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Your file *Votre référence*
03MN107, 16MN056

Our file *Notre référence*
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Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Via email to: info@nirb.ca

Subject: Fisheries and Oceans Canada Comments RE 03MN107 & 16MN056 – Agnico Eagle – Meadowbank Gold Mine and Whale Tail Pit Projects (Meadowbank Complex) – 2025 Annual Report

Dear Keith Morrison,

The Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) received your request for comments on April 27, 2026. DFO has reviewed the above 2025 Annual Report in accordance with its mandate, i.e. the management, protection and conservation of fish and their habitats.

DFO-FFHPP is generally agreeable with Agnico Eagle's reporting in the 2025 NIRB Annual Report for 03MN107 and 16MN056 and offers the comments in the attached worksheet for the NIRBs consideration.

In addition, DFO-FFHPP would like to take this opportunity to summarize DFO's monitoring activities and major updates regarding the Project from the 2025 reporting year. In general, AEM was in compliance with their Fisheries Act Authorization and with the *Fisheries Act*.

- **2025 Site Visit:** DFO completed a site visit at the Meadowbank and Whale Tail mines in June 2025. This included inspections of culverts along the All Weather Access Road (AWAR), Whale Tail Haul Road (WTHR), and inspections of blast monitoring stations associated with the Whale Tail Project. The site was found to be largely compliant. DFO followed up on two previously identified issues of

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non-compliance along the AWAR and WTHR (DFO File #s 24-HCAA-02467 and 24-HCAA-02468) which have now been addressed by Agncio Eagle.

- **FAA Annual Report:** DFO received the 2025 FAA Annual Report and associated monitoring reports which summarize project activities, including dewater and fish out activities and Offsetting project monitoring results.
- **Blast Monitoring:** DFO reviewed and approved two blast monitoring protocols in 2025 (Whale Tail Blast Monitoring Program V.10 and Meadowbank Mine Quarry 23 Blasting Memo) in accordance with DFO blasting thresholds for projects near fish-bearing water.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter or the attached comments, please contact Holly Simpson by email at Holly.Simpson@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. Please refer to the file number referenced above when corresponding with the Program.