



[EXTERNAL] 2026-06-11 Transport Canada to NIRB - Agnico Eagle's Meadowbank Complex Project 2025 Annual Report

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Hello,

In response to the Nunavut Impact Review Board's April 27, 2026, request, Transport Canada has reviewed Agnico Eagle Mine Limited's (AEM) Meadowbank Complex 2025 Annual Monitoring 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.

Comment Number:	TC-01
Subject/Topic:	Inspections - Marine Transportation; Oil Handling Facility
References:	2025 Annual Report, Section 11.8: Shipping Management
Comment:	<p>The oil handling facility is in compliance with regulatory requirements as per part 8 of the <i>Canada Shipping Act, 2001</i>. No inspection was carried out in 2025.</p> <p>The Meadowbank 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.</p> <p>No enforcement activity was undertaken or required last year by Transport Canada.</p>
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:	<p>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)</p>
Conclusion/Request	Transport Canada requests that the above information be brought to AEM's attention.

Comment Number:	TC-03
Subject/Topic:	Shipping Management - Biofouling
References:	Shipping Management Plan Version 5 (March 2025)
Comment:	<p>The following is for the information of AEM, NIRB, and reviewers of the 2025 Annual Report on the subject of biofouling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Fall 2022, Transport Canada published its Voluntary Guidance for Relevant Authorities on In-Water Cleaning of Vessels (canada.ca), which includes a biofouling management plan and biofouling record book templates that have been well regarded internationally. The guidance provides clarity to stakeholders (competent authorities, vessel owners and operators, and in-water clean-up service providers) on recommended best practices that can be used to manage the biosecurity and water quality risks associated with cleaning vessels underwater. The International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) adopted the revised "Guidelines for the Control and Management of Ship's Biofouling to Minimize the Transfer of Invasive Aquatic Species" (https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/KnowledgeCentre/IndexofIMOResolutions/MEPCDocuments/MEPC.378%2880%29.pdf). The guidelines provide recommendations on in-water inspections with a focus on the quantitative assessment of biofouling using a biofouling rating number, as well as on observations of the anti-fouling system condition, which will assist vessel owners and operators in minimizing the transfer of potentially harmful aquatic species, following globally agreed guidance.

Conclusion/Request	Transport Canada requests that the above information be brought to AEM's attention.
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