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Phyllis Beaulieu
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Nunavut Water Board
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RE: Meadowbank Water License 2AM-MEA0815 – East Dike Seepage Modification

Dear Mr. Beaulieu,

Non-contact water (receiving environment water from Second Portage Lake), is presently seeping through the East Dike and is collected by two sumps prior to pumping to the Portage attenuation pond. AEM is proposing to discharge this non-contact seepage water from Second Portage Lake pump through a separate sump collection system and diffuser, back to Second Portage Lake prior to contact with mining activity (thus minimizing site contact water). It is AEM's opinion that while the proposed East Dike seepage discharge represents a change from the condition previously approved under the NWB licensing process, the proposed discharge does not represent a significant change in environmental scope and can be managed, monitored and regulated under the Terms and Conditions contained within the existing Meadowbank Type A Water License 2AM-MEA0815 (Part F, item 4).

The overriding premise of this application for a modification is to pump clean lake water back to Second Portage Lake before it is affected by mine contact water. AEM is proposing to install a diffuser to control erosion and disturbance of the bottom sediment. Based on discharge modelling presented in the application, the discharge water quality is not expected to cause adverse effects to aquatic environment. Nevertheless, monitoring programs will follow Type A water license requirements including non-contact water monitoring, the MMER sampling (if applicable) and the Core Receiving Environment Monitoring Program.



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Please find enclosed an application of Modification Water license 2AM-MEA0815 to include the East Dike Seepage non-contact water.

Should you require any further information or questions please contact the below via email or by telephone.

Regards,

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