



**NIRB File No.: 11MN034**  
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To: *Meliadine Distribution List*

*Sent via email*

**Re: Logistics Information and Final Agenda for the Upcoming NIRB Teleconference Technical Meeting for Agnico Eagle's "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment" Project Proposal**

Dear Parties:

On December 10, 2020 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) provided parties with notice of the rescheduled Technical Meeting to take place via teleconference on January 11-12, 2021 for its assessment of the "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment" Project Proposal (NIRB File No. 11MN034; the Project Proposal). The following correspondence provides logistical information related to the Technical Meeting and a copy of the finalized Technical Meeting Agenda ([Appendix A](#)).

The Technical Meeting will be conducted by teleconference to provide the Proponent, responsible authorities and interested parties (especially those that are recipients of participant funding) the opportunity to discuss issues raised in their respective technical review comments on the Impact Statement (IS) Addendum submitted by Agnico Eagle. The Technical Meeting will be facilitated by the NIRB staff, kept as informal as possible with the objective of identifying, addressing, and/or resolving outstanding technical issues prior to the Pre-hearing Conference.

#### TECHNICAL MEETING – PROCEDURAL EXPECTATIONS

The Technical Meetings are a platform for Agnico Eagle and participating parties to discuss outstanding issues and attempt to find resolutions, therefore questions posed should focus on the parties' key issues regarding the Project Proposal. Parties should be prepared to speak to whether their technical review comments have been satisfactorily addressed by Agnico Eagle and, if not, to provide clarification as to what issues remain outstanding. As a format to ensure everyone is able to engage in the process the NIRB will be following a roundtable approach with a time limit for Round 1 (10-15 minutes per party), then an optional Round 2 for parties who require more

time. While priority may be given to items within the following categories, the facilitator will be responsible to ensure everyone is able to engage in the process to maintain the schedule.

- Items identified through parties' review of the Impact Statement Addendum;
- Additional feedback associated with the submission of Agnico Eagle's Information Request Response Package and Technical Review Comment Responses; and
- Concerns and questions from community representatives, including any management and monitoring issues from the Meliadine Gold Mine Project which apply to the "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment" project proposal.

#### TECHNICAL MEETING COMMITMENT LIST

Agnico Eagle will be responsible to track any commitments made to address outstanding technical issues and maintain a comprehensive listing of commitments to be circulated as necessary during the meetings and for submission as part of the Pre-hearing Conference. The NIRB requests that, to the extent possible, parties be prepared to raise their questions and concerns throughout the meeting with reference to the number of the associated technical review comment. Parties should be prepared to speak to whether their comments have been satisfactorily addressed by Agnico Eagle and, if not, to provide clarification as to what issues remain outstanding in order to prepare final written submissions. At the end of the Technical Meeting, Agnico Eagle will circulate the list of commitments to the NIRB, responsible authorities and interested parties; during the Pre-hearing Conference parties will be provided the opportunity to confirm their acceptance of the wording of the commitments.

#### PRESENTATIONS

At the beginning of the Technical Meeting, Agnico Eagle will deliver an overview presentation of the Project Proposal and summarize Agnico Eagle's response to parties' technical review comments, including identification of those issues believed to have been addressed within its' responses and those which have not yet been resolved. Where possible it is recommended that the Proponent utilize visual elements in its presentation to assist with effective comprehension and uptake of technical issues by meeting participants. In addition, it is recommended that Agnico Eagle be prepared to deliver concise topic-specific presentations for each agenda item, to be utilized as deemed necessary for facilitating discussions. At the beginning of each topic Agnico Eagle will provide a short summary of outstanding and resolved issues pertaining to that topic. Digital copies of the presentations must be provided to the NIRB by **January 8, 2020** to ensure that all parties can access it via the NIRB's online public registry in advance of the meetings.

#### MEETING LOGISTICS

The NIRB has made the following logistical arrangements for the upcoming Technical Meeting:

**Interpretation:** Simultaneous English and Inuktitut interpretation will be provided to the extent practicable. The NIRB has put in place mechanisms to resolve any technical issues that might occur during the meetings, including any breakdown in interpretation to ensure that all parties can participate.

In order to maintain consistency for the interpreters and reduce technical interruptions, the NIRB stresses the importance of participants in using only the designated language on each of the respective telephone lines (e.g., English only on the English line, and Inuktitut only on the Inuktitut line), and avoid switching between languages on the same phone line to the extent possible.

- Facilitator:** The Technical Meeting will be facilitated by the NIRB staff.
- Materials:** The NIRB will provide access to the digital copy of all materials contained within the Board's Public Registry for the Meliadine Gold Mine Project, including the IS Addendum, and any additional submissions received up to and throughout the meetings.
- Meeting times:** Meetings start at 9:00 a.m. (CT) and run until 5:00 p.m. (CT) daily, with an hour break for lunch and two 15-minute health breaks throughout the day.
- Teleconference Details:** Prior to the meeting, registered participants will be provided the teleconference call-in information.

#### NEXT STEPS

Parties planning to participate in the upcoming Technical Meeting teleconference for the Board's assessment of the "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment" Project Proposal are required to provide the NIRB with the following information by **January 7, 2021**:

- Provide an updated list of representatives for the party that wish to attend the teleconference, including name, position and respective area of expertise or authority, and email. Parties should also indicate which person will be the key speaker for the Technical Meeting;
- Any requests for specific logistical arrangements that may be required during the proceedings; and
- Any request by public media outlets to cover the proceedings.

Further, the NIRB reminds Agnico Eagle to submit digital copies of its presentations for the Technical Meeting (including translations) to the NIRB on or before **January 8, 2021**.

Parties are asked to direct all forthcoming submissions to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca). Should you require clarification on the NIRB's assessment of the "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment" Project Proposal, please contact Emily Koide, Technical Advisor I at [ekoide@nirb.ca](mailto:ekoide@nirb.ca) or the undersigned at [kmorrison@nirb.ca](mailto:kmorrison@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Attachments (1): Appendix A – *Final* Technical Meeting Agenda for Agnico Eagle’s “Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment” Project Proposal

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**APPENDIX A**  
**FINAL TECHNICAL MEETING AGENDA**

**NIRB File No.:** 11MN034 – Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment (Saline Waterline) Project Proposal

**Proponent:** Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

**Facilitator:** Karen Costello, NIRB Executive Director

**Dates:** January 11-12, 2021

**Times:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Central Time); 6:30 - 9:00 pm

*All times given are approximate and the order of discussion topics are subject to change at the NIRB's discretion. Additional evening sessions may be scheduled if deemed necessary to complete the agenda.*

**Format:** Teleconference (details to be provided to registered participants)

**Day 1 of Technical Meeting – January 11, 2021 (evening session included)**

General Opening:

1. NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks (20 minutes)
  - a. Introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of the meetings
  - b. Introduction of Meeting Participants
  - c. Overview of Agenda
  - d. Housekeeping items

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2. Proponent Presentation (total 20 minute presentation time by Agnico Eagle)
  - a. Introduction and overview
    - i. Project design and rationale, description of project components including construction, operation, and removal/reclamation
    - ii. Public engagement and community response update
    - iii. Alternatives assessment
  - b. Response to Technical Review Comments
3. Roundtable discussion: questions by parties and NIRB staff on the following items with potential presentations delivered by Agnico Eagle as needed:
  - a. Terrestrial environment (soils and terrain, permafrost, vegetation) and related management and mitigation plans and/or programs plans and (10 minute presentation by Agnico Eagle)
  - b. Terrestrial wildlife and respective habitats and related management and mitigation plans and/or programs (15 minute presentation by Agnico Eagle)

- c. Cumulative and transboundary effects assessment and related management, and mitigation plans and/or programs (*10 minute presentation by Agnico Eagle*)

Close of Day 1

## **Day 2 of Technical Meeting – January 12, 2021**

Technical Meeting (continued from Day 1):

1. NIRB Opening Remarks (*15 minutes*)
  - a. Day 1 Recap
  - b. Overview of Agenda
2. Roundtable discussion: questions by parties and NIRB staff on the following items with potential presentations delivered by Agnico Eagle as needed:
  - a. Marine discharge, Itivia waterline and diffuser construction
    - i. Operation and removal/reclamation (*10 minute presentation by Agnico Eagle*)
    - ii. Accidents and malfunctions including potential for infrastructure failure, spills and spill response, and related management and mitigation plans and/or programs (*10 minute presentation by Agnico Eagle*)
  - b. Human health
  - c. Socio-economic environment (*10 minute presentation by Agnico Eagle*)
    - i. Traditional land and resource use
    - ii. Employment and procurement
3. Discussion and review of Proponent's list of commitments and other outstanding technical issues
4. Closing Remarks from parties
5. NIRB closing remarks and discussion of next steps

Close of Day 2