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By email

Re: Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. – Meadowbank Gold Project – 2008 Annual Report Review - Water Licence 2AM-MEA0815

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC) Jane Fitzgerald and I have reviewed the 2008 Annual Report and Appendix C5 Aquatic Effects Management Program (AEMP) Environment Monitoring Report 2008.

Comments on these are in tabular format, respectively Attachment 1 (Annual Report) and Attachment 2 (AEMP report). The June 2009 report Second Portage Lake Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Effects Assessment Study was also reviewed, although technical comments are not provided; EC found this to be a comprehensive and useful report.

While outside the water licence requirements, EC is reviewing the relevant sections of the wildlife monitoring plan and will provide comments on that by July 20th.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 867-669-4735 or by email at anne.wilson@ec.gc.ca with any questions or comments regarding the foregoing.

Sincerely,

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