

Meliadine Gold Project NWB 2AM-MEL1631 February 2021 Monthly Report

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SECTION 1 • BACKGROUND

As required under Part I, Item 10 of Type A Water License 2AM-MEL1631, this report documents the water management and monitoring activities at the mine site and provides a summary of spills/actions for the month of February 2021.

SECTION 2 • WATER MANAGEMENT

2.1 WATER USAGE

Table 2.1 details monthly water usage approved under Water License 2AM-MEL1631:

Table 2.1: Summary of Agnico's monthly water usage in February 2021

	Monthly Usage (m³)
Camp and Mill (MEL-11)	32,827
Construction – Batch Plant (MEL-26 – A8)	0
Dust suppression	0
Total February	32,827
Year to date 2021	68,507

2.2 DEWATERING ACTIVITIES

Dewatering of the Lake H-19 and H-20 started August 17th 2019 and stopped October 5th 2019.

2.3 MELIADINE DISCHARGE

Discharge from the EWTP into Meliadine Lake via the Final Discharge Point (MEL-14) started June 5th, 2020 and stopped October 4th, 2020. A total of 13,836 m³ was discharged throughout October 2020.

2.4 MELVIN BAY DISCHARGE

Discharge to sea via the Final Discharge Point (MEL-26) started August 10th 2020 and stopped October 8th, 2020. A total of approximately 5,275 m³ was discharged throughout October 2020.

2.5 SEEPAGE AND RUNOFF FROM THE LANDFILL AND LANDFARM

The 2AM-MEL1631 landfill and landfarm were commissioned in November 2017. No seepage or runoff was observed in February 2021.

2.6 SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

In February 2021, 4,350 m³ of treated wastewater was discharged into CP1. The majority of the sludge is disposed of in the WRSF.

2.7 CONTAINMENTS

Discharged from the Itivia fuel containment facility (Station Mel-25) started June 27th and ended in July 2020. Approximately 3,780 m³ was discharged through the discharge period.

2.8 MONITORING ANALYTICAL DATA

In February 2021, a sample related to the Water Licence was taken. See below the analytical results from this sampling event. No exceedance occurred in February 2021.

	Sample date	2/8/2021	
Parameter	Unit	-	
WQ02- Conventional Parameters	S		
рН	pH units	7.31	
Turbidity	NTU	0.1	
Specific conductivity	umhos/cm	130	
Hardness, as CaCO3 (T)	mg	35.4	
Hardage as CoCO2 (D)	CaCO3/L	24.5	
Hardness, as CaCO3 (D)	mg CaCO3/L	34.5	
Carbonate, as CaCO3	mg	< 1.0	
	CaCO3/L		
Bicarbonate, as CaCO3	mg	25	
	CaCO3/L		
Total alkalinity, as CaCO3	mg	25	
TDS	CaCO3/L	105	
TSS	mg/L	< 1	
Total organic carbon	mg/L mg/L	3.7	
	_	3.6	
Dissolved organic carbon	mg/L	3.0	
WQ03- Major Ions Chloride	ma/l	21	
	mg/L		
Silica	mg/L	0.44	
Cyanide (frank)	mg/L	< 0.0050	
Cyanide (free)	mg/L	0.0028	
Cyanide (WAD)	mg/L	< 0.0010	
Calcium	mg/L	10.6	
Magnesium	mg/L	1.95	
Potassium	mg/L	1.28	
Sodium	mg/L mg/L	8.85	
Sulfate	7.5		
WQ04- Nutrients and Chlorophyll a			
Total ammonia	mg-N/L	< 0.050	
Nitrate	mg-N/L	< 0.10	
Nitrite	mg-N/L	< 0.010	

