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Your file - Votre référence
2AM-MEA1526

September 30, 2019

Our file - Notre référence
CIDM# 1263995

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Sent via email: licensing@nwb-oen.ca

**Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)
response to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (AEM) Ground Water Monitoring
Plan and the Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan responses to CIRNAC
concerns on Water Licence No. 2AM-MEA1526 – Meadowbank Gold Project.**

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

Thank you for the email notice on September 23, 2019 to confirm whether or not AEM's response to comments on the Ground Water Monitoring Plan, and Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan addresses CIRNAC's concerns at the Meadowbank Gold Project. CIRNAC reviewed AEM's responses pursuant to CIRNAC's mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act*.

CIRNAC initially raised three outstanding concerns with AEM's Ground Water Monitoring Plan (2) and Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan (1). CIRNAC is satisfied with most of the responses provided by AEM except CIRNAC's number one comment/recommendation in the letter dated September 5, 2019, which states, "*CIRNAC requests the location of the aforementioned commitment within the ICRP is provided for CIRNAC to review. Alternatively, CIRNAC requests the ICRP specify that an assessment of the material deposited to date and pore water monitoring will be completed to inform mitigative measures, such as the depth of water cover and details of aggregate cover required, to comply with flooded pit water quality objectives*".

CIRNAC would like to remind the parties concerned, including the Nunavut Water Board (NWB), that the concerns raised are associated to the time of closure. CIRNAC recommends that the NWB keeps track of the list of commitments made by AEM to enable effective review at the time of mine closure.

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If you have any questions or require further information with respect to this matter, contact me at (867) 222-9278 or email ian.parsons@canada.ca, or Godwin Okonkwo at (867) 975-4550 or email godwin.okonkwo@canada.ca.

Regards,

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