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September 28, 2026 NWB File No. 2AM-WTP1830

Karen Kharatyan
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Re: Water Licence 2AM-WTP1830 – 2026 Whale Tail Waste Rock Storage Facility Modification

Dear Mr. Kharatyan,

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) is writing to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) to provide sixty (60) days' notice of a proposed Modification to the Whale Tail Mine under Part G of Water Licence (2AM-WTP1830).

1. Background

On August 10, 2026 Agnico Eagle submitted an application to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) to complete a screening of the proposed project changes, whereby Agnico Eagle is requesting a modification to the approved Whale Tail Waste Rock Storage Facility (herein referred to as the Whale Tail WRSF Modification or Modification). The NPC concluded on August 28, 2026 that the proposed changes were exempt from screening as the Whale Tail WRSF Modification does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended activities (Attachment A). Subsequently, Agnico Eagle is submitting this notification of Modification per Water Licence 2AM-WTP1830, Part G, Item 3a-g for the NWB review and approval, as described in the sections below.

2. Conditions Applying to Modifications

Part G, Item 3a: Description of Facilities and/or Works to be Constructed

As set out in the enclosed materials, this Modification application discusses changes associated with the modification of the Whale Tail WRSF footprint.

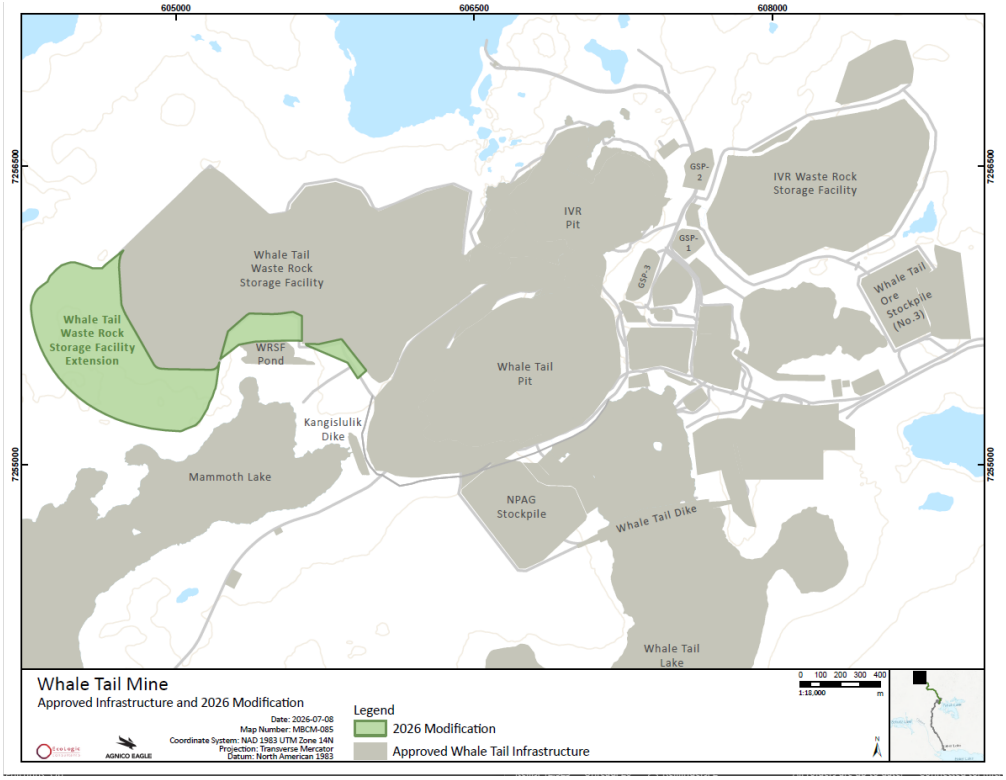
The proposed modification to the Whale Tail WRSF is to accommodate waste production from the mining of Whale Tail Pit. Agnico Eagle has determined with continuing to mine the approved Whale Tail pushback that the approved Whale Tail WRSF cannot accommodate all the waste rock generated. The modification of the WRSF will have the capacity to hold 90M tonnes of waste rock. All runoff from the WRSF will be routed to the existing WRSF Pond and pumped to the attenuation pond, as per current process. Review of updates to water management infrastructure to design criteria is currently in progress; if updates are needed for freshet 2027, design reports will be submitted.

All closure and reclamation plans for the existing Whale Tail WRSF will be carried over for the modified areas and no changes are expected. All areas of the WRSF will be covered with non-acid generating (NAG) material as is the case with the existing WRSF for closure.

