



August 3rd, 2018

Sophia Granchinho
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RE: NRCan's Final Submission - Meadowbank In-Pit Disposal Modification 03MN107

Dear Ms. Granchinho,

As you are aware, on June 18, 2018 and on July 16, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) invited Parties to submit their final written submissions for the assessment of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (Agnico Eagle) In-Pit Disposal Proposal (NIRB File No. 03MN107) on or before August 1, 2018.

It has come to our attention that on August 3, 2018 Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) provided a late final written submission to NIRB in this proceeding. It is also our understanding that NRCan neither requested nor received an extension from NIRB which would have permitted it to file this submission past the deadline of August 1, 2018. As AEM has clearly communicated throughout this process, strict adherence by all parties to regulatory timelines is essential to meet the overall project timelines. It is unfair and disappointing that NRCan has failed to respect the deadlines set by the NIRB in this process. Further, in its submission of August 1, 2018, the Government of Canada indicated that, "*... Natural Resources Canada have reviewed information and have confirmed no comments at this time.*" It is confusing that NRCan has since attempted to provide comments to NIRB.

For all of these reasons, Agnico Eagle requests that the NIRB not accept NRCan's submission of August 3, 2018 for filing and not consider this submission in its decision-making in this proceeding.

Regards,

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