

**SUBJECT: KIA comments on Design Report Saline Effluent Treatment Plant (SETP-WTC) and the Operations and Maintenance Manual**

1) Please confirm the daily capacity of the SETP-WTC

2) When will the plant be operating at full capacity?

3) Will there be a reservoir of treated water stored at SP3 for eventual pipeline discharge to Melvin Bay?

If not, would short, unanticipated downtime of the SETP-WTC compromise the ability of the pipeline to discharge at full capacity?

4) Will the SETC-WTC be operational year-round, or only during the saline discharge window?

5) Please describe the sludge management process in more detail.

In the document, Agnico Eagle states, “Sludge produced in the SETP-WTC and EWTP-WTC system will be stored in the sludge tank prior to being disposed in saline contact water ponds according to the site Water Management Plan.” In which contact water ponds will sludge be stored? What is the plan for the sludge during closure and reclamation? What is the anticipated annual volume of sludge produced?

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this review.

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