



Re: Low-Altitude Geological Surveys – August to October 2026

To Nunavut Impact Review Board,

The Baker Lake Hunters & Trappers Organization is writing in response to the recent notice regarding planned low-altitude geological surveys in the Baker Lake, Meadowbank and Amaruq areas between August 25 and October 10, 2026.

The BLHTO has significant concerns regarding the timing of these activities, as the proposed survey period will take place during the **Ahiak caribou herd migration**. Low-altitude flights and repeated aircraft passes during this period have the potential to disturb caribou while they are travelling through the area.

Given the importance of protecting the Ahiak herd during migration, the BLHTO is requesting that Agnico Eagle **postpone the proposed low-altitude geological surveys until spring 2027**, when there would be less potential for interference with the herd's seasonal migration.

The protection of caribou and their migration routes is extremely important to the BLHTO and to Baker Lake harvesters who depend on caribou. We believe postponing these activities is the most appropriate precaution to minimize unnecessary disturbance to the herd.

Should any survey activities proceed despite this request, the BLHTO asks that aircraft avoid flying at low altitude over caribou or other concentrations of wildlife and that activities be immediately suspended in any area where caribou are observed.

We also request that the BLHTO continue to be informed of any proposed schedules, survey locations, or changes to these activities.

We appreciate Agnico Eagle's consideration of the BLHTO's concerns and respectfully request a response regarding whether the surveys can be postponed until spring.

Sincerely,



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Signing on behalf of Chairman

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Baker Lake Hunters & Trappers Organization

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