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Hi Karen,

Please have staff share this update from the Minister with the Meliadine distribution list.

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**From:** Ministre AN - Minister NA <[ministrean-ministerna@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:ministrean-ministerna@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca)>

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October 29, 2021

Mr. Jamie Quesnel  
Director, Permitting and Regulatory Affairs  
Agnico Eagle Mines Limited  
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Dear Mr. Quesnel:

I would like to provide you with an update regarding the decision process for Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment project proposal. As you are aware, the Nunavut Impact Review Board submitted its Reconsideration Report and Recommendations to me on July 30, 2021, recommending that the proposed project should be allowed to proceed, and has recommended 11 revisions and the addition of three new terms and conditions to Project Certificate No. 006.

As per subsection 112(6) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, the responsible ministers have 90 days to accept, vary, or reject the Nunavut Impact Review Board's recommendations. However, pursuant to subsection 112(8), if the responsible ministers are of the opinion that more time is needed to exercise powers and perform duties and functions in respect of the Reconsideration Report and Recommendations, they may extend the timeline up to 90 days and must notify the proponent of the extension in writing.

The Government of Canada is committed to renewing the nation-to-nation, Inuit–Crown, government-to-government relationship between Canada and First Nations, Inuit, and Métis. Therefore, I, along with the responsible ministers, have decided that while the decision process is very advanced, it is necessary to extend the decision timeline for this proposed project by 90 days. This is necessary so that departmental officials can complete their consultation with the affected Indigenous groups in a manner that is respectful and allows for meaningful discussions to take place.

I would like to assure you that the Government of Canada is committed to meeting its legislated timelines and that I do not anticipate this extension to be a long one. In addition, I understand the importance of a predictable regulatory process for investors. I would like to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding on this matter as the other responsible ministers and I work toward a final decision on this proposed project. Should you have any questions, please direct them to Kim Pawley, Manager, Environmental Assessment, Land Use Planning, and Conservation, at [Kim.Pawley@canada.ca](mailto:Kim.Pawley@canada.ca).

Sincerely,



Hon. Daniel Vandal, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Joyce Murray, P.C., M.P.

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.

The Honourable Omar Alghabra, P.C., M.P.

Ms. Marjorie Kaviq Kaluraq

