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Whale Tail Pit Projects

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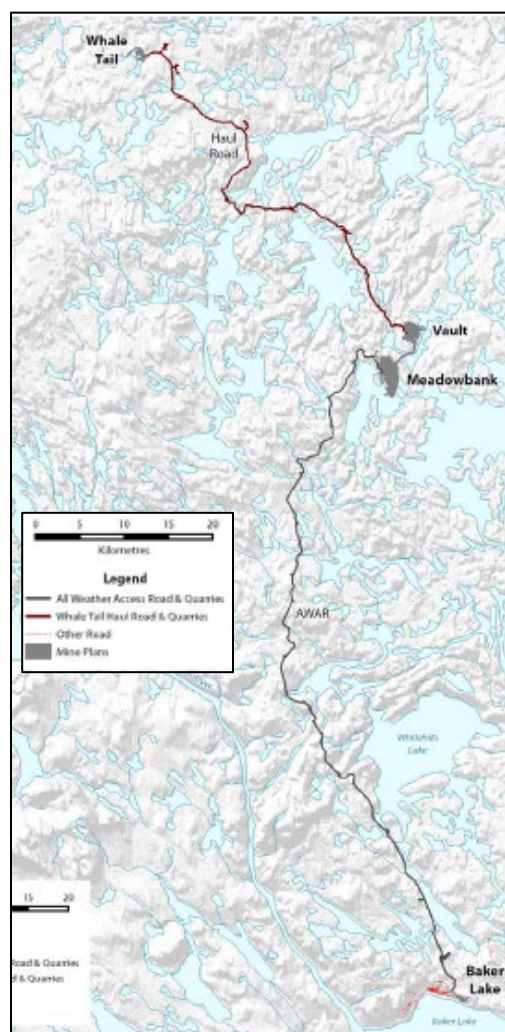
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1 INTRODUCTION

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) was established through Articles 10 and 12 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and is responsible for post environmental assessment monitoring of a Project in accordance with Part 7 of Article 12 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 135(4) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14 (*NuPPAA*). The NIRB also provides periodic updates regarding its monitoring program to the most impacted community(ies) regarding the monitored project. The NIRB's 2024 Site Visit of the Meliadine Gold Mine Project took place July 23 through July 25, 2024, and the NIRB held a Community Information Meeting in Baker Lake on July 22, 2024.

2 MEADOWBANK PROJECT OVERVIEW



The Meadowbank Project involved the construction and operation of an open pit gold mine located in the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut, approximately 70 kilometres (km) north of the Hamlet of Baker Lake on Inuit-owned surface lands. Production at the Meadowbank mine site was expanded into 2019 with the extension of the mine plan to include Vault, Phaser, and Portage. Mining was completed in 2019 with in-pit tailings deposition in Goose Pit starting the same year.

In addition to the mining infrastructure and activities, ancillary Project infrastructure is located approximately two (2) km east of the Hamlet of Baker Lake to receive supplies by ship annually. The area includes barge unloading facilities, a laydown storage and marshalling area, a 60 million litre (ML) fuel tank farm with the fuel tank farm being expanded to 80 ML in 2019, associated interconnecting roads, and a 110 km all-weather access road (AWAR) from the Hamlet of Baker Lake to the Meadowbank mine site.

[Figure 1](#), [Figure 2](#), and [Figure 3](#) provide an overview of site locations, and a layout of the Meadowbank Mine Site, the Vault Pit Area, and the marshalling facility near Baker Lake.

Figure 1: Overview of site location (From Agnico Eagle's 2019 Annual Report; Figure 6).

For information regarding the original Meadowbank Project refer to www.nirb.ca/project/124588 and for information regarding current monitoring of the Project please go to www.nirb.ca/project/125253.



Figure 2: Overview of Meadowbank Mine Site (Agnico Eagle's 2021 Annual Report).



3 WHALE TAIL PIT PROJECT OVERVIEW

The original Whale Tail Pit Project (Whale Tail) included the development of an open pit gold mine located at the Amaruq property approximately 150 kilometres (km) north of the Hamlet of Baker Lake and approximately 50 km northwest of the Meadowbank Project. A map of the Project layout and infrastructure is shown in [Figure 4](#). The Project includes the main camp, associated mining infrastructure, and two (2) open pits. Ore is hauled by truck via the 65 km Whale Tail Haul Road (WTHR or Haul Road) to the Meadowbank mine site for milling. Existing infrastructure at the Meadowbank mine site and the Baker Lake facility supports the Whale Tail and full commercial production was achieved in September 2019 and the site continues in operations.

For further information on the original Whale Tail Project, please refer to the Project Dashboard on the NIRB's Public Registry at www.nirb.ca/project/124683.

Table 1: Whale Tail Modifications

Title (Years Active)	Project Dashboard	Modification
Whale Tail Pit – Expansion (2020 to Present)	www.nirb.ca/project/125418	2018-Extend extraction by 4 years for an additional 15.2 Mt of ore and additional infrastructure at site to support the expansion. 2021-IVR and Whale Tail Pushbacks to modify mining of the two (2) deposits. 2023 Modification – increase to IVR and Whale Tail Pit pushbacks and storage of saline water in IVR pit.

