

28 February 2014

Ms. Phyllis Beaulieu Licencing Coordinator, Nunavut Water Board P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU, X0B1J0

Re: 2BB-MEL0914 - Water License Amendment #6: To establish a Landfarm at the Meliadine Advanced Exploration Project: Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited (AEM)

Dear Ms. Beaulieu;

On July 8th, 2013, an inspection report was received from the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development inspector. At the time of the inspection, Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited (AEM) was using the old fuel bladder containment area to store and remediate soils contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons. The inspection report said in part:

Contaminated Soils

- As discussed in the June 5 and 6 inspection, contaminated soils are being secured in the old fuel bladder farm containment berm.
- The Proponent will submit to the NWB a Plan/Amendment with regards to contaminated soils remediation before March 1st, 2014.

To fulfil these requirements, AEM is submitting the attached amendment application to establish a landfarm in the old fuel bladder containment area and a management plan for the same.

AEM feels that the use of the old fuel bladder containment area as a landfarm is an environmentally proactive step in utilizing an existing, unused facility to store and remediate petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soil.

¹ The containment area has berms on all sides and an impermeable liner. It is no longer used to hold fuel bladders as AEM opted to use double walled envirotanks for the fuel storage instead.

Included with this letter are the following:

- 1. An amendment application for the establishment of a landfarm at the Meliadine advanced exploration project,
 - a. NPC Conformity Report: 07EN044
 - b. Screening Decision Report NIRB File No.: 07EN044
 - c. English and Inuktitut summary.
- 2. A completed advanced exploration questionnaire,
- 3. Appendices referenced in 1 and 2 above:
 - a. Figures, and
 - b. Public Consultation record 2010 2013.

Also included as a separate document is a Landfarm Design and Management Plan. This plan was adapted from the Landfarm Design and Management Plan that exists for the Meadowbank Gold Mine.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate in getting in touch with me at 819 763 0229 or stephane.robert@agnicoeagle.com.

Yours sincerely,

Stephane Robert

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