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Re: 2AM-MEA0815 Meadowbank Gold Pr. Amendment 2 - Reporting Workshop

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Hi Marie-Pier,

Thank you for providing minutes from the Nov 28 Meadowbank Annual Report Review Workshop. This meeting was valuable because it clarified the scope of Agnico Eagle's licence amendment application and the various monitoring requirements associated with the mine.

I would like to clarify two issues that were raised in Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's technical review of the application. They are as follows:

- Attention should be provided to ensure the requirements of licence condition Part E, Item 6 are satisfied. This licence condition requires the submission of "Water Balance and Water Quality Modeling Reports biannually for a period of two years following the commencement of operations and annually thereafter. The reports shall include comparisons of predicted and measured parameters." It is understood that the water balance and water quality information is specific to water consumption and wastewater directed to the tailings storage facility (industrial and domestic), taking into consideration the future flooding of the Portage and Goose pits (predicted water quality). Although adequate information was included in the *2012 Water Management Plan*, Agnico Eagle should ensure that this licence condition is satisfied moving forward (I am confident that this will happen, see below). The licence renewal application should explain how Agnico Eagle intends to provide these Water Balance and Water Quality Modeling Reports. Clarification on whether stand alone reports or including the required information within updated Water Management Plans should be resolved.

Although Page 3, Paragraph 4 of the minutes correctly state that water balance and water quality monitoring data were provided in the 2012 Annual Report, Agnico Eagle are expected to provided annual modeling reports that include comparisons of predicted and measured parameters (this information is provided in the *2012 Water Management Plan*). Page 4, Paragraph 5 of the minutes provides Agnico Eagle's commitment to perform this task (directly relates to Part E, Item 6 of the licence).

- In the upcoming licence renewal application, references to dated management plans and specific sections of these plans (e.g., Part E, Item references Section 3.2.5.2 of the *August 2007 Water Quality and Flow Monitoring Plan*) should be replaced with general references to management plans (e.g., Water Quality and Flow Monitoring Plan). This would minimize confusion when enforcing or following up on licence terms and conditions. I don't think this issue is captured in the minutes (Page 4, Paragraphs 5-9).

Thanks again for providing meeting minutes and facilitating the workshop. The workshop was a valuable exercise. I look forward to future dialogue with Agnico Eagle and other stakeholders on water licence related matters.

Regards,
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Hi,

Attached you will find the minutes of the November 28th WebEx workshop regarding the Meadowbank Annual Report.

Regards,

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