

## WATER LICENCE INSPECTION FORM

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Licensee	Licensee Representative
2BB-MEL1424	Philip Roy
Licence No. / Expiry	Representative's Title
July 21st, 2024	Environment Division
Land / Other Authorizations	Land / Other Authorizations
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Date of Inspection	Inspector
May 8 <sup>th</sup> 2017	WRO C. Wilson
Activities Inspected	
☐ Camp ☐ Drilling ☐ Mining	☐ Construction ☐ Reclamation ☐ Fuel Storage
Roads/Hauling Other: Spill no. 17-103	Other:

SECTION 1	Comments (s.1)	Non-Complia	ance with Act or Licence (s	_) Ac	tion Required (s)

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada's Water Resource Officer, Christine Wilson conducted a follow up to the April 10<sup>th</sup> inspection of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's ('AEM') Meliadine Advanced Exploration project, water licence 2BB-MEL1424. The inspection was completed with the assistance of AEM's, Environmental Technician, Philip Roy.

This report was produced with the information provided in response to the April 10th inspection; the findings of the May 8<sup>th</sup> inspection and a post inspection meeting with AEM's, Superintendent Energy and Infrastructure, Lonny Syvret, and General Manager, Martin Plante.

## **Observations**

## General

- 1. There are approximately 340 people in total at site, split between the exploration camp (2BB-MEL1424) and the mine camp (2AM-MEL1631).
- 2. The temperature high is -5 degrees Celsius and water has begun to flow around site.

### Sewage Treatment Plant

- 3. Effluent from the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) is sent through pipe to a rock dissipation channel (photo 1). This channel, though outside in the cold climate remains open and flowing during the winter months under the snow cover (photo 2). Water was observed flowing from this location freely through the rock fill (photo 3) and eventually down to Meliadine Lake.
- 4. The newest addition to the STP is the two bionest units referred to as BIO3 and BIO4 by AEM environment department. AEM determined that the bionest generally provided good treatment once oil and grease is removed from the system. Waste water from the kitchen -which has a higher oil and grease content-, has been routed directly to the rotating biological contractor ('RBC'), by passing the bionest system.
- 5. The bionest system has been providing good treatment for turbidity but averaging a low pH. BIO4 is producing a pH of around 4.8 while BIO3 has a pH of around 6.6. Both these reading were taken onsite (photo 4).

## Fuel Storage/ Spill

- 6. On April 8<sup>th</sup> AEM reported a spill of approximately 30 000 liters of diesel fuel to the tundra at the exploration fuel farm facility ('tankfarm'). The 24-Hour Spill Reporting Line ('Spill Line') issued a report with spill number 17-103.
- 7. Since spill 17-103, two updates have been provided to INAC. The first update was provided on April 9<sup>th</sup> through the Spill Line, the second provided on May 5<sup>th</sup> to the inspector (appendix 1).
- 8. Reclamation is ongoing; approximately 800m<sup>3</sup> of soil is estimated as contaminated, with 560m<sup>3</sup> of that soil placed in the exploration land farm facility ('landfarm') (photo 5).
- 9. The landfarm appears to be at or nearing capacity, the inspector is concerned that there is no additional space in the facility if another spill was to occur (photo 6).
- 10. The access ramp to the landfarm has contaminated material at the same elevation as the berm walls allowing potentially contaminated water to escape the land farm containment. The inspector is concerned with the lack of freeboard for containment of freshet water (photo 7).
- 11. A portion of the contaminated soil will remain in place until decommissioning of the tankfarm. This portion is located under the remaining tanks. AEM has covered part of this section with a HDPE liner and clean fill to protect the already cleaned area from further contamination (photo 8, 9 and 10).
- 12. Tanks 17 and 18 have been completely drained, decommissioned and moved from the spill site. AEM confirmed that the remaining tanks on the pad are full of fuel.
- 13. AEM confirmed that no contamination has been found on the south side of the road (see attached 1, page 3, General Environment, plan view map).
- 14. The current focus of the reclamation is on the construction of the snow management cell (photo 11, 12, and 13).
- 15. With the increased temperatures, water puddles are beginning to form and water is starting to flow from the site.
- 16. Water has started to pool at a location near the entrance to tank farm/land farm area. The contaminated water from the land farm, tank farm and spill area appears to be flowing in this general direction. The inspector was concerned that if the water is not diverted that there could be off site impacts (photo 14)
- 17. The environment department has been conducting three inspections daily to ensure thorough monitoring of the site. Environment is still continuing to delineate areas with potential contamination. The inspector understands with all the activity occurring that there is opportunity for transfer of contaminates. Once the contaminate snow is removed a site reassessment will be completed.
- 18. Contaminated snow is currently stock piled at the entrance of the tankfarm/ landfarm at approximately N63° 1′ 23.73″, W92° 11′ 10.72″
- 19. More detailed information on the reclamation and measures taken to address the contaminated snow can be found in





appendix 1.