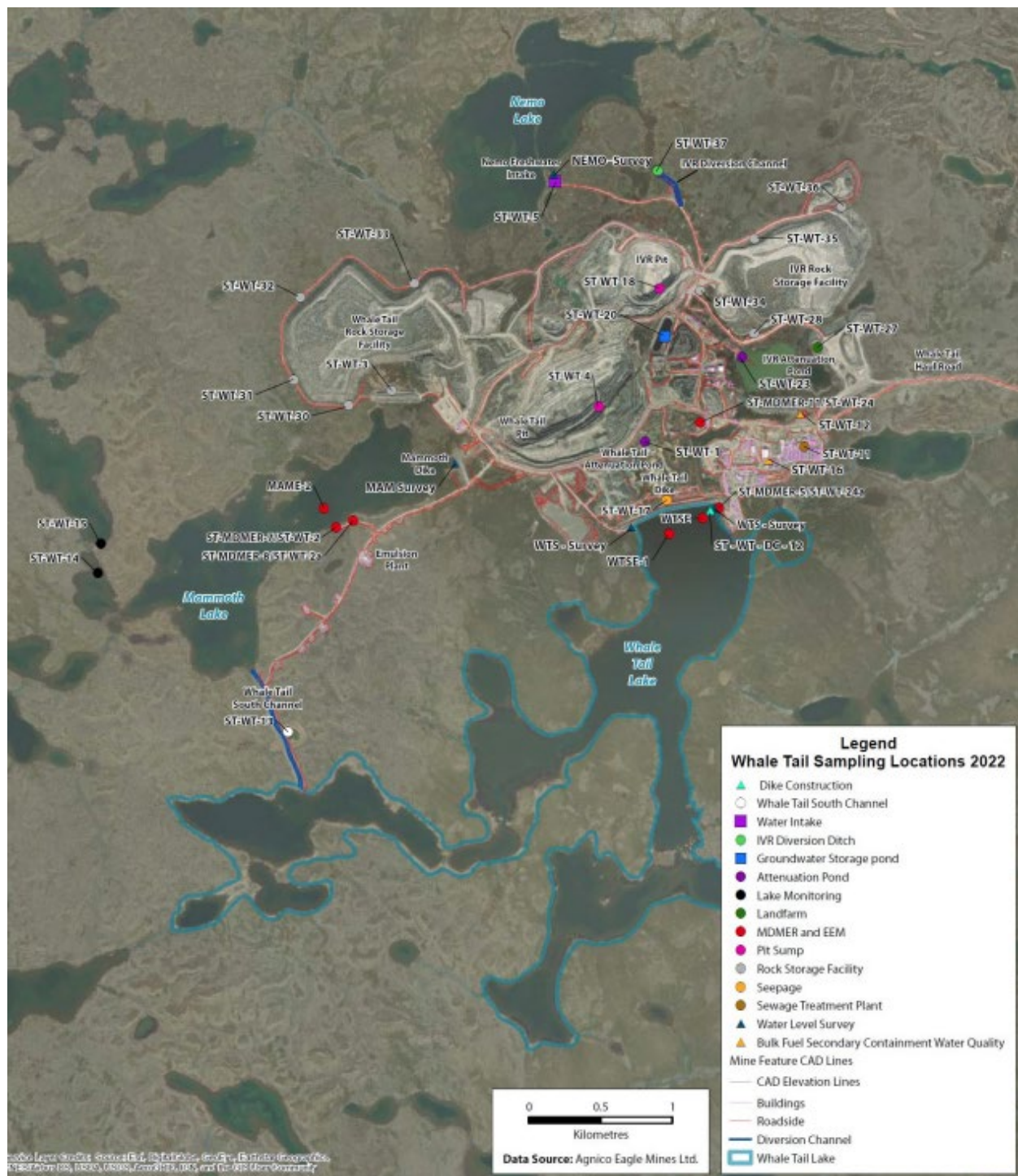


Figure 4: Overview of Whale Tail Pit Site (from Agnico Eagle's 2022 Annual Report).

4 PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

Leading up to the Baker Lake Community Information Session, the NIRB advertised the meeting through radio, poster, and online through Facebook in English and Inuktitut. NIRB staff started Community Information Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Nunamiut Lodge Conference Centre, with simultaneous interpretation into Inuktitut with refreshments and snacks provided. The total attendance for the sessions was: 8 including Agnico Eagle staff. There was another meeting at the same time, Sakku Investment Corporation and Kivalliq Alternative Energy discussing the Wind Energy Project. It was also a beautiful evening, and lots were out boating on Baker Lake.

The PowerPoint presentation included information regarding:

- the NIRB's Monitoring Program;
- an update on the Meliadine Project, including an overview of the Project activities and key components; and
- events and/or issues identified through Project specific monitoring programs.

Copies of the information provided at the meeting can be obtained by using the Document ID Numbers provided in [Table 2](#) by searching the NIRB's Public Registry or by clicking on the following links and reviewing the dashboard at www.nirb.ca/project/125253 for Meadowbank Gold Mine or www.nirb.ca/project/125418 for the Whale Tail Pit.

Both written and verbal comments were accepted at the meeting were recorded as these comments ([Table 3](#)) will be incorporated into the NIRB's 2024 Monitoring Report.

Table 2: Community Information Session Meeting Materials

Document	Public Registry ID No	
	03MN107	16MN056
NIRB letter to Baker Lake Hamlet re: Community Information Session (English and Inuktitut)	350532	350534
	350533	350536
Community Information Session Poster (English and Inuktitut)	350538	350540
	350539	3550542
The NIRB's PowerPoint presentation (in English and Inuktitut)	350906	350908
Comment Forms (in English and Inuktitut)	N/A	N/A



Photo 1: Baker Lake Evening Session.

