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Via email at: [licensing@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:licensing@nwb-oen.ca)

Richard Dwyer  
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Dear Mr. Dwyer:

**RE: 2AM-WTP1826- Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. – Whale Tail Pit – Responses to ECCC & CIRNAC Reply Waste Rock Management Plan, Water Management Plan, Water Quality and Flow Monitoring Plan.**

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has reviewed the information submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) regarding the responses to ECCC's comments on above-mentioned monitoring and management plans and is submitting comments via email. ECCC's specialist advice is provided based on our mandate, in the context of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, and the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*.

The following comment is provided:

**1. Re: Water Management During Closure (ECCC#1)**

Comment

The Proponent has stated in their response that they will monitor untreated contact water during the Closure phase to provide confidence in the consistency of discharge and seepage quality as per the Water Licence monitoring requirements. These monitoring requirements will be established prior to the Closure phase in collaboration with ECCC and the NWB (Page 6).

ECCC accepts this commitment by the Proponent to monitor seepage/contact water in accordance with Water Licence conditions regarding monitoring and water quality objectives, and notes that there will need to be a sufficient period of post-treatment monitoring to demonstrate consistent acceptability for discharge to receiving waters.

ECCC Recommendation

No recommendation, information is for Proponent's benefit.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-4732 or [Emily.Nichol@canada.ca](mailto:Emily.Nichol@canada.ca).

Sincerely,

*[original signed by]*

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