



## 2026 Site Visit Report

# DORIS NORTH GOLD MINE & PHASE 2 HOPE BAY BELT (HOPE BAY PROJECTS)

File Nos. 05MN047 & 12MN001  
Project Certificates 003 & 009

### Abstract

Site visit report of the Hope Bay Projects for the 2025-2026 reporting year

**Project Location:** Kitikmeot Region, Nunavut

**Project Owner:** Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (Agnico Eagle)

**Monitoring Period:** October 2025 – September 2026

**Site Visit Date:** August 10, 2026

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The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board), established under Articles 10 and 12 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 135(4) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), oversees post-environmental assessment monitoring. The NIRB also provides periodic updates regarding its monitoring program to the most impacted community(ies) regarding the monitored project. This report summarizes observations from NIRB’s site visit to the Doris North Gold Mine and Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Projects (Hope Bay Projects), conducted on August 10, 2026, under Project Certificate Nos. 003, Amendment 02 (Doris North Gold Mine), and 009 (Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt). The visit aimed to visually assess project activities for compliance with the Certificates’ Terms and Conditions, as required by s. 12.7.2(b) of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 135(3)(b) of *NuPPAA*. Observations made during the site visit will inform NIRB’s 2026 Annual Monitoring Report. On August 26, 2026, NIRB also held a community update session in Cambridge Bay on its monitoring of the Hope Bay Projects. A separate public engagement report summarizing the session will be published by NIRB’s Communications Department.

Project Location Report  
Proponent: AEM  
Hope Bay Belt Project  
Planning Region: Kikmeek  
IOL Status: On IOL  
RIA Region: Kikmeek Inuit Association  
Community: Cambridge Bay NU  
NRB #012MN001

AEM Hope Bay Belt Project

- AEM Mine Site
- ▲ AEM Port
- AEM Mine to Port
- Windy Lake to AEM Mine
- ◆ Windy Lake Camp
- ▲ Madrid Site
- ◆ Boston Camp
- ▨ Inuit Owned Lands

