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Via email: info@nirb.ca

RE: 2018 Annual Monitoring Report Comments for the Meadowbank Gold Mine and the Whale Tail Pit Project.

Dear Mr. Barry,

The Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency's Northern Economic Development Office (NPMO) is providing the attached review comments to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) regarding Agnico Eagle Mines' (AEM) 2018 Annual Monitoring Report for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project (NIRB # 03MN107) and the Whale Tail Pit Project (NIRB # 16MN056).

NPMO is submitting these comments on behalf of Crown-Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), and Transport Canada (TC). Please find the following attached documents,

- Review Comments from CIRNAC,
- Review Comments from ECCC, and
- Review Comments from TC (Appendix A).



The Government of Canada looks forward to continued participation in the NIRB's processes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Alex Power, Project Manager, NPMO (Alex.Power@Canada.ca, (867) 669-2601).

Sincerely,

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Appendix A

Transport Canada (TC) received the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) letter dated April 12, 2019, requesting parties to review Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.'s (AEM) – *Meadowbank Gold Mine Project and Whale Tail Pit Project 2018 Annual Monitoring Report* and provide comments with respect to jurisdictional authority and/or area of expertise. TC reviewed the *2018 Annual Monitoring Report* and offers the following comment:

Annual report section 11.2.3 refers to the following:

11.2.3 Baker Lake Fuel Farm Expansion Project

As a result of ore hauling from the Approved Whale Tail Pit Project to Meadowbank, and the addition of a Power Plant and heating facilities at the Whale Tail site, diesel fuel needs have increased and calculations made prior to the Approved Project permitting process underestimated the requirements of fuel. To address the upcoming shortage, Agnico Eagle is proposing to add two (2) 10 million L diesel fuel storage tanks to the Marshalling Area Bulk Fuel Storage Facility in Baker Lake for a total of 80 million litres. Proposed infrastructures would be built starting in April 2019 pending all regulatory approvals have been received by then.

TC comment: If Agnico Eagle Mines expands their Oil Handling Facility at Meadowbank, their Oil Pollution Emergency Plan would need to be updated to reflect the changes in the facility's characteristics.