Nitrate + nitrite	mg-N/L	< 0.10			
Total Kjeldahl nitrogen	mg-N/L	0.23			
Total phosphorus	mg/L	< 0.020			
Orthophosphate	mg/L	< 0.010			
WQ06- Total Metals					
Aluminum	mg/L	0.0047			
Antimony	mg/L	< 0.00050			
Arsenic	mg/L	0.00047			
Barium	mg/L	0.0116			
Beryllium	mg/L	< 0.00010			
Boron	mg/L	< 0.050			
Cadmium	mg/L	< 0.000010			
Calcium	mg/L	10.7			
Chromium	mg/L	< 0.0010			
Copper	mg/L	0.00097			
Iron	mg/L	0.018			
Lead	mg/L	< 0.00020			
Lithium	mg/L	< 0.0020			
Manganese	mg/L	0.0044			
Mercury	mg/L	< 0.00001			
Molybdenum	mg/L	< 0.0010			
Nickel	mg/L	< 0.0010			
Selenium	mg/L	< 0.00010			
Silver	mg/L	< 0.000020			
Strontium	mg/L	0.0660			
Thallium	mg/L	< 0.000010			
Tin	mg/L	< 0.0050			
Titanium	mg/L	< 0.0050			
Uranium	mg/L	< 0.00010			
Vanadium	mg/L	< 0.0050			
Zinc	mg/L	< 0.0050			
WQ07- Dissolved Metals					
Aluminum	mg/L	< 0.0030			
Antimony	mg/L	< 0.00050			
Arsenic	mg/L	0.00041			
Barium	mg/L	0.0113			
Beryllium	mg/L	< 0.00010			
Boron	mg/L	< 0.050			
Cadmium	mg/L	< 0.000010			
Chromium	mg/L	< 0.0010			
Copper	mg/L	0.00097			
Iron	mg/L	0.0053			
Lead	mg/L	< 0.00020			

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Molybdenum	mg/L	< 0.0010
Nickel	mg/L	< 0.0010
Selenium	mg/L	< 0.00010
Silver	mg/L	< 0.000020
Strontium	mg/L	0.0686
Thallium	mg/L	< 0.000010
Tin	mg/L	< 0.0050
Titanium	mg/L	< 0.0050
Uranium	mg/L	< 0.00010
Vanadium	mg/L	< 0.0050
Zinc	mg/L	< 0.0050
WQ10- Volatile Organics		
Benzene	mg/L	< 0.00020
Ethylbenzene	mg/L	< 0.00020
Toluene	mg/L	< 0.00020
Xylenes	mg/L	< 0.00040
m,p-Xylenes	mg/L	< 0.00040
o-Xylene	mg/L	< 0.00020
F1 (C6-C10)-BTEX	mg/L	< 0.025
F1 (C6-C10)	mg/L	< 0.025
F2 (C10-C16)	mg/L	< 0.1
F3 (C16-C34)	mg/L	< 0.2
F4 (C34-C50)	mg/L	< 0.2
Reached baseline at C50	-	YES

3.1 LANDFILL / LANDFARM

The volume of material placed into the landfill is evaluated through periodic surveys. According to the most recent survey done February 26th, 2021 the landfill contained approximately 20,544 m³ of material.

In February 2021, no contaminated soil was transferred to the Type A Landfarm as a result of spills cleanup.

3.2 ORE

Approximately 134,304 tonnes of ore were processed through the Mill in February 2021.

3.3 WASTE ROCK STORAGE FACILITY

In February 2021, a total of 56,987 tonnes of waste rock was removed in the mine development process. 34,061 tonnes were used as underground dry rockfill.

3.4 TAILINGS

106,036 dry tonnes of filtered tailings were sent to the Tailing Storage Facility in February 2021. 28,268 tonnes of tailings were used for paste underground backfill.

SECTION 4 SPILL MANAGEMENT

4.1 INTERNAL AND REPORTABLE SPILLS

Spills reported internally (3) are listed in the table 4.1 and were managed according to Agnico's spill contingency plan. Spills were contained and cleaned up, contaminated material was disposed of in an appropriate manner, and the clean-up actions were monitored closely by the Environment Department. No reportable spill occurred in February 2021.

Table 4.1: Summary of Agnico's Spill Reports in February 2021

Date and time of occurrence	If material not listed in dropdown or more details, enter here	Estimated quantity (I)	Exact location of incident	Description of incident	Describe immediate corrective actions
Saturday, February 13, 2021 6:30:00 PM	Transmission Oil	6.00	Water Treatment Center	The driver hit a rock with the pickup, the rock broke a piece of the transmission cooler and caused the leak.	The vehicle spill kit was used to contain the spill. The contaminated snow was scraped up and brought to the snow cell. The absorbent pads will be disposed of as hazardous waste.
Sunday, February 21, 2021 4:30:00 AM	Diesel Fuel	25.00	South of tailing dewatering building	When fuel truck operator engaged the PTO his nozzle was still engaged causing fuel to spill until kill switch was shut off.	Spill pads were put over fuel, spill was contained. Snow was picked up and sent to snow cell.
Wednesday, February 24, 2021 10:30:00 AM	Petroleum Products	23.08	400 Gear Bay	During rock breaking work a hose broke.	The spill was contained and absorbent pads were used to clean the area and disposed in the hazmat bag.