



PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS SUMMARY REPORT

for the NIRB's Review of
Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Meliadine Gold Project
(NIRB File No.: 11MN034)



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The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) would like to thank all those who participated in the recent public scoping meetings held in various communities in the Kivalliq region of Nunavut as part of the NIRB's Review of Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) Meliadine Gold project proposal. The meetings were successful owing to the participation and assistance of local organizations, community members, government and non-governmental agencies, and AEM. The NIRB would especially like to thank the many Elders and community members who actively participated in the public meetings, sharing input about the proposed Project and knowledge about the region with the NIRB staff and other meeting participants.

The NIRB would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the communities for the warm hospitality offered to the NIRB staff during their recent visits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ryan Barry

Executive Director

Nunavut Impact Review Board

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) was established through Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). The Board is mandated to protect and promote the existing and future well-being of the residents and communities of the Nunavut Settlement Area, and to protect the ecosystemic integrity of the Nunavut Settlement Area with respect to proposed development projects and activities. This is done through the NIRB's environmental impact assessment process. An important part of this process is to inform potentially affected communities about proposed development projects and activities, and to promote public awareness and participation throughout the NIRB's impact assessment processes.

1.1 Outline of the Meliadine Gold Project

Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM or the Proponent) proposed the Meliadine Gold project (Project) which would be located in the Kivalliq Region, approximately 24 kilometres (km) northwest of Rankin Inlet. The Meliadine Gold project is a proposed gold mine and milling operation estimated to operate for 10 years processing 8,500 tonnes of ore per year.

The Project includes seven geographical areas: Tiriganiaq, Wolf, Wesmeg, F Zone, Pump, Discovery, and the community of Rankin Inlet. The main base of operations is proposed at the Tiriganiaq deposit which would include open pit and underground mining, ore processing, power plant, warehousing, administration, personnel accommodation, and all associated facilities to support these activities. The final gold product would be transported off site via air to the Royal Canadian Mint.

In addition to the main site at Tiriganiaq, AEM has proposed development at five (5) other deposits: Wolf, Wesmeg, F Zone, Pump and Discovery throughout the life of the Project. Both open pit and underground mining are proposed for these deposits. Discovery is the only deposit that would have satellite fuel storage.

At Rankin Inlet, the existing Itivia dock is proposed to receive materials barged from Canada's eastern ports during the open water season. A fuel storage tank farm and laydown area would be constructed adjacent to the Rankin Inlet airport. This area would serve as a transfer and storage facility for materials and supplies (i.e., fuel, reagents, supplies etc.) en route to the Meliadine mine site. The existing Rankin Inlet Airport would be used to bring personnel from the south and any materials that cannot be barged. Materials brought in by air would be moved directly to site.

AEM has proposed a two-phased approach for an all-weather access road (AWR) between Rankin Inlet and the Meliadine mine site. Phase 1 is being considered as a separate application under section 12.10.2 of the NLCA. The proposed activities for Phase 2 of the AWR include an expansion of the road constructed in Phase 1 (if the NLCA 12.10.2(b) exception currently under consideration is granted) into a two lane road, open to the public. In addition, AEM proposes to construct a 9.4 kilometre spur road south of Meliadine Lake to the Discovery deposit.

The proposed major project components and associated project activities include:

- 1) Tiriganiaq/Main mine Site (the main base of operations) - overburden removal; open pit and underground mining; blasting; ore transportation; dewatering and diking of water bodies; quarrying activities; ore processing; tailings disposal; warehousing; refuelling; power generation and heat recovery; administration; and personnel accommodations;
- 2) Development of five other mineral deposits/mine sites (Wolf, Pump, Wesmeg, F-Zone and Discovery) - overburden removal; open pit and underground mining; blasting; quarrying activities; ore transportation; dewatering and diking of water bodies (where required); and fuelling (where required);
- 3) Rankin Inlet tank farm and storage facility in Rankin Inlet - construction of tank farm and laydown area; use of existing Itivia dock for unloading; transfer of fuel to tankfarm; storage of fuel; transfer of materials to laydown area; storage of materials in laydown area; trucking of materials to site;
- 4) All-weather access road connecting Rankin Inlet to the Meliadine area - Construction of Phase 2 of the all-weather access road; construction of a spur road from the all-weather access road to the Discovery deposit in phases; quarrying activities; road maintenance; dust management; and traffic management;
- 5) Mobilizations and shipment of supplies, fuel and reagents to Rankin Inlet either by ship or by air; and,
- 6) Abandonment, decommissioning and reclamation - removal of infrastructure and equipment from site; reclamation of disturbed areas; and natural re-vegetation.

The proposed operational mine life is ten (10) years, with a four (4) year pre-operational construction phase and a post-operational decommissioning period of approximately three (3) years. The potential development of additional deposits in the project area could extend the operating life of the Project. Progressive reclamation is planned to be undertaken for land and equipment no longer needed for the Project as well as the continuous management of hazardous wastes and contaminated soil.

All information pertaining to the Meliadine Gold project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/11MN034-AEM%20MELIADINE/>

1.2 Brief File History

On May 4, 2011 the NIRB received the Project directly from AEM. On May 3, 2011 the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) referred the Project to the NIRB for screening pursuant to Article 12 of the NLCA. On June 8, 2011 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission and commenced screening the Project. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file No. 11MN034.

