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**Subject: Licence No: 2AM-WTP1830 Type A, Whale Tail Pit Project; Agnico Eagle Mines Limited; Updated Operational ARD-ML Sampling and Testing Plan**

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Dear Alexandra Ozaruk:

On December 19, 2025, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or the Board) received the updated *Operational ARD-ML Sampling and Testing Plan – Whale Tail Mine, Version 8*, dated December 2025 (Plan) from Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle or Licensee), in accordance with Part B, Item 14 of the type A Water Licence 2AM-WTP1830 (Licence).

The updates to the Plan are related to the waste sampling frequencies. Agnico Eagle proposed to revise the default waste sampling frequency in the Whale Tail Pit and IVR Pit Phase 2. On December 19, 2025, the NWB distributed the Plan for public review and interested parties were invited to comment by January 30, 2026. The NWB received submissions from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA), and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). KivIA and DFO advised they did not have any comments and/or concerns at this time.

ECCC in their submission on January 16, 2026, recommended that *the Proponent clarify whether the mineable rocks in the IVR Phase 2 will continue to be classified as PAG/ML regardless of the results of future sampling conducted at reduced frequency*. CIRNAC in their submission on January 28, 2026, recommended that *the Proponent provide their plan or process that will be followed during mining operations that will ensure the material in the south domain of Whale Tail Pit will remain defined and segregated with less sampling*.

On February 10, 2026, Agnico Eagle provided their response and additional information to parties' recommendations confirming that all mineable rocks in IVR Phase 2 will continue to be classified as PAG/ML regardless of the results of future sampling conducted at reduced frequency. The response also noted that Agnico Eagle will ensure that the material in the south domain of the Whale Tail Pit

will continue to remain defined and segregated with less sampling, highlighting a number of practices that will be adhered to.

The NWB requested parties to confirm by February 17, 2026, whether they were satisfied with Agnico Eagle's response. ECCC noted on February 11, 2026, that they have reviewed the response and have no further comments. CIRNAC advised on February 17, 2026, that they are satisfied with the response and have no further comments.

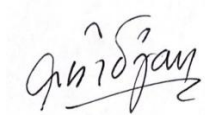
Copies of all documents and submissions received during the review of the Plan can be accessed through the NWB's Public Registry site using the following Link:

<https://public.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-WTP1830%20Agnico/3%20TECH/F%20WASTE%20DISP/2025/>

By way of this correspondence and as per Part B, Item 14 of the Licence, the Board approves the updated *Operational ARD-ML Sampling and Testing Plan – Whale Tail Mine, Version 8*, dated December 2025. Therefore, the Plan could be implemented immediately.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the NWB Licensing Department by email to [licensing@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:licensing@nwb-oen.ca) or by phone at (867) 360-6338.

Sincerely,



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