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Your file *Votre référence*
2AM-WTP1826

Our file *Notre référence*
16-HCAA-00370

Nunavut Water Board (NWB)
Attention: Karén Kharatyan
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Dear Mr. Kharatyan,

Subject: 2AM-WTP1826 for Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Design Report Fresh Water Intake – AEM's response to DFO comments dated September 4, 2018.

The Fisheries Protection Program of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) would like to thank the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for the opportunity to review Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (AEM) response to DFO's comments respecting the fresh water intake for the Whale Tail Pit Project. As per correspondence of September 21, 2018, the Board requested that they be informed directly if AEM's response addresses DFO's concerns.

DFO has reviewed AEM's response in accordance with its mandate to maintain the sustainability and ongoing productivity of commercial, recreational and Aboriginal fisheries.

DFO is satisfied with AEM's response to DFO's concern regarding the appropriate screen mesh size for the freshwater intake. AEM agrees to follow DFO's recommendation found in DFO's Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Fish Screen Guideline, which is to use a maximum screen opening (mesh size) of 2.54 mm (0.10 inches) in order to protect freshwater fish with a minimum fork length of 25 mm.

If you have any questions, please contact Sally Wong at (867) 669-4934 or by email at Sally.Wong@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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