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Agnico Eagle Mines Meliadine Division request to store fine crushed waste rock from the process plant commissioning

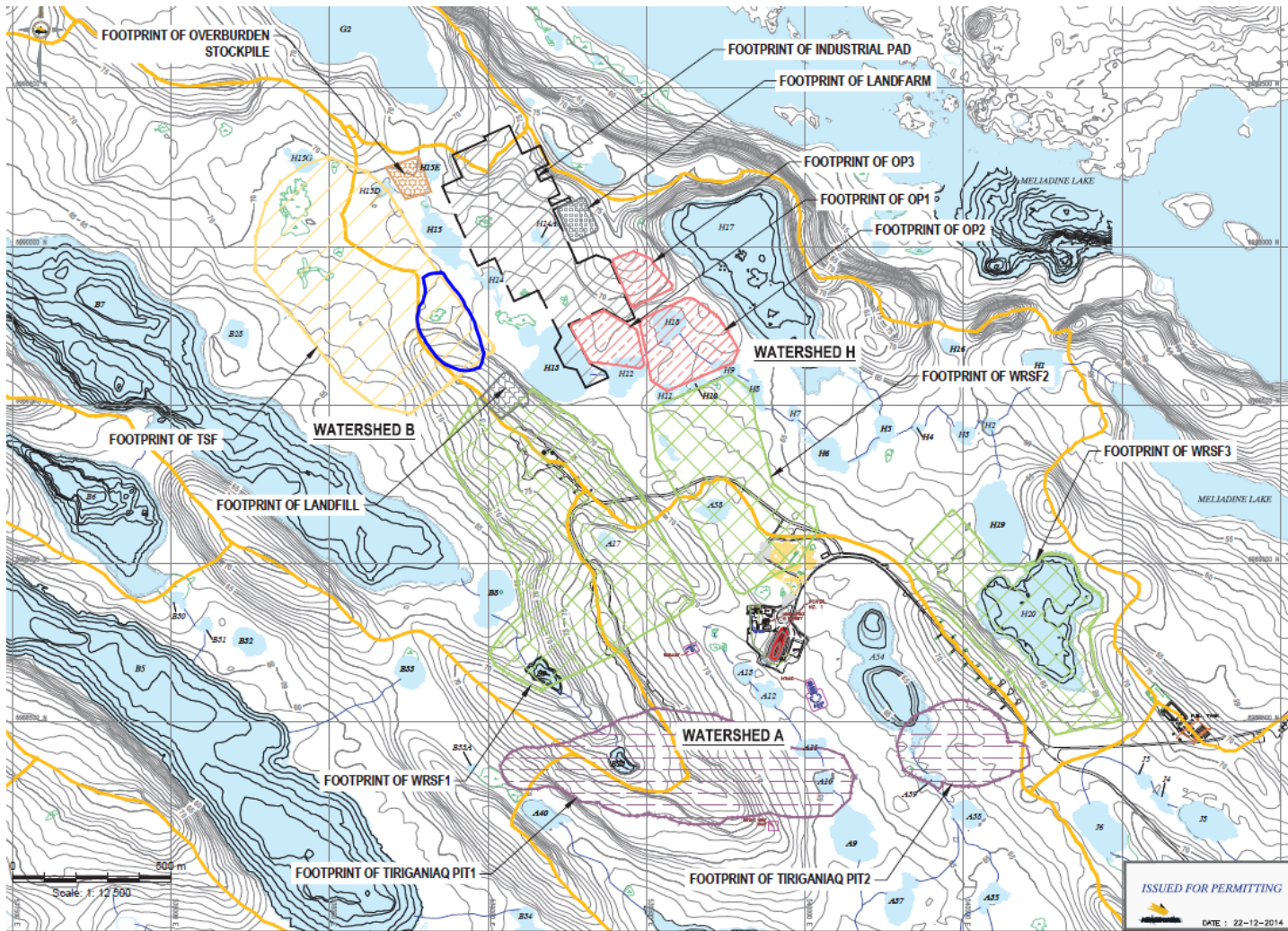
Dear Mr. Kharatyan

This letter is a request from Agnico Eagle Mines (AEM) Meliadine Division for approval from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) to store in the future Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) fine crushed waste rock that will be produced during the commissioning phase of the process plant.

Finalization of the design report and issued for construction (IFC) drawings for the TSF 30-day notice is currently on-going and is scheduled to be submitted to the NWB by November 15, 2018. This request to place fine crushed waste rock from the commissioning within the TSF in advance of submittal of the design report and drawings is in the event that the approval process takes longer than thirty days to complete.

To increase the time available for adjustments/modifications before beginning production (first quarter 2019), commissioning of the process plant is slated to commence December 15, 2018. Approximately 12,000 tons of waste rock will be crushed, milled and filtered during this phase of the commissioning process. No chemical treatments, with the exception of flocculant, will be added to the waste rock at this time. AEM seeks approval to incorporate this waste material into the future footprint of the TSF by spreading it in thin lifts and compacting as described in the Mine Waste Management Plan.


The proposed storage location of the waste material would be within the footprint of the H watershed located in the South-East zone of the future TSF (blue zone on the figure below). By storing the material in that area, runoff water, if any, would be naturally directed towards CP-1.



Should you require any further information or questions, please don't hesitate to contact the below via email or by telephone.

Regards,

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