



**NIRB File No.: 03MN107 & 16MN056**  
**NWB File No.: 2AM-MEA1526 & 2AM-WTP1826**

April 26, 2023

To: Meadowbank Gold Mine and Whale Tail Pit Project Distribution Lists

*Sent via email*

**Re: Comment Request for Agnico Eagle's Meadowbank Complex Project 2022 Annual Report**

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Dear Parties:

On March 31, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Agnico Eagle Mines Limited's (Agnico Eagle) *Meadowbank Complex 2022 Annual Report (2022 Annual Report)* as required by the amended Meadowbank Gold Mine (NIRB File No. 03MN107) and the amended Whale Tail Pit (NIRB File No. 16MN056) Project Certificates No. 004 Amendment 3 and No. 008 Amendment 1 respectively. On April 12, 2023, following a completeness check, the NIRB requested clarification on documents within the *2022 Annual Report* which were subsequently submitted by April 14, 2023.

The NIRB requests that interested parties review the *2022 Annual Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise by **June 9, 2023**.

The *2022 Annual Report* and supplemental documents are available for review from the NIRB's Public Registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125253](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125253) (Meadowbank Gold Mine (Meadowbank)) or [www.nirb.ca/project/125418](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125418) (Whale Tail Pit (Whale Tail)). Access to the documents can be made by:

- Selecting the "Documents Tab" of the Project Dashboard(s) then select the "Annual Report" category on the left pane;
- Selecting "Recent Documents" on the Project Dashboards; or
- Searching the Public Registry with the Document ID numbers identified in Appendix A.

As per Section 12.7.3 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, s. 135(4) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14 (*NuPPAA*), and the Meadowbank Gold Mine and Whale Tail Pit Projects, the NIRB's monitoring program focuses on compliance and effects monitoring.

The NIRB requests that interested parties review the *2022 Annual Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise on the following:

1. Effects monitoring

- a. Whether the conclusions reached by Agnico Eagle in the *2022 Annual Report* are valid; and
- b. Any areas of significance requiring further supporting information or any changes to the monitoring program which may be required.

In addition, the NIRB is requesting that Regulatory Authorities also provide comments and/or information associated with their respective mandate and jurisdiction, with respect to the following. An example format for tracking comments and Proponent responses is included in Appendix B.

2. Compliance monitoring

- a. Provide a summary of any compliance monitoring and/or site inspections undertaken in association with the Project, including specifically;
  - i. Identify the terms and conditions from the Project Certificate which have been incorporated into any permits, certificates, licenses, or other approvals issued for the Project, where applicable, and report annually to the NIRB on the status of those incorporated terms and conditions;
  - ii. A summary of any inspections conducted during the 2022 reporting period, and the results of these inspections; and
  - iii. A summary of Agnico Eagle's compliance status with regard to authorizations that have been issued for the Project.

This information is important to assist the NIRB in assessing, coordinating, integrating, and ensuring that the Board has the information to accurately measure effects, adequately assess compliance with terms and conditions, regulatory instruments, and agreements, and whether the Projects are carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions as set out in the original project certificate.

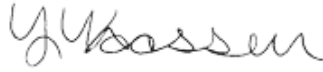
Please send all forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca).

Please note for your records that the NIRB has appointed the following individuals to serve as the Monitoring Officers for the Meadowbank and Whale Tail Pit Projects. To mail materials to the NIRB, please use the address below.

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Attn: Leah Klaassen and Emily Koide  
Monitoring Officers  
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Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the NIRB's monitoring of the Meadowbank Gold Mine and Whale Tail Pit Projects, please contact the undersigned at [lklaassen@nirb.ca](mailto:lklaassen@nirb.ca) or contact Emily Koide, Technical Advisor III, at [ekoide@nirb.ca](mailto:ekoide@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Technical Advisor II  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Attachments (2): Appendix A: NIRB Document ID Nos for Agnico Eagle's 2022 Annual Report  
Appendix B: Example Table for Comments on Annual Report

cc: Marie-Pier Marcil, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited  
Alexandra Ozaruk, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited  
Eric Haley, Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

## Appendix A: NIRB Document ID Nos for Agnico Eagle's 2022 Annual Report

| Document Title  | Meadowbank Document ID No.                      | Whale Tail Document ID No.                      |
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| 2022 Annual Report  | 343738  | 343736  |
| Appendix 1-Commitments  | 343698  | 343737  |
| Appendix 2-Commitments  | 343744  | 343739  |
| Appendix 3-11EN010 Annual Report  | 343746  | 343741  |
| Appendix 4-Socio-Economic Report  | 343748  | 343743  |
| Appendix 5-Public Consultation  | 343750  | 343745  |
| Appendix 6- Training Management System and Learning Management System Reports | 343751  | 343747  |
| Appendix 7-Community Liaison Committee Newsletter December 2022               | 343753  | 343749  |
| Appendix 8-QA QC Plan V8  | 343755  | 343752  |
| Appendix 9-Annual Geotechnical Inspection (6 parts)                           | 344228, 344229, 344260, 344231, 344232 & 344233 | 344238, 344239, 344240, 344241, 344242 & 344243 |
| Appendix 10-Meadowbank Open Pit Geomechanical Inspection                      | 343757  | 343766  |
| Appendix 11-Whale Tail Pit Geomechanical Inspection (2 parts)                 | 343843 & 343846                                 | 343768 & 343771                                 |
| Appendix 12-Meadowbank Water Management Plan V11                              | 343762  | 3433773   |
| Appendix 13-Whale Tail Water Management Plan V10                              | 344234  | 344244  |
| Appendix 14-MDRB Report No. 30  | 343765  | 343778  |
| Appendix 15-Geotechnical Implementation Plan                                  | 343767  | 343781  |
| Appendix 16-Geomechanical Inspection Plans                                    | 343769  | 343783  |
| Appendix 17-Bulk Fuel Management Plan V7                                      | 343770  | 343785  |
| Appendix 18-Quarry 22 2022 Report   | 343772  | 343787  |
| Appendix 19-Baker Lake Bathymetric Survey                                     | 343774  | 343789  |
| Appendix 20-Meadowbank Water Quantity and Quality                             | 343775  | 343791  |
| Appendix 21-RSF Cover System Design Revision 3                                | 343777  | 343793  |
| Appendix 22-Meadowbank Waste Rock Tailings Management Plan V13                | 343779  | 343795  |
| Appendix 23-Whale Tail Waste Rock Plan V10                                    | 343780  | 343797  |

