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RE: 2AM-MEA0815 – Amendment Application – Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited, Meadowbank Project – Proposed Tank Farm Expansion

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned amendment application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to Environment Canada's mandated responsibilities arising from *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited is proposing to expand the tank farm at the Baker Lake Marshalling Facility to include two additional 10 ML capacity diesel storage tanks and one 2 ML Jet A storage tank. This expansion is being proposed as a result of the recent increase in the estimated amount of diesel required by the project, as well, the storage of Jet A fuel will enable the refuelling of aircraft flying into the Meadowbank mine site.

EC has no concerns with this amendment request as long as all current license conditions continue to be adhered to, including that all required monitoring plans are updated accordingly following construction. Environmental Protection Operations (EPO) should be notified of changes in the proposed or permitted activities associated with this application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-4746 or by e-mail at jane.fitzgerald@ec.gc.ca with any questions or comments.

Yours truly,

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