

Nunavut Water Board (NWB) Licence Overview

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Application for Amendment to Type "A" Water Licence

2AM-MEL1631

by

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited





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Background

The Nunavut Water Board

- is an Institution of Public Government (IPG) established under Article 13 of the *Nunavut Agreement*
- ➤ has responsibilities and powers over the regulation, use, and management of freshwater in the Nunavut Settlement Area

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The objective of the NWB is to provide for the conservation and utilization of waters in Nunavut, except in a national park, in a manner that will provide the optimum benefit from those waters for Nunavut's residents in particular and Canadians in general.



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- ➤ Based on its mandate and the Nunavut Waters Regulations (*Regulations*), the NWB may issue one of the following authorizations for the use of water and/or deposit of waste for undertakings in Nunavut:
 - Authorization without a Licence
 (less than 50 m³ per day water required)



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- **Type "B"** Water Licence (between 50 m³ and 299 m³ per day water required)
- **Type "A"** Water Licence (300 m³ or more per day water required)
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NWB receives application and confirms classification of undertaking and type of licence as a Type "A" licence

Applicant provides additional information if required

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NWB issues notice of application and requests technical review and submission of comments (30 days minimum)

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Technical Review Stage

Parties submit written representations

NWB holds TM and PHC

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If required, applicant provides additional information or clarification

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If directed in PHC decision, applicant provides additional information



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Parties exchange written interventions

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Parties prepare for public hearing

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NWB issues decision to approve of application and provides a draft licence to Minister (Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs)

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Minister approves the issuance of the licence

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NWB issues decision to not approve of application with reasons to Minister (Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs)

Minister approves of NWB decision

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Minister does not approve of NWB decision

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Scope of the Amendment Application

- Increase in the annual freshwater consumption from 742,000 m³/year to 1,100,296 m³/year, an increase of 358,296 m³/year;
- Open pit mining of Pump, F Zone, Wesmeg, and Discovery deposits;
- Temporary ore stockpiles (three facilities located near Pump, F Zone, and Discovery);
- Tailings Storage Facility capacity increase to 20.6 m³;
- Additional waste rock storage facilities (WRSF6 & WRSF7, WRSF9);
- Addition of Saline Pond (SP6);
- Contact water infrastructure for Pump, F Zone, Wesmeg, and Discovery;
- Dewatering of the Lakes/Ponds to support mining at Pump, F Zone, Wesmeg, and Discovery;
- Increased fuel storage at Rankin Inlet from 37.5 million litres (ML) to 80 ML



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Application Procedural History

Date	Activity
<u>January 24, 2024</u>	NWB received the Amendment Application and supporting documentation from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
<u>January 29, 2024</u>	After initial review, the NWB commenced the Completeness Check where parties were invited to review the Application for completeness and provide Information Requests (IRs) by February 9, 2024
<u>February 16, 2024</u> (extn.)	Submissions and Information Requests (IRs) were received from Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)
March 1, 2024	Agnico Eagle responded to intervenors' comments
March 6, 2024	The KivIA responded that they had no further concerns and were ready to move to the Technical Review stage. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) requested an extension until March 21, 2024
March 13, 2024	The NWB granted an extension until March 13, 2024; and received second round of submissions from CIRNA, ECCC and DFO



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Date	Activity
March 21, 2024	Agnico Eagle provided responses to the second round of submissions from intervenors
March 26, 2024	NWB gave Notice of Application and invited parties to conduct a full technical review and provide their comments/recommendations by April 26, 2024. This correspondence also included tentative timelines for the TM/PHC
<u>April 26, 2024</u>	Submissions were received from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)
May 10, 2024	Agnico Eagle responded to Interveners' comments
May 16, 2024	NWB distributed the draft agenda for the TM and Community Session along with the updated timelines for the next steps in the process
May 24, 2024	The NWB received confirmation of participation in the meetings and presentation documents from KivIA, CIRNA, ECCC, DFO and Agnico Eagle
May 29, 2024	NWB provided the Final Agendas for the TM-PHC and Community Session
<u>June 5-6, 2024</u>	NWB hosted the Technical Meeting (TM) and Pre-hearing Conference (PHC) in Rankin Inlet, followed by a Community Session held on the evening of June 5, 2024



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Next steps in the Application Process

- The Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) is scheduled for tomorrow, June 6, 2024;
- Information provided during this TM will assist the Board in determining whether all issues are sufficiently addressed at this stage in the process;
- The Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference is facilitated by the Board's staff, however, the decision on the Application will be made by a Board Panel, led by the Board's Chair;
- The Board Panel will take some time (up to a few weeks) to consider all the submissions received and will issue a Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Report;
- The NWB will issue a Notice of Public Hearing informing stakeholders about tentative dates and format of the Public Hearing



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Intervener Participation

- Participate in the licensing process for the Application from the onset;
- Provide the Board and the Applicant with valuable technical information (questions and concerns) on relevant issues;
- Participate in formal and informal discussions aimed at resolving relevant issues;
- Everyone is encouraged to participate in this community session and the PHC;
- Interested persons can also contact NWB staff to provide written comments or to review the documents filed for the application;
- All documents received have been posted on the NWB's FTP site

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