



[EXTERNAL] Transport Canada comments for 2025 Annual Report - Meliadine Mine

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Good Day,

In response to the Nunavut Impact Review Board’s April 15, 2026 request, Transport Canada has reviewed Agnico Eagle Mine Limited’s (AEM) Meliadine Gold Mine Project 2025 Annual Report. Please note that Transport Canada’s review was limited to those areas of the monitoring report that are relevant to the Department’s mandate and jurisdiction/areas of expertise.

Transport Canada’s comments on the Meliadine Gold Mine Project 2025 Annual Report cover four topic areas:

1. Marine safety and security
2. Navigation protection
3. Civil aviation (Meliadine mine flights)
4. Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)

1. Marine Safety and Security

Comment Number:	TC-01
Subject/Topic:	Marine Transportation Oil Handling Facility
References:	2025 Annual Report, Section 10.4: Maritime Transportation 2025 Annual Report, Appendix 28-5
Comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gap/Issue • Disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion • Reasons for disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The oil handling facility is in compliance with regulatory requirements as per part 8 of the Canada Shipping Act, 2001. No inspection was carried out in 2025.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disagreement and reasons for disagreement with conclusions within the Additional Documents in the Appendix 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Meliadine Mine facility meets the requirements of the Marine Transportation Security Regulations and remains in compliance. The certificate for Occasional-use Marine Facility is current and valid. No inspection was completed in 2025. No enforcement activity was undertaken or required last year by Transport Canada.
Conclusion/Request	None

Comment Number:	TC-02
Subject/Topic:	Marine Transportation – 2026 Annual Notice to Mariners
References:	2025 Annual Report, Section 10.4: Maritime Transportation
Comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gap/Issue Disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion Reasons for disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion Disagreement and reasons for disagreement with conclusions within the Additional Documents in Appendix 	Transport Canada recommends the Proponent make vessel operators serving the Project aware of the 2026 Annual Notice to Mariners, and in particular section A2 Marine Mammal Guidelines and Marine Protected Areas and section 7A Voyage Planning for Vessels Intending to Navigate in Canada’s Northern Waters and section 7C Vessels Intending to Navigate in Kitikmeot Region in Canada’s Northern Waters (see: Annual Notice to Mariners at: https://www.notmar.gc.ca/annual)
Conclusion/Request	Transport Canada requests that the above information be brought to AEM’s attention.

2. Navigation Protection

Comment Number:	TC-03
Subject/Topic:	Permits – Navigation Protection Program
References:	2025 Annual Report, Section 10.1: Active Permits – Table 25
Comment: <p>Gap/Issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion Reasons for disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion Disagreement and reasons for disagreement with conclusions within the Additional Documents in the Appendix 	The following two approvals issued by Transport Canada’s Navigation Protection Program (NPP) for the Project continue to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2010-600573 - Bridge Meliadine River 2019-600003 – Outfall/diffuser, Melvin Bay <p>In 2025, Agnico Eagle provided NPP updated drawings of the alignment of the outfall and diffuser (2019-600003) – also shown on p. 3 of the Ocean Discharge Monitoring Plan appendix. The drawings were reviewed by NPP and, as the change in alignment were minor and did not increase interference to navigation, the existing approval was updated with the new plans.</p> <p>NPP did not carry out any inspections related to these approvals in 2025 and NPP received no complaints about</p>

	<p>navigation related to the project in 2025.</p> <p>The five waterways that Agnico Eagle dewatered in 2025 and the other waterbodies planned to be dewatered (p. 32 to 34 of Water Management Plan appendix) have been reviewed by Transport Canada and were determined to be non-navigable. Therefore, no approvals are required for those works.</p>
Conclusion/Request	None

3. Civil Aviation

Comment Number:	TC-04
Subject/Topic:	Mine aerodrome
References:	NIRB Project Certificate No. 006 Term and Condition #70
<p>Comment: Gap/Issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion Reasons for disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion Disagreement and reasons for disagreement with conclusions within the Additional Documents in the Appendix 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term and Condition #70 deals with flight altitudes to and from the Meliadine Mine aerodrome. Transport Canada did not receive any complaints related to this aerodrome in 2025. Transport Canada did not conduct any site inspections or enforcement activities related to the Meliadine Mine aerodrome in 2025.
Conclusion/Request	None

4. Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)

Comment Number:	TC-05
Subject/Topic:	Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) / Hazardous Materials
References:	2025 Annual Report, Section 5 - Waste Management Activities
<p>Comment: Gap/Issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion Reasons for disagreement with the Annual Report conclusion Disagreement and reasons for disagreement with conclusions within the Additional Documents in the Appendix 	<p>No TDG monitoring was carried out at the Meliadine Mine site by Transport Canada's TDG group in 2025. No complaints/concerns regarding TDG were received by Transport Canada and the Department did not undertake any enforcement actions in 2025.</p>
Conclusion/Request	None

Comment Number:	TC-06
Subject/Topic:	Transportation of Dangerous Goods / Hazardous Materials
References:	2024 Annual Report, Section 6.1.1.3 – Hazardous and non-hazardous waste 2024 Annual Report, Appendix 13 – Shipping Documentation
Comment:	Appendix 13 provides a list/summary of hazardous (dangerous) goods that were shipped from the site. It would assist future reviews of the Annual Report if copies of the dangerous goods shipping documents were included with the annual report, rather than simply a summary.
Conclusion/Request	Transport Canada requests that NIRB bring this to AEM's attention.

Additionally, please find attached Transport Canada's completed "worksheet", which reflects our comments regarding specific Term and Conditions for which the Department is identified as a responsible party.

Please follow-up with me if you have any questions about Transport Canada's review of the 2025 Annual Report for the Meliadine Mine.

Regards,

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