The NIRB screened the Meliadine Gold project in accordance with Part 4 of Article 12 of the NLCA, and on July 8, 2011 issued a screening decision report to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (the Minister), recommending a review under Part 5 or 6 of Article 12 of the NLCA. On September 14, 2011, pursuant to Section 12.4.7 of the NLCA, the

Minister referred the Project to the NIRB for a review pursuant to Part 5 of Article 12 of the NLCA. In addition, the Minister responded to four issues of concern identified in the NIRB's Screening Decision Report.

On September 15, 2011 the NIRB distributed the Minister's decision and commenced the review of the Meliadine Gold project. On September 29, 2011 the NIRB received the revised Meliadine Gold project proposal, and on October 7, 2011 the NIRB sent out correspondence providing further information that described the review process.

1.3 Objectives of NIRB Scoping Process

Pursuant to Article 12 of the NLCA, the NIRB's review process will:

- review the ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts of the proposed Project;
- gauge and define the extent the impacts will have on regions and communities; and
- determine on the basis of its review, whether the project proposal should proceed, and if so, under what terms and conditions, and then report its determination to the Minister.

The first step in the NIRB's Review process is to scope the project proposal and the potential impacts associated with developing the Meliadine Gold project. Scoping is a process that pinpoints significant issues requiring study and analysis. This process aims to identify those components of the biophysical and/or socio-economic environment that may be impacted by the Project and/or for which there is public concern. The NIRB solicits input from the Proponent and interested Parties, including territorial and federal government departments, regional Inuit associations, and members of the public, in order to determine:

- Which project components and activities will be included in the review;
- The temporal (time-related) and spatial (physical) boundaries of the Project;
- The issues and concerns to be considered in the review, including but not limited to the issues highlighted in the Minister's September 14, 2011 referral, including:
 - AEM "All-Weather (Access) Road" project;
 - Potential cumulative effects of increasing mineral development in the Kivalliq Region;
 - Level of information currently available in support of the project proposal;
 - Availability of participant funding;
- Any other requirements for the assessment of the Project.

On October 7, 2011 the NIRB released a *Draft Scope* for the assessment of the Project for review and comment by interested parties. Following the commenting period and revisions, on November 9, 2011 the Revised *Draft Scope* and *Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)* guidelines were issued for comment.

An important component of the NIRB scoping process requires the development of a public participation and awareness program which engages the public and encourages effective participation throughout the review process. Public scoping meetings held by the NIRB staff in the Kivalliq region are an integral portion of this awareness program and the NIRB's Review of

the Meliadine project. Through the public scoping meetings, the NIRB collected and categorized comments as well as traditional and local knowledge related to the project proposal from members of the communities consulted. Issues raised at these public scoping meetings, combined with the input from other parties regarding the NIRB's scoping list have led to the NIRB's completion of the Final Scope list, and will contribute to comprehensive EIS Guidelines to be issued to the Proponent for its preparation of an EIS for the Project.

2.0 NIRB PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

2.1 Overview of Public Scoping Meetings

The NIRB conducted public scoping meetings in seven communities identified by the Board as having the potential to be impacted by the proposed Meliadine Gold project. The public scoping meetings were held between November 13 and November 30, 2011. The NIRB typically had meetings over two nights in each community as well as an afternoon open house with the exception of Rankin Inlet where an additional open house was held on the night preceding the meetings. Due to blizzards, meetings were held for only one evening in Whale Cove and all meetings were cancelled in Baker Lake. No afternoon session was held in Repulse Bay out of respect for the recent loss of a community member. In addition to the NIRB staff, the following representatives were also in attendance at several or all of the meetings as observers. Representatives from various Government of Nunavut Departments, local businesses, Hamlet officials and the Kivalliq Inuit Association were in attendance at meetings held in many of the communities.

- Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. (the Proponent): Mr. Larry Connell, Mr. Stephane Robert, Mr. Sylvain Doire, Mr. John Witteman
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC): Ms. Rosanne D'Orazio and Ms. Amy Shen
- The Government of Nunavut (GN): Mr. Ronald Suluk, Ms. Dianne Lapierre
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada: Mr. Robert Bedingfield

2.2 Setup of NIRB Public Scoping Meetings and Open Houses

The scoping meetings were open to all members of the public with snacks and refreshments provided, and door prizes raffled. At each meeting, all attendees were asked to sign in when they came in the door (see Appendix A). To facilitate a better understanding of the Project and the NIRB's review process, the NIRB gave a PowerPoint presentation at each of the scoping meetings which provided an overview of the NIRB's environmental assessment process, the project proposal, and the environmental factors which may be potentially impacted by the Project (Appendix B). The NIRB presentation was delivered in English, with simultaneous Inuktitut interpretation as well. Additionally, the presentation was divided into sessions each night which enabled attendees an opportunity to give input and to ask questions. The public was encouraged to comment on the proposed Project, the potential environmental impacts, and to raise any questions related to the Project. Both written and verbal comments were accepted at these public scoping meetings, with verbal comments being recorded by the NIRB staff members, AANDC and GN staff members.

An automatic PowerPoint presentation was shown prior to the start of the meetings, which highlighted the NIRB's mandate and environmental assessment process.

The Proponent also provided copies of various large maps from its Project Development Proposal for display at each meeting session.

