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**RE: Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "2020 Saline Discharge Strategy" Proposal related to the Meliadine Gold Mine Project, and "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment" Amendment for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regard to Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's proposal related to Meliadine Gold Mine Project, NIRB Files 11MN034 (NWB File No. 2AM-MEL1631).

The 2020 Saline Discharge Strategy proposal is beyond the scope of the originally assessed project. Doubling the volume of saline effluent disposed into Melvin Bay in 2020 compared to the previous year is a significant modification. Increased traffic on the road is also a concern.

The proposed Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment amendment is a major and significant modification to the original project. Approving an amendment to the previously assessed project is not a reasonable or responsible response to the proposal. The proposed increase of volume of saline effluent into Melvin Bay is more than tenfold the original project, and therefore it is not fair to amend the original proposal based on the previous assessment by NIRB and other regulatory bodies. There are concerns about what the saline effluent consists of and whether this significant volume increase would have a detrimental impact on the marine ecosystem. Further, the development of a pipeline will significantly impact caribou migration and other wildlife and should not be approved without a proper impact assessment with community input and involvement.

The proposed amendments to the project need to be re-assessed as they are significant modifications to the original assessed project.

Regards,



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