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Your file - Votre référence
2AM-WTP1826

June 7, 2019

Our file - Notre référence
CIDM# 1252990

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Sent via email: licensing@nwb-oen.ca

Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's reply to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's response regarding the Landfill Construction Notice for Type "A" Water Licence No. 2AM-WTP1826 for the Whale Tail Project

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

Thank you for the email received on May 31, 2019, asking if Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (AEM) responses¹ addressed Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs' (CIRNAC) comments² regarding the Landfill 60-Day Construction Notice at the Whale Tail Pit Project.

All five of CIRNAC's comments have been resolved.

AEM's written responses addressed three of our five comments, specifically comments 1, 4 and 5. CIRNAC sought further information for comments 2 and 3, which AEM was able to provide via a telephone conversation on June 7th with Marie-Pier Marcil, Julie Bélanger and Miles Legault. Our understanding of their answers is summarized below for the Board's benefit.

Comment 2 – Leachate management: Any leachate or runoff from the landfill will mix with runoff from other areas of the waste rock pile before entering the waste rock storage facility (WRSF) pond and could not be sampled or analyzed separately.

Comment 3 – Rock for landfill voids: Potentially acid generating rock will be used to

¹ Re: Agnico Eagle Mines – Meadowbank Division Responses to Landfill Design Report Comments. May 31, 2019. Agnico Eagle Mines Limited.

² Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) representations to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (AEM's) Landfill Construction Notice – Whale Tail Pit Project under AEM's Type "A" Water Licence No. 2AM-WTP1826. May 7, 2019. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada.

fill voids in the landfill.

It may be difficult to identify potential landfill leachate and run-off collected at the WRSF Pond, as will form only a small part of the water collected, making it difficult to identify the landfill as the source of a potential problem. However, since water collected at the WRSF Pond will be transferred to the Whale Tail attenuation pond and discharge criteria for this pond include parameters that the Nunavut Water Board typically includes for landfills, CIRNAC is satisfied potential leachate and run-off would be adequately treated before discharge.

If you have any questions or require further information with respect to this matter, contact Michelle Blade at (867) 975-3877 or email michelle.blade@canada.ca, or Ian Parsons at (867) 222-9278 or email ian.parsons@canada.ca.

Regards,



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