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## **Re: Follow-up Report Spill #2025-472 – Release of 6 m<sup>3</sup> of sewage at the Meliadine Gold Project**

On December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Nunavut Spill Line was notified by Agnico Eagle personnel via email (spills@gov.nt.ca) of a spill of approximately 6 m<sup>3</sup> of sewage at the C-wing lift station at the Meliadine Gold Project site (spill location coordinates: 63° 2'23.17"N, 92°13'32.94"W). This follow-up report provides supplemental information based on the results of the incident assessment and is being provided in accordance with:

- Nunavut Water Board 2AM-MEL1631 Water Licence (the Licence), Part H, Item 8c.

### **Description of Incident**

On December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at approximately 1:00PM, an Energy and Infrastructure (E&I) Maintenance employee was working at the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) when he noticed sewage was spilling from an external pipe connected to the C-wing lift station building, an emergency wing that is only opened when space at camp is limited. Approximately 6 m<sup>3</sup> of sewage over an area of 125 m<sup>2</sup> spilled onto the ground between the C-wing and the STP.

The spill occurred within the bounds of the site's runoff collection system; no water bodies were impacted. The closest water body (1775) is approximately 187 meters north (Figure 1).



**Figure 1:** Location of the spill and proximity to waterbodies.

### **Response and Remediation**

The E&I Maintenance team promptly closed the valve to prevent further spillage and notified their supervisor and the Environment Department. The area where the spill occurred is tightly confined by infrastructure which affected the recovery of spilled material. Freezing conditions also affected recovery. Additional clean-up will be conducted as is feasible during summer 2026. All contaminated material will be managed and disposed of in compliance with the Spill Contingency Plan.

### Root Cause

An assessment was conducted soon after the incident to determine the root cause and contributing factors. The assessment concluded with the following:

- C-wing served as emergency accommodation for additional staff from November 26 to December 3, 2025, which accounts for the presence of sewage in the line during December.
- The C-wing sewage line is connected to the main camp sewage line prior to entering the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). At the time of the spill, the valve between the main camp and C-wing lines was open. Additionally, there is no check valve on this line to prevent backflow from the main camp line into the C-wing line.
- Wear and tear were observed on the seal of the external piping at the C-wing lift station where the failure occurred. This section of the line is located outdoors and was installed without insulation, increasing the risk of freezing and subsequent failure.
- During winter operations, daily inspections of all lift stations are conducted on site. However, this lift station was not inspected on December 25th, as the wing was closed and unoccupied.






### Corrective Measures

The following corrective and preventative actions have been implemented to address the root cause and to reduce the likelihood of recurrence:

- A plan has been made by E&I Maintenance and Environment for the containment and cleanup of the contaminated water upon freshet in the spring of 2026.
- A work order has been created to improve the external C-wing sewage line and lift station in the spring of 2026
  - Redo of the entire line and seals, adding insulation and a check valve.
  - Adjust the lift station float to a lower-level setting, so that the pump starts more often to prevent freezing up the line.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.



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## **Appendix A – Photos**



**Photo 1:** Spill Location





**Photo 2:** Spill location after remediation