2.3 Meeting Materials

At each public meeting, the following materials were provided:

- The NIRB's presentation (in English and Inuktitut)
- The Minister's letter to NIRB regarding the Review of the Meliadine Gold Project, Dated September 14, 2011 (in English)
- The NIRB's Revised *Draft* Scope of the Meliadine Gold Project (in English and Inuktitut)
- Comment Forms (in English and Inuktitut)
- NIRB Guides 1 through 7 (in English)
- Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (in English)
- NIRB Environment Assessment Brochure (in English)
- AEM's Project Development Non-Technical Summary (in English)
- AEM's Project Development Non-Technical Summary (in Inuktitut)

2.4 Communities Consulted During Public Scoping Meetings

The NIRB staff scheduled the public meetings based on consultation with community organizations and travel requirements. The public meetings were held as follows:

Community	Date
Rankin Inlet	November 13, 14, 15
Chesterfield Inlet	November 16 & 17
Whale Cove	November 20
Arviat	November 21 & 22
Repulse Bay	November 23 & 24
Coral Harbour	November 25 & 26
Baker Lake	Cancelled due to weather

2.5 Advertisements

Public notification is an essential tool used to engage the public in effective consultation. The NIRB utilized a number of notification methods to advertise the public scoping meetings held in the Kivalliq Region. Please refer to Appendix C for a sample of all advertisements distributed by the NIRB.

Radio

Public service announcements in English and Inuktitut were provided to each radio station for airing three weeks prior to the meetings.

Community Flyers

Prior to the visits held in each community, the NIRB enlisted the assistance of local community members for the placement of flyers around town which advertised the NIRB meetings in English and Inuktitut. When NIRB staff arrived in each community, flyer placements were verified and additional posters were placed in key business and community locations if they were not present (e.g. Co-op store, Northern store, Hamlet offices).

Newspaper

English and Inuktitut advertisements were printed in the *Kivalliq News* and the *Nunatsiaq News* newspapers two weeks prior to the start of the NIRB meetings.

Community TV/Cable Ads

Cable Ads were shown on the Co-op Cable Channel in each community approximately seven days prior the NIRB meetings, and were shown in both English and Inuktitut.

Other

Upon arrival in each community, the NIRB staff visited briefly with local organizations to promote attendance at the workshop, including the Kivalliq Inuit Association, Hunters' and Trappers' Organizations, and Hamlet office.

3.0 MEETING NOTES FROM NIRB'S PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

The following is a list of numerous comments that were provided both verbally and in writing at the scoping meetings in the Kivalliq region for the proposed Meliadine Gold project. These comments will help to identify items that need to be addressed or considered throughout the environmental review process, and will be taken into account by the NIRB while creating the finalized EIS Guidelines for this Project.

Please note that all comments from each community have been grouped under general headings that correspond to topics that will be covered within the EIS guidelines for this Project.

3.1 Rankin Inlet

3.1.1 Meeting Notes

<u>Date</u>	<u>Advertised Meeting Time</u>
November 13, 2011	6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
November 14, 2011	3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
November 14, 2011	6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
November 15, 2011	6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Each session attendance: Minimum: 18, Maximum: 44



Photo # 1: Public Scoping Meeting in Rankin Inlet

3.1.2 Comments and Questions

Issues regarding Gold Mining and Milling

Mining Legacy

- Comment that due to the history of mining and the respect that people have for mining there has been incredible support for the project. People are proud of their mining heritage; they were the first underground miners in Nunavut and want to see it continue.
- How different is mining now and are the long term effects considered or what damage will that do? There are long term effects from the chemicals from the north Rankin nickel mine, are there stricter laws or regulations regarding the contaminants?
- Rankin Inlet Mine history project may have some information of the historical impacts to the community from mining.

Ecosystem

Terrestrial Wildlife and Habitat including Caribou

- Will dust affect the caribou and will caribou be in the area as there will be a hole in the ground? Will there be compensation if there is?
- There may be an effect on caribou migration.
- With the dewatering of lakes, rerouting of water and dams is there a report on how this will affect wildlife?

Fish and Fish Habitat

- Comment that positive impacts from the establishment of river crossings on water quality, fish, etc. may result from Project activities.

Marine Wildlife and Marine Habitat

- No comments

Air Quality

- The dust from blasting, do we have a say if there will be blasting can they water the blasting areas to keep the dust in the mining open pit areas.
- Will dust affect the caribou and will caribou be in the area as there will be a hole in the ground? Will there be compensation if there is? (Repeat comment)
- Comment raised to the safety of workers at the mine and exposure to dust and/or contaminants.
- How will dust be managed on the road as it may have an adverse effect to us and our environment?

Impacts from Noise and Vibrations

- No comments

Marine Water and Freshwater Quality

- Is there water testing being done now to see how it is now so they can compare it to something else in the future?
- With the dewatering of lakes, rerouting of water and dams is there a report on how this will affect wildlife? (Repeat comment)

Vegetation

- No comments

Human Health

- Comment raised to the safety of workers at the mine and exposure to dust and/or contaminants. (Repeat comment)

Project Closure and Reclamation

- Will the closure and reclamation plans be made available to the public?

Cumulative Impacts

- Comment that marine traffic will increase minimally for the AEM project to Rankin Inlet.
- Comment that the all-weather road route selected is the shortest distance from Rankin Inlet.

Accidents and Malfunctions

- No comments

Technological Innovations

- No comments

Regulations and Mitigation Measures

- Who monitors the effects once a mine is in production?

Socio-Economic Environment

Inuit Impact Benefits Agreement (IIBA)

- Will dust affect the caribou and will caribou be in the area as there will be a hole in the ground? Will there be compensation if there is? (Repeat comment)

Economics

- A mine goes full circle from beginning to all of the studies, then production and the finally the closing of the mine. There was a mine closing here in 1962ish and it had a big impact on the community, half the people had to leave and there was no work.
- There will be more jobs available in the community to give individuals a reason to get up in the morning and feel better about themselves. In smaller communities they want jobs.
- Positive socio-economic impacts from mining (employment, income and unemployment rates are lowered).

