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NWB file - Votre référence
2BB-MEL0914 - Amendment

AANDC file - Notre référence
CIDM #492602

November 25, 2011
Phyllis Beaulieu
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Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
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**Re: Water Licence No. 2BB-MEL0914, Amendment No. 4, Request for the
Expansion of the Actual Fuel Storage Facility – Meliadine Gold
Project – Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited**

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) has performed a review of the above-referenced notice of proposed modification regarding the expansion of the Meliadine Project's fuel storage facility. The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) distributed the application for comment on October 25, 2011. The following comments are provided pursuant to AANDC's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act*.

In conducting this review, I have referred to all documents on the NWB's FTP site as it relates to Water Licence No. 2BB-MEL0914. Attached is a Technical Review Memorandum for your consideration.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4282 or via email, ian.parsons@aandc-aadnc.g.ca.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Ian Parsons
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Technical Review Memorandum

To: Phyllis Beaulieu – Manager of Licensing, Nunavut Water Board

From: Ian Parsons – A/Manager of Water Resources, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.

Re: Water Licence No. 2BB-MEL0914, Amendment No. 4, Request for the Expansion of the Actual Fuel Storage Facility – Meliadine Gold Project – Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited

Existing Water Licence #: 2BB-MEL0914

Background Information

On October 25, 2011 the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) distributed Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited's amendment application to expand the Meliadine Project's Fuel Storage Facility to interested parties for review.

Recommendations/ Comments

On behalf of the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) Water Resources Division, I am providing the following comments/ recommendations for the Board's consideration,

AANDC recommends that the proponent's Fuel Management and Spill Contingency Plans be updated and/or revised to include the amended changes if such an amendment is approved by the NWB.

AANDC also recommends that the proponent's Abandonment and Restoration Plan be updated and/or revised to include the proposed changes if this amendment is approved by the NWB.

AANDC recommends that the proponent adhere to the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations and Act as well as the Environmental Protection Act which present the requirements for the handling, storing, managing and transportation of dangerous goods, including all hazardous wastes, fuels and contaminated material.

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