

**Executive Summary of Environment Canada's (EC) Presentation to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) Concerning Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Meliadine Gold Project Type "A" Water Licence Application**

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EC's Mandate stems from the *Department of the Environment Act*, and gives EC responsibility to:

- General responsibility for environmental management and protection.
- Preserve and enhance water, air and soil quality.
- Conserve Canada's renewable resources: migratory birds, species at risk, flora and fauna.
- Conserve and protect Canada's water resources.
- Provide meteorological information.
- Coordinate environmental policies and programs.

The primary relevant legislation and standards administered or adhered to by EC which influenced the content of this submission are the, *the Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, and the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*. EC is also responsible for enforcement of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations, which are subsidiary to the *Fisheries Act*.

One of EC's roles is to review development proposals for environmental impacts falling within EC's mandate and to provide recommendations and expert advice to the Nunavut Impact Review Board and NWB. EC also enforces compliance with legislation that falls within EC's mandate.

EC's Recommendations for the Meliadine Gold Project covered many of the management plans contained within the application, including:

- Water Management Plan
- Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP) Design Plan
- Mine Waste Management Plan
- Other Management Plans

Within these management plans EC reviewed and provided recommendations on proposed activities, including water management, waste rock management, and sampling and monitoring programs at the project site.

EC thanks the community, the NWB, the other interested parties, and Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. for this opportunity to present recommendations on the proposed Meliadine Gold Project, and EC looks forward to continuing to work with Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. to improve this application.

Additional information can be found in EC's Technical Review comments to the NWB, dated October 5, 2015.