Training and Employment

- Approximately how many people will be hired from the Kivalliq region?

Community and Individual Well-being

- No comments

Land Use and Inuit Harvesting

- No comments

Culture and Heritage

- Comment that the scope does not include Inuit culture and heritage (language, culture, lifestyle).
- Need to teach the next generation Inuit culture.

Meliadine Gold Project Proposal

- Who monitors contamination for example water?
- Comment about previous community meetings that have been held in Rankin Inlet and that there have been no negative comments expressed at those times.
- Question regarding intervenor funding and how to obtain it to get expertise or resources to conduct a review of the project.
- Suggested AEM provide opportunity for site visits to community members.
- Comment in support of the Meliadine Gold project.

Rankin Inlet Tank Farm and Storage Facility

- What is a spud barge?

All-Weather Access Road

- How does the public access the road?
- How will dust be managed on the road as it may have an adverse effect to us and our environment. (Repeat comment)
- Why are they not making the road wider to begin with?
- Comment that if the road is too narrow, huge trucks going back and forth will have problems. One will have to stop in certain areas for the other to pass.
- Will the road be a gravel road? Why can't they build a highway like they do down south?
- Where will the gravel for the road be coming from?

Shipping and Transportation

- No comments

Tailings Facility and Waste Management

- No comments

NIRB Process and Consultation

- Which Minister does the NIRB report to?
- Question on who will be approving Phase 1 of the all-weather road.
- Question if the NIRB could receive a project proposal and determine it to be sufficient as a Final Environmental Impact Statement.
- Were members of the Board from the Kivalliq region not allowed to vote due to conflict of interest?
- How many people are on the Board right now and who are they?
- Does the NIRB work with other mining companies and apply what they learned to current mining proposals?

Other Issues

- Significant adverse effects, what is the definition?
- What does a water licence mean?
- Comment that the Environmental Impact Statement is focused on environment and feel people should be more emphasis.
- Comment on how the permitting process in Nunavut appears to be difficult.

3.2 Chesterfield Inlet

3.2.1 Meeting Notes

<u>Date</u>	<u>Advertised Meeting Time</u>
November 16, 2011	3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
November 16, 2011	6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
November 17, 2011	6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
Each session attendance: Minimum: 10, Maximum: 17	



Photo # 2: Public Scoping Meetings in Chesterfield Inlet

3.2.2 Comments and Questions

Issues regarding Gold Mining and Milling

Mining Legacy

- No comments

Gold Mining

- No comments

Ecosystem

Terrestrial Wildlife and Habitat including Caribou

- Concerned with impacts to migration routes and wildlife disturbances (esp. caribou).
- Concerned that wildlife migration routes might be impacted if the road was built.
- Has there been any drastic effects to wildlife with the Meadowbank mine? With Meliadine I predict the effect will be the same.

Fish and Fish Habitat

- Concerned that fish will be killed from blasting vibrations.

Marine Wildlife and Marine Habitat

- Comment that the Meadowbank mine has affected the migration of marine animals around Chesterfield Inlet.
- Concerned with marine mammals and how their migration routes may be impacted, especially seals and whales.

Air Quality

- Concerns raised about dust from the gravel road, dust will ultimately effect the marine water.

Impacts from Noise and Vibrations

- Blasting will cause vibrations in the ground and have an effect on fish and fish habitat.
- Concerned that fish will be killed from blasting vibrations. (Repeat comment)
- What mitigation measures will be taken to reduce the fatality rate of fish as a result of blasting?

Marine Water and Freshwater Quality

- Dust from blasting and the gravel road will impact water quality.

Vegetation

- No Comments

Human Health

- Concerns over human health and safety issues. Are there regular safety meetings that occur at the mine site? As a safety concern, will safety training be provided at the mine?

Project Closure and Reclamation

- No comments

Cumulative Impacts

- No comments

Accidents and Malfunctions

- No comments

Technological Innovations

- No comments

Regulations and Mitigation Measures

- What mitigation measures will be taken to reduce the fatality rate of fish as a result of blasting? (Repeat comment)

Socio-Economic Environment

Inuit Impact Benefits Agreement (IIBA)

- No comments

Economics

- Proposed mine will be good for the community as it will provide employment.

Training and Employment

- Training should be provided to those willing to learn and become educated through on-the-job training.
- Would like to see more Inuit hired and trained from the Kivalliq Region. They say that there will be 700-800 jobs available yet Chesterfield always seems to be forgotten

Community and Individual Well-being

- No comments

Land Use and Inuit Harvesting

- Concerned with impacts to migration routes and wildlife disturbances (esp. caribou). (Repeat comment)

Culture and Heritage

- No comments

Meliadine Gold Project Proposal

- Concerns over the life of the mine, why open up a mine if the production life is only for 3 years? Or did I misunderstand? Clarification requested on the life of the mine.
- Due to the dust from blasting, and the strong winds that are in the Kivalliq Region, my preference would be underground mining rather than open pit.

Rankin Inlet Tank Farm and Storage Facility

- No comments

All-Weather Access Road

- Concerns over permitting the access to the road. Concerns that Meliadine is much closer to Rankin Inlet than Meadowbank is to Baker Lake and that the mining company will say no hunting within the mining area.
- Would like to see the road built as soon as possible. Will it be accessible by Inuit?

