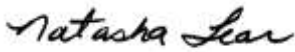


In the absence of a response from the Minister, regulatory authorities should take note of paragraph 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: “A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed.” Contravention of section 75(1) of *the NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact Natasha Lear, NIRB Environmental Administrator at (867) 983-4612 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



Natasha Lear
Environmental Administrator

cc: David Frenette, Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.
John Tugak
Maria Serra, Kivalliq Inuit Association
Brenda Osmond, Kivalliq Inuit Association

Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 17EA068)