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Nunavut Water Board (NWB)
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Dear Nunavut Water Board:

**Subject: Submission of Management Plans for Approval - Meadowbank Project
Kivalliq Region**

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Fisheries Protection Program would like to thank the Nunavut Water Board for the opportunity to provide comments on the various updated management plans provided by Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd (AEM) for the Meadowbank Mine Project.

As outlined in your request dated November 4, 2015, reviewers are invited to submit comments and recommendations to the NWB by December 4, 2015.

Our review considered the following:

- Aquatic Effects Management Plan (AEMP)
- 2015 Water Management Report and Plan
- 2015 Freshet Action Plan and Incident Response Plan
- Spill Contingency Plan
- Core Receiving Environment Monitoring Program (CREMP).

DFO is providing the following comments and recommendations to AEM:

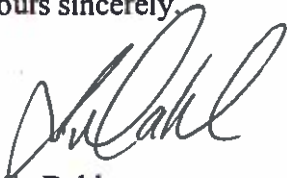
1. AEM states that "mining in the Vault Pit, Phaser Pit and BB Phaser Pit will continue through until approximately September 2018" (p.4 CREMP 2015). Please note, the valid authorization period of AEM's existing *Fisheries Act* Authorization for Vault Lake NU-03-0191.4 expires December 31, 2017. Should AEM anticipate their works, undertakings or activities to occur beyond December 31, 2017, AEM must request an extension before the expiration date.
2. Table 4, page 4-8 of the Spill Contingency Plan currently lists the local Iqaluit Fisheries and Oceans telephone number. Environment Canada administers Section 36 of the *Fisheries Act* which is the pollution prevention provision

prohibiting the deposit of deleterious substances into fish-frequented waters. In Nunavut, spills are to be reported to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Please update this table to include the appropriate contacts.

Please be advised that it is AEM's *Duty to Notify* DFO if it has caused, or is about to cause, serious harm to fish (including death of fish) that are part of or support a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery. Such notifications should be directed to <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/violation-infraction/index-eng.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Patreau at (204)583-3259 or by email at Elizabeth.Patreau@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. Please refer to the file number referenced above when corresponding with the Program.

Yours sincerely,



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