



**File: 2AM-MEL1631 /  
Amendment Application**

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**RE: Application to Amend the Type A Water Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631, issued to  
Agnico Eagle Mines Limited for the Meliadine Gold Project**

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Dear Ms. Prather and Ms. Range:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) acknowledges receipt of the type A Water Licence Amendment application and supporting documentation (the Application) submitted on June 2, 2026 by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) for the Meliadine Gold Project (the Project), Water Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631.

Copies of all information received in support of the Application can be accessed from the NWB's FTP site using the following link:

[NWB Public Registry link to Application documents](#)

*Pre-licensing Requirements*

On May 20, 2026, the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) confirmed<sup>1</sup> that the project proposal conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The NPC has previously reviewed the works and activities with the current proposal, and a conformity determination was issued on June 20, 2025, which still applies. The NPC further stated that this project proposal is exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because the NPC understands that the proposed modifications, within the approved Meliadine Mine footprint under NIRB Project Certificate No. 006, do not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities.

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<sup>1</sup> Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) Conformity Determination (151150), May 5 and May 20, 2026.

Consequently, the NWB deems that the relevant pre-licensing requirements for its process have been met.

The Application included the following documents:

#### Main documents

- Meliadine WL Amendment Application Form
- Meliadine WL Amendment – Operational Update – Main Application Document

#### Appendices

- Evaluation of change
- Supplemental Information Guide
- Meliadine Mine Operational Update – Summary of Engagement Activities
- Nunavut Planning Commission Conformity Determination (NPC File No. 151150)

#### Technical studies

- Technical Memo – Thermal assessment of proposed storage of water in open pits during operation
- Technical Memo – Meliadine Project – Updated Groundwater modelling for Tiriganiaq and Pump undergrounds and in-pit water storage
- Agnico Meliadine Mine – Meliadine Lake Hydrology Modelling
- Meliadine Mine Operational Update: Water Balance and Water Quality Model
- Meliadine Lake 3-D Hydrodynamic modelling

#### Management plans

- Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program, Design Plan (Version 4)
- ARD-ML Sampling and Testing Plan (Version 2)
- Bulk Fuel Storage Facility: Environmental Performance Monitoring Plan (Version 3)
- Dust Management Plan (Version 9)
- Environmental Management and Protection Plan (Version 11)
- Groundwater Management Plan (Version 14)
- Hazardous Materials Management Plan (Version 8)
- Incinerator and Composter Waste Management Plan (Version 10)
- Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan (Update 2026)
- Landfarm Management Plan (Version 6)
- Landfill and Waste Management Plan (Version 10)
- Mine Waste Management Plan (Version 15)
- Ore Storage Management Plan (Version 9)
- Quality Assurance / Quality Control Plan (Version 6)
- Risk Management and Emergency Response Plan (Version 6)
- Roads Management Plan (Version 13)
- Spill Contingency Plan (Version 18)
- Water Management Plan (Version 19)

The NWB has conducted a preliminary review of submission(s) and determined that the application package meets the requirements allowing for public distribution in support of an initial technical assessment. Further, the preliminary review confirms that the Application is for the amendment, including also amendment to the expiry of a type A Water Licence, which will require a public hearing in accordance with section 52<sup>2</sup> of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (NWNSRTA or Act)*. All public hearing matters will be carried out in accordance with the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure for Public Hearing*, May 11, 2005 (NWB Rules).

The next step in processing the Application involves a completeness review and an initial technical assessment to determine if all of the necessary information and studies required to evaluate the quantitative and qualitative effects of the undertaking on the freshwater environment have been provided.

**Accordingly, by copy of this letter, the Board requests that interested parties review the Application and supplemental information for completeness and conduct an initial technical assessment, including identifying any Information Requests (IRs) that the reviewing party requests be filed to enable that party to complete their technical review of the Application.**

**Further, the NWB invites interested parties to comment on the type of Technical Meeting / Pre-Hearing Conference to be held for the application (written, teleconference, or in person as outlined in steps 3 and 5 in the process overview set out below).**

All intervening parties should provide their submissions to the NWB's Manager of Licensing at [licensing@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:licensing@nwb-oen.ca) by **Monday, July 6, 2026 (3:00 p.m. MT)**.