- 20. The tankfarm is used by both the exploration camp and the mine. AEM informed the inspector that the intended plan is to start construction of the portal fuel farm this month and decommission the exploration tank farm to begin proper reclamation of the site.
- 21. AEM has informed the inspector that a final report is being produced by the third party consultant that will be submitted to the inspector for review before June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.
- 22. A number of fuel storage structures around the camp were inspected. A summary of the general concerns noted; the lack of spill kit or accessibility to spill kits, spillage around tanks (inside and outside tanks), snow accumulation around the tanks making it difficult to thoroughly inspect or draw fuel from them (in the inspector opinion) responsibly (photo 15, 16, 17 18, and 19).

SECTION 2	Comments (s)	Non-Compliance with Act or Licence (s.2) Action Required (s)					
An follow up inspection will be scheduled in coordination with the environment department.							
SECTION 3	Comments (s)	Non-Compliance with Act or Licence, (s) Action Required (s.3)					
Actions Required							
-AEM will provide to t	he inspector, a final report	t regarding the incident before June 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2017.					
-AEM environment/ o	peration departments are	encouraged to rigorously field audit all departments that management or handle					
fuel. The inspector ag	ain expresses concern with	h the lack of containment for any additional contaminated soil.					
Closing Remarks							
AEM continues to wo	rk with the third party con:	sultants to finalize a reclamation strategy, as information becomes available AEM					
has committed to pro	vide the inspector with da	illy updates. All the requirements from the April 10 <sup>th</sup> inspection have been met.					
Licensee or Representative	2	Inspector's Name					
		WRO C Wilson					
Signature		Signature					
		Original signed on file					
Data		Date					

Office Use Only: Fo	ollow-up report to be issued by Inspector	⊠ Yes □ No
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May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

cc. Erik Allain, Manager, Field Operations, INAC

Manager, Licensing, Nunavut Water Board Jessica Huza, Environmental Coordinators, AEM Jeff Pratt, Environmental Coordinator, AEM Erika Voyer, Environment General Supervisor, AEM

Attached:

Photo Log, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Appendix 1- May 5<sup>th</sup> Spill update



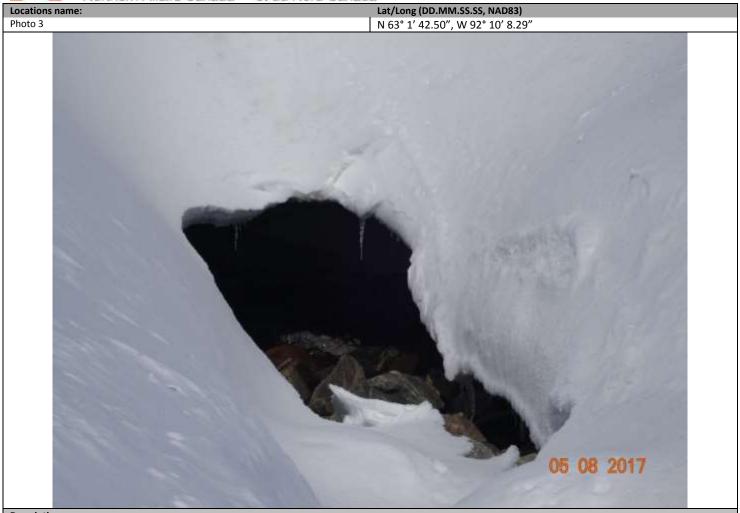


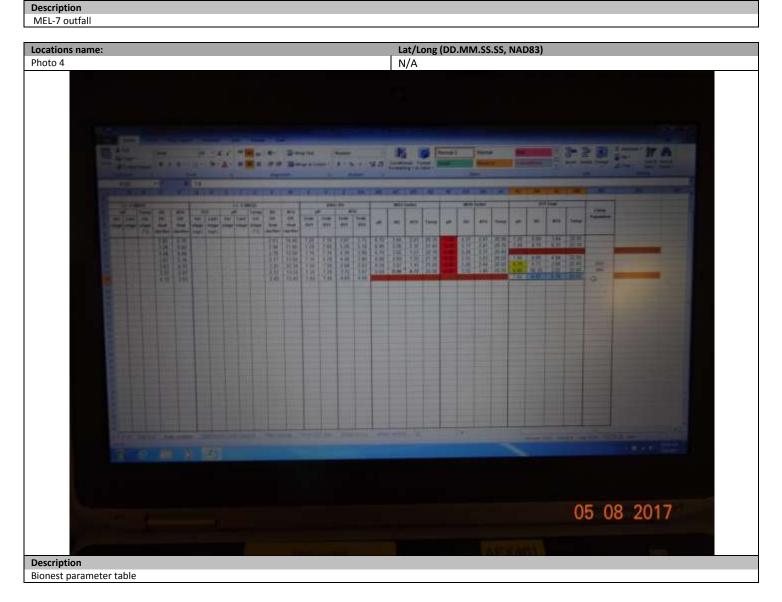




Looking North: STP outfall and dissapation channel

Description















Description
Looking East: South East: Photo A of excavation sequence, the bypass road and the south portion of the excation













Lat/Long (DD.MM.SS.SS, NAD83) N63° 1' 49.37", W 92° 13' 4.66" Photo 11

Description

Looking East: Snow cell 1







Description

Looking South: Snow Cell 3



Description

Melting water( spill excavation site in the background). Slope from left to right in frame.