Table 3: Community Comments

Topic	Comments/Questions
Dust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I haven't heard people talking about dust as much
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I haven't worked at site and I want to know why • Can Agnico Eagle Human Resource people come here and answer questions
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can the NIRB stop the Whale Tail Project? • Agnico Eagle Staff come from site and have meetings here in town and there are Elder Visits at site

5 MINE SITE VISITS

5.1 Overview of the Meadowbank and Whale Tail Site Visits

The NIRB's Site Visit allowed visual observations on the Project activities being carried out in compliance with the Terms and Conditions of the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project (Meadowbank) Project Certificate No. 004, Amendment 3 and Whale Tail Pit Project (Whale Tail) Project Certificate No. 008, Amendment 1 as required by Section 12.7.2(b) of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 135(3)(b) of the *NuPPAA*. Management Plans (latest versions) and Project Operations as described in the 2023 Annual Report submitted to the NIRB in March 2024. These observations will be incorporated into the NIRB's 2024 Monitoring Report.

The 2024 Site Visit was focused on overall updates to the site and items related to Project Certificates No. 4 and 8. On the trip to Meadowbank on the all-weather access road, the NIRB and Agnico Eagle staff were traveling ahead of the cyanide convoy and then after the cyanide convoy back to Baker Lake at the end of the site visit. This meant that there was limited time to closely view the various items on the AWAR. Photos were taken as opportunities arose and like the rest of the site tour, NIRB and Agnico Eagle Staff also discussed the Meadowbank and Whale Tail Project Certificates as they viewed the site.

Areas observed by the NIRB staff are listed below:

Baker Lake Marshalling Facility

- Laydown area and marshalling facility;
- Dock and barge area;
- 24-hour security cameras and lighting;
- Fuel tank farm area;
- Application of dust suppressant.

All-weather Access Road Sites

- Gatehouse at kilometer 5;
- Five (5) sections of the road receiving dust suppression;
- Two (2) dust monitoring transects;
- Bridges and associated spill response seacans;
- Snowmobile crossing site;
- Road flags fitted with noise suppression rubber tubing;
- Quarry 22;
- Active spill cleanup at kilometer 87.

Meadowbank Site

- Water intake and discharge infrastructure;
- Waste management infrastructure:
 - Hazardous materials storage area;
 - Composter;
 - Landfill;
 - Landfarm.
- Onsite tank farm;
 - New fuel tank construction.
- Groundwater wells;
- Tailings storage facility (north and south cells);
- Meadowbank Camp:
 - Country food kitchen;
 - Inuktitut signage;
 - Clinic;
 - Quality of life for Inuit (e.g., Recreation areas etc.).
- Pits:
 - Vault;
 - Phaser;
 - BB Phaser;
 - Goose;
 - Portage A;
 - Portage E.
- Operations:
 - Waste Rocks Storage Facilities;
 - NAG storage Facility;
 - Processing Plant.
- Water Management:
 - Vault Attenuation Pond;
 - Phaser Attenuation Pond;
 - Stormwater Management Pond;
 - Diversion Channels, ditches, and dikes

Whale Tail Haul Road

- Wildlife camera locations;
- NO₂ monitoring station (passive and active);
- Three (3) dust monitoring transects;
- Dust suppression application.
- Bridges and associated spill response seacans;

Whale Tail Site

- 2023 Modification:
 - Current status of IVR/WT Pit pushbacks;
 - Proposed pushback increases;
 - Proposed water storage area in IVR pit.
- Water Management:
 - Whale Tail Attenuation Pond;
 - IVR Attenuation Pond;
 - GW Storage Pond;
 - Diversion Channels, ditches, and dikes
- Operations:
 - Whale Tail Pit;
 - IVR Pit;
 - Whale Tail Rock Storage Facility; [7]
 - IVR Rock Storage Facility;
 - Emulsion Plant
- Waste Management:
 - Landfill;
 - Landfarm;
 - Hazardous materials storage area

- CREMP locations at Mammoth and A20 Lakes
- Whale Tail Camp:
 - Inuktitut Signage
 - Country Food Kitchen
 - Clinic
 - Quality of life for Inuit (lounge areas, gyms, etc.)

5.2 Observations for Meadowbank Mine Site

The following table summarizes observations made during the Site Visit that pertain specifically to observable Terms and Conditions of Project Certificate No. 004, Amendment 3.

Table 4: Observations made at the Meadowbank Mine Site Pertaining to Terms and Conditions of Interest.

T&C No.*	Topic	Site Observation
Water Quality and Waste Management		
8	Groundwater Monitoring	During the site visit all 5 wells in place were operational Photo 30 shows one of the wells.
18	Tailings Management Strategy	Tailings were deposited into the South Cell of the tailings facility since 2016 and deposition slowed down in 2019. Between 2019-2021 tailings were disposed of in pit at Goose Pit (Photo 29) and Portage Pit E (Photo 26). After a brief disposal of tailings in the north cell, Agnico Eagle deposited again in Portage Pit E where tailings continued to be deposited.
19	Tailings cover	NIRB staff observed tailings reclamation activities such as the capping of the Goose Pit tailings in 35-40 meters of water as seen in Photo 29 .
21	Weather station	NIRB staff observed the operational weather station at the Meadowbank site.
Waste Management		
25	Managing attraction of carnivores and/or raptors to reduce or eliminate attraction at all landfills and waste storage areas	Agnico Eagle staff confirmed that the landfill is inspected weekly by environmental staff for signs of organic material or any items that may attract carnivores and/or raptors. Agnico Eagle staff did not note any issues with carnivores and/or raptors around the landfill. The landfill site can be seen in Photo 23 .
26	Site maintained clean of debris	NIRB staff observed that all areas were kept in a clean state. There was no evidence of wind-blown material viewed around the Meadowbank site or the ancillary facilities in Baker Lake.

