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Via email to: info@nirb.ca

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Dear Ms. Klegenberg:

RE: 17EA068 – John Tugak – Huckleberry Claim – NIRB Screening

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has conducted a review of the information submitted to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) regarding the above-mentioned NIRB screening of the Huckleberry Claim (the Project) and is submitting the following comments via email as requested by the NIRB. ECCC's review is based on our mandate, in the context of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act,* and the *Species at Risk Act*.

1. Waste Management

   The Huckleberry Claim Project is described has an exploration project that includes the construction and operation of a 20 man exploration camp. On behalf of John Tugak (the Proponent), Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. will be conducting the exploration activities including the management of the exploration camp. However, in the project application document, ECCC is unable to find details regarding the management of different types of waste including camp greywater, incineration, hazardous materials, pacto toilet waste and drill cuttings.

   ECCC recommends that the Proponent submit a waste management plan for the exploration camp and activities related to the Huckleberry Claim Project.

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Sincerely,

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