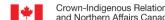


**Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Amendment Application for Type "A"** Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631

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# **Roles and Responsibilities**

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's (CIRNAC) responsibilities, mandate, and obligations are in alignment with the following:

- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act
- Nunavut Agreement
- Nunavut Land Claims Agreement Act
- Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act and the associated regulations
- Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act
- Territorial Lands Act and the associated regulations
- Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act



# **Contributions to Water Licence Application Review**

CIRNAC made the following submissions to the Nunavut Water Board regarding the amendment application for Type "A" Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631 by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited:

- Comments on Completeness Check and Information Request for the Amendment Application of Type "A" Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631: February 16, 2024, and March 13, 2024
- Technical Review Comments for the Amendment Application of Type "A" Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631: April 26, 2024
- Presentation in the Technical Meeting for the Amendment Application of Type "A" Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631: June 05, 2024
- Final Submission to the Nunavut Water Board for the Amendment Application of Type "A" Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631: July 22, 2024



#### **Status of the Technical Review Comments**

#### CIRNAC submitted technical review comments regarding:

- ✓ Revisions to the Adaptive Management Plan
- ✓ Minimizing Discharge to Meliadine Lake
- ✓ Storage of Saline Water in Lake B7
- ✓ Water Quality Predictions
- ✓ Groundwater flow and Water use
- Agnico Eagle has satisfactorily addressed all our technical comments.
- CIRNAC identifies all the technical review comments submitted on April 26, 2024, as resolved.





#### Adaptive Management Plan

- CIRNAC recommends that the Adaptive Management Plan be included in the license.
- CIRNAC and Agnico Eagle worked together to include language, ensuring that the Water License supersedes any conflicting requirements outlined in the Adaptive Management Plan.





#### **Security Estimate**

CIRNAC, the Kivalliq Inuit Association and Agnico Eagle worked together to update the Global Security Amount for the existing license and the current amendment application.

 Updated Global Security Amount estimate has been presented to NWB for consideration.

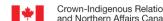




#### **Security Management Agreement**

- Agnico Eagle has proposed a draft of the Amended Security Management Agreement between Government of Canada, the Kivalliq Inuit Association, and Agnico Eagle.
- CIRNAC is updating the proposed agreement's language to align the agreement with the existing Acts and Regulations.





#### **Draft Water Licence Amendment Framework**

Agnico Eagle has proposed edits and changes for the Water Licence Amendment.

CIRNAC has reviewed and provided comments on the proposed edits and changes for the Board's consideration.





#### Conclusion

CIRNAC will continue to work through the water licence application review process with the aim of protecting Nunavut's inland water resources while promoting sustainable development.



