



Meliadine Gold Project
NWB 2BB-MEL1424
November 2021 Monthly Report

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This monthly report is delivered under water license 2BB-MEL1424, PART J, Item 13.

1. The Licensee shall maintain Monitoring Stations at the following locations:

Table 1: Monitoring stations

Monitoring Station	Description	Status
MEL-1	Raw water supply intake at Meliadine Lake	Active (Volume m ³)
MEL-2	Raw water supply intake at Pump, A8 or other Lakes	Active (Volume m ³)
MEL-5	Point of discharge for the Bermed Fuel Containment Facilities	Inactive
MEL-6	Effluent from the Landfarm Treatment Facility prior to release	Inactive
MEL-7	Final Effluent Discharge from the BIODISK treatment system	Active (no direct discharge)
MEL-8	Point of discharge or runoff from the Non-Hazardous Waste landfill	Inactive

2. The Licensee shall measure and record, in cubic metres, the daily quantities of water utilized for camp, drilling and other purposes from all sources.

Table 2: Water quantities utilized (average)

MEL-1 ¹	Camp	m ³ /day	1.04
	Pump Shack	m ³ /day	0.00
	Construction	m ³ /day	0.00
MEL-2	Drilling	m ³ /day	63.73
Daily Average		m ³ /day	64.78
Total November 2021		m ³	1,943.33
Total 2021		m ³	17,104

3. The Licensee shall measure and record the volume of all soil from all locations entering the Landfarm Treatment Facility.

In November 2021 no material was deposited in the Type B landfarm. Any new contaminated soil generated will be deposited in the landfarm approved in the Type A Water License.

¹ MEL-1: 541943E, 6989174N

- 4. The Licensee shall assess and record the concentration of F1 – F4 fractions in petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soil, according to the CCME Canada-Wide Standard for Petroleum Hydrocarbons (PHC) in Soil that is entering the Land Treatment Unit from all sources and excavations.**

In November 2021 no material was deposited in the Type B landfarm. Any new contaminated soil generated will be deposited in the landfarm approved in the Type A Water License.

- 5. The Licensee shall provide the GPS coordinates (in decimal degrees) of all locations where wastes associated with camp operations and exploration activities are deposited.**

No more waste from camp operations and exploration is deposited in locations related to Licence 2BB-MEL1424.

- 6. Licensee shall sample at Monitoring Program Station MEL-7, monthly during wastewater effluent discharge. Samples shall be analyzed for the parameters listed under Part D Item 11:**

pH

Biochemical Oxygen Demand – BOD5

Total Suspended Solids (TSS)

Fecal Coliforms

Oil and Grease (and visual)

From November 2017 to April 2019, all treated sewage from the Exploration Camp STP was trucked and deposited in CP1. From April 15th, 2019 to early June 2019, due to inconsistency in the amount of people at the exploration camp resulting in unsteady STP effluent results, AEM decided to transfer all treated water from the exploration STP to the main camp STP for a second treatment before being discharged in CP1. Since early June 2019, the treated sewage from the exploration camp is deposited in CP1 as sampling results went back to normal.

If the Exploration Camp STP operators suspect any upsets in the Exploration Camp STP prior to receiving accredited lab results, the effluent will be placed in the arctic corridor lift station for additional treatment in the main camp sewage treatment plant.

Agnico continued to monitor the quality of the effluent; 2 samples were collected during the month. The summary of the results is provided in Table 3 below.

The pH for the sample collected on November 1st, 2021 was below the Effluent quality limits as per Part D, Item 11 of the water license 2BB-MEL1424, applicable for discharge to Meliadine Lake. It should be noted that as stated above, water from the Exploration Camp STP was deposited to CP1 or transferred to the main camp STP for a second treatment before being discharged to CP1.

Table 3: Effluent testing results at STP-FINAL (MEL-7) sampling station, November 2021

MEL-7	MEL-7	Sample date	11/1/2021	11/8/2021
Parameter	LIMITS	Unit		
WQ01- Field Measured				
Temperature		°C	NA	NA
pH		pH units	NA	NA
Conductivity		uS/cm	NA	NA
Dissolved oxygen		mg/L	NA	NA
Dissolved oxygen		%	NA	NA
Turbidity		NTU	NA	NA
WQ02- Conventional Parameters				
pH	6-9.5	pH units	5.09	7.09
Specific conductivity		umhos/cm	1300	1100
TSS	100	mg/L	4	4
Volatile TSS		mg/L	4	3
Total alkalinity, as CaCO ₃		mg/L	< 1.0	61
WQ04- Nutrients and Chlorophyll a				
Biochemical Oxygen Demand, 5 Day	80	mg/L	2	3
Chemical oxygen demand		mg/L	72	84
Ammonia Nitrogen		mg/L	34	38
Nitrate		mg/L	77.9	48.1
Nitrite		mg/L	0.097	0.732
Nitrate + nitrite		mg/L	78.0	48.8
Total Kjeldahl nitrogen		mg/L	30	35
Total phosphorus		mg/L	23	20
WQ05- General Organics				
Total oil and grease	5	mg/L	0.50	1.1
WQ13- Coliforms				
Total Coliform		CFU/100mL	7000	12300
Fecal Coliform	1000	CFU/100mL	4	< 2
Atypical colonies		CFU/100mL	2500	5000
Aerobic heterotrophic bacteria		CFU/mL	1640	>300000
Escherichia coli		CFU/100mL	4	< 2

- 7. The Licensee shall, prior to the release of effluent from the Bermed Fuel Containment Facilities at Monitoring Program Station MEL-5 and the Landfarm Treatment Facility at Monitoring Program Station MEL-6 for the purpose of demonstrating compliance, sample for the parameters listed under Part D item 15.**

In November 2021, no water was discharged from the Fuel Containment Facilities (Monitoring station MEL-5) nor the Landfarm Treatment Facility (Monitoring Station MEL-6).

- 8. The Licensee shall obtain representative samples of the water column below any ice where required under part F, Items 5 and 6. Monitoring shall include but not limited to the following:**

Total Suspended Solids

pH

Electrical Conductivity, and

Total trace Metals as determined by a standard ICP Scan (to include at a minimum, the following elements: Al, Sb, Ba, Be, Cd, Cr, Co, Cu, Fe, Pb, Li, Mn, Mo, Ni, Se, Sn, Sr, Tl, Ti, U, V, Zn), and Trace Arsenic and Mercury.

On-ice drilling was conducted during the winter 2020-2021; samples are collected before, during and after drilling and sent for analysis. Results of analysis for these sampling events were attached to the June 2021 Report.

Water quality samples related to drilling campaigns will be collected during the winter 2021-2022; results will be provided as applicable in 2022.

- 9. Modify the monthly monitoring reports, starting April 2016, to include, at a minimum, waste water treatment options; and modifications of the freshet action plan.**

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