Shipping and Transportation

- In the event that there is an accident during shipping, is there a plan or Coast Guard available to respond to an emergency?

Tailings Facility and Waste Management

- No comments

NIRB Process and Consultation

- No comments

Other Issues

- Comment that community would have liked to see the Board itself come to the communities.
- Comment that the Meadowbank mine has affected the migration of marine animals around Chesterfield Inlet. (Repeat comment)

3.3 Whale Cove

3.3.1 Meeting Notes

Date

November 18, 2011

November 18, 2011

November 19, 2011

November 20, 2011

Session attendance: 43

Advertised Meeting Time

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Cancelled due to blizzard)

6:30 pm to 10:30 pm (Cancelled due to blizzard)

6:30 pm to 10:30 pm (Cancelled due to blizzard)

6:30 pm to 10:30 pm



Photo # 3: Public Scoping Meetings in Whale Cove

3.3.2 Comments and Questions

Issues regarding Gold Mining and Milling

Mining Legacy

- No comments

Gold Mining

- No comments

Ecosystem

Terrestrial Wildlife and Habitat including Caribou

- Concerns regarding the impact that chemicals may have on the land.
- Is there a wildlife monitoring report available for the Meliadine exploration site?
- What information is available regarding wildlife in relation to the mine?

Fish and Fish Habitat

- No comments

Marine Wildlife and Marine Habitat

- No comments

Air Quality

- No comments

Impacts from Noise and Vibrations

- No comments

Marine Water and Freshwater Quality

- How many lakes will be dewatered? And how? How deep are these lakes?
- Concerns raised about the techniques used to dewater lakes, dewatering can cause sedimentation.

Vegetation

- Concerns regarding the impact that chemicals may have on the land. (Repeat comment)

Human Health

- No comments

Project Closure and Reclamation

- Concern regarding how companies have left exploration sites in the past. These sites often have fuel left behind.
- This project needs a good closure and reclamation plan.

Cumulative Impacts

- Concern regarding the number of exploration projects in Nunavut, why does the Government of Nunavut not slow down exploration?

Accidents and Malfunctions

- No comments

Technological Innovations

- Question regarding whether unknown technologies are in reference to tailings?

Regulations and Mitigation Measures

- No comments

Socio-Economic Environment

Inuit Impact Benefits Agreement (IIBA)

- Will the IIBA be provided to all communities?

Economics

- Comment regarding the importance of mining companies for employment opportunities.

Training and Employment

- Question about how many people are currently employed at the Meliadine exploration site.

Community and Individual Well-being

- No comments

Land Use and Inuit Harvesting

- No comments

Culture and Heritage

- No comments

Meliadine Gold Project Proposal

- How many lakes will be dewatered? And how? How deep are these lakes? (Repeat comment)
- Concerns raised about the techniques used to dewater lakes, dewatering can cause sedimentation. (Repeat comment)

Rankin Inlet Tank Farm and Storage Facility

- No comments

All-Weather Access Road

- Questions about whether or not the All-Weather access road is already constructed?
- Is the two-lane road still under review?

- Where will the gates be located?

Shipping and Transportation

- No comments

Tailings Facility and Waste Management

- Concerns regarding the odour that would potentially be left behind from the tailings pond, as you can currently smell the tailings from the old nickel mine site in Rankin Inlet.

NIRB Process and Consultation

- No comments

Other Issues

- Clarification requested on the difference between Type A and Type B Water Licenses?
- How long does it take for the Minister's report to be presented? And what is the time frame for parties to provide comments on the report?
- Funding needed for exploration projects.
- Concern regarding the consultation of Inuit communities. We have not been consulted in the past and should be since this is our land.
- Concerns over climate change, the north seems to be a target to blame for the extinction of polar bears.

3.4 Arviat

3.4.1 Meeting Notes

Date

Advertised Meeting Time

November 21, 2011

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

November 21, 2011

6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

November 22, 2011

6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Each session attendance: Minimum: 5, Maximum: 40



Photo # 4: Public Scoping meeting in Arviat

3.4.2 Comments and Questions

Issues regarding Gold Mining and Milling

Mining Legacy

- No comments

Gold Mining

- No comments

Ecosystem

Terrestrial Wildlife and Habitat including Caribou

- Concern regarding caribou migration and exploration/mining operations. Can operations be shut down while caribou are migrating?
- Comment regarding fuel storage, wildlife is very sensitive to the scent of fuel.
- Concern regarding the use of helicopters during caribou migration, are they supposed to stop flying when caribou are migrating?

Fish and Fish Habitat

- Concerns regarding the potential impact to fish and fish habitat from fuel spills.

Marine Wildlife and Marine Habitat

- Concern regarding contamination, and will the contamination from Meliadine Lake be separated from other lakes.

Air Quality

- No comments

Impacts from Noise and Vibrations

- Concern regarding noise from the use of helicopters around caribou herds.

Marine Water and Freshwater Quality

- No comments

Vegetation

- Comment stating that vegetation will grow back after being impacted.

Human Health

- No comments

Project Closure and Reclamation

- Will the site be monitored after closure?
- Concern regarding a reclamation and closure plan that states that nothing be left behind, for example, fuel barrels.

- Question regarding the closure plan for Meliadine and, will fertilizer be mixed with gravel to cover tailings?

