

In addition, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada has committed participant funding for this assessment¹ and the NIRB continues to coordinate with those implementing the funding process to consider the time necessary for the application and awarding of these funds.

The Board is providing further opportunity for interested parties to provide information on their ability to participate in the NIRB's assessment of the Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment Proposal considering the above noted submission by Agnico Eagle and additional participant funding resource. Parties are therefore invited to comment on the following aspects:

- a) Process and timeline considerations that will affect the party's ability to participate in the reconsideration process, specifically in regards to the timing suggested by Agnico Eagle, and how agencies are continuing to maintain operations through the current pandemic.
- b) While the Board's assessment processes include a mix of written, verbal, and in-person communication, the NIRB would like to understand if parties have a preference for or judge their ability to participate effectively in potential alternatives to in-person public meetings, such as teleconferences or virtual hearings.
- c) Any additional practicalities of the Board conducting its assessment during the current pandemic, including capacity or resource limitations that would inhibit the parties' ability to participate to the extent they require.

The NIRB requests that parties submit comments directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca by **July 10, 2020**.

Following receipt of parties' feedback, the Board expects to be providing further guidance and process timelines in respect to next steps in the NIRB's assessment of Agnico Eagle's "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment" Project Proposal.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at tarko@nirb.ca or Erin Reimer, Technical Advisor I at reimer@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (1) Agnico Eagle Mines Limited Letter to Nunavut Impact Review Board, Re: Notice and Guidance Regarding the Nunavut Impact Review Board's Processing of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment, Rankin Inlet, Meliadine Gold Mine, Nunavut" Project Proposal; Guidance for Impact Statement Addendum Regarding Agnico

¹ Public Registry ID: 330555, 330556, 330557

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