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Licence No: 2AM-MEL1631
2BE-MEL2434

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RE: NWB Technical Review of the 2025 Annual Report for Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631 and 2BE-MEL2434, issued to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited for the Meliadine Mine Project.

Ms. Prather,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) has completed the technical review of the 2025 Annual Report (Report), for the Water Licences 2AM-MEL1631 and 2BE-MEL2434, issued to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee or AEM) for the operation of the Meliadine Mine Project.

The NWB acknowledged the receipt of the 2025 Annual Report on April 7, 2026 and distributed it for a ninety (90) day public review, with a deadline of July 10, 2026.

The NWB received a request from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) to extend the deadline to July 17, 2026.

By July 17, 2026, the NWB received submissions from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). Agnico Eagle provided responses to comments and information requests on August 14, 2026.

By August 28, 2026, all interveners had confirmed that their comments were addressed by Agnico Eagle's responses and that they had no further comments.

Copies of all documents, including Interveners' comments and responses received during the review can be accessed through the NWB's Public Registry site using the following link:

2025 Annual Report submissions

The following table provides a brief summary of the comments, received during the Annual Report review, that pertain to the NWB's mandate. The full versions can be accessed via the NWB's Public Registry.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA)		
R-01	CIRNA inquired about the status of the waterline risks associated with the delay in schedule.	Agnico Eagle confirmed sufficient storage capacity until start of discharge via the waterline in 2027.
R-02	CIRNA requested the rationale for TIRI02 water transfer to WES02 instead of drawdown via pumping to the SETP-WTC and discharge at Itivia. Further details regarding discharge of saline water from WES02, changes to sludge management and disposal practices that will occur as a result of dewatering TIRI02 and use of WES02.	The transfer of saline water from TIRI02 to WES02 is to allow mining to be restarted in TIRI02 in 2029, prior to all saline water being discharged to Itivia. Discharge of saline water from WES02 is anticipated to start in 2029 and sludge from the WTC will continue to report to TIRI02 and will transfer to WES02 once that pit is ready to receive water.
R-3	CIRNA requested information regarding AEM's plans for expanding the approved TSF capacity, contingency storage availability, and the technical basis for future tailings storage expansion, given the limited remaining capacity and significant additional capacity requirement.	AEM referred CIRNA to their response to the NIRB's Annual Report review. Further they stated that detailed design of an expanded TSF is expected to be completed in Q1 2026. The TSF expansion design was submitted to the NWB and approved on June 23, 2026.
R-4	CIRNA requested clarification regarding the identification of PAG/Uncertain construction materials associated with Pump development infrastructure and why the material was mis-characterized and what changes to the management plans have been implemented to prevent similar issues occurring in the future.	AEM stated that the identification of the PAG/Uncertain construction material was done in a post placement quality control check, in addition to the regular monitoring conducted on mined material. AEM explained the characterization process and informed that post construction monitoring will be added to the next version of the ARD/ML Testing and Sampling Plan.
R-5	CIRNA requested updated information regarding the status of *Acartia tonsa* toxicity management, including contingency measures if discharge toxicity objectives cannot be consistently achieved.	On June 17, 2026, amendments to the Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations (MDMER) were published, including revisions to the *Acartia tonsa* acute lethality testing requirements for a period of 10 years. Under the revised Section 4.2 of the amended Regulation, if an effluent sample fails the *Acartia tonsa* test (>50% die in 100% effluent), it does not affect the mine's authority to deposit under Section 4 of the Regulation, provided no other acute lethality test indicates acute lethality.

R-6	CIRNA requested information that explains the increase in domestic monthly and annual total water use from 2024 to 2025.	An extensive exploration program, with numerous drill rigs, was conducted o support both the discovery of new mineral resources and the expansion of existing deposits. As a result, water use at monitoring station MEL-2 was higher than in the previous year.
R-7	CIRNAC requested that Agnico Eagle confirm it has assessed the potential impacts of saline water storage in all of the individual open pits intended to be used for this purpose and has also considered any potential cumulative effects of storing underground saline waters in multiple pits over the life of mine as presently planned.	AEM stated that comprehensive assessments, such as a thermal, hydrogeological, and a water balance and water quality model, were completed for these pits. The evaluation of storage of water in mined-out pits was provided through the 2025 Modification process, has been reviewed by Parties, and was approved by the NWB.
R-8	CIRNA requested information on plans for minimizing or eliminating discharges to Meliadine Lake staring in 2027 via the waterline. Especially in the event that the waterline is not being used for discharge of stored saline water.	AEM stated that when the waterline becomes operational, water will be discharged to Meliadine Lake only if there is insufficient capacity in the waterline system and stored surface contact water volumes are outside of normal operating levels set in place in consideration of D-CP1 design. Discharge to Meliadine Lake will be minimized to the degree possible and will not exceed 2,600,000 m^3 per year, as per the Water Licence.
R-9	CIRNA requested information regarding tonnes of ore generated from TIRI02, PUMP01, and PUMP02; reported values for the TSF; quantity of ore stored at year end 2025; inconsistency on page 47 of the Annual Report; discussion on non-reportable spills; more focussed Document Control information.	AEM confirmed that 658,472 tonnes of ore was mined from TIRI01, 146,736 tonnes from PUMP01 and 23,280 tonnes from PUMP02; 267,469 tonnes of waste rock were placed on the TSF as progressive closure cover; 2,098,000 tonnes of tailings were placed in the TSF.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)		
DFO-1	DFO requested AEM to provide information regarding their hydrology monitoring program, and an updated Meliadine Lake Hydrology Model and a Pit Back-Flooding Plan, as part of their Water Licence Amendment Application.	AEM stated that the requested information falls within the scope of the Water Licence Amendment application and is therefore more appropriately addressed through that process.

After completing the review of the 2025 Annual Report submissions for the Meliadine Mine Project Licences 2AM-MEL1631 and 2BE-MEL2434, the NWB has determined that the information provided generally addresses the requirements of current Water Licence.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 (ext. 33) or ali.shaikh@nwb-oen.ca, at your earliest convenience.

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Enclosed: Comments – CIRNA, DFO

Cc: Distribution List – Meliadine