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Date	Activity
March 31, 2003	■ Cumberland Resources Ltd. (Cumberland), the original owner of the Meadowbank Mine, submitted a Project Description Report for the Meadowbank Gold project to NIRB (Board)
September 23, 2003	■ Following receipt of Cumberland's application, the Board sent a Screening Decision to then-Minister Robert Nault of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. A review under Part 5 or 6 of Article 12 of the NLCA was proposed
December 3, 2003	■ Minister Nault referred the Meadowbank project to the NIRB for a Part 5 Review
December 18, 2003	■ NIRB circulated the Draft Environmental Assessment Guidelines for the Meadowbank project to the Distribution List
February 20, 2004	■ The Board issued the Final Environmental Assessment Guidelines (EIS Guidelines) to the proponent. The Proponent was advised to submit a Draft EIS based on the EIS Guidelines issued
January 4, 2005	■ Cumberland filed the DEIS. A Conformity Review of the DEIS was undertaken by NIRB
March 8, 2005	■ Cumberland advised that their feasibility study resulted in adjustments to the Project design. This included an increase in mine throughput tonnage, changes to the water tailings discharge, and a recommendation for a 102 km long all-weather access road from the Hamlet of Baker Lake to the mine site
March 21, 2005	■ NIRB advised the Proponent that the DEIS generally conformed to the EIS Guidelines, meaning that the DEIS captured many, but not all, of the requirements set out in the EIS Guidelines. Detailed information regarding the deficiencies to be addressed prior to the technical review for the preparation of the FEIS was provided to the Proponent
November 8, 2005	■ Cumberland submitted the FEIS to NIRB. NIRB's internal conformity review focused on the new content in the FEIS ensuring it responded to the direction provided by the Board in the PHC decision
December 14, 2005	■ Cumberland corresponded with INAC, KivIA, GN, and the Hamlet of Baker Lake inquiring specifically about these organizations' interests in the regulation of the all-weather road and in the future of the all-weather road after the Project is completed
December 15, 2005	■ Cumberland submitted a supplemental FEIS submission to address the deficiencies identified in NIRB's conformity review
March 27 to 29, 2006	■ Final Hearing was held in Baker Lake
March 30, 2006	■ Final Hearing was held Chesterfield Inlet
March 31, 2006	■ Final Hearing was held in Rankin Inlet
December 30, 2006	■ NIRB approved the Meadowbank Project and this was followed by the Minister issuing the Nunavut Impact Review Board - Project Certificate No.4
2007	■ Agnico Eagle purchased the Meadowbank Project from Cumberland and began constructing the all-weather access road from Baker Lake to the Meadowbank Mine
2008	■ Mine site construction began
since 2009	■ Meadowbank Mine has been operated by Agnico Eagle
July 2009	■ Project Certificate conditions 32 related to the AWAR reconsidered to allow for public access to km 85 of the AWAR from Baker Lake to Meadowbank Mine



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May 2010	■ Type A 2AM – MEA 1525 Amendment No. 1 to allow an expanded Marshalling Area Bulk Fuel Storage Facility
September 2010	■ Meadowbank Airstrip Extension approved.
June 2014	■ Type A 2AM – MEA 1525 Amendment No. 3 to allow for and increase in freshwater use to a total amount of 1.87 Million m <sup>3</sup> in 2013 and 1.15 Million m <sup>3</sup> per year after 2013
July 2014	■ Agnico Eagle submitted an FEIS addendum document that presented an overview of the Vault Pit Expansion (BB Phaser and Phaser Pit) to the NIRB
July 2015	■ Issuance of 2AM- MEA1525 NWB Type A renewal and Amendment to not exceed 9.12 Million m <sup>3</sup> annually as per Part E; expiration of renewal is July 22, 2025
March 2015	■ Agnico Eagle submits an application for a Type B Amaruq Exploration Access Road
November 2015	■ NIRB positive screening decision for the Amaruq Exploration Access Road
November 2015	■ NWB issues Type B 8BC – AEA1525 for the construction, operation and closure of the Amaruq Exploration Access Road (which is the same alignment as the proposed Whale Tail Pit Haul Road)
March 2016	■ DFO letter of Advice issued to Agnico Eagle to construct bridges and culverts at fisheries crossings along the Amaruq Exploration Access Road
April 2016	■ NIRB positive decision for the Vault Pit Expansion (BB Phaser and Phaser Pit); (final Ministerial approval pending)
April 2016	■ NWB accepts Agnico Eagle's notification of a modification of the Type A to dewater using approved Vault facilities, deposit waste and mining of Vault Pit Expansion (Phaser Pit and BB Phaser Pit) using the approved Vault Waste Rock facility and Meadowbank Tailings Storage Facility
May 2016	■ Agnico Eagle submitted a request to NPC for a conformity determination for the Whale Tail Pit Project: Meadowbank Mine extension