



AGNICO EAGLE

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Manager of Licensing
Nunavut Water Board
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Re: Amendment Request of Water Licence 2BB-MEL1424

Dear Mr. Dwyer

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) holds a bulk sampling licence 2BB-MEL1424 Water Licence (2BB-MEL Licence) for the Meliadine Mine, in the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut, north of Rankin Inlet.

The present application is to obtain the renewal of the 2BB-MEL Licence (which will expire in July 2024) to continue to use water and the disposal of waste during camp operations and activities related to mining that include exploration, drilling on land and on ice, and trenching.

1 History of 2BB-MEL Licence

Various amendments and renewals have occurred since the 2BB-MEL Licence was first issued in 1999, including the most recent in 2014 and 2015. The 2014 amendment/renewal included the construction and operation of a landfarm in the old fuel bladder containment area, as well as a licence term renewal. The renewal was approved in July 2014. Amendment 7 was submitted in 2015 for the removal of the specific allocations of water quantities for camp and exploration purposes with an increase of total water use, as well as the installation and operation of additional BIONEST Kodiak Wastewater Treatment Systems. Amendment 7 was approved in November 2015.

At the time of issuance of the 2014 2BB-MEL Licence renewal/amendment, Agnico Eagle was in the process of permitting the Meliadine Mine with the Nunavut Impact Review Board (i.e., environmental assessment) and then subsequently the water licensing regulatory process with the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). The Type A 2AM-MEL1631 Water Licence (2AM-MEL Licence) was approved by the Minister on May 19, 2016.

2 Scope Amendment

2.1 Description of Undertaking

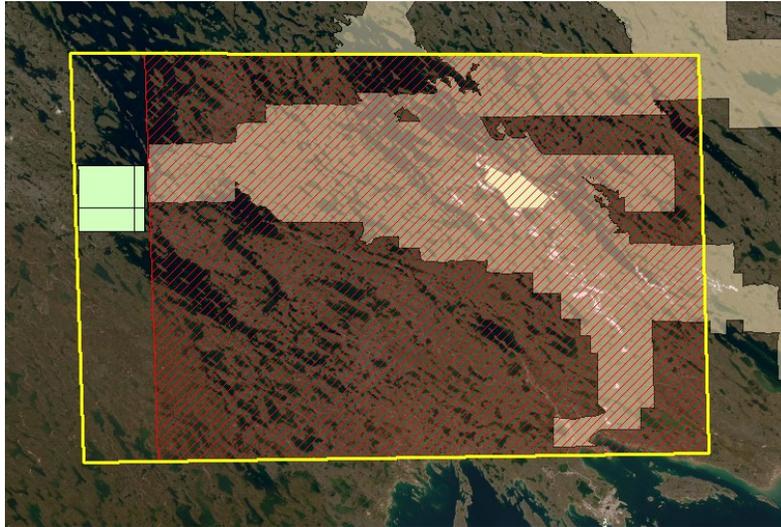
As outlined in Section 1, with Agnico Eagle operating the Meliadine Mine under the 2AM-MEL Licence, there are components from the 2BB-MEL Licence to be removed from the licence as summarized below. All other operations covered in this renewal will remain the same as previously licensed. Attachment A provides further information in the NWB's Water Licence Amendment Form.

Agnico Eagle is proposing to remove the following components from the 2BB-MEL Licence:

- Landfill
 - The landfill is now under the Waste Rock Storage Facility and is therefore inoperable. The landfill under the 2AM-MEL Licence is being used for solid waste
 - Refer to Section 2.3 on security for transfer of activity to the 2AM-MEL Licence
- Incinerator
 - The exploration camp incinerator is no longer in operation and all putrescible waste is now being incinerated at the main camp incinerator under 2AM-MEL Licence
 - Refer to Section 2.3 on security for transfer of activity to the 2AM-MEL Licence
- Water Monitoring Locations
 - Removal of MEL-5 Bermed Fuel Containment Facilities: this was the point of discharge for the bermed fuel containment facilities for the exploration camp. Since it was decommissioned, sampling is no longer required.
 - Removal of MEL-8 Point of discharge or runoff from the Non-Hazardous Waste Landfill: this was the point of discharge from the non-hazardous waste landfill for the exploration camp. Since it was decommissioned, sampling is no longer required.
 - Refer to the Water Management Plan provided in Attachment B for additional details.
- Underground Working
 - Removal of the conditions related to the underground, as these activities are completed under the 2AM-MEL Licence
 - Refer to Section 2.3 on security for transfer of activity to the 2AM-MEL Licence
- Waste Rock and Ore
 - Removal of the conditions related to waste rock and ore, as these activities are completed under the 2AM-MEL Licence
 - Refer to Section 2.3 on security for transfer of activity to the 2AM-MEL Licence

2.2 Licence Extent

Agnico Eagle is requested to extend the area slightly to the west in the 2BB-MEL Licence Renewal. The current 2BB-MEL Licence boundaries are presented in red hatching in the below map. A small extension is requested as shown by the yellow border in the below map. The green block is currently under an exploration licence (2BE-PTR2227) whereby Agnico Eagle anticipates submitting a cancellation of this 2BE licence in Q1 of 2024 to the NWB.



2.3 Security

Agnico Eagle is seeking approval to remove costs related to reclamation activities that are no longer applicable in the 2BB-MEL Licence as they are included under the 2AM-MEL Licence.

The security associated with the components noted in Section 2.3 have been removed from the estimate provided in Attachment B. The updated security for the 2BB-MEL Licence is \$359,491. The previous security completed done under Reclaim 6.1; therefore, the revised security has been made using the most recent version with Reclaim 7.0.

2.4 Management Plans

The following plans have been updated (Attachment B) for the 2BB-Licence Amendment as required by Part B, Item 12:

- Water Management Plan
- Landfarm Management Plan
- Abandonment and Restoration Plan

As the Meliadine Mine operates under the 2AM-MEL Licence, many management plans that are similar in nature can be used between Type A and Type B licenses to ensure consistency of management on-site; therefore, Agnico Eagle will adhere to the approved plans under the 2AM-MEL Licence for the following:

- Incineration and Composter Waste Management Plan
- Quality Assurance/ Quality Control Plan
- Spill Contingency Plan
- Landfill Management Plan

Based on the 2BB-MEL Licence Amendment the following plans are no longer applicable and should be removed from the license references:

- Waste Rock and Ore Storage Plan

- Waste Management Plan
- Wastewater Management Plan
 - Details from this plan have been incorporated within the update 2BB Water Management Plan

2.5 Terms in the Licence

Exploration activities are expected to continue as Agnico Eagle's claims and concessions are extensive and the exploration of the full extent is anticipated to continue into the future. Therefore, Agnico Eagle is seeking a licence term of an additional 10 years, for the continuation of exploration activities.

To be consistent with the 2BB-MEA1828 Water Licence, Agnico Eagle is requesting the following condition be added to the Part F: Conditions Applying to Drilling Operations and Trenching:

The Licensee is authorized to conduct land-based drilling within thirty-one (31) metres of the ordinary High Water Mark of any water body during winter conditions within the project area, as identified in the Amendment Application.

3 Closure

If you require any further information in relation to NWB's consideration of this request, please contact the undersigned.

Regards,



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Attachment A: Water Licence Amendment Form
Attachment B: Updated Management Plans