Cumulative Impacts

- Comments supporting the mine for local small businesses, expediting is important for the mines.
- Concern regarding the Kivalliq Region not being ready for another large scale project.
- Comment in support of the project stating that wildlife will adjust to changes.
- Comment stating that there has been a noticeable change in the environment, weather and climate, potentially due to the earth tilting.

Accidents and Malfunctions

- Concern regarding the current equipment and man-power in Rankin Inlet may not be sufficient to handle a large scale emergency.

Technological Innovations

- No comments

Regulations and Mitigation Measures

- No comments

Socio-Economic Environment

Inuit Impact Benefits Agreement (IIBA)

- No comments

Economics

- Comment supporting the project as it is an opportunity to provide employment.

Training and Employment

- Will employment be based on contract terms?
- It is suggested that training be provided for preventative measures against accidents.
- An office should be built on site so individuals have to opportunity to drop off resumes.
- Comment regarding higher consideration to hire Inuit.

Community and Individual Well-being

- Concern raised that socio-economic effects need to be considered for Rankin Inlet.
- Comment stated regarding the need for a community approach to prepare the younger generation to complete the education required to grasp the opportunities.
- Comment stating Nunavut is fortunate to have mining, and the people need to work together to reap the advantages.

- Question on whether or not money will be set aside for families in the event that an employee is sent out for medical reasons?
- Concern regarding conflict between employees on site, this issues need to be looked at.

Land Use and Inuit Harvesting

- No comments

Culture and Heritage

- Concern regarding grave sites in the area, will they be moved to a safe spot after being discovered?
- If grave sites are found, it is preferable to see the remains put into a box and removed from site, possibly identified. And inform the government.
- What does the company do with bones or graves found around the site? Push them aside, or move them carefully?

Meliadine Gold Project Proposal

- What is the expected life span of the mine site?
- Will the mine be open-pit or underground mining?

Rankin Inlet Tank Farm and Storage Facility

- Concern regarding fuel storage and comment stating that all fuel storage should have secondary containment.

All-Weather Access Road

- When is the all-weather access road being built? Are there plans in place in the event of a spill during construction?
- Comment regarding the availability of emergency shelters along the road, will they be available to hunters?
- Comment in support of the all-weather access road, the speaker witnessed the reclamation of a road back to its original state.

Shipping and Transportation

- Concern regarding the use of helicopters during caribou migration, are they supposed to stop flying when caribou are migrating? (Repeat comment)

Tailings Facility and Waste Management

- Question regarding whether or not there will be a tailings facility.
- Concern regarding contamination, and will the contamination from Meliadine Lake be separated from other lakes. (Repeat comment)

NIRB Process and Consultation

- No comments

Other Issues

- Concern regarding water, are our waters for sale? Lakes and rivers are drying up, are the lakes protected from the future?
- Question about how an exploration project skipped the NIRB process, specifically IronOne Inc.'s Maguse River.
- What kind of questions is the NIRB looking for? Scoping, General questions?
- Clarification requested regarding changes to the PowerPoint presentation while on the road. The printed copy of the presentation stated that construction period would be 2 years, but the visual presentation states that the construction period would be 4 years.
- Concerns regarding the Meadowbank site, will there be a reclamation plan in place? And will a mix of fertilizer and gravel be used to cover the tailings at Meadowbank?

3.5 Repulse Bay

3.5.1 Meeting Notes

Date

Advertised Meeting Time

November 23, 2011

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm (cancelled due to funeral)

November 23, 2011

6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

November 24, 2011

6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Each session attendance: Minimum: 8, Maximum: 18



Photo # 5: Sign-in table during the Scoping meetings for the Meliadine Gold project in Repulse Bay

3.5.2 Comments and Questions

Issues regarding Gold Mining and Milling

Mining Legacy

- Will reclamation be looked at for this project? Seen with previous mines and exploration sites that reclamation was not completed. (Repeat comment)

Gold Mining

- No comments

Ecosystem

Terrestrial Wildlife and Habitat including Caribou

- Comment about caribou migration routes and population. Some people say that the caribou population has declined but it has not, caribou change migration routes.
- Statement of the importance of caribou to Inuit.
- Concern regarding the mitigation measures for wildlife is not being distributed.
- Concerns regarding the impact to caribou and the migration routes from dust at the mine site.

Fish and Fish Habitat

- Concern regarding the dewatering of lakes; how deep are these lakes, do they have fish in them?
- Will the lakes that are being dewatered be deeper than the Meadowbank lakes?

Marine Wildlife and Marine Habitat

- Concern regarding the impact to marine wildlife from shipping.

Air Quality

- Concern regarding the dust impact from both the AWR and blasting during operations.
- Will the road be treated with chemicals for dust control?
- Concerns regarding the impact to caribou and the migration routes from dust at the mine site. (Repeat comment)

Impacts from Noise and Vibrations

- No comments

Marine Water and Freshwater Quality

- No comments

Vegetation

- No comments

Human Health

- No comments

Project Closure and Reclamation

- Will reclamation be looked at for this project? Seen with previous mines and exploration sites that reclamation was not completed.

Cumulative Impacts

- No comments

Accidents and Malfunctions

- Concerned that the closest spill response team for marine accidents is Montreal.
- Concern that there it would be more difficult to clean a marine spill than it would be to clean a terrestrial spill.

Technological Innovations

- No comments

Regulations and Mitigation Measures

- No comments

Socio-Economic Environment

Inuit Impact Benefits Agreement (IIBA)

- Comment stating that there seems that no royalties are coming from the mining industry. No royalties seen from Meadowbank as compensation for spills and impacts to wildlife.
- Why are there no royalties been seen by the communities?

