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Your file - Votre référence 2AM-MEL1631

Our file - Notre référence IQALUIT-# 1164776

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Sent via email: licensing@nwb-oen.ca

Dear Robin,

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

Thank you for the Nunavut Water Board's June 28, 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*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information at 867-975-4282 or by email at Ian.Parsons@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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Technical Memorandum

A) Results of Review

1) Source: Design report Effluent Water Treatment Plant, Pumping Stations, Pipelines and Associated Berm and Diffuser

Comment: The documentation provided by the applicant does not indicate what the contingencies are in case of treatment plant malfunction. INAC is aware that this is a design report however INAC believes that a section describing the contingencies in the event of a malfunction is relevant.

Recommendation: INAC recommends that the Licensee provide details on contingency in the event of a malfunction within the treatment plant.