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**Subject:** NIRB 124106 / 11MN034: Reminder Regarding the Draft PC to Address the "Saline Effluent Discharge to the Marine

Greetings,

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada noted two minor comments regarding the draft Project Certificate for Agnico's "Saline Effluent Discharge to the Marine Environment" related to the Meliadine Gold Mine Project. Specifically, regarding ToCs 128 and 130, for which DFO is named a Responsible Party.

ToC 128 states: *"The Proponent shall provide the NIRB with a detailed design for the system that includes the location of the pipeline in relation to the saline effluent storage tank at Itivia, the location of submerged collars supporting the pipeline and the design of the diffuser."*

As a point of clarification, DFO is not responsible for components of the system (i.e. the storage tank) that are not below the high water mark/impacting fish and fish habitat.

ToC 130 states: *"The Proponent shall remove the subsea pipeline and diffuser in Melvin Bay when the pipeline is no longer in use unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Nunavut Impact Review Board that this infrastructure will provide a net positive environmental effect to the local ecosystem."*

The wording of ToC(s) doesn't negate DFO's responsibilities under the *Fisheries Act*; e.g. there could be a scenario where NIRB could find a net positive effect, but DFO could still have concerns.

Environment and Climate Change Canada and Crown-Indigenous Affairs Canada has already submitted comments under a separate heading.

No Department is requesting a teleconference at this time but are available if required on the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of February.

Regards,

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