



August 3rd, 2018

Richard Dwyer
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Re: Agnico Eagle Mines – Meliadine Division Response to Culvert 15 Recommendations

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

As requested, the following information and comments are intended to address the comments outlined in the report below:

- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's (CIRNAC) Review of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Submission of Design Report for Culvert 15 - Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631 - Meliadine Gold Project

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

Regards,

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Comment: Culvert Detail – Configuration with 4 Culverts Type A and Culvert Details – Configuration with 4 Culverts Type B are provided on Drawing # 65-417-230-203 (General Earth Works Typical Section). These two configurations present culverts with different sizes (D1 and D2). Our understanding of the information provided in **Table 2: Culvert #15 Characteristics (Section 2.1.2 of the design report)** is that four (4) large pipes of same diameter (Dia. 1200 mm) will be installed.

Recommendation: Agnico Eagle to clarify the required culvert detail for the installation of culvert #15 or provide adequate specification (cover, bedding, spacing etc.) for the culvert to match the proposed scope.

AEM Response:

Drawing #65-417-230-203 provides information on the general configuration of typical culvert cross sections. Culvert #15 will be installed as per the Type A configuration shown on this drawing. The diameters will be the same for all four (4) culverts in the system, as indicated in Table 2 of the design report (D1=D2). All details regarding cover and spacing will be as per drawing #65-417-230-203.

Comment: CIRNAC also recommends that Agnico Eagle update the provided drawings (plan view) to show the indicated ramp underneath which culvert #15 will be installed.

AEM Response:

The drawing provided in the design report shows the contour of the crusher footprint (highlighted in yellow in figure below) including the ramp underneath which culvert #15 will be installed. The following figure is extracted from Drawing #65-417-230-224.

