



5 April 2012

Ms. Phyllis Beaulieu
Licencing Coordinator,
Nunavut Water Board
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**Re: 2BB-MEL0914 - Water License Amendment to establish a landfill at the Meliadine Site:
Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited (AEM)**

Dear Ms. Beaulieu;

The Meliadine Gold Project had until early 2011 transported its non-hazardous, solid waste to the Rankin Inlet landfill under an annual agreement with the hamlet. As AEM noted in its letter of 21 July 2011, the advanced exploration program is continuing to grow and with it the Meliadine camp. This made use of the Rankin Inlet landfill neither desirable nor viable given the growing quantity of waste.

A considerable amount of non-hazardous, solid waste has accumulated on site since AEM stopped using the Rankin Inlet landfill. The Kivalliq Inuit Association rightly pointed out that this material should be placed in a landfill as soon as possible and AEM has their approval to establish a landfill on the commercial lease. Their letter is attached.

AEM recognises approval from the Board is also required and has prepared an amendment application to allow for the construction, operation and closure of a landfill to be used by the advanced exploration program. This landfill would be in operation for a maximum of four years. For the time being, AEM will continue securing its non-hazardous, solid waste for the coming months and store it on site. Should the Board approve the establishment of a landfill, it would expeditiously be constructed and the accumulated waste landfilled according to the Landfill Design and Management Plan¹.

¹ Rather than add to the present MGP Project Waste Management Plan, AEM opted to prepare a stand-alone Landfill Design and Management Plan specific to the four year life of the landfill.



Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate in getting in touch with me at 819 277 5444 or jwitteman@agnico-eagle.com.

Yours sincerely,

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