Economics

- No comments

Training and Employment

- Comment stating that it would be ideal to see young people trained, which would be a good impact

Community and Individual Well-being

- Would like each community to be treated the same, for example; training opportunities be equal for all.

Land Use and Inuit Harvesting

- No comments

Culture and Heritage

- No comments

Meliadine Gold Project Proposal

- Is the Discovery site an open-pit mine?

- Question regarding underground mining, what type of equipment will be used? Will this equipment be manual or computerized?

Rankin Inlet Tank Farm and Storage Facility

- Concern regarding the proximity of the fuel storage tanks to the Rankin Inlet Airport.
- Has there been consideration by the NIRB or AEM about the location of the tank farms and the potential of a plane crash at the Rankin Inlet airport?

All-Weather Access Road

- Will the road be treated with chemicals for dust control? (Repeat comment)
- Is there an idea of the amount of traffic that will use the road?
- Will the road be a gravel road?

Shipping and Transportation

- Concern regarding barges going into Rankin Inlet, an emergency response team is needed in the event that there is a spill during shipping.

Tailings Facility and Waste Management

- Has the removal of contaminants on site been considered by AEM?

NIRB Process and Consultation

- It has been noted that there are 8 Board Members and 1 Chairperson, who are they and how are they appointed?
- Question on how long the scoping process is; we know that the NIRB started the meetings in Rankin Inlet.
- The posters said that the NIRB was coming to town, it was expected that the Board members and not technical staff would be there for the meetings.
- Are any Board members involved in the meetings?

Other Issues

- Concern regarding communication between the NIRB and AEM, there seems to be a lot of repeat in the presentations that have already been given in the community by AEM.
- Is the NIRB doing anything for a spill response team for Nunavut?
- Has the Mary River project been approved yet?
- Comment regarding royalties from Meadowbank, they do not seem to be helping as there are no royalties seen from the mine.

3.6 Coral Harbour

3.6.1 Meeting Notes

Date

Advertised Meeting Time

November 25, 2011

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

November 25, 2011

6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

November 26, 2011

6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Each session attendance: Minimum: 8, Maximum: 14



Photo # 6: Public scoping meeting in Coral Harbour

3.6.2 Comments and Questions

Issues regarding Gold and Gold Mining

Mining Legacy

- No comments

Gold Mining

- No comments

Lack of Information on Gold

- No comments

Ecosystem

Terrestrial Wildlife and Habitat including Caribou

- Comment that caribou travel in the Rankin area.

Fish and Fish Habitat

- Has there been consideration given to relocate the fish in Meliadine Lake as the mine is so close to fish and would fish be contaminated.

Marine Wildlife and Marine Habitat

- No comments

Air Quality

- I have lived in the Rankin Inlet for 10 years, wind direction is predominantly southern wind in that area. Need to ensure studies are conducted south of the mine site to include potential contamination/dust from the mine.
- I would like to see the park monitored for dust.
- Concern regarding cyanide – it is white and looks like flour. Have seen a person who inhaled cyanide and had to medevac. If there was an accident on the road, it (cyanide) would travel on the land and water. Winds are very strong in Rankin Inlet so my concern is if someone is exposed to cyanide and does not know what it is.

Impacts from Noise and Vibrations

- No comments

Marine Water and Freshwater Quality

- No comments

Vegetation

- No comments

Human Health

- No comments

Project Closure and Reclamation

- No comments

Cumulative Impacts

- No comments

Accidents and Malfunctions

- Concern regarding cyanide – it is white and looks like flour. Have seen a person who inhaled cyanide and had to medevac. If there was an accident on the road, it (cyanide) would travel on the land and water. Winds are very strong in Rankin Inlet so my concern is if someone is exposed to cyanide and does not know what it is. (Repeat comment)

Technological Innovations

- No comments

Regulations and Mitigation Measures

- No comments

Socio-Economic Environment

Inuit Impact Benefits Agreement (IIBA)

- Comment that there have been indications that no royalties have come to Inuit organizations. Since 1993 we have had mining companies visiting Nunavut communities to tell us what they are doing and tell us we will get royalties.

Economics

- Bigger businesses are benefitting mining and not smaller business
- The mine is also dependant on the price of gold, if the price of gold drops, will the mine continue?

Training and Employment

- I believe there are a lot of French people on site, is this correct? Are there interpreters available?
- Comment that not many Inuit working at mine sites.
- Would like to see young people hired.
- When worked at Cape Dyer, they had to take tests, can it be enforced to prevent drugs from entering communities.

Community and Individual Well-being

- Will the Inuit on site have access to traditional food? Country food helps prevent people from getting homesick.
- Drugs and alcohol appear to be increasing in communities since mines (exploration included) have been opened.

Land Use and Inuit Harvesting

- No comments

Culture and Heritage

- Has anyone from AEM visited the Iqaluqaarjuup Nunanga Territorial Park nearby? And will it be affected by the mine?
- If the Iqaluqaarjuup Nunanga Territorial Park is damaged by the mines, not just from the road, will there be compensation given?

Meliadine Gold Project Proposal

- Is the Royal Canadian Mint AEM's main/only consumer?
- Will there be any modification to infrastructure in Rankin Inlet like power generation?
- Will there be bonuses (incentive to work harder) offered to employees for exceeding a set amount of ore processed?
- Can businesses/organizations in Nunavut have shares in this company (mine)? Can they be included?

