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Dear Robin Allard:

**RE: 03MN107 – Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. – Meadowbank Gold Mine – Incinerator Stack Testing Reduction Frequency**

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) is providing this correspondence in response to Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (Agnico) letter June 30, 2020 regarding a reduction in the frequency of incinerator stack testing at the Meadowbank Gold Mine (the mine).

Term and Condition 76 of Meadowbank Mine's Project Certificate 004 – issued December 21, 2018 states

*“72. On-site incinerators shall comply with Canadian Council of Ministers of Environment and CanadaWide Standards for dioxins and furan emissions, and Canada-wide Standards for mercury emissions, and Cumberland shall conduct annual stack testing to demonstrate that the on-site incinerators are operating in compliance with these standards. The results of stack testing shall be contained in an annual monitoring report submitted to GN, EC and NIRB's Monitoring Officer.”*

On **February 27**, 2015, ECCC provided comments to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) regarding a request for advice related to the 2013-2014 Annual Monitoring report for the mine. This correspondence stated that Agnico should comply with Condition 72 as stated, but also informed the NIRB that:

*“The CWS for Dioxins and Furans has set emission limits for waste incineration at 80 pg I-TEQ/m<sup>3</sup>. The CWS generally requires large facilities, which incinerate more than 26 tonnes of waste per year, to demonstrate compliance of the emission standards through annual\_stack testing. However, jurisdictions may vary the stack testing requirements for facilities where incineration performance has been consistently demonstrated to be below the emission standards. The CWS states that “where five years’ data has been accumulated with all results reported below the Level of Quantification (emission standard), the stack testing frequency may*



*be revised to a biennial schedule” so long as all subsequent test results remain below the emission standards.”*

ECCC provided information to the NIRB as guidance. ECCC does not regulate air quality emissions at this time, but does provide guidance to NIRB when expert advice is requested. ECCC does not have regulatory authority to permit Agnico to move to biannual stack testing.

ECCC notes that provisions exist in both the *Nunavut Agreement* (article 12.8.2) and the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* (s. 112(1)) to reconsider, upon request by the proponent (or others), terms and conditions.

If you need more information, please contact Eva Walker at (867) 669-4744 or [Eva.Walker@Canada.ca](mailto:Eva.Walker@Canada.ca).

Sincerely,

*[original signed by]*

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