***Part G, Item 3b:* Proposed Location of Structure(s)**

Activities for the WRSF Modification are located within the approved Whale Tail Mine footprint (Project Certificate No.008, Amendment 001), as presented in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Approved Whale Tail Mine and Whale Tail WRSF Modification



***Part G, Item 3c:* Potential Impacts to the Receiving Environment**

Agnico Eagle completed an update to the water balance and site and downstream water quality model to account for the Whale Tail WRSF Modification. The water quality model results show that all parameters are predicted to remain below their respective water quality guidelines in receiving lakes during Operations. Once effluent discharge ceases in active closure, active treatment of water in IVR Pit will manage arsenic to allow for passive flooding of the pits. Once flooded, all parameters are expected to be below the respective guidelines post-closure.

The updated results of the water quality predictions associated with the 2026 Modification are provided in Attachment C.

***Part G, Item 3d:* Monitoring Required**

Agnico Eagle does not anticipate any additional monitoring from that already included within Water Licence 2AM-WTP1830, particularly as there are no new structures associated with the Whale Tail WRSF Modification. Agnico Eagle will adhere to the sampling locations, parameters measured, and frequencies of sampling as outlined in Schedule D, Table 2 – Monitoring Program of the Water Licence, as well as the Whale Tail Water Quality and Flow Monitoring Plan.

In addition, the Whale Tail Water Management Plan and Whale Tail Waste Rock Management Plan have been updated to account for the 2026 Modification and are provided in Attachment B and Attachment D, respectively.

***Part G, Item 3e:* Schedule for Construction**

The Whale Tail WRSF Modification activities would initiate following approval from the NWB. Further details are outlined in Section 3 the Whale Tail Waste Rock Management Plan (Attachment D).

***Part G, Item 3f:* Drawings of Engineering Structures**

Modification to the Whale Tail WRSF will follow the same Design Report and Drawings submitted in December 2019 (Agnico Eagle 2019) and accepted by the NWB, per Part D, Item 4 of Water Licence 2AM-WTP1830. As per the drawing in Attachment E, there will be a modification to the facility to accommodate the waste rock.

***Part G, Item 3g:* Sediment and Erosion Control Measures**

No new sediment or erosion control measures are required. The measures outlined in Section 3.7.1 of the Whale Tail Water Management Plan (Attachment B) are sufficient for the Whale Tail WRSF Modification activities.

3. Closure

Agnico Eagle thanks the NWB for their timely review and consideration of the proposed Whale Tail WRSF Modification under Water Licence 2AM-WTP1830. Agnico Eagle is committed to responsibly manage waste and water resources to minimize or eliminate potential effects to the environment in accordance with the Water Licence, Project Certificate No. 008, and objectives as outlined in Management Plans for the Whale Tail Mine.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Colleen Prather
Superintendent, Permitting and Regulatory Affairs
Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Attachments:

Attachment A	NPC Letter - Exempt from Screening
Attachment B	Water Management Plan
Attachment C	Water Balance and Water Quality Forecast
Attachment D	Waste Rock Management Plan
Attachment E	Waste Rock Storage Facility Design

References:

Agnico Eagle (Agnico Eagle Mines Limited). 2019. Whale Tail WRSF Expansion and IVR WRSF Design Report and Drawings. 60-Day Notice to Nunavut Water Board In Accordance with Water License 2AM-WTP-1826. December 2019.

Attachment A NPC Letter - Exempt from Screening

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August 28, 2026
NPC FILE No. 151293

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Dear Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Calvin Ehaloak, Carson Gillis, Luis Manzo, and Jennifer Range:

RE: NPC File No. 151293 [Whale Tail 2026 Modification]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. **Primary Land Use:** Mining
2. **Project summary description**: Continuation of mining activities including optimizations to previously approved mining activities and components.
3. **Summary of modifications:** Agnico Eagle proposes modifying the Whale Tail Waste Rock Storage Facility to hold additional waste rock (90M tones) from continued Whale Tail Pit pushback mining. Requires an NWB Water Licence Modification with no new infrastructure or other operational changes needed.
4. **Related NPC File Nos**.: 148297, 148953, 149515, 150084 and *150376;* **Related NIRB File Nos**.: 03MN107, 11EN010, 16MN056; **Related NWB File No**.: 2AM-WTP 1830
5. **Location**: Kivalliq Region; [approximately 150 km north of the Hamlet of Baker Lake, near Amaruq]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal, and the conformity determination was most recently issued on April 19, 2024 which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously reviewed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB), including the development of an open pit mine (Whale Tail and IVR) and a haul road establishment (NIRB File No.: 16MN056, Project Certificate No. 008) and expansion of Whale Tail Ore Stockpile No. 3. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the proposed expansion of the Whale Tail Waste Rock Storage Facility do not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the *Nunavut Agreement* do not apply. However, the proponent is encouraged to discuss potential implications for the project's monitoring program with NIRB.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151293

