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INAC reference
CIDM# 1030282

NWB reference
#2BE-PTR----

Re: INAC's Technical Review of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Application for a New Type B Water Licence. Licence No. 2BE-PTR----

Dear Mr. Kharatyan,

Thank you for your email on January 29, 2016, concerning the above mentioned water licence application process. Please be advised that Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC, or the Department) have completed a review of the Type B water licence application for 2BE-PTR ---- submitted by Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. The review is found in the attached Technical Memo. The Nunavut Water Board (the Board, or NWB) circulated the amendment application for comments on January 29, 2016. All documents related to the request posted on the NWB ftp site under 2BE-PTR---- were included in the review.

Comments have been provided pursuant to the Department's mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act*.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-3877 or by email at Amanda.Winegardner@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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Technical Review Memorandum

To: Licensing Department, Nunavut Water Board

From: Amanda Winegardner, Water Management Specialist, Water Resources Division, INAC

Re: INAC's Technical Review of Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s Application for a New Type B Water Licence.
Licence No. 2BE-PTR----

Applicant: Agnico Eagle Mine Ltd.

Project: Peter Lake

Region: Kivalliq

A. BACKGROUND

On January 29, 2016 the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) provided notification to interested parties that Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (AEM or the applicant) had submitted a Type "B" water licence application # 2BE-PTR---- for exploration work.

The applicant plans to carry out exploration drilling at strategic locations in the general vicinity of the proposed Meliadine Gold Mine. The applicant has indicated that workers will use the facilities at Meliadine and will be flown to the drill locations on a daily basis.

The applicant has also indicated that there are no current plans to develop infrastructure under this licence.

Interested parties were asked to review the water licence application and provide technical comments by February 29, 2016.

B. RESULTS OF REVIEW

On behalf of INAC's Water Resources Division, comments and recommendations are provided for the NWB's consideration.

1) Water Use

Source: Water Licence Application

Comment: The applicant has indicated that they are requesting a water use limit of 299m³/day.

Recommendation: INAC would like to remind the applicant that 299m³ of water use per day is the maximum allowable under a type B water licence. It is advised that the proponent take measures to accurately record daily use, as well as measures to ensure water use exceedances are not incurred.



2) Abandonment and Reclamation (A&R) Plan

Source: Water Licence Application

Comment: The applicant has not included an A&R plan as no infrastructure is planned to be developed under this licence.

Recommendation: INAC notes that there is the potential for waste to be produced at drill sites. As such, INAC recommends that the applicant provide an A&R plan containing information on how they intend to handle drill waste (e.g. cuttings and casings).

3) Contact Information

Source: Spill Contingency Plan

Comment: INAC Notices under section 4.10 Table 5 that the contact information for the INAC inspector is inaccurate.

Recommendation: INAC recommends replacing the contact information for INAC Inspector with:

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