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2AM-MEL1631  
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**Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's (CIRNAC's) Review of the Meliadine Mine Design Report, Pump Area Culvert for Meliadine Gold Mine Projects, Type A Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631.**

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

Thank you for your March 24, 2025, invitation to review the Design Report for Pump Area Culvert for Meliadine Gold Mine Projects, submitted by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited, for Type A Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) examined the design report pursuant to its responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act*.

The culvert design report is adequate for the current operational water management at the Pump area. However, CIRNAC recommend clarifying the limitations of the infrastructure's intended use (i.e., contact water only), ensuring performance monitoring is appropriately scoped, and that any future operational or closure use of Collection Pond 9 and associated infrastructure would require further regulatory review. These clarifications will help avoid ambiguity in the event of future amendments or changes in water management practices.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at [Aminul.Haque@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:Aminul.Haque@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca) or (867) 975-4282 or Andrew Keim at (867) 975-4550 or [Andrew.Keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:Andrew.Keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

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