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (*NuPPAA*) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the *NuPPAA*.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,



Solomon Amuno, PhD
Senior Planner
Nunavut Planning Commission

Jurisdictional Note:
This conformity determination applies only to the components of the proposed project located within the Nunavut Settlement Area and under the Nunavut Planning Commission's statutory jurisdiction as defined in the Nunavut Agreement and the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA). Activities outside the NPC's jurisdiction remain subject to the review and regulatory processes of the relevant authorities. Proponents are responsible for identifying, contacting, and obtaining all required approvals from the appropriate regulators in every applicable jurisdiction to ensure compliance with all legislation, policies, and licensing requirements.

Attachment B Water Management Plan

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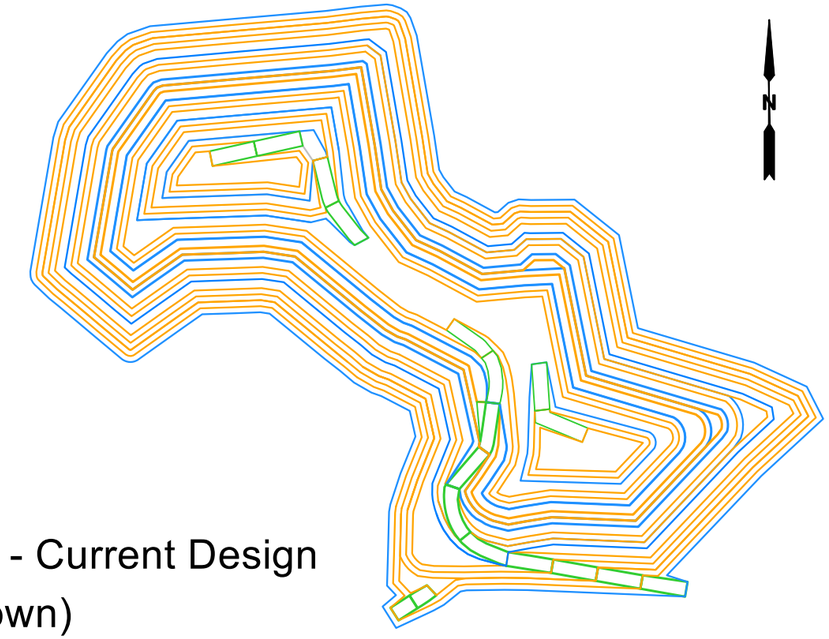
Attachment C Water Balance and Water Quality Forecast

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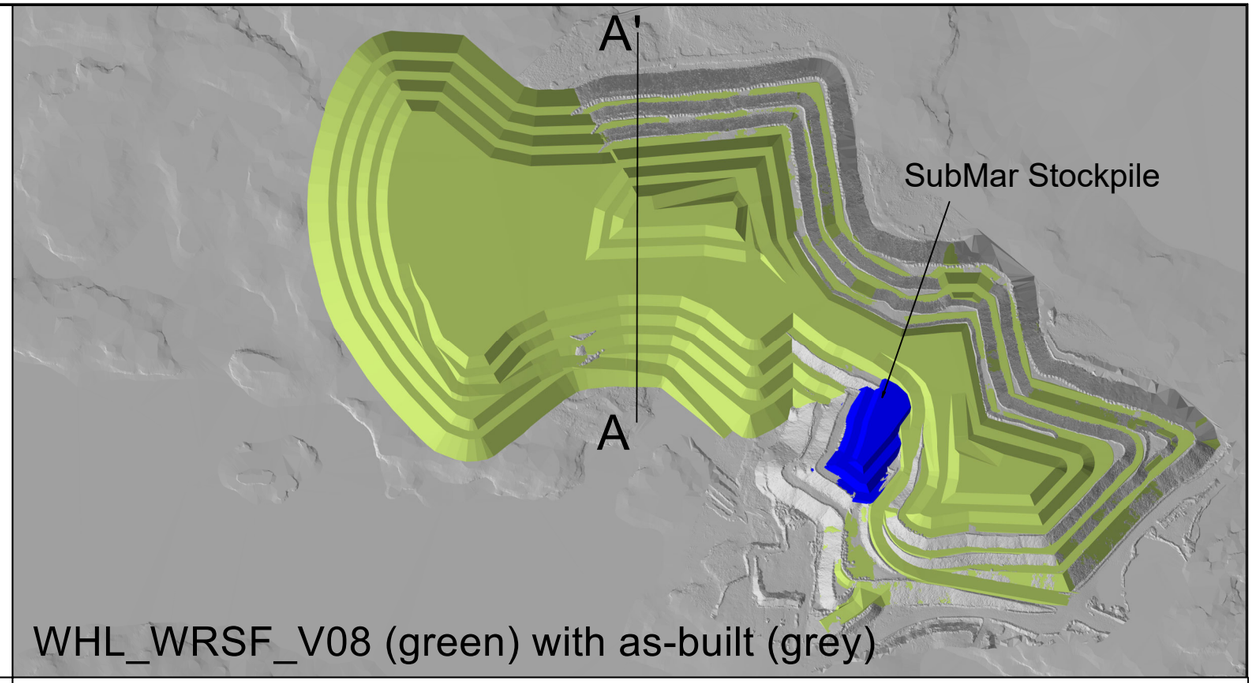
Attachment D Waste Rock Management Plan

