

NIRB File No.: 16MN056 NWB File No.: 2AM-WTP1826

May 31, 2019

To: Whale Tail Pit Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: <u>Final Agenda for the Upcoming NIRB Technical Meeting for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "Whale Tail Pit Expansion" Project Proposal</u>

Dear Parties:

On May 16, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) distributed a *Draft* Agenda for the upcoming Technical Meeting for the NIRB's assessment of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle or Proponent) "Whale Tail Pit Expansion" proposal, a proposed amendment to the approved Whale Tail Pit Project (NIRB File No.: 16MN056). As part of the correspondence, the NIRB requested that interested parties provide our office with confirmation of their attendance, including any specific logistical arrangements required during the Technical Meeting.

On or before May 30, 2019, the NIRB received a list of representatives that are planning on attending the Technical Meeting in Baker Lake. At this time, the NIRB is also requesting a response from any party that has yet to submit the names of individuals to be attending the upcoming Technical Meeting, noting names and positions. The NIRB respectfully requests that this information be provided directly to the NIRB on or before **5:00 pm MDT**, **June 4, 2019**.

The NIRB has not received any comments from parties or the Proponent regarding suggested revisions to the *Draft* Agenda as previously issued. The *Final* Technical Meeting Agenda is therefore consistent with the previously issued draft and has been attached as <u>Appendix A</u> for the information of all parties.

The NIRB also notes that the Government of Canada and the Government of Nunavut have requested for teleconference option during the sessions, as a possibility for interested parties to listen to the proceedings by phone. In an effort to accommodate this request and maximize participation at this meeting, the NIRB will be making a limited teleconferencing option available. However, the functionality of the teleconference option is dependent on the services available at the meeting venue, and parties should prepare for the eventuality that this option may not function adequately to support effective participation. The NIRB reminds parties choosing to participate via this method that despite best efforts to remain on schedule, the agenda is subject to change based upon the progression of the meeting and other considerations that may arise.

MEETING LOGISTICS

As previously mentioned, the meeting will be kept as informal as possible, with additional breakout sessions to be arranged as required. Parties should be prepared to speak to whether or not their technical review comments have been satisfactorily addressed by Agnico Eagle and, if not, to provide clarification as to what issues remain outstanding in order to prepare final written submissions.

Agnico Eagle will be expected to track any commitments made during the Technical Meeting to address outstanding issues identified by parties. The Proponent is requested to maintain a comprehensive listing of commitments for circulation during and following the meetings. In addition, the NIRB will also track commitments made by the Proponent and other parties during the Technical Meeting to address technical issues identified in the FEIS Addendum. Time may be allotted within the proceedings for a cursory review of these commitments by all parties to enable the listing to be finalized at the conclusion of the Technical Meeting. It is anticipated that the commitment list from each day will be provided at the start of the next day for review and that any comments or issues with respect to the commitments will be raised by Parties during the end of day wrap up discussion.

Should you have questions or require further clarification regarding the upcoming Technical Meeting or the NIRB's assessment of the Whale Tail Pit Expansion proposal, please contact Erin Reimer, Technical Advisor I, at ereimer@nirb.ca, or the undersigned at sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jamie Quesnel, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

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Attachment: Appendix A - Final Technical Meeting Agenda for Agnico Eagle's Whale Tail Pit Expansion

Project Proposal

APPENDIX A – FINAL TECHNICAL MEETING AGENDA FOR AGNICO EAGLE'S WHALE TAIL PIT EXPANSION PROJECT PROPOSAL

NIRB File No.: 16MN056 – Whale Tail Pit Expansion Project Proposal

Proponent: Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Facilitator: Ryan Barry, NIRB Executive Director Location: Community Hall, Baker Lake, NU

Dates & Times: June 11, 2019 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (potential 6:30 pm-9:00 pm)

> June 12, 2019 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (potential 6:30 pm-9:00 pm)

June 13, 2019 9:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Note: All times given are approximate. The order of discussion topics and times

> given are subject to change at the NIRB's discretion. Additional evening sessions may be scheduled for June 11 and/or June 12 if deemed necessary

to complete agenda items.

Day 1 – Tuesday June 11, 2019

General Opening:

1. NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks (30 minutes)

- a. Introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of technical meeting, etc.
- b. Introduction of Participants
- c. Overview of Agenda
- d. Housekeeping Items

Technical Meeting:

- 2. Agnico Eagle Presentation:
 - a. Response to Technical Review Comments (60 minutes)
- 3. Roundtable Discussions; Proceeding topic-by-topic with questions to the Proponent from meeting participants regarding specific responses to technical review comments:
 - a. Conclusions presented in the FEIS Addendum pertaining to alternatives assessment and methodologies (60 minutes);
 - b. Atmospheric environment including climate change assessment, air quality, and noise and vibration (90 minutes);
 - c. Terrestrial environment including terrain, permafrost and soils, and wildlife and wildlife habitat (120 minutes).

Note: Agnico Eagle is expected to have additional presentation materials available for reference during discussions, should it become necessary.

Close of Day 1

Day 2 – Wednesday June 12, 2019

Technical Meeting (continued from Day 1)

- 1. NIRB Opening Remarks (15 minutes)
 - a. Day 1 Recap
 - b. Overview of Agenda
- 2. Roundtable discussion; questions to the Proponent from meeting participants regarding responses to technical review comments:
 - a. Freshwater environment including surface water quality and quantity, hydrogeology, and fish and fish habitat (120 minutes);
 - b. Marine environment including shipping corridor and marine mammal assessment (60 minutes);
 - c. Waste Management including waste-rock storage facilities, landfarm design and landfill management (30 minutes);
 - d. Socio-economic environment including the labour market, employee training programs, benefit agreements, and historical/archaeological sites (90 minutes);
 - e. Human Health including the Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (30 minutes);

Note: Agnico Eagle is expected to have additional presentation materials available for reference during discussions, should it become necessary

Close of Day 2

Day 3 – Thursday June 13, 2019

<u>Technical Meeting</u> (continued from Day 2)

- 1. NIRB Opening Remarks (15 minutes)
 - a. Day 2 Recap
 - b. Overview of Agenda
- 2. Roundtable discussion; questions to the Proponent from meeting participants regarding responses to technical review comments:
 - a. Management and monitoring plans (120 minutes);
 - b. Cumulative effects assessment and related management and mitigation plans and/or programs (60 minutes);
- 3. Discussion on any outstanding issues and/or remaining topics.
- 4. Discussion and review of Proponent's list of commitments.
- 5. NIRB discussion of next steps and Public Hearing
 - a. Question and answer period for parties
- 6. Closing Remarks

Close of Day 3