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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD  
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OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

**File: 2AM-WTP1830**

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**Subject: Emulsion Plant Construction; Type “A” Water Licence No: 2AM-WTP1830, Whale Tail Pit Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited**

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Dear Michel Groleau and Jamie Quesnel:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) received from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee) on December 14, 2021, the document entitled “2AM-WTP1830 –[sic]60-Day Notice Whale Tail Emulsion Plant” (Notice) as a requirement of Part D, Items 1 and 3 of Water Licence No: 2AM-WTP1830 (Licence). The Notice was dated December 14, 2021. The Notice was distributed for interested parties’ review with a deadline for submissions set for December 30, 2021.

In addition, on December 16, 2021, the Board received the updated *Ammonia Management Plan*, *Spill Contingency Plan*, and *Water Management Plan*, all dated December 2021 (Plans). Agnico Eagle noted in the accompanying letter that the Plans were updated in relation to the construction of the emulsion plant under the Board’s review at the time. The Plans were distributed for public review with the deadline set for January 31, 2022.

On December 20, 2021, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) provided its comments on the Notice inquiring on the verification of the engineering drawings, effects on the groundwater, the grading plan, quality control and assurance procedures during construction, fill materials, layout, and protection of permafrost. On December 29, 2021, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) stated that it did not have comments on the Notice. On December 30, 2021, the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA) notified the Board that it did not have any concerns with the Notice.

The NWB requested the Licensee to respond to CIRNA's comments on or before January 3, 2022. On January 6, 2022, Agnico Eagle requested an extension for its responses till January 21, 2022. On January 24, 2022, Agnico Eagle provided its response that was confirmed as satisfactory by CIRNA on February 2, 2022.

The Board has not received any comments/concerns on the public review of the Plans.

The Board acknowledges that the Notice addresses the requirements of Part D, Items 1 and 3 of Licence No: 2AM-WTP1830 and has accepted "2AM-WTP1830 –[sic]60-Day Notice Whale Tail Emulsion Plant" as required by Part D, Item 1 of Licence. The Licensee is advised that the Board's review of this document is a verification that the proposed activity is consistent with the existing terms and conditions of the Licence and more specifically with Part D, Item 1 and may proceed in accordance with the Report provided. It should be noted that the Board's acceptance is NOT intended or offered as any representation regarding the suitability of the plans nor third-party verification of the design, construction, planning or engineering discussed in the document.

In addition, the Board notes that that the updated *Ammonia Management Plan*, *Spill Contingency Plan*, and *Water Management Plan*, all dated December 2021, are found acceptable by the Board and address the requirements of Part B, Item 14 of the Licence.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or [assol.kubeisinova@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:assol.kubeisinova@nwb-oen.ca) at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

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