T&C No.*	Topic	Site Observation
		An active spill cleanup was observed at kilometer 87 of the AWAR. NIRB staff observed the excavated area as well as active pumping of contaminated water from the spill site (Photo 14).
27	Fuel and hazardous materials storage	<p>NIRB staff noted that fuel and hazardous materials associated with Agnico Eagle's Meadowbank project appear to be stored in a safe and environmentally protective manner.</p> <p>Some secondary containment berms surrounding the fuel storage area at the Baker Lake facilities showed signs of erosion resulting in exposed liners (Photo 7). Secondary containment berms at the onsite tank farm were observed to be intact (Photo 37). Agnico Eagle staff were aware of the areas in need of repairs and intend to re-cover in 2024.</p>
All-weather Private Access Road		
32	Amended all-weather access road	<p>a) One (1) 24-hour manned gate (Photo 8) was operational at kilometer 5 of the AWAR recording traffic including ATVs, while a second unmanned gate is located at the entrance of the Meadowbank Mine site (Photo 15).</p> <p>b) All traffic (including public traffic) is required to check-in (via radio or in person) with the employee at the gatehouse prior to proceeding along the road from either the mine site or from Baker Lake and the gatehouse keeper maintains a daily log and have public sign Agnico Eagle's <i>All Weather Private Access Road Safety Rules & Procedures for Road Access</i> policy prior to being granted access to the road. Members of the public checking in at the gatehouse are given high-visibility vests to wear for the duration of their trip along the road.</p> <p>c) Road signs were posted in both English and Inuktitut at the gatehouse, and at various points along the AWAR.</p> <p>d) Speed limit signs were observed at various points along the AWAR.</p>
Wildlife and Terrestrial		
54	TEMP	<p>Agnico Eagle staff noted they were working on the updated Terrestrial Ecosystem Management Plan (TEMP) – version 8 with the TAG.</p> <p>Based on the TEMP – version 7, Agnico Eagle followed protocol throughout the site visit. A wolf was also observed by Agnico Eagle staff and reported to other drivers and dispatch per the TEMP – version 7.</p>
56	Maps of caribou migration corridors	The caribou migration map was posted and the NIRB noted it was a draft (Photo 16 and Photo 17).
59	Deterrence of caribou at the Tailings Storage Facility	Wildlife deterrents were not in use at the north or south cells of the Tailings Storage Facility. Agnico Eagle staff noted that caribou have not been an issue in this area and therefore wildlife deterrent efforts were focused elsewhere.
60	Stop Work Policy for Wildlife	Agnico Eagle stops work and investigates reports of caribou sightings or other wildlife.

T&C No.*	Topic	Site Observation
Noise		
62	Noise	Noise Monitoring equipment was operational onsite.
Socio-Economic		
66	Nursing Station	The NIRB observed the clinic at site, and it is operational.
Air Quality		
71	Atmospheric monitoring stations	Air monitoring stations have been in place at two (2) locations around the Meadowbank Mine Site since 2010 and programs are in place along the Whale Tail Haul Road and the Whale Tail site.
72	On-site Incinerators	As a result of exceedances found during stack testing in 2022, the incinerator has been removed from the Meadowbank site. A composting program was established in 2019 and was observed by NIRB staff during the site visit (Photo 36). The waste management plan was followed.
74	Dust Suppressants	Agnico Eagle applied dust suppressant along the entire AWAR. NIRB staff observed dust sampling stations placed along the AWAR at various distances from both the east and west sides the road in two (2) duplicate transects to monitor dust deposition distance from the road. Dust canisters are placed 25, 50, 100, 300, and 1000 metres away from the AWAR.
Other		
81	24-hour security at the Baker Lake Facility	24-hour security cameras were observed by NIRB staff at the Baker Lake facilities. The cameras report live feeds to the Meadowbank gatehouse, which is staffed 24 hours per day (Photo 2).

5.3 Observations for Whale Tail Mine Site

The following table summarizes observations made during the Site Visit that pertain specifically to observable Terms and Conditions of Project Certificate No. 008, Amendment 1.

Table 5: Observations made at the Whale Tail Pit Site Pertaining to Terms and Conditions of Interest.

T&C No.*	Topic	Site Observation
Air Quality		
1	Active and Passive Monitoring of Dust fall	Three (3) dust fall monitoring transects were viewed along the Whale Tail Haul Road (WTHR) along with several more present onsite. The active NO ₂ monitoring station also houses a passive NO ₂ monitoring station, with another passive station present elsewhere onsite (Photo 41).
2	Dust suppression on roads	Both the all-weather access road and the Whale Tail Haul Road received treatment for dust. Roads at the Whale Tail site received continuous watering via a water truck.

