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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Richard Dwyer, Caroline Whittle, Wynter Kuliktana, and Jennifer Range:

RE: NPC File # 150539 [Naartok Portal]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. Agnico Eagle proposes to utilize existing impacted areas and infrastructure to temporarily store saline water in Quarry D and Quarry 3 starting in 2025. All other existing water management infrastructure will be able to manage the activities, and no new water management infrastructure is anticipated.
2. Associated NPC File Nos: 149768; Associated NIRB File No: 12MN001; Related NWB File No. 2AM - DOH1335
3. Location: Kitikmeot; [Hope Bay approximately 130 kilometers southwest of Cambridge Bay]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal (conformity determination issued May 27, 2022) that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 12MN001).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the temporary storage of saline water in existing impacted areas and infrastructure does not change the general scope

of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150539>

This decision applies only to the above-noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SA' with a stylized flourish.

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