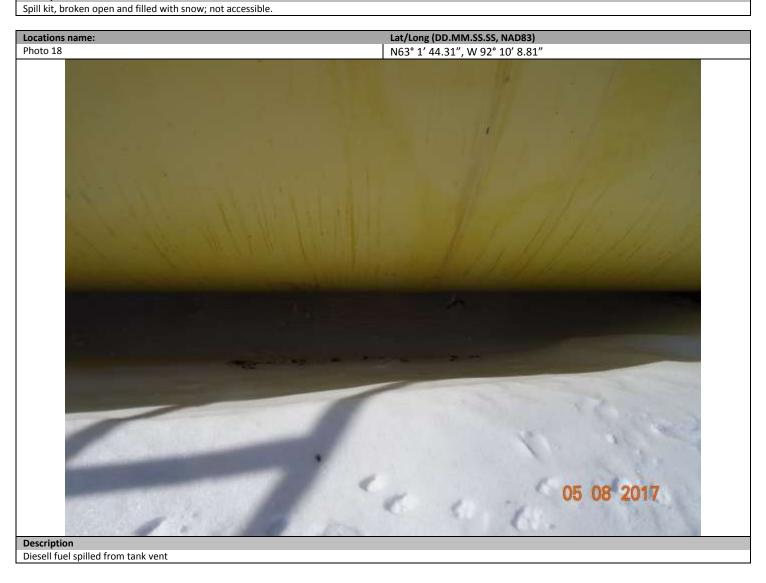








Lat/Long (DD.MM.SS.SS, NAD83) Photo 17 N63° 1′ 39.75″, W 92° 10′ 23.78″ Description











May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Christine Wilson Water Resources Officer Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada Ikingutigiit Center Suite 1, PO Box 129 Rankin Inlet, NU X0C 0G0

# Re: Agnico Eagle Mines – Meliadine Division Responses to INAC April 10, 2017 Water Licence Inspection Report

As requested, the following information and comments are intended to address the recommendations/questions outlined in Section 3 of the below inspection report:

- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada - April 10, 2017, Water Licence Inspection Form.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Best regards,

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**Action Required:** The proponent will submit to the inspector a topographical map that includes the area of contamination (e.g.: route to landfarm, material storage...etc.), nearby water bodies (e.g.: names of lakes and approximate distances), local infrastructure and date.

## Agnico Eagle Mines response:

Please find the requested topographical map in Appendix A.

**Action Required:** The proponent will submit to the inspector a record of tank inspection before and after spill no. 17-103.

### Agnico Eagle Mines response:

Agnico Eagle conducts two types of inspections at the exploration fuel farm area. Environmental Inspections covering the following items are completed every two weeks by the Environment Department: emergency trailer, spill kits, protection of hazardous material storage tanks from weather and physical damage, access to connectors, valves and hoses to inspect for potential leaks, housekeeping practices, secondary containment and observation of spills. A template of items covered during the inspection can be found in Appendix B. The table below illustrates environmental inspections that were completed in 2017 before spill no.17-103.

Date	Purpose
18 January 2017	Environmental Inspection
30 January 2017	Environmental Inspection
1 March 2017	Environmental Inspection
22 March 2017	Environmental Inspection
29 March 2017	Environmental Inspection
5 April 2017	Environmental Inspection

Following the spill on April 8th 2017, Environmental inspections were completed daily as part of the spill clean-up activities. The Environmental Team visited the site on multiple occasions every day and collaborated with SWAT Consulting on site. Following completion of clean up actions, environmental inspections will be performed weekly.



Secondly, weekly fuel tank inspections completed by the Site Services Department and targeting the following items are completed: tank walls, roof, piping, pumps, foundations, etc. A template of items covered during the inspection can be found in Appendix C. During the winter of 2016-2017, only Tank 18 was inspected due to safety issues. Tank 18 was the only tank involved in fueling and refueling operations. Work orders are issued weekly by the JDE system and thus inspection of Tank 18 was completed weekly prior to the spill and will continue to be completed weekly after the spill. A work order template is presented in Appendix D.

**Action Required:** The proponent will submit to the inspector the construction schedule for the Meliadine Gold Mine, landfarm facility and fuel farm facility associated with water licence no. 2AM-MEL1525.