T&C No.*	Topic	Site Observation
Noise and Vibration		
5	Noise Monitoring Stations	Noise monitoring stations were operational and in use at the time of the NIRB site visits.
Geological Features, Soils and Permafrost		
11	Erosion Management	NIRB and Agnico Eagle discussed the erosion control at site and installed erosion controls were in working order.
Hydrogeology and Groundwater Quantity and Quality		
15	Groundwater Monitoring Plan	At the time of the site visit, Agnico Eagle staff stated that the monitoring wells were installed and regularly checked.
16	Mine Contact Water Quality	Whale Tail Attenuation Pond (Photo 46) and IVR Attenuation Pond collect contact water for the site. Contact water is transported to above-listed Treatment Facilities for discharge into Kangislulik (Mammoth) or Whale Tail Lakes.
18	Site Water Monitoring	The NIRB observed the Whale Tail Attenuation Pond (Photo 47), IVR Attenuation Pond, and the Water Treatment Facilities at the Whale Tail site.
Surface Water Hydrology, Surface Water Quality and Sediment Quality		
17	Surface Water Hydrology	Core Receiving Environment Monitoring Program (CREMP) sample locations were observed at Kangislulik (Mammoth) Lake (Photo 62). Agnico Eagle staff discussed the other samples taken at A20 Lake as well as reference samples taken at Pipe Dream Lake.
Freshwater Aquatic Environment		
20	Setbacks	NIRB staff viewed the locations and has no concerns.
21	Watercourses and fish passage	No issues with fish passage were observed or noted by Agnico Eagle.
Vegetation		
25	Invasive Species	Information is available from the Environment Department in the identification of potential invasive species around the site.
Terrestrial Wildlife		
28	Terrestrial Ecosystem Management Plan (TEMP)	Agnico Eagle staff noted they were working on the updated Terrestrial Ecosystem Management Plan (TEMP) – version 8 with the TAG. Based on the TEMP – version 7, Agnico Eagle followed protocol throughout the site visit. A wolf was also observed by Agnico Eagle staff and reported to other drivers and dispatch per the TEMP – version 7.
31	Road Traffic Management	Traffic is tracked by Agnico Eagle dispatchers, and all wildlife sightings are reported while staff are using the road in accordance with the Road Access Management Plan (Photo 44).

T&C No.*	Topic	Site Observation
36	Raptor Mitigation Measures	Raptor nest was observed on the Whale Tail site during 2024 at Phaser (Photo 34). No Nests were observed by NIRB staff during the 2023 Site Visit. Raptor deterrents were observed at the Baker Lake facilities (Photo 6).
Socio-Economic - General		
		Camp facilities that contribute to Inuit wellbeing onsite include the operational clinic, country food kitchen (Photo 64 and Photo 65), and recreational area (Photo 66). Other facilities such as a gym were also present onsite.
New Terms and Conditions (Amendment 1)		
66	Signage on the AWAR and WTHR	Appropriate signage was noted along both Roads.

6 PHOTOS

6.1 Meadowbank



Photo 2: 24-hour security cameras at the Baker Lake Marshalling Facility mounted on a tower. The feeds connect directly to the 24-hour manned gatehouse at kilometre 5 of the AWAR.

