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Mr. Dwyer,

Re: Amendment to Type "A" Water Licence No: 2AM-MEA1526 Associated with the In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification Proposal at the Meadowbank Gold Mine; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited – Natural Resources Canada request for extension of deadline of technical comments

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) received a technical memorandum from Agnico Eagle Mines (AEM) on December 14, 2018. This memorandum's stated purpose was to address NRCan's comments on the third version of the thermal and hydrogeological modelling for AEM's proposed In-Pit Tailings Disposal Modification for the Meadowbank Gold Mine. NRCan's comments were provided during the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) modification screening process, and culminated in a meeting with AEM and their consultants at the offices of the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) on September 25, 2018. A summary of this meeting was submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) on November 21, 2018.

The GSC is still in the process of reviewing the updated modelling results and requires more time to formulate substantive comments. NRCan wishes to respectfully request that the Nunavut Water Board accept NRCan's technical comments on **January 18, 2019**.

NRCan regrets the delay and appreciates the opportunity to participate in this Amendment process. Should you have any questions related to NRCan's review, please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:peter.unger@canada.ca">peter.unger@canada.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

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