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

Nunavut Water Board Public Hearing  
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# Presentation Outline

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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**
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- Agnico Eagle has satisfactorily addressed all our technical comments.
  - CIRNAC identifies all the technical review comments submitted on April 26, 2024, as resolved.





# Outstanding Issues

## 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.





# Outstanding Issues

## 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.





# Outstanding Issues

## 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.







# Outstanding Issues

## 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.





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