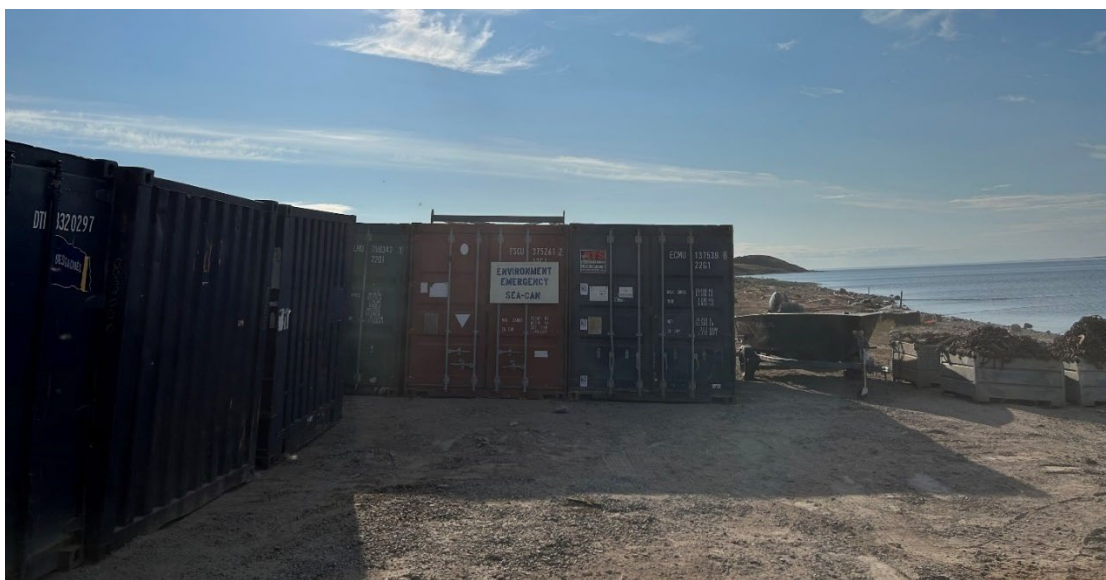


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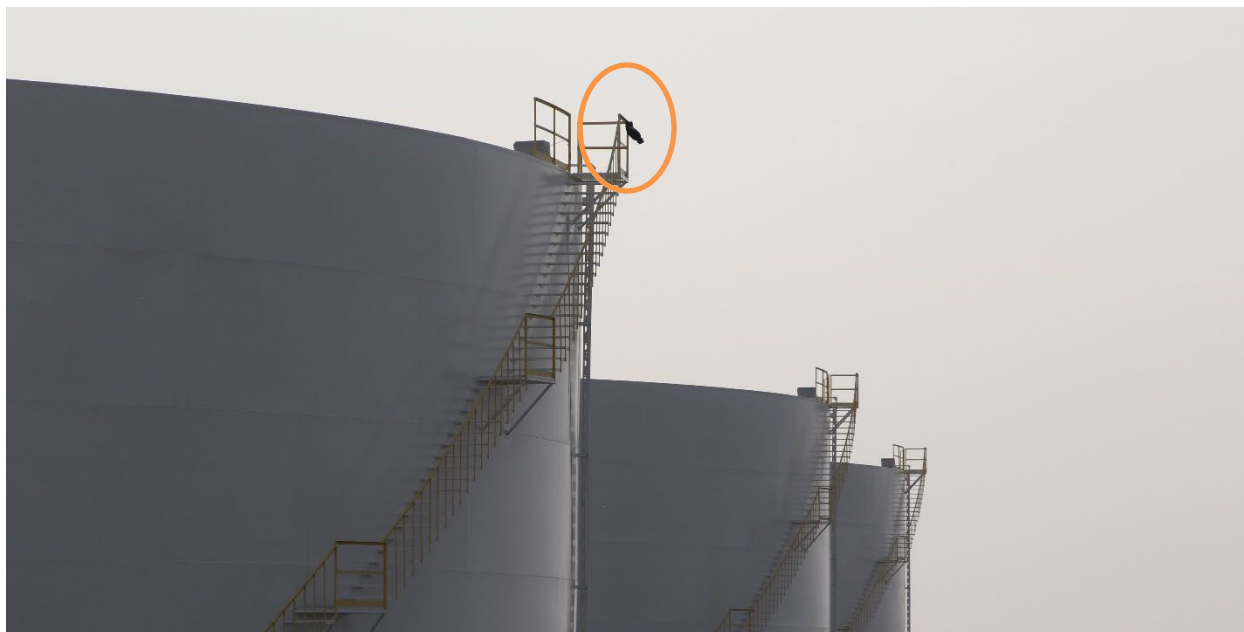


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Photo 16: Draft caribou migration map.

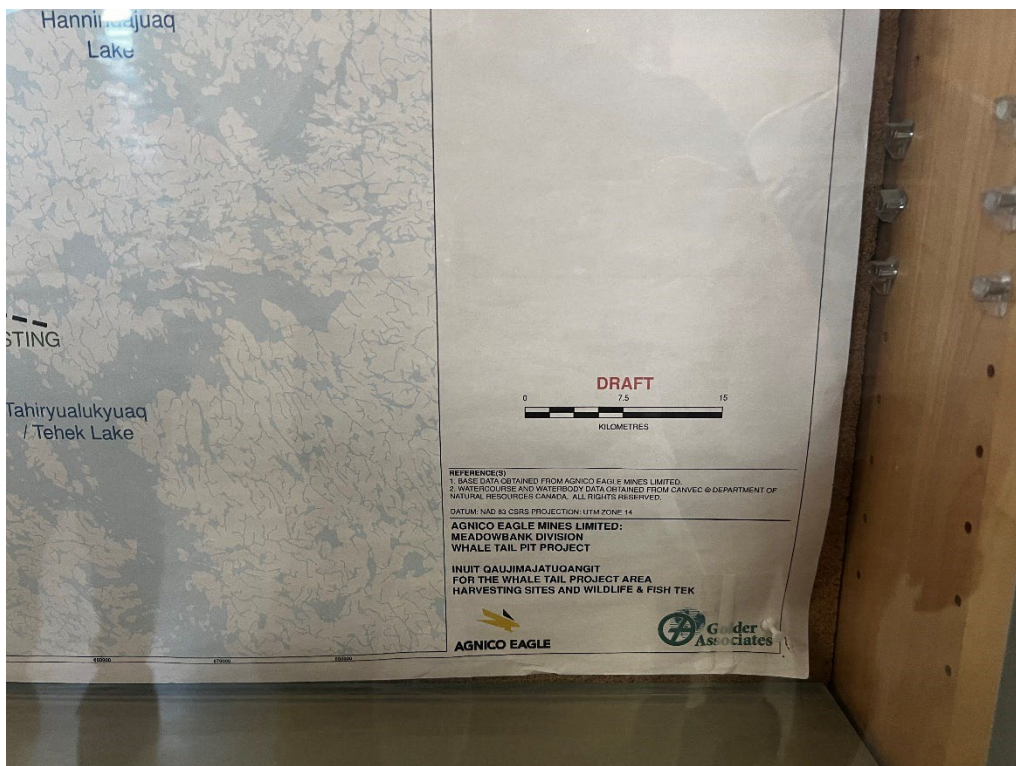


Photo 17: Close-up of draft caribou migration map.



Photo 18: The Country Food Kitchen at the Meadowbank Camp.



Photo 19: Recreation area and phone booths at the Meadowbank Camp.



Photo 20: Tailings Storage Facility North Cell, view east.



Photo 21: Portage Pit A and Central Dike.



Photo 22: Tailings Storage Facility South Cell.

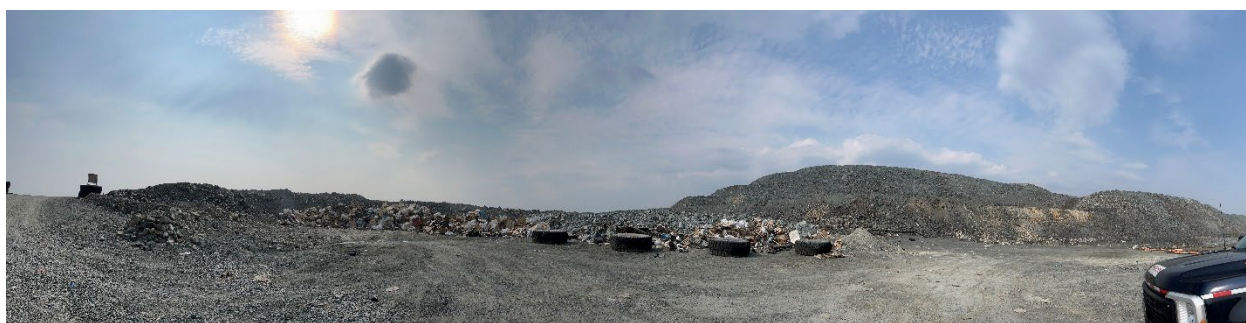


Photo 23: Meadowbank Landfill, it is buried as the waste rock pile increases.