## Agnico Eagle Mines response:

Construction of the permanent landfarm facility will start in August 2017. Construction of the Portal fuel farm will commence in May 2017 and construction of Industrial Site fuel farm will commence in August 2017.

**Action Required:** The proponent will develop and submit a plan that addresses the immediate measure that will need to be taken to contain the spill and contaminated snow. This plan should be submitted to the inspector as soon as it is available.

### Agnico Eagle Mines response:

Following the spill event on April 8th, 2017, immediate efforts were put into the containment and clean-up of the spill. In order to support and guide the clean-up activities, Agnico Eagle has hired a third party professional from SWAT Consulting Inc. to oversee the clean-up and restoration efforts at the Meliadine site. SWAT Consulting was on site from April 12th to May 1st 2017.

From the cleanup occurring at the site of the spill incident, contaminated soil and snow were excavated. A total of approximately 560 m³ of contaminated soil has been placed within the landfarm facility, designed for treatment of hydrocarbon contaminated soil. Treatment of the soil will be completed in the landfarm during the upcoming summer seasons, following the Landfarm Management Plan. Field testing was conducted during the excavation of the material to guide the work and removed contaminated material. Confirmatory samples were also sent to

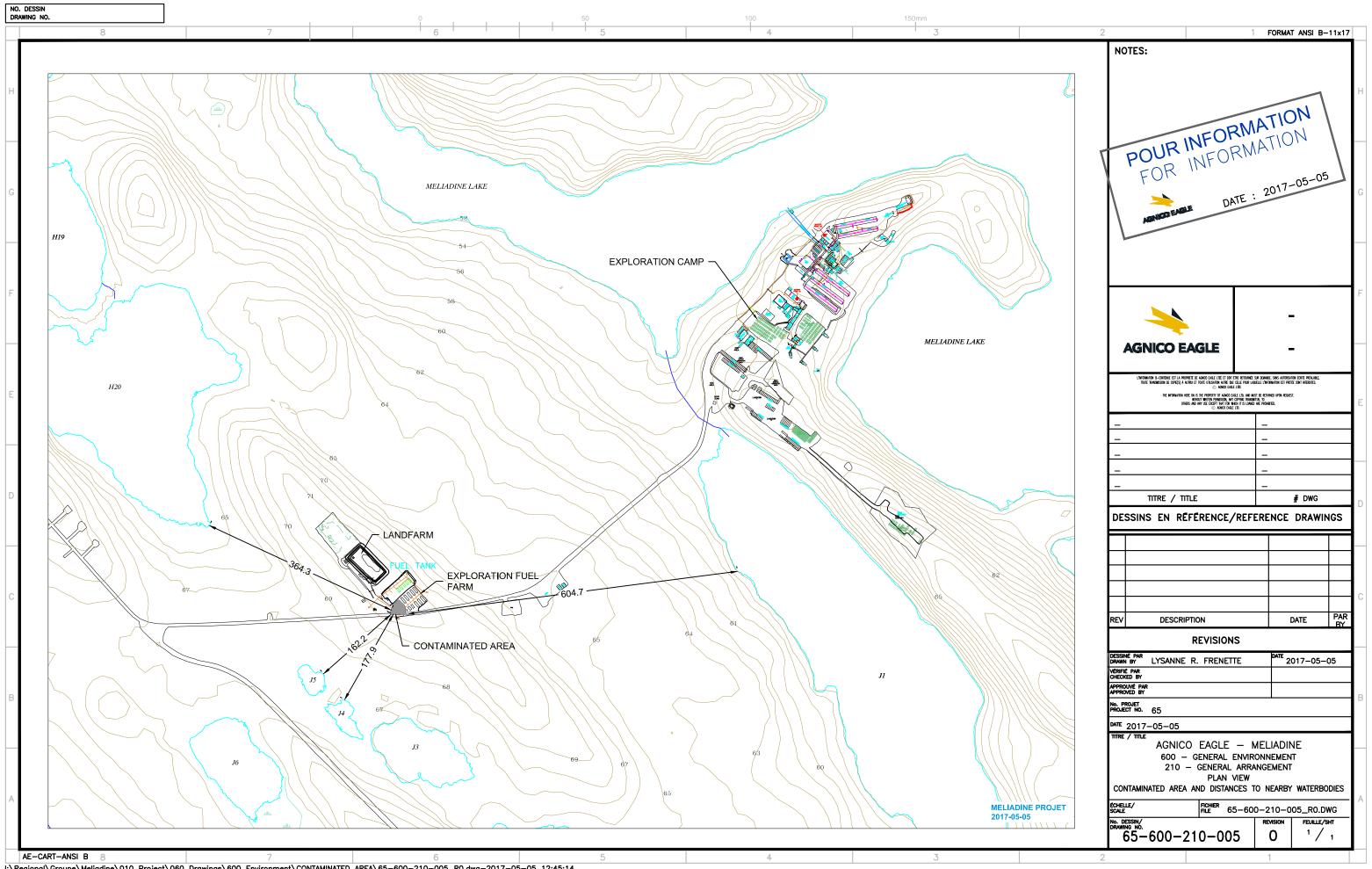


an external accredited laboratory for testing. The excavation has been secured on site to restrict access. The contaminated snow, placed within the landfarm footprint, was covered with a layer of ballasted geotextile in order to prevent dispersion of the snow by wind. A total of approximately 1,000 m3 of contaminated snow has been stockpiled and secured. The contaminated snow will be transferred from the landfarm before the freshet period, to avoid having excess contaminated water within the landfarm footprint.

