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Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada  
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**Re: July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, 2BE-MEL2434 Inspection Report Follow-Up**

Dear Mr. Amsel,

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) acknowledges the reception of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's report for its July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, Inspection of Water Licence 2BE-MEL2434 (Licence).

Regarding Section 1, Observation 2, Agnico Eagle appreciates the recognition provided that this flow reported to another natural depression and that the sump generally met requirements of Part F, Item 5 of the Licence, as flow into a water body was not possible and no additional impacts were created. As mentioned in the report, the setup of straw logs around the sump enhanced the containment of the drill cuttings.

Regarding Section 1, Observation 4.a, and Section 3, the observation of older drill site sumps does not reflect current drilling practices. Following the Inspection of Water Licence 2BB-MEL1424 on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Agnico Eagle has made a concerted effort to improve the selection of locations used for drill waste depositions, including pre-selection of appropriate natural depressions and use of sediment controls to contain drill cuttings.

Regarding Section 3, Agnico Eagle is committed to sustaining the improvements noted in future drilling campaigns.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kyle Conway".



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