

Meliadine Mine Water Quality and Management Optimization Plan

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Hello Richard,

See below for our follow-up response to comment **ECCC-4**:

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has reviewed the clarification provided by Agnico Eagles Mines Ltd (the proponent) regarding ECCC-4. The proponent has clarified that all water sampling results (i.e., from the Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan and Water Quality and Management Optimization Plan, when taken on different days) would be used when looking at the adaptive management triggers. The proponent has provided new information that the sampling frequency will be weekly starting July 20, 2020. This frequency will reduce the time between monitoring events, and addresses ECCC's concern with potential delays in applying adaptive management if the TDS trigger concentration is exceeded at the edge of the mixing zone. The proponent has also clarified in a telephone conversation July 23, 2020 that the intent is to act when there have been two exceedances, not "greater than two consecutive exceedances" as originally stated. This clarification should also be included in the WQMOP. With the increased frequency and action being triggered after two (not three) exceedances, the timing issue raised in ECCC-4 has been addressed.

Please let me know if you need additional information					
Thanks,					
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Regards,

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