Photo 24: Meadowbank Landfarm.



Photo 25: Air monitoring near Meliadine Camp.



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Photo 26: Portage Pit E in 2024. This pit is the primary storage area for tailings in 2024.



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Photo 27: Portage Pit E in 2023. This pit is the primary storage area for tailings in 2023.



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Photo 28: Comparison photo of Portage Pit E from the 2022 Site Visit.



Photo 29: Goose Pit. This pit previously received tailings deposition and is now capped with 35-40 metres of water.



Photo 30: Groundwater well, 1 of 5 onsite.



Photo 31: Vault Pit 2024.



Photo 32: Vault Pit 2023 – refilling naturally with water since 2019.



Photo 33: BB Phaser Pit. Caribou tracks were found on the ramp to the pit.



Photo 34: Phaser Pit. A peregrine falcon nest that was observed during 2024 site visit.



Photo 35: Hazardous materials storage seacans at the Meadowbank Site (2023).



Photo 36: Composter at the Meadowbank Site (2023).



Photo 37: New fuel tank constructed in 2023. The purpose of this tank is to increase onsite fuel storage capacity to reduce reliance on trucking fuel from Baker Lake during caribou migration road closures.



Photo 38: Cyanide Blockade, no one is allowed to move around Meadowbank when cyanide is brought to site as per regulations.



Photo 39: Progressive reclamation area, located at the south end of Pit A.



Photo 40: Silt discharge area downslope from Mill, work ongoing.

6.2 Whale Tail



Photo 41: Seacan housing the active NO₂ monitoring equipment with a Passive NO₂ monitor on the roof.



Photo 42: The entirety of the WTHR receives chemical dust suppression treatment.



Photo 43: Wildlife cameras in place at several locations along the WTHR.



Photo 44: Amaruq (wolf) on the WTHR.



Photo 45: Whale Tail Site landfarm.



Photo 46: Whale Tail Site tankfarm. A large area of exposed liner is seen in the secondary containment berm.



Photo 47: Whale Tail attenuation pond.



Photo 48: Underground groundwater storage pond.



Photo 49: Underground waste rock pile.



Photo 50: Underground Portal 1.



Photo 51: IVR Pit – temporary storage of saline fluid as described in the 2023 modification.



Photo 52: IVR Pit pushback area as per the 2021 Pushbacks Modification.



Photo 53: Pushback between IVR and Whale Tail Pit, view from IVR Pit.

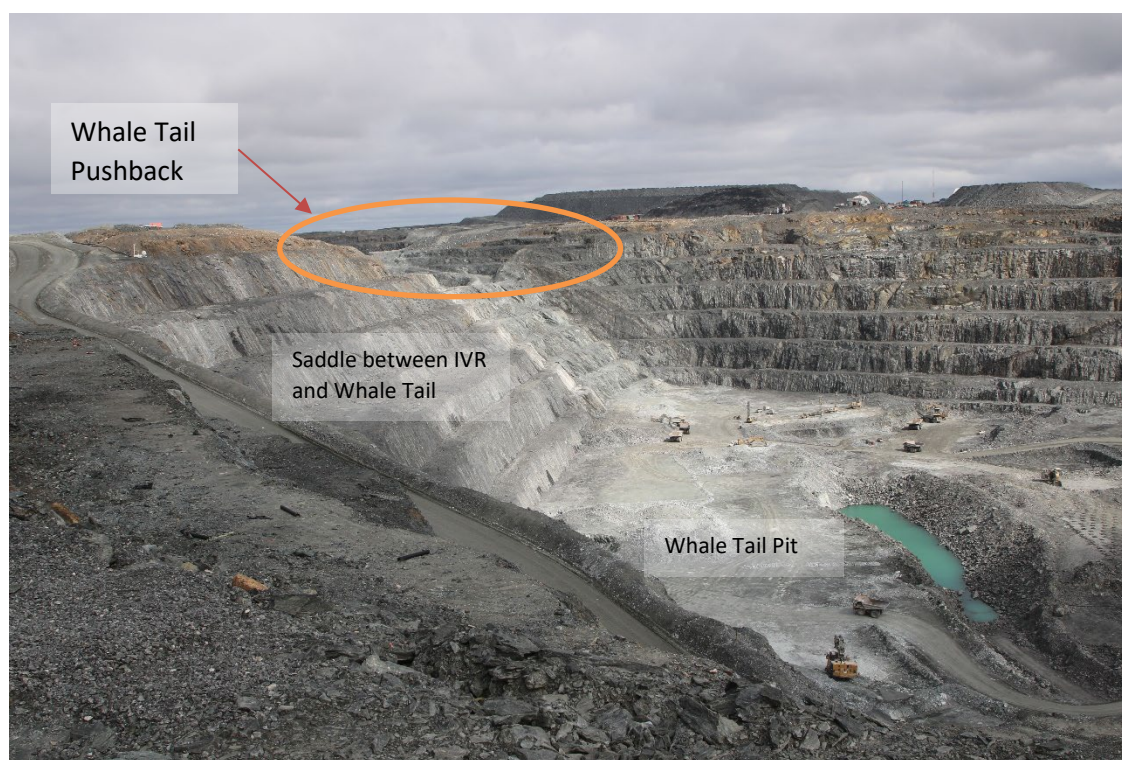


Photo 54: 2024 Whale Tail Pit overview, pushback to IVR.



