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Good Day,

Per the Nunavut Impact Review Board's request of April 26, 2023, Transport Canada has reviewed Agnico Eagle Mine Limited's (AEM) Meliadine Gold Mine Project 2022 Annual Monitoring Report. Please note that Transport Canada's review was limited to those areas of the monitoring report that are relevant to the Department's mandate and jurisdiction/areas of expertise.

Transport Canada's comments on the Meliadine Gold Mine Project 2022 Annual Monitoring Report cover four topic areas:

1. Marine safety and security
2. Navigation protection
3. Civil Aviation (Meliadine mine flights)
4. Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)

1. Marine Safety and Security

- The oil handling facility is in compliance with regulatory requirements as per part 8 of the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*. OPEP and OPMP, were reviewed- no issues or any non compliance. Last inspection was carried out in 2022
- The facility is in compliance with the Marine Transportation Security Regulations. No inspection were conducted in 2022 and the most recent inspection occurred in 2021.
- Vessel operators should be made aware of the Annual Notice to Mariners, in particular section, A2 Marine Mammal Guidelines and Marine Protected Areas and 7A Voyage Planning for Vessels Intending to Navigate in Canada's Northern Waters

Annual Notice to Mariners : <https://www.notmar.gc.ca/publications/annual/annual-notices-to-mariners-eng.pdf>

- No enforcement activities were undertaken or required last year

2. Navigation Protection

- Transport Canada Navigation Protection Program (NPP) has issued two approvals for works associated with the Project:

- 2010-600573 - Bridge Meliadine River
- 2019-600003 – Outfall/diffuser, Melvin Bay
- NPP conducted an inspection trip in August of 2022. This inspection included the bridge over the Meliadine River as well as viewing the area of the diffuser outfall. The bridge appeared to be in operational condition with no impacts to navigation over the Meliadine River.
- Views from shore of the location of the diffuser outfall did not result in any issues of non-compliance or impacts to navigation. All conditions of approval were adhered to and no impact was noted.
- No complaints/concerns were received and no enforcement actions have been undertaken.

3. Civil Aviation (Meliadine mine flights)

- There were no site inspections or enforcement activities related to the Meliadine Mine aerodrome in 2022.
- The amended Meliadine Gold Mine Project Certificate No. 006 Term and Condition #70 deals with flight altitudes to and from the Meliadine Mine aerodrome. There were no complaints related to this aerodrome in 2022.

4. Transportation of Dangerous Goods

- One TDG inspection was conducted remotely for Meliadine Gold Mine Project in 2022. Non-compliances were noted for training and Agnico Eagle provided the compliance response within the timeframe. Therefore, there are no outstanding issues.
- No other monitoring was conducted by TDG in 2022 and no concerns or complaints were received.

In summary, Transport Canada carried out on-site physical inspections or enforcement activities associated with the Project in 2022. Based on the information available to date, the Project is in compliance with legislation administered by the Department and with the approvals issued to it by Transport Canada's Navigation Protection Program.

Please contact me if you have any questions about Transport Canada's review.

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