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| Appendix 24-Meadowbank Thermal Monitoring Report                                 | 343782                            | 343799                            |
| Appendix 25-Whale Tail Thermal Monitoring Report (2 parts)                       | 343848 & 343851                   | 343802 & 343804                   |
| Appendix 26-Meadowbank Hazardous and Non-hazardous Waste Transportation Manifest | 343784                            | 343806                            |
| Appendix 27-Spill Contingency Plan V19   | 343786                            | 343808                            |
| Appendix 28-Meadowbank 2022 GN Spill Reports                                     | 343788                            | 343810                            |
| Appendix 29-Whale Tail 2022 GN Spill Reports                                     | 343790                            | 343813                            |
| Appendix 30-Landfarm Report  | 343792                            | 343815                            |
| Appendix 31-Whale Tail ARD-ML Sampling and Test Plan V7.1                        | 343794                            | 343817                            |
| Appendix 32-Meadowbank OPEP and OPPP V16 (2 parts)                               | 343853 & 343865                   | 343819 & 343821                   |
| Appendix 33-2022 CREMP (4 parts)   | 343859, 343861, 343864 & 343866   | 343823, 343825, 343828 & 343830   |
| Appendix 34-Meadowbank 2022 CREMP  | 343796                            | 343832                            |
| Appendix 35-Meadowbank Dewatering Dike OMS V10                                   | 343798                            | 343833                            |
| Appendix 36-Meadowbank Tailings Storage Facility OMS V11                         | 344235                            | 344245                            |
| Appendix 37-Whale Tail Water Management Infrastructure OMS V3                    | 344236                            | 344246                            |
| Appendix 38-Whale Tail 2022 Fisheries Authorization Report                       | 343803                            | 343840                            |
| Appendix 39-Marine Mammal and Seabird Report (4 parts)                           | 343869, 343871, 343873 & 343876   | 343842, 343844, 343845 & 343847   |
| Appendix 40-Blast Monitoring Program V8  | 343805                            | 343850                            |
| Appendix 41-Blast Monitoring Report  | 343807                            | 343852                            |
| Appendix 42-Meadowbank Groundwater Monitoring Report                             | 343809                            | 343855                            |
| Appendix 43-Whale Tail Groundwater Monitoring Report (3 parts)                   | 343879, 343881 & 343884           | 343857, 343860 & 343862           |
| Appendix 44-Whale Tail Fishery Habitat Offsets Monitoring Report                 | 343811                            | 343865                            |
| Appendix 45-Meadowbank AWAR Transportation Monitoring Plan V6                    | 343812                            | 343867                            |

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| Appendix 46-Whale Tail Haul Road Management Plan             | 343814                                | 343870                                |
| Appendix 47-Wildlife Monitoring Report (4 parts)             | 343886, 343889, 343891 & 343894       | 343872, 343874, 343877 & 343880       |
| Appendix 48-Wildlife HHRA country Food Plan V8               | 343816                                | 343882                                |
| Appendix 49-Noise Monitoring Report                          | 343818                                | 343885                                |
| Appendix 50-Air Quality and Dust Monitoring Report           | 343820                                | 343887                                |
| Appendix 51-Incinerator Waste Management Plan V10            | 343822                                | 343890                                |
| Appendix 52-Meadowbank Incinerator Air Emissions Test Report | 343824                                | 343892                                |
| Appendix 53-Whale Tail Mercury Monitoring Program Report     | 343826                                | 343895                                |
| Appendix 54-Whale Tail Mercury Monitoring Plan V4            | 344089                                | 344085                                |
| Appendix 55-QA QC Results                                    | 343829                                | 343898                                |
| Appendix 56-Translated Executive Summaries                   | 344237                                | 344247                                |

## Appendix B: Example Table for Comments on the Annual Report

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| <b>Comment Number:</b>     |  |
| <b>Subject/Topic:</b>      |  |
| <b>References:</b>         | To the appropriate section in the Annual Report and/or Addendum  |
| <b>Comment:</b>            | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Gap/Issue</li><li>2. Disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion</li><li>3. Reasons for disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion</li><li>4. Disagreement and reasons for disagreement with conclusions within the Additional Documents in the Appendix</li></ol> |
| <b>Conclusion/Request:</b> |  |