Photo 55: 2024 Whale Tail Pit overview.



Photo 56: 2023 Whale Tail Pit overview.



Photo 57: Comparison photo of Whale Tail Pit from the 2022 site visit.



Photo 58: Original Whale Tail Pit shown in red. All surrounding mining has occurred as a part of the Whale Tail Expansion Amendment (Amendment 1).



Photo 59: Mammoth Dike.



Photo 60: Whale Tail Landfill.



Photo 61: Hazardous Materials storage area.



Photo 62: Kangislulik Lake (or Mammoth Lake) contains 2 CREMP sample locations – one at each end.

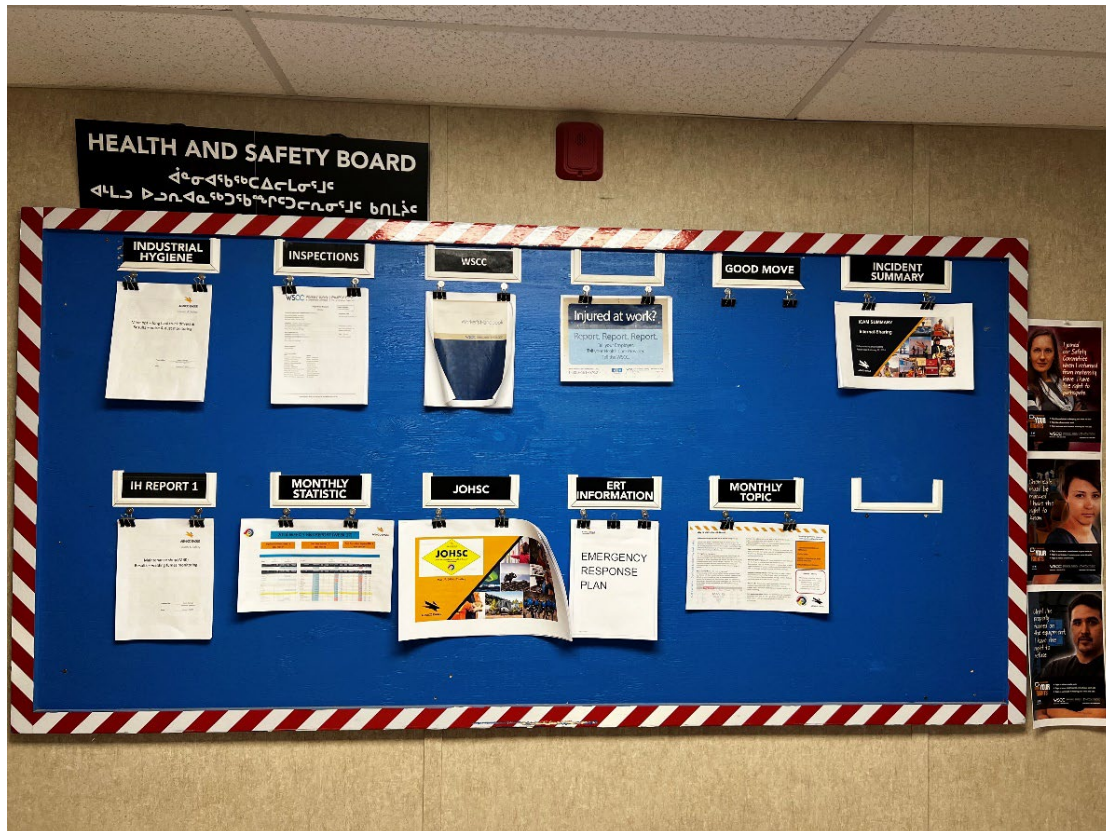


Photo 63: Whale Tail onsite clinic.



Photo 64: Country food fridges.



Photo 65: Country food kitchen space.



Photo 66: Recreational space at Whale Tail camp.



Photo 67: Amaruq (wolf) and core rock display at entrance.



Photo 68: NIRB staff looking at posters in the hallway at camp.

7 CONCLUSION

7.1 Meadowbank

Based on the observations made during this site visit, all Meadowbank facilities in operation continue to be managed as per the Terms and Conditions of Project Certificate No. 004, Amendment 3.

The NIRB Staff noted the following at site:

- Re-covering of berm liner in the secondary containment berms at the fuel storage areas at the Baker Lake Marshalling Facility which was noted in 2022 and 2023. Agnico Eagle said they would be repairing in 2024.
- Ensure that sediment fences are in good condition (e.g., Baker Lake Laydown Area) and ready to function in future flood events.

7.2 Whale Tail

Based on the observations made during this site visit, all Whale Tail Site facilities in operation and all sites currently under construction continue to be managed according to the Terms and Conditions of the Whale Tail Pit Project Certificate, Amendment 1.

The NIRB Staff note the following:

- Recovering of berm liners in the secondary containment berms at the fuel storage area at Whale Tail similar to 2023, and
- Ensuring all signage is appropriate at site.

The observations made at the Site Visit and the comments heard in the Community Information Session will inform the overall compliance of Meliadine Gold Mine Project Certificate No. 006 and Board recommendations provided within the NIRB's *Meliadine Gold Mine 2023-2024 Monitoring Report*.

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