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RE: NWB Technical Review of the Agnico Eagle Updated Water Management Plan for the Meliadine Project; Water Licence No. 2AM-MEL1631

Dear Mr. Thériault:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) has completed a technical review of the updated *Water Management Plan, Version 7* (Plan), provided to the Board on August 02, 2019 to fulfill the requirements of Part B, Item 15 of the Water Licence No. 2AM-MEL1631.

The revised Plan included changes to the dewatering schedule to reflect the requirements for advancement in dewatering of Ponds H19 and H20 and the updated Effluent Water Treatment Plant (EWTP) trigger limits to account for variance introduced by TSS-turbidity correlation strength.

The submission was distributed for a ten (10) day public review with a deadline set at August 16, 2019. In correspondence dated August 14, 2019, the Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) indicated that they do not have any comments at this time. On August 16, 2019, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA or formerly known as CIRNAC) provided its comments to the NWB. Even though CIRNA had no comments on the latest updates regarding dewatering schedule for the H19 and H20 Ponds, they were requesting to confirm whether the comments and recommendations previously provided by CIRNA on March 5, 2019 were incorporated into this updated Water Management Plan.

In its correspondence dated August 19, 2019, Agnico Eagle provided their response to address CIRNA's comments, specifying that the requested comments were previously answered in the letter dated March 22, 2019.

After completing the technical review and taking into account the above stated comments received from the interveners, the Board finds the updated *Water Management Plan*, *Version 7*, *August 2019*, functional and generally satisfying the requirements of current Water Licence.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 (extension 29) or sergey.kuflevskiy@nwb-oen.ca, at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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