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**To:** Info
**Subject:** Re: Reconsideration Process regarding NIRB's assessment of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment" Project Proposal

Good Day.

In response to your letter dated 30 June, 2020 in which you ask parties to comment on the ability of interested parties to participate in the assessment of Agnico Eagle's saline effluent discharge proposal, my comments follow.

a) I have limited time and ability over the next six weeks to research and prepare verbal or written submissions due to prior commitments. Of course I recognize AEM's desperation to proceed lest they face significant disruption to their mining activity and potentially feel the wrath of shareholders and investors who may proceed legally by class action as they did in 2012 over flooding at one of their Quebec mines. In that context, I would say that if the process could be delayed as long as reasonably possible it might allow time for me to prepare. If not, I do wish to restate my concern the waterline will be an impediment to caribou crossing and would not want the project to proceed. AEM provides no evidence the waterline will not be a barrier and therefore I have to assume they have none. My personal experience, which I have provided details on in my submission in May, is that a pipeline will be a barrier.
b) Potentially a limited size in-person public meeting could be organized with other participants connecting by teleconference or video conference. For all of the organizations listed in your distribution list, written responses are the norm and clearly this will be effective. However for residents of Rankin Inlet and other communities, formal written responses are not the norm and therefore other alternatives should be considered – see c) below.
c) I believe the community of Rankin Inlet was not adequately given the opportunity in March to receive the details of AEM's water disposal plans. The only community announcement prior to the meeting was that it would be a meeting to update the community without providing any details on the topics. I would certainly have attended if the topic of a double waterline was announced and presumably more individuals would have attended as well. AEM's claim the community was consulted is at best weak, to be polite. Therefore some form of community consultation is required. In the context of Covid-19, perhaps a radio phone-in show would be effective as well as providing information to all residents by a mailing through the Post Office and postings on social media. We need to be creative and find some alternative means to get the message out to gather a better sense of community response.

Cheers,
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