The requested plan for management of the contaminated snow can be found in Appendix E; Technical Memo – Containment Cell for Contaminated Snow Storage and Management.

In accordance with the Water License requirement, a follow up report including details on the spill cleanup actions undertaken will be submitted by May 9th 2017. A final report, including the final SWAT Consulting report of clean up and remediation, including confirmatory results, will be issued in May 2017 to INAC. The report will also include the final spill investigation details, lessons learned, mitigation measures to implement, as built of the contaminated snow cell and details on melt water treatment.









Environmental Inspection Report (Site Services Owner)				
DATE:	Inspected By:			

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In Compliance with	Subject	Conform	Non- conform	N/A	Comments
Type A Water licence No: 2AM- MEL1631 April 2016 Section: D8 Type A Water licence No: 2AM- MEL1631 April 2016 Section: E9 Licence 2BB-MEL1424 July 2014 Section C8	The Licensee shall monitor for signs of erosion and implement and maintain sediment and erosion control measures				
Type A Water licence No: 2AM- MEL1631 April 2016 Section: D10	The Licensee shall construct and maintain all containment and runoff control structures to prevent escape of Wastes to surface Waters.				
Type A Water licence No: 2AM-MEL1631 April 2016 Section:D20 Licence 2BB-MEL1424 July 2014 Section E7	The Licensee shall conduct all activities in a manner so as to minimize impacts on Surface Drainage				
Type A Water licence No: 2AM- MEL1631 April 2016 Section: D26	The Licensee shall ensure that pollutants from machinery fording the crossings do not enter Water.				
Type A Water licence No: 2AM- MEL1631 April 2016 Section: D28 Licence 2BB-MEL1424 July 2014 Section E20	The Licensee shall not utilize any equipment or vehicles in the course of this undertaking unless the ground surface is in a state capable of supporting the equipment or vehicles without rutting or gouging.				
Type A Water licence No: 2AM- MEL1631 April 2016 Section: D29	The Licensee shall not store material on the surface of frozen streams or lakes except what is for immediate use.				
Type A Water licence No: 2AM- MEL1631 April 2016 Section: E6	The Licensee shall equip all Water intake hoses with a screen of an appropriate				



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License 2BB-MEL1424 July 2014 Section C5	mesh size to ensure that fish are not entrained		
Type A Water licence No: 2AM- MEL1631 April 2016 Section: F11 Licence 2BB-MEL1424 July 2014 Section D3	The Licensee shall locate areas designated for Waste disposal at a minimum distance of thirty-one (31) metres from the ordinary		
2014 Section D3	High Water Mark		
Type A Water licence No: 2AM-MEL1631 April 2016 Section:F14 Licence 2BB-MEL1424 July 2014 Section D5 Section 4 and 4.2 of Incinerator Waste Management Plan September 2012 Waste management plan Nov.2103, Section 2.1 Meliadine Gold Project Wildlife protection and response plan July 2013, Section 2.2.3	The Licensee shall dispose of all food waste in an incinerator designed for this purpose		
Type A Water licence No: 2AM- MEL1631 April 2016 Section: F15 Licence 2BB-MEL1424 July 2014 Section D6	The Licensee shall not open burn plastics, wood treated with preservatives, electric wire, Styrofoam, asbestos or painted wood		
Type A Water licence No: 2AM-MEL1631 April 2016 Section: F16 Licence 2BB-MEL1424 July 2014 Section D8 Reclamation and closure plan November 2010 Section: 2.0	The Licensee shall remove from the Project site, all solid and liquid Hazardous Wastes generated through the course of the project's activities,		
Type A Water licence No: 2AM- MEL1631 April 2016 Section: H3	The Licensee shall provide secondary containment for fuel and chemical storage as required by applicable standards and acceptable industry practice.		
Licence 2BB-MEL1424 July 2014 Section D10 Used Water Management Plan may 2013 Section 2.1	The Licensee shall dispose of all Sewage generated at the Camp to the Waste Water Treatment Facility		
Licence 2BB-MEL1424 July 2014 Section E9	With respect to access road, pad construction or other earthworks, the deposition of debris or sediment into or onto any water body is prohibited.		
Licence 2BB-MEL1424 July 2014 Section H2	The Licensee shall prevent any chemicals, petroleum	 	 



