



# AGENDA



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# PROJECT CERTIFICATE



- Major projects that undergo a NIRB Review are assessed by the Board, which then provides recommendations to the responsible Minister; if the project is approved by the Minister, a Project Certificate is subsequently issued with applicable terms and conditions.
- A Project Certificate is a legally binding document, which includes general and project-specific **Terms and Conditions**, many of which establish the monitoring program.
- However, It is NOT a licence to operate, The NIRB's Project Certificate operates as a “post decision” quality control mechanism, and the terms and conditions in the Project Certificate are meant to:
  - provide the basis for inspection and surveillance to ensure that:
    - the Project is implemented as it was proposed;
    - reflects the scope of the Project as assessed; and
    - the mitigation measures and commitments from assessments are achieving the intended outcomes;
  - provide a mechanism for overall compliance and effects monitoring;
  - support adaptive management, including the application of observations and lessons learned through monitoring by requiring that unanticipated effects or changes to the magnitude of predicted impacts be identified and that mitigation measures and regulatory instruments be adapted to address such effects; and
  - adopt audit and process evaluation measures to examine and transparently report on the accuracy of impact predictions provided during the assessment process, to identify the success or failure of mitigation measures and overall level of environment and socio-economic performance of the Project

Please refer to IA presentation from March 26<sup>th</sup> for more information at [https://www.nirb.ca/portal/dms/script/dms\\_download.php?fileid=360768](https://www.nirb.ca/portal/dms/script/dms_download.php?fileid=360768)



# ANNUAL REPORTS



- Primary tool used for ongoing monitoring
- Submitted annually (typically March–April)
- Structured around **Project Certificate Terms & Conditions (T&Cs)**
- **Proponents must report on:**
  - Actions taken for each T&C
  - Monitoring results (environmental & socio-economic)
  - Progress toward **objectives**
  - Compliance status
- **Purpose:**
  - Measure impacts
  - Verify compliance
  - Compare predicted vs actual outcomes



# ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW PROCESS



- **Step 1: Submission**
  - Proponent submits Annual Report (March–April)
  - Posted to NIRB public registry
- **Step 2: Comment Period (~45 days)**
  - NIRB invites Regulatory Parties to comment on Proponent’s Annual Report
  - Comments made public
- **Step 3: Proponent Response (~45 days)**
  - NIRB compiles comments
  - Proponent responds to each comment
  - Responses made public
- **Step 4: NIRB Review and Recommendations**
  - NIRB compiles Regulator comments, proponent responses, Monitoring Officer findings (Annual Report + site visits, and community engagement)
  - Presented to the Board for review
  - Board incorporates findings into the NIRB Annual Monitoring Report and issues recommendations

# ROLE OF REGULATORS



- **Key Responsibilities**

- Review Annual Reports based on technical expertise
- Assess whether:
  - Terms & Conditions are being met
  - Monitoring results and conclusions are valid
  - Mitigation measures are effective

- **Compliance Monitoring**

- Regulatory Authorities are also expected to provide:
  - Inspection summaries
  - Compliance updates
  - Status of Terms & Conditions incorporated into:
    - Permits
    - Licences
    - Other authorizations

- **Role in the Comment Process**

- Responsible Parties must provide comments for assigned Terms & Conditions
- Other authorities may also provide additional input
- Comments help identify:
  - Gaps in reporting
  - Compliance concerns
  - Areas requiring follow-up

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Major Project Annual Reports</b>												
Receipt												
Hope Bay (April 30 App D)				Apr 30								
Back River (April 1)				Apr 01								
Meadowbank Complex (March 30 App D)				Apr 01								
Meliadine (April 1)				Apr 01								
Mary River (April 1)				Apr 01								
Comment Period (All Projects except Hope Bay)				45 days								
Opportunity to Respond (All Projects except Hope Bay)						45 days						

## NIRB Annual Report Review Process Timeline

## Quick Links: Current Project Dashboards and 2025 Annual Reports

- Hope Bay Projects (Doris North and Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt)

[www.nirb.ca/project/123632](http://www.nirb.ca/project/123632) →Project Dashboard → Documents tab → Annual Reports (05MN047) or

[www.nirb.ca/project/124148](http://www.nirb.ca/project/124148) →Project Dashboard → Documents tab → Annual Reports (12MN001)

- Back River Project

[www.nirb.ca/project/125740](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125740) →Project Dashboard → Documents tab → Annual Reports (12MN036)

- Meadowbank Complex (Meadowbank Gold Mine and Whale Tail Pit)

[www.nirb.ca/project/125253](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125253) →Project Dashboard → Documents tab → Annual Reports (03MN107) or

[www.nirb.ca/project/125418](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125418) →Project Dashboard → Documents tab → Annual Reports (16MN056)

- Meliadine Gold Mine

[www.nirb.ca/project/125515](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125515) →Project Dashboard → Documents tab → Annual Reports (11MN034)

- Back River Project

[www.nirb.ca/project/125767](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125767) →Project Dashboard → Documents tab → Annual Reports (08MN053)

# ANNUAL REPORT WORKSHEETS



To support more effective review of Annual Reports, NIRB is introducing standardized worksheets for proponents, regulators, responsible parties, and relevant authorities.