Rankin Inlet Tank Farm and Storage Facility

- Why is the tank farm located in Rankin Inlet and not at site?

All-Weather Access Road

- No comments

Shipping and Transportation

- Is the person transporting fuel a contractor or an employee of AEM?
- Will the road be used for hauling? My concern is the haulage of cyanide and use at the mine site.
 - Concern about the inhalation of cyanide – cyanide needs to be cleaned up properly
 - Will need to be proper storage of cyanide at barge, Rankin Inlet and camp. This needs to be looked at properly and seriously.

Tailings Facility and Waste Management

- No comments

NIRB Process and Consultation

- Who accepts the proposals? Government of Nunavut or Government of Canada?
- Is this the last time the NIRB would be visiting Coral Harbour or would there be another opportunity for questions?

Other Issues

- Question in regards to seismic programs and if AEM conducted one?

- Are there any other methods instead of seismic technology?
- Perhaps communities can put a moratorium on mining.

3.7 Baker Lake

3.7.1 Meeting Notes

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Advertised Meeting Time</i></u>
November 28, 2011	3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
November 28, 2011	6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
November 29, 2011	6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Note that all scheduled meetings were cancelled due to blizzard conditions.

4.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

During the NIRB's public scoping meetings, community members provided comments and questions on a variety of topics relating to gold mining, potential impacts to human health and workers, impacts to wildlife (especially caribou) and marine wildlife, impacts from shipping, accidents and malfunctions, the all-weather access road, the Rankin Inlet tank farm and laydown area and cumulative effects.

The comments and questions raised during these public scoping meetings were used to finalize the Scoping List and will be incorporated into the NIRB's EIS Guidelines for AEM's preparation of an EIS for the Meliadine Gold project. The revised *Draft* EIS Guidelines were circulated publicly, offering interested parties an opportunity to comment. The NIRB will be hosting an EIS guidelines development workshop and from there, will integrate recommendations it considers appropriate to finalize and issue the EIS Guidelines to the Proponent.

APPENDIX A – NIRB’S PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING SIGN-IN SHEETS

The complete meeting attending Sign-In Sheets are available on the NIRB ftp site by using the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/11MN034-AEM%20MELIADINE/2-REVIEW/04-SCOPING%20%26%20GUIDELINES/01-SCOPING/05-SCOPING%20REPORT/>

APPENDIX B – NIRB’S POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

The complete NIRB PowerPoint presentation (in English and Inuktitut) is available on the NIRB ftp site by using the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/11MN034-AEM%20MELIADINE/2-REVIEW/04-SCOPING%20%26%20GUIDELINES/01-SCOPING/05-SCOPING%20REPORT/>

APPENDIX C – PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE MATERIALS

Appendix C-1 Public Meeting Flyer Samples (English and Inuktitut)



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The **Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB)** will be holding **Public Scoping Meetings** related to **Agnico-Eagle Mine Ltd.'s** proposed **Meliadine Gold Mine Project** and the NIRB's environmental assessment process.

The NIRB encourages all interested community members to attend these meetings and learn more about the proposed project, **ask questions**, and **provide input** into the NIRB's Review.

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Meeting times to be announced on local radio stations, cable channels, and posted flyer advertisements
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Appendix C-2 Radio Announcement Samples

Cover Letter of Radio Announcement for Rankin Inlet (English)

October 19, 2011

Public Service Announcement – Radio

Rankin Inlet

Good Day,

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) will be visiting Rankin Inlet on November 13th, 14th and 15th and we would greatly appreciate your assistance in helping us make this visit a success.

We would ask that you make the following announcement three times daily starting October 30th and run it until November 15th. Once in the morning, lunchtime, and evening would be excellent.

If you have any questions, please call Kelli Gillard at NIRB, 1-866-233-3033. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Thank You!

Kelli Gillard

Nunavut Impact Review Board

Radio Announcement (English)

Announcement:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) is holding Public Meetings to discuss the environmental review of **Agnico-Eagle Mines Inc.'s** proposed **Meliadine Gold Mine project**.

The NIRB invites everyone to attend and learn more about:

- THE PROPOSED MELIADINE GOLD MINE PROJECT

- THE NIRB AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS
- HOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS PUBLIC REVIEW

The NIRB will be hosting these meetings at the Community Access Centre at the following times:

- **Nov 13th** Open House from **6:30 pm** to **10:30 pm**
- **Nov 14th** Open House from **3:00 pm** to **5:00 pm** and Public Scoping Meeting from **6:30 pm** to **10:30 pm**
- **Nov 15th** Public Scoping Meeting from **6:30 pm** to **10:30 pm**

Come out to the NIRB's meetings and have coffee or tea. Door prizes will be given away and the NIRB staff will be listening to your questions and comments!

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Appendix C-4 Cable/TV Advertisement Samples

Cable/TV Advertisement (English and Inuktitut)



The Nunavut Impact Review Board

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) will be holding **Public Scoping Meetings** related to **Agnico-Eagle Mine Ltd.'s** proposed **Meliadine Gold Mine Project**.

Chesterfield Inlet	Date	Meeting	Time
Community Access Centre	November 16	Open House	3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Community Access Centre	November 16	Public Scoping	6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
Community Access Centre	November 17	Public Scoping	6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Come to these meetings to learn more about NIRB and its Review of the Meliadine Project. The NIRB staff will be listening to your questions and comments.
Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given away!

For more information, please contact the NIRB at
Phone toll-free: 1-866-233-3033
Email: info@nirb.ca Website: ftp.nirb.ca

