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**Re: Agnico Eagle's Notice of Activity – Temporary Storage Pad for Tailings**

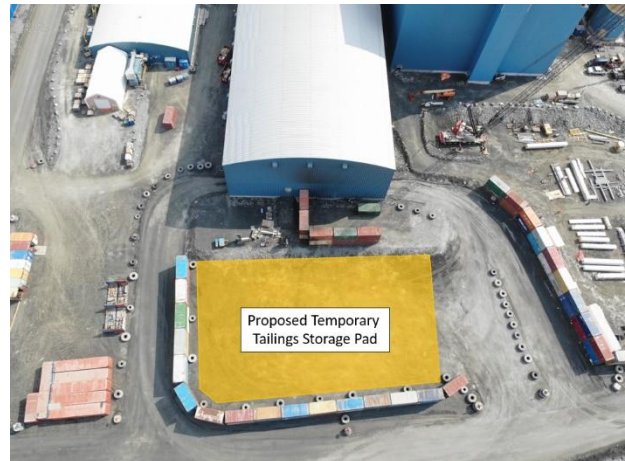
Dear Mr. Shaikh,

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) is writing to provide the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) with notification for the use of the temporary storage pad for tailings during annual maintenance activities in August 2026.

The temporary storage pad is located on the existing Meliadine Mine industrial pad, between the Process Plant and the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF), and is surrounded by a seacan wall (Figure 1). This location was approved by the NWB for temporary tailings storage during the caribou migration since 2023.

Exceptionally, Agnico Eagle intends to use this pad outside of the caribou migration period, from August 1<sup>st</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, during the annual electrical and process plant shutdown.

**Figure 1. Temporary Storage Pad for Tailings**



Tailings generated from mill production at the Meliadine Mine are dewatered by pressure filtration to a solids content of approximately 85% by weight. The filtered tailings are loaded from the Tailings Dewatering Building (TDB, also referred to as the Church) onto haul trucks to be transported to either the paste plant

for use underground as backfill or to the TSF for placement and storage. During the annual shutdown, the TDB must be completely emptied to facilitate maintenance activities. Tailings will be placed on the TSF, and approximately 9000 tonnes of filtered tailings will be stockpiled on the temporary storage pad to provide feed to the paste plant throughout the maintenance period. Continued operation of the paste plant during the shutdown is necessary to support ground control activities in the Tiriganiaq underground mine.

Following completion of the maintenance activities, any tailings remaining on the temporary storage pad will be removed and transported to the TSF.

The pad consists of a layer of geotextile overlaid with a granular pad and is temporary in nature. Once the remaining tailings have been transferred to the TSF, the seacan wall will be removed as soon as practical following the maintenance activities.

Runoff from the temporary storage pad is captured within the site's water management infrastructures and eventually reports to CP1. Dust suppression measures will be applied as necessary (such as spraying water), and the seacan wall would also mitigate dust transport from temporarily stored tailings. Details about storage management and mitigation are included in the Mine Waste Management Plan.

Should you have additional questions or need further clarification, please contact the undersigned.

Regards,



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