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*Your file - Votre référence*  
2AM-MEL1631

*Our file - Notre référence*  
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Dear Robin,

**Re: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada's Review of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Submission of Final Design and Construction Drawings for Berm 1, Channel 1 and Culvert 2, Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631 Part D, Items 1 & 2 - Meliadine Gold Project**

Thank you for the Nunavut Water Board's February 22, 2017 notice regarding the above mentioned.

The comments and recommendations are provided pursuant to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada's (INAC) mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act*.

**Comment:**

In section 7.2.3 of the provided report entitled 'Design Report for Channel 1, Berm 1 and Culvert 2, Meliadine Project, Nunavut, Feb 2017' the Licensee states that,

*'Rip-rap shall be used as erosion protection materials for various dikes, berms, channels, culverts and ponds..... The material can be processed from hard, durable non-potentially acid generating (NAG) rock.'*

In order prevent potential contamination of water in contact with rip-rap materials, the rock material should be non-acid generating.



**Recommendation/Request:**

INAC has no concern with the submission. However, INAC recommends that the Licensee confirm that they will only use non-potentially acid generating (NAG) rock for rip-rap construction.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information at 867-222-1008 or by email at [Amjad. Tariq@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca](mailto:Amjad.Tariq@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca) or Ian Parsons at 867-975-4282 or by email at [Ian.Parsons@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca](mailto:Ian.Parsons@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

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