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	products or wastes				
	associated with the project				
	from entering Water.				
Meliadine Water management	No activity within 31 m of a				
plan February 2014, Section	natural water body or water				
4.0, 4.3	course (except if regulators				
1.0, 1.3					
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Meliadine Water management	No fuel storage or fuel				
plan February 2014, Section 4.0	handling within 31 m of a				
	natural water body or				
	watercourse.				
Meliadine Water management	Any water pumps from any				
plan February 2014, Section 4.1	lake, body of water or				
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	watercourse are registered				
	in Cubic meter per day.				
Maliadina Water management					
Meliadine Water management	The only domestic effluent				
plan February 2014, Section 4.2	is MEL-7				
Meliadine Water management	P1 water pumping to the				
plan February 2014, Section 4.4	environment needs the				
	received Meliadine				
	environmental department				
	approval.				
Meliadine Water management	Push downstream of the				
plan February 2014, Section 6.2	pad, as much accumulated				
plan rebruary 2014, Section 6.2	snow from the waste rock				
	pad as possible to minimize				
	contact with the broken				
	rock.				
Meliadine Water management	Environmental department				
plan February 2014, Section 6.5	need to authorise the				
	pumping of the landfarm				
	berm to the environment.				
Used Water Management Plan	The sludge is pumped into				
may 2013 Section 2.3.4	205 liters drums.				
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Spill contingency plan,	A fuel spill kit is available at				
February 2104, Section 1.3.2;	each fueling station.				
Spill contingency plan Dec					
2015, Section 4 and 7					
Spill contingency plan Dec	All spills must be reported				
2015, Section 2.2,4 and 6.1.3;	to the AEM environmental				
Fishery Act Section 36 (3);	department with a full spill				
Meliadine Gold Project Wildlife	report adequately fill. And				
protection and response plan	all spill need to be cleanup				
July 2013, Section 2.2.4	an spin need to be cleanup				
	Hea of quitable secondary				
Spill contingency plan Dec	Use of suitable secondary				
2015, Section 4	containment in transport,				
	transfer and storage of				
	Hazardous Material				
Spill contingency plan Dec	To prevent incident, good				
2015, Section 4	housekeeping practice is				
Waste management plan	required.				
Nov.2013 main document					
1.07.2015 main document					
Spill contingency plan Dec	Fuel and showing stores				
Spill contingency plan Dec	Fuel and chemical storage				
2015, Section 4	area are maintain in a way				
	that make it possible to				



	inspected the connectors,			
	the hoses, the valve (all			
	possible leaking part)			
Spill contingency plan Dec	All drum/containers are			
2015, Section 4	kept sealed or close			
Spill contingency plan Dec	Hazardous material storage			
2015, Section 4	area is adequately protected			
	from weather and physical			
	damage.			
Spill contingency plan Dec	All mobile equipment have			
2015, Section 5 and 7	its own spill response kit			
Spill contingency plan Dec	The mobile environmental			
2015, Section 7.	emergency trailer will be			
	easily accessible and			
	transportable.			
Section 2 of Incinerator Waste	Ash produced from the			
Management Plan September	incineration process will be			
2012	disposed according to best			
	practice			
Section 4.1 and 5.2 of	Number of incinerator load			
Incinerator Waste Management				
	per day is documented			
Plan September 2012				
Section 4.1 and 5.2 of	Number of Ash drum			
Incinerator Waste Management	generated by the			
Plan September 2012	incineration process is			
	documented			
Waste management plan	Waste is properly			
Nov.2103, Section 2.1	segregated at the source			
1107.2103, Section 2.1	(Domestic, Hazardous			
747	waste, Recycled, General)			
Waste management plan	Scrap metal and scrap tire			
Nov.2103, Section 2.1	(under 24.5in rime size) are			
	to be stocked in containers.			
Waste management plan	Treated wood, plastic and			
Nov.2103, Section 2.1	glass will be send to the			
,	landfill or stored in a			
	"construction debris"			
	container.			
Waste management plan	All Hazardous waste will be			
Nov.2103, Section 2.1	securely package in Quatrex			
	Bag, Drum or Battery			
	Quatrex Bag and securely			
	Stored in containers.			
Waste management plan	All Hazardous waste are to			
Nov.2103, Section 2.1	be properly package, label			
	before being put in			
	containers.			
Waste management plan	Waste containers (seacan)			
Nov.2103, Section 2.1	need to be properly label			
Meliadine Gold Project Wildlife	Lithering is prohibited on,			
protection and response plan	in the vicinity of the site,			
July 2013, Section 2.2.3	and along access roads.			
Meliadine Gold Project Wildlife	All temporary storage			
protection and response plan	containers for food (Food			
July 2013, Section 2.2.3	waste bin) will be wildlife			
July 2013, 3ccd0ii 2.2.3	protective. (Bear proof lid)			
	protective, (bear prooring)		1	



