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RE: Construction Application for Meliadine Gold Project Request for Approval to Construct Access Road Within 31m of the High Water Mark of Meliadine Lake to Discharge Point, Type A Water Licence No. 2AMMEL1631

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) thanks the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for the opportunity to address interveners comments on the *Request for Approval to Construct Access Road Within 31m of the High-Water Mark* submitted by Agnico Eagle to the NWB on November 3rd, 2025

Please find attached Agnico Eagle's answers to the recommendations and comments contained in the below documents, shared by the NWB on November 26th, 2025:

- *251124 2AM-MEL1631 Access Road Within 31m of the High-Water Mark ECCC Comments-IMLE*
- *251125 2AM-MEL1631 Access Road Within 31m of the High-Water Mark KIA Comments-IMLE*

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With our best regards,

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Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA)

KivIA 1

Comment

It is stated that the footprint of the access road will be "approximately 6-meter-wide". However, in Figure 1 the road is shown to be 15 meters wide.

Recommendation

Can AEM confirm the correct width of the proposed road and by association the correct amount of waste rock that will be sourced from Tiriganiaq Open Pit.

Agnico Eagle Answer

Agnico Eagle apologizes for the confusion and confirms that the footprint of the planned access road will be 15 meters wide, as shown in Figure 1 of the letter. Approximately 1500 tonnes of non-metal leaching and non-potentially acid generating construction material will be sourced from the Tiriganiaq Open Pit 1 for the portion of the road within 31 meters of the High-Water Mark of Meliadine Lake.

KivIA 2

Comment

It is stated that the road will "terminate above the High-Water Mark of Meliadine Lake, avoiding direct placement of material into the lake."

Recommendation

Can AEM provide the distance in meters above the High-Water Mark of Meliadine Lake that will mark the termination of the material being placed.

Agnico Eagle Answer

The access will be stopped approximately 5 meters above the High-Water Mark of Meliadine Lake.

KivIA 3

Comment

It is stated that the " placement will occur during freezing conditions to avoid potential runoff during deposition."

Recommendation

Will AEM be removing any accumulated snow prior to placement of the material to minimize potential runoff during freshet and possible slumping of the road during freshet?

Agnico Eagle Answer

Snow will be removed from the tundra prior to the placement of material.

KivIA 4

Comment

It is stated that "sediment controls will be deployed as needed during freshet."

Recommendation

The KivIA recommends that there be sediment controls in place during open water season to ensure no migration of fines into Meliadine Lake during rainstorms.

Agnico Eagle Answer

Sediment barriers and straw logs will be installed prior to freshet and maintained throughout the open water season. Monitoring will follow Part I, Item 9 of the Water Licence. Agnico Eagle will actively apply the Sediment and Erosion Management Plan and the Water Quality and Flow Monitoring Plan to prevent sediment migration and manage runoff.

KivIA 5

Comment

It is stated that "Refueling and servicing will be conducted in a manner that prevents the release of deleterious substances".

Recommendation

The KiviA recommends that all refueling and servicing of the equipment being used be completed 31 meters above the High-Water Mark of Meliadine Lake.

Agnico Eagle Answer

Any refueling activities required along the road will take place outside of 31 meters of the high-water mark of Meliadine Lake. It is not anticipated that refueling will be required along this road given the nature of its usage being for the installation and removal of the diffuser.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)

1. Location of refueling activities

Comment

The Proponent does not specify where refueling activities will take place. Construction of the access road will require work within 31 metres of the high-water mark of Meliadine Lake. Without proper refueling practices, there is a risk of fuel spills that could result in adverse environmental effects on Meliadine Lake.

Recommendation

ECCC recommends that refueling activities be conducted in a designated refueling area equipped with secondary containment and located at least 30 metres from the ordinary high-water mark to minimize the risk of contamination.

Agnico Eagle Answer

Any refueling activities required along the road will take place outside of 31 meters of the high-water mark of Meliadine Lake. It is not anticipated that refueling will be required along this road given the nature of its usage being for the installation and removal of the diffuser.

2. Road width discrepancy

Comment

There is conflicting information on the width of the proposed road. The text describes "*a small access road with an approximately 6-metre-wide footprint*", whereas Figure 1 shows the road location and specifies it is 15 m wide.

Recommendation

ECCC recommends the Proponent clarify the width of the proposed access road.

Agnico Eagle Answer

Agnico Eagle apologizes for the confusion and confirms that the footprint of the planned access road will be a maximum of 15 meters, as shown in Figure 1 of the letter.