Following the receipt of comments, the NWB will determine whether the Application is complete, or whether additional information and studies are required (IR's) to evaluate all quantitative and qualitative effects of the undertaking pursuant to section 48 of the *Act*. The NWB will advise Agnico Eagle of the Board's determination at that time.

Once the Application has been deemed complete, the following general process will be undertaken. Complete details on the NWB's licensing process are available in NWB Guide 5<sup>3</sup>, and the Board preserves the right to modify the licensing process, including timelines as may be required to appropriately process this Application.

### **1. Notice of the Application**

A notice of the Application will be made in accordance with section 55(1) of the *Act*. This notice will invite interested persons to make representation to the Board. Parties will be advised of the consequences of failure to respond, as outlined in sections 59 and 60(2) of the *Act*. Furthermore, the Board will distribute notice to the communities and interested parties affected by the Application and shall publish the notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the areas that are

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<sup>2</sup> *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, section 52 (1) Subject to subsection 37(2), a public hearing shall be held by the Board before it disposes of (a) any application in relation to a Licence, unless the application is of a class that is exempted by the regulations from the requirement of a public hearing.

<sup>3</sup> Guide 5 – Processing Water Licence Applications (April 2010).

affected. If there is no such newspaper, the Board shall publish the notice in such other manner as the Board considers appropriate.

## **2. Detailed Technical Review**

Interested parties will be invited to undertake a detailed technical assessment or review of the complete Application for the undertaking. Parties (Interveners and the Applicant) will be encouraged to work cooperatively to address technical issues identified during the review period. Generally, the Board provides at least thirty (30) days for a technical review in advance of a technical meeting. However, to assist the Board in expediting the technical assessment, parties are encouraged to begin their detailed technical assessment as early as possible (during and following the initial request for IRs).

## **3. Technical Meeting (TM) / Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC)**

Rule 14 of the NWB Rules permits the Board, through its staff or in conjunction with staff, to hold a Technical Meeting (TM) and Pre-hearing Conference (PHC) with interested parties, either in writing, by teleconference, or in person. The Board anticipates setting a date for a TM/PHC shortly after the deadline for receiving technical review submissions. The PHC is typically scheduled to immediately follow the TM.

## **4. Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) Decision**

Following the TM/PHC, the NWB will issue a PHC decision and may outline any technical commitments of the Applicant, and the administrative and procedural requirements for a Public Hearing.

## **5. Public Hearing (PH)**

Sub-section 55(2) of the *Act* requires that a minimum notice period of sixty (60) days be provided for a Public Hearing (PH). As with the Technical Meeting and Pre-hearing Conference, the Board has the ability to conduct its PH in writing, by teleconference, or in person. Once the Board has received all information requested through this process and is satisfied that the PH should proceed, the type or place, date, and time of the hearing will be determined and a notice will be published by the Board in advance of the public hearing and in a manner that promotes public awareness and participation in the hearing.

## **6. Public Hearing Decision**

Following the Public Hearing, the Board will issue a written decision with reasons (final decision) for the Application. The Board's final decision will be provided to the Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs (Minister) for consideration. Interested and intervening parties will also be provided with a copy of the Board's final decision. The Minister typically issues his/her response to the Board's final decision within forty-five (45) days of receipt, or if notifying the Board of an extension within the forty-five (45) days, within ninety (90) days from the date of receipt.

On this basis, the NWB is inviting interested persons to comment on the following:

- 1) Completeness of the Application based on their initial technical assessment;
- 2) Information Requests (IRs) related to the Application that must be provided to enable the parties to complete their full technical review; and
- 3) Type of TM/PHC to be held (written, teleconference, or in person).

All comments, recommendations and any requests for information (IRs) should be submitted to the NWB's Manager of Licensing at [licensing@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:licensing@nwb-oen.ca) no later than **Monday, July 6, 2026 (3:00 p.m. MT)**.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or procedural matters related to the file, please contact the NWB's Licensing department by e-mail at [licensing@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:licensing@nwb-oen.ca) or by phone at (867)-360-6338. For inquiries related to technical matters, please contact Mohammad Ali Shaikh, Technical Advisor, by email at [ali.shaikh@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:ali.shaikh@nwb-oen.ca).

Parties should note that the NWB intends to issue copies of the Inuktitut and French versions of this correspondence subsequently.

Sincerely,

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Manager of Licensing

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Cc: Distribution List – Meliadine