Meliadine Gold Project Wildlife	No open top bucket or				
protection and response plan	anything similar will be				
July 2013, Section 2.2.3; 2.2.6	tolerated outside buildings				
July 2013, Section 2.2.3; 2.2.6					
	(to use as waste bins)				
Meliadine Gold Project Wildlife	The snow will be manage to				
protection and response plan	avoid building up snow				
July 2013, Section 2.2.5	banks on the side of the				
July 2013, Section 2.2.3	road				
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Meliadine Gold Project Wildlife	Building will have skirt to				
protection and response plan	avoid having wildlife under				
July 2013, Section 2.2.6	building.				
Meliadine Gold Project Wildlife	Keep seacan door closed at				
protection and response plan	all time to avoid wildlife				
July 2013, Section 2.2.6	using them as shelter				
July 2013, Section 2.2.0	using them as sherter				
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Comments / Recomme	<u>ndations</u>				
<b>Environmental Person</b>	nal Nama :				
Signature :					
Actions Corrected:					
Supervisor Name:					
Signature:					





## MELIADINE TANK FARM **WEEKLY Inspection sheet**



DATE: 10-01-2017	TIME:	
Inspection done by: ROBERT GENEREUX		

	Type of inspection				
Equipment	Visual	er:	Comments / Results		
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PORTAL AREA - DIESEL			The second secon		
U/G Machinery Diesel fuel tank #1	1				
Waste Fuel tank #2	V				
Generator Diesel fuel tank #3	V				
CMAC Diesel fuel tank #30					
Diesel Fuel unloading / distribution			26		
area		. 6			
Diesel Fuel piping					
Diesel Fuel piping connections					
	20 Parameters - Approprie	Constant of the last			
HELICOPTER – JET A					
Baker Lake Jet A tank #4	*				
Baker Lake Jet A tank #5	*				
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Diesel Fuel unloading / distribution	-				
Diesel Fuel piping					
Diesel Fuel piping connections					
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Diesel fuel tank #9	6				
Diesel fuel tank #10	W				
Diesel fuel tank #11	0				
Diesel fuel tank #12					
Diesel fuel tank #13					
Diesel fuel tank #14					
Diesel fuel tank #15	V				
Diesel fuel tank #16					
Diesel fuel tank #17	W,				
Diesel fuel tank #18					

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# MELIADINE TANK FARM WEEKLY Inspection sheet



Diesel fuel tank #19		
Diesel fuel tank #20	V	
Diesel fuel tank #21	V	
Diesel fuel tank #22	V	
Diesel fuel tank #23		
Diesel Fuel unloading / distribution area		
Diesel Fuel piping	V,	
Diesel Fuel piping connections	V	

Note: The point of this inspection is to inspect the condition and functionality of the fuel tanks and associated equipment to ensure it is properly working and that any potential problems are addressed prior to having a major incident.

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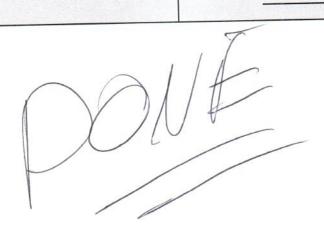
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# **Work Order**



## **AGNICO EAGLE**

Unit Number	65BLD42000	Order Number 1619084
		Description: WEEKLY FUEL TANK INSPECTIONS WEEKLY FUEL TANK INSPECTIONS
Equipment Descripment Descripm	building	Order Type: WM Type: 6 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE WO Priority: 3 PLANNED Status: 70 In Execution
Estimates: Est. Hours: Estimated Downti	1.00 me Hours:	Parent W.O. No: 01619084 Business Unit: 6534615 Subsidiary:
People : Crew: Lead Craft:	65100 Team General Services Meliadin Building Mechanic	Dates: Order Date: Requested Finish Date: Planned Start Date: 2017-04-24 2017-05-02
Supervisor: Assigned To:		Planned Finish Date: 2017-05-02
Requester: Originator: Inventory Item Number:	100605 Banville, Alexandre	Actual Start Date :  Start time :
	Work	to be done
FILL CHECKLIST	ATTACHED	
	Wo	ork Done



Employee

Downtime

Appendix I	E. Technical Memo gement	– Containment	Cell for Conta	aminated Snow	Storage



## **TECHNICAL MEMO – Containment Cell for Contaminated Snow Storage and Management**

To: Christine Wilson, Water Resources Officer, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

### Introduction

This technical memo intends to present the details of the work to be undertaken for the construction of the Containment Cell for placement of the contaminated snow generated by the spill that occurred on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at the Meliadine Gold Project.

### **Background**

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 a 30,000 liter spill occurred at the Meliadine Gold Project. A spill of P-50 diesel from a fuel transfer tank hose resulted in a reportable spill to the Government of Nunavut and other associated governing bodies that administer the Meliadine Gold Project. Immediate efforts were put into the containment and clean-up of the spill. In order to support and guide the clean-up activities, Agnico Eagle has hired a third party professional from SWAT Consulting Inc. to oversee the clean-up and restoration efforts at the Meliadine site.