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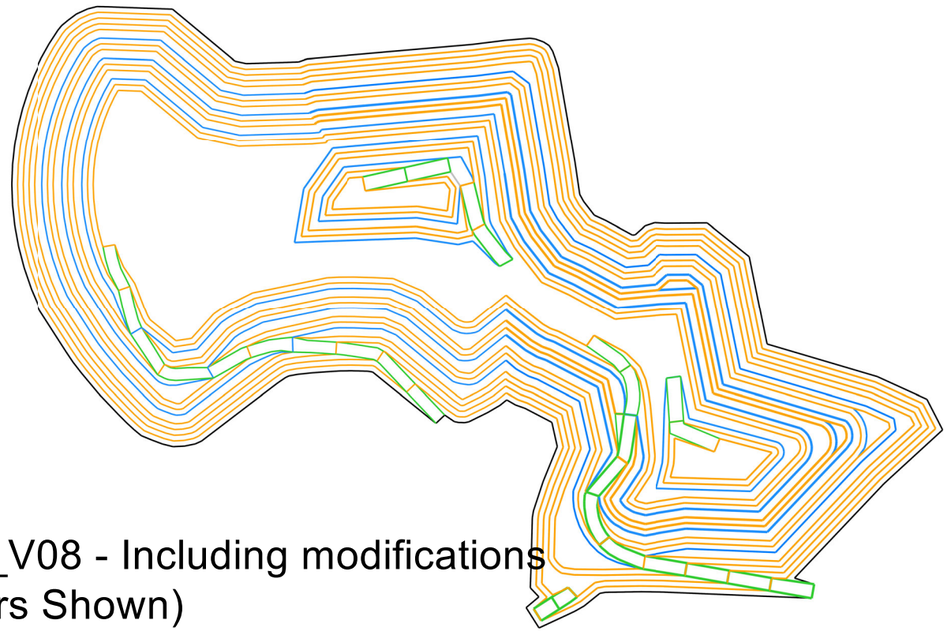
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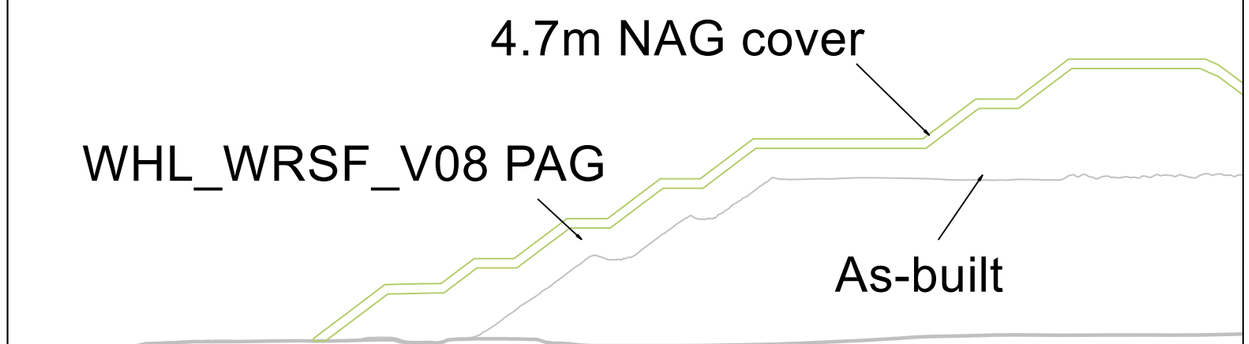
WHL_WRSF_V07C - Current Design
(NAG Contours Shown)



WHL_WRSF_V08 (green) with as-built (grey)



WHL_WRSF_V08 - Including modifications
(NAG Contours Shown)



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Original Topography

WHL_WRSF_V08 VOLUME: 95.7M m³ PAG, 8.3M m³ NAG
WHL_WRSF_V08 TONNAGE CAPACITY: 197.0Mt PAG, 17.2Mt NAG

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