- **Worksheet Structure**

- Tables organized by:
  - Terms & Conditions
  - Commitments from Project Certificates
- Includes:
  - Proponent summaries of actions taken
  - References to supporting sections in the Annual Report

- **Comment Process**

- Responsible Parties:
  - Provide comments under: “Comments from Responsible Parties”
  - Response required for assigned Terms & Conditions
- Other reviewers:
  - May comment under: “Additional Comments”

# ANNUAL REPORT WORKSHEETS



- **Purpose**

- Improve tracking and coordination of comments
- Support consistent and focused review
- Help identify compliance issues and priority concerns
- Assist NIRB in assessing:
  - Effects monitoring
  - Compliance with Project Certificates
  - Whether projects are being carried out as approved

- **Vision Moving Forward**

- Future integration with online systems and reporting portals

1 NIRB File No: 12MN001		Project name: Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt		Project Certificate No. 009				
2 TC No.	Term and Condition Summary	Responsible Parties / Authorities	Associated Plan(s) See 'Mgmt Plan-Links' Tab	Proponent Submission or Summary	Reference (Annual Report)	Comments from Responsible Parties	Additional Comments	
3 1	Maintain an Air Quality Management Plan.	Agnico Eagle ECCC	Air Quality Management Plan	Agnico Eagle's Air Quality Management Plan addresses this term and condition. The updated Air Quality Management Plan was submitted to the NIRB in April 2019. Stack testing was conducted in 2025 and will be conducted again in 2028. Stack testing was reported in the 2025 NWB Annual Report (Section 5.1.1)	<a href="#">2025 NWB Annual Report</a>			
4 2	Maintain a Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) Reduction Plan.	Agnico Eagle	n/a	As was outlined in the 2023 Annual Report, given that Hope Bay is currently under Care and Maintenance and this requirement is only necessary during Construction and Operations, Agnico Eagle commits to develop a standalone plan prior to re-initiating Operations if that occurs. Further, this was acknowledged in the in the NIRB's 2023-2024 Monitoring Report, Appendix A – Compliance to with Terms and Conditions (NIRB 2025a).	n/a			
5 3	Maintain a Mine Closure and Reclamation Plan.	Agnico Eagle	Doris-Madrid Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan	The approved version 7.1 (Doris-Madrid ICRP) was uploaded to the NIRB registry on April 16, 2025 for documentation purposes.  No changes have been made to the Boston Closure and Reclamation Plan due to the status of that site.	n/a			
6 4	In consultation with relevant parties, maintain a Noise Abatement Monitoring Plan.	Agnico Eagle GN-DOE ECCC HC DFO	Noise Abatement Monitoring Plan	Agnico Eagle maintains a Noise Abatement Monitoring Plan (Dec 2017).	n/a			
7 5	Maintain a stand-alone Acid Rock Drainage and Metal Leaching Management Plan.	Agnico Eagle	Quarry Management and Monitoring Plan  Waste Rock, Ore and Mine Backfill Management Plan  Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan  Doris TIA Operations, Maintenance and Surveillance Manual	Hope Bay has existing Management Plans and standard operating procedures that are in place to address this term and condition including; Hope Bay Quarry Management and Monitoring Plan, Hope Bay Waste Rock, Ore and Mine Backfill Management Plan, Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan, and the Doris TIA Operations, Maintenance and Surveillance Manual  As an example of details provided in these plans, Section 3.1.3 of the Waste Rock, Ore and Mine Backfill Management Plan, notes that annual inspections and geochemical characterization of waste rock is undertaken. Seepage surveys are completed (Section 3.1.4 of the Waste Rock, Ore and Mine Backfill Management Plan) to characterize metal leaching and confirm appropriate capture of mine backfill runoff. Section 3.1.3 of the Quarry Management and Monitoring Plan, describes sampling requirements from quarry blasting activities.	n/a			
6 6	Undertake site-specific geotechnical investigations, permafrost	Agnico Eagle	n/a	Not applicable as site is under Care and Maintenance. Hope Bay has existing standard operating procedures that are in place to address this term and condition. The Doris, Madrid and Boston foundation conditions have been well-studied and documented in the Geotechnical Design Parameters and Overburden Summary Report (SRK 2017). Construction is executed as per the Technical	<a href="#">SRK 2017</a> <a href="#">SRK 2018</a>			