From the cleanup occurring at the site of the spill incident, contaminated soil and snow were excavated. The contaminated soil has been placed within the landfarm facility, designed for treatment of hydrocarbon contaminated soil. The contaminated snow, within the landfarm footprint, was covered with a layer of ballasted geotextile in order to prevent dispersion of the snow by wind. A total of approximately 1,000 m³ of contaminated snow has been stockpiled and secured. The contaminated snow will be transferred from the landfarm before the freshet period, to avoid having excess contaminated water within the landfarm footprint.

### Objectives of the Work

In order to contain the contaminated snow during freshet, a cell will be built in the P1 area on site, to ensure containment of the melted snow at freshet. The contaminated snow placed within the landfarm will be transported to the Containment Cell located in the P1 area. The design of the Containment cell, the location and management of the contaminated water are described below.

The work schedule is also presented, along with the next reporting steps.

#### **Design of the Containment Cell**

The Containment Cell will be located in the P1 area, on the upstream side of the DP1-B structure, as presented on Figure 1. The cell will be located on the west corner of the DP1-B, between the rock finger build for the placement of the evaporator, and between the access road. In order to build the Containment Cell, the following work elements will be completed, as detailed on the attached drawing (draft version).



Containment Cell

DP1-9

ACCESS RNAD

WASTE ROCK STORAGE AREA

P3 CONTAINMENT AREA

P1 CONTAINMENT AREA

DP3-A

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Figure 1 – Containment Cell General Location

The peripheral structures of the Containment Cell will be at El. 70.0 m, to ensure proper freeboard with the a maximum elevation within the cell at El.69.5m and the operating level of P1. The designed maximum elevation of the P1 pond is at El. 68.5m. The cell is designed to contain a volume of 1500 m³ of snow and to contain 930 m³ of water at El.69.5m. However, no large amount of water will be allowed to accumulate in the cell, as described below.

Foundation preparation of the cell will consist of removing all the snow, ice and boulders to reach the natural ground surface and obtain a smooth surface. Before placement of any material on top of the foundation, visual inspection will be performed by personal on site for approval. Once the foundation will be deemed acceptable, rockfill placement will begin to build the bottom platform and the berm at the South periphery of the cell. The material will consist of rockfill coming from the underground mine and will be carefully selected to have a grain size distribution that will ease the next step of the construction and ensure the performance of the cell. A smooth slope toward the South East to a flat section will be made with the rockfill material. This configuration will allowed pumping of water in the corner of the cell once the snow will melt. The following steps of construction will be the placement of a layer HDPE liner enveloped by geotextile. This work will be performed by Texel who will ensure the quality control and performed the related test on the liner.



## Snow transportation

Once the Containment Cell construction will be completed, the contaminated snow located in the landfarm will be transported by truck to the Containment Cell. The necessary actions will be taken to avoid contamination during transportation of the snow. The operations will be supervised by a supervisor of Site Services and the Environment Technicians will also review the work to ensure proper methods of transportation and snow placement are applied.

### **Pumping System**

The contaminated snow will be placed in the Containment Cell and the snow will gradually melt into the cell. Once there will be sufficient water available in the cell, the water will be pumped to tanks located on the DP1-B structure. The tanks will be placed on DP1-B following the construction of the Containment Cell. The hose will be inspected before the pumping activities to ensure that there is no leak. Pumping will be periodical when melted water is available in the cell; no large amount of water will be allowed to accumulated in the cell. Pumping will be completed under the supervision of the Site Services Supervisor and the Environment Technicians will inspect the pumping system daily to ensure operations are adequate. Pumping will be completed once the entire amount of contaminated snow will be melted.

Contaminated water contained in the tanks will be treated to remove hydrocarbon. The treated water will then be discharged in the pond CP1. The details of the treatment will be provided at future date, in a separate memo.

#### **Work Schedule**

The work is planned to occur according to the proposed schedule below.

Work Items	Time Period
Construction of the Containment Cell into P1 area	May 2 – May 10 <sup>th</sup>
Transportation of contaminated snow into the Containment	May 10 <sup>th</sup> – May 12 <sup>th</sup>
Cell	
Pumping of contaminated water from the Containment Cell	During melt period (expected from
to the tanks	June to July)
Future Treatment for melted contaminated snow	After melt period (expected from
	July to August)

### **Next Reporting Steps**

Following the construction of the Containment Cell, an as-built of the structure will be submitted to INAC. The treatment method for the water from the contaminated snow will also be provided to INAC. The volume of water treated and discharged to CP1 will be recorded. These details (as-built and treatment) will be submitted with the final SWAT report detailing the cleanup actions at the spill site, along with the final spill investigation details, lessons learned and mitigation measures.



Please contact the undersigned if you have any question regarding the described work.

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