



AGNICO EAGLE

2AM-WTP1830 Modification IVR and Whale Tail Pushbacks

Comment Responses

Submitted to:
Nunavut Water Board

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**CROWN-INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA
(CIRNAC)**

Interested Party:	CIRNAC	Rec No.:	R-01
Re:	Water Management Structures		

Recommendation Made by Interested Party:

CIRNAC recommends that Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd provide an engineered drawing that details the locations of the Whale Tail and IVR sumps and any other water management structures located within the footprint of the two pits in relation to the proposed locations of the Pushback activities currently under review.

Agnico Eagle's Response to Recommendation:

To re-emphasize what was provided in Part G, Item 3f of the Notice of Modification Application (page 4 of Agnico Eagle 2021), no new infrastructure is required for the IVR or Whale Tail Pushbacks; therefore, no drawings for engineering structures are needed for the Pushbacks themselves.

For clarification, the sumps located within the footprints of the Whale Tail and IVR pits will move as mining advances based on different items, such as the location of inflows and mining activities. Engineered drawings that detail the locations of the Whale Tail and IVR sumps are typically not provided due to the dynamics of mining activities. If any water is captured in the sumps, the water will move to the Attenuation Pond and will not be stored in the sumps for a long period of time.

Reference:

Agnico Eagle (Agnico Eagle Mines Limited). 2021. Type A Water Licence 2AM-WTP1830 Modification – IVR and Whale Tail Pushbacks. Submitted to the Nunavut Water Board. June 11, 2021.

Interested Party:	CIRNAC	Rec No.:	R-02
Re:	Waste Rock Storage		

Recommendation Made by Interested Party:

CIRNAC recommends that Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd provide clarity on their plans in relation to the Underground WRSF. It is not clear if that WRSF was to be considered for a larger footprint to accommodate waste rock from the operations of the pushbacks and thus a more long term use during this modification request, or if will be reviewed separately in a further request.

Agnico Eagle’s Response to Recommendation:

The Underground WRSF is not part of the Modification Application as changes to underground mining activities are not requested. Waste rock from the Underground will continue to be stored in the Underground WRSF. As outlined in the Modification application, Agnico Eagle will use the Whale Tail WRSF or the IVR WRSF for open pit mine waste materials generated as a result of the surface mining of the IVR and Whale Tail Pushbacks.