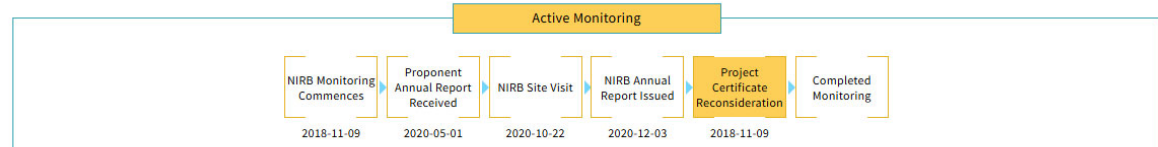
## Example: Comment Request Worksheet for Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project (PC 009)

Regulatory Presentation 2026-05-07

### Project Dashboard

**STATUS: ACTIVE MONITORING**

**NIRB File No:** 12MN001  
**Application No.:** 124148  
**Project Type:** Mine Development  
**Project Name:** Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project



[Summary](#) | 
 [Documents \(1818\)](#) | 
 [Recent Documents](#) | 
 [Impact Statements \(483\)](#)

Recently added project documents

2026-05-05	260505-05MN047	12MN001-NIRB Ltr Parties Re Comment Request 2025 Annual Report-OT6E.pdf	254 Kb
2026-05-05	260430-05MN047	12MN001-2025 Annual Report Comment Req Worksheet DFO-OT6E.xlsm	123 Kb
2026-05-05	260430-05MN047	12MN001-2025 Annual Report Comment Req Worksheet CIRNAC-OT6E.xlsm	123 Kb
2026-05-05	260430-05MN047	12MN001-2025 Annual Report Comment Req Worksheet TC-OT6E.xlsm	122 Kb
2026-05-05	260430-05MN047	12MN001-2025 Annual Report Comment Req Worksheet NWB-OT6E.xlsm	123 Kb
2026-05-05	260430-05MN047	12MN001-2025 Annual Report Comment Req Worksheet NRCan-OT6E.xlsm	123 Kb
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2026-05-05	260430-05MN047	12MN001-2025 Annual Report Comment Req Worksheet HC-OT6E.xlsm	123 Kb
2026-05-05	260430-05MN047	12MN001-2025 Annual Report Comment Req Worksheet Hamlets and HTOs-OT6E.xlsm	123 Kb
2026-05-05	260430-05MN047	12MN001-2025 Annual Report Comment Req Worksheet GN-OT6E.xlsm	123 Kb
2026-05-05	260430-05MN047	12MN001-2025 Annual Report Comment Req Worksheet ECCC-OT6E.xlsm	123 Kb
2026-04-30	260430-05MN047-12MN001-2025 Annual Rpt AppC2-IR2E.pdf		28025 Kb
2026-04-30	260430-05MN047-12MN001-2025 Annual Rpt AppE2-IR2E.pdf		236 Kb
2026-04-30	260430-05MN047-12MN001-2025 Annual Rpt AppE1-IR2E.pdf		2474 Kb
2026-04-30	260430-05MN047-12MN001-2025 Annual Rpt AppD-IR2E.pdf		1029 Kb
2026-04-30	260430-05MN047-12MN001-2025 Annual Rpt AppC5-IR2E.pdf		27295 Kb
2026-04-30	260430-05MN047-12MN001-2025 Annual Rpt AppC4-IR2E.pdf		96 Kb
2026-04-30	260430-05MN047-12MN001-2025 Annual Rpt AppC3-IR2E.pdf		10855 Kb
2026-04-30	260430-05MN047-12MN001-2025 Annual Rpt AppC1-IR2E.pdf		2034 Kb
2026-04-30	260430-05MN047-12MN001-2025 Annual Rpt Pt12-IR2E.pdf		460 Kb
2026-04-30	260430-05MN047-12MN001-2025 Annual Rpt Pt1-IR2E.pdf		2886 Kb

# Example: Project Dashboard for Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project (PC 009)

# NIRB Reminders

**Grays Bay Project Update  
(NIRB File No: 24XN038)**

NIRB confirmed conformity, and started  
Technical Review period with  
**Information Requests due June 5, 2026**





# Thank You



- Thank you all. These sessions will be held monthly, or more often if wanted or necessary
- Next Impact Assessment Session for Regulators is on May 21
- We are (almost) always available to be contacted for more information or discussion

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