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Re: Review of Management Plans under Part B Item 13 of Type "A" Water Licence No. 2AM-MEL1631 Meliadine Gold Project, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.

Dear Ms Turmel and Mr. Quesnel,

On June 15 and 24, 2016 the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) received the following environmental management plans (Plans) from Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM or Licensee):

- Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP) Design Plan, Version 1, dated June 2016;
- Environmental Management and Protection Plan (EMPP), Version 5, dated June 2016;
- Mine Waste Management Plan, Version 2, dated June 2016; and
- Water Management Plan, Version 2, dated June 2016.

The submission of these Plans for the Board review is a requirement under Part B, Item 13 of the recently issued Water Licence 2AM-MEL1631.

On June 27, 2016 the NWB distributed AEM's submission to interested parties for information and comments. On July 28, 2016, the NWB received comments from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) available at the following link:

ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEL1631%20Agnico/3%20TECH/1%20GENERAL%20(B)/B13%20MGMT%20PLANS/

The NWB has noted that although updates to these Plans generally include comments/questions raised during the review of the Type "A" water licence application, however, additional information or explanations are still required included/indicated within INAC's comment submission.

The Board acknowledges however that inclusion of requested information and explanations will not constitute at this time a substantial functional change to the previously approved plans and current updates, and does not require an immediate submission of updated Plans. By this correspondence the Board is requesting that the Licensee review INAC's comments and include the requested information along with other potential updates within the next annual update of these documents.

Should you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me, Karén Kharatyan, Acting Manager of Licensing / Sr. Technical Advisor, at (867) 360-6338 or by e-mail to licensing@nwboen.ca.

Sincerely,

Karén Kharatyan Acting Manager of Licensing / Sr. Technical Advisor

cc: Meliadine Distribution