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Via email: licensing@nwb-oen.ca

RE: 2AM-MEL1631 – Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. – Meliadine Mine – Request for Modification of Table 2

Attention: Karen Kharatyan

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has reviewed the information submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) regarding the above-mentioned request for modification. ECCC's specialist advice is provided based on our mandate, in the context of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

The following comment is provided:

1. Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (the Proponent) has proposed changes to the nomenclature for monitoring stations in Table 2 of the NWB Water Licence No. 2AM-MEL1631, in order to prevent duplication with nomenclature that is currently in use for monitoring stations under existing Water Licence No. 2BB-MEL1424 and the associated Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program.

ECCC is of the opinion that correcting the names for the stations that are just coming on-line (e.g., stations at treatment and discharge sites) will be a straightforward process. However, nomenclature changes to any existing stations that have already been recorded in monitoring databases using the current nomenclature (i.e., sites that have baseline, reference or other existing datasets,

including local lakes/drainage collection/containment ponds) must be managed to ensure continuity of data for reporting and analysis.

ECCC recommends that the Proponent clarify how it will ensure the continuity of data for reporting and analysis from existing monitoring stations (i.e. sites that have baseline, reference or other existing datasets, including local lakes/drainage collection/containment ponds).

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-4733 or Melissa.Pinto@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Pinto".

Melissa Pinto
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cc: Georgina Williston, Head, Environmental Assessment North (NT and NU)
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