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Re: Technical Comments from Government of Canada for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s "Whale Tail Pit"  
Project Proposal  
NWB File No. 2AM-WTP --- & 2AM-MEA1525

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Dear Mr. Kharatyan,

Thank you for your July 14, 2017 letter requesting technical comments for the Public Hearing in respect of an application to a Type "A" Water Licence 2AM-WTP--- for the Whale Tail Pit Project and potential consequential amendment to the Type "A" Water Licence 2AM-MEA1525 for the Meadowbank Gold Mine. The hearing will be held on September 26 and 27, 2017 in Baker Lake, Nunavut. The Northern Projects Management Office is responding on behalf of the federal departments including Indigenous and Northern Affairs, Environment and Climate Change, and Fisheries and Oceans.

The federal departments have reviewed the information provided about the project proposal. As requested, please find attached to this letter their comments to the Nunavut Water Board. (Attachments 2 – 4)

A contact list from federal departments for this project is also attached. (Attachment 1)

We look forward to participating in future stages of the review of the Whale Tail Pit project proposal.

Sincerely,

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Director General  
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**Cc:** Mark D'Aguiar, A/ Senior Fisheries Protection Biologist, Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Karen Costello, Director, Resource Management, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada  
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**Enclosed (4):** 1. Federal Contact List  
2. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada  
3. Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
4. Environment and Climate Change Canada