination under the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan. In correspondence issued on April 13, 2018 the NIRB solicited comments from interested parties and regulatory authorities on Agnico Eagle's proposed modification to the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project to assist in determining whether the proposed changes warrant reconsideration of the existing terms and conditions of Project Certificate No. 004 in accordance with the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* Section 12.8.2.

On or before May 4, 2018 the NIRB received comments from the Kivalliq Inuit Association and the Government of Canada regarding the "In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification" project proposal. On May 18, 2018 the Proponent provided a response to parties' comment submissions.

All materials received and pertaining to Agnico Eagle's project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Agnico Eagle Mines Meadowbank Modification – In-Pit Tailing
- NIRB File No.: 03MN107
- Application No.: 125253

Having reviewed the submissions provided by parties and the Proponent regarding this project proposal, the Board proposes to facilitate a Technical Meeting via teleconference to enable discussion amongst the Proponent, the NIRB staff, and Regulatory Authorities to assist in determining whether the proposed changes warrant reconsideration of the existing terms and conditions of Project Certificate No. 004 or whether the project amendment could proceed with updates to the requirements of the existing monitoring program for the Meadowbank Gold Mine. During the meeting, Agnico Eagle will be expected to deliver an opening presentation which provides a detailed overview of the proposed works and activities, the associated modifications and updates to the monitoring programs for the Meadowbank Gold Mine that it has identified as necessary, and a summary response to the issues raised by parties' comment submissions. Regulatory Authorities would be provided opportunity to ask questions directly and discuss associated implications for the licences, permits, and other authorizations required for the proposed works and activities.

The NIRB is proposing to host this Technical Meeting via teleconference on **June 12, 2018** from **8:30 am to 3:00 pm MDT** (including breaks); the Board will distribute a more detailed agenda and call-in coordinates for the meeting following confirmation of availability from the Proponent and the following relevant Regulatory Authorities:

- Nunavut Water Board
- Kivalliq Inuit Association
- Government of Nunavut
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Transport Canada

To ensure the objectives of the Technical Meeting are met, each department, agency, or organization is asked to, where possible, select staff representatives who are directly involved in the development/oversight of their respective regulatory instruments for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

The NIRB respectfully requests that parties provide the Board with confirmation of planned attendance for the upcoming Technical Meeting via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) on or before **June 5, 2018**. Should any of the parties listed above be unable to attend, the Board would appreciate being notified with as much advance notice as possible to permit re-scheduling if deemed necessary.

Should any parties have questions or require additional clarification regarding the upcoming Technical Meeting, please contact Kelli Gillard, A/Director, Technical Services at (867) 983-4619 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ryan Barry  
Executive Director  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Ryan Vanengen, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.  
Jamie Quesnel, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.  
Karén Kharatyan, Nunavut Water Board  
Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association  
Maria Serra, Kivalliq Inuit Association  
Tineka Simmons, Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency  
Steve Pinksen, Government of Nunavut  
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