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## Greetings,

As requested in the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) March 31<sup>st</sup> Correspondence for the upcoming Public Hearing of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's "Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment" Project Proposal, the Northern Projects Management Office, on behalf of the Government of Canada, offers the following comment on the Draft Agenda.

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) will not be providing a presentation during the Technical Session on Day 1 of the Public Hearing, and should be removed from agenda item 6. The department performed an initial review of the project proposal and determined that its areas of expertise were not relevant to the technical information provided. Therefore, NRCan did not undertake a technical review of the Project. Representatives from NRCan will be present at the Public Hearing and remain available to answer questions and provide information to communities, the NIRB, and other participating parties.

All other participating federal departments are satisfied with the 20-minute time limit allotted for their presentations and otherwise have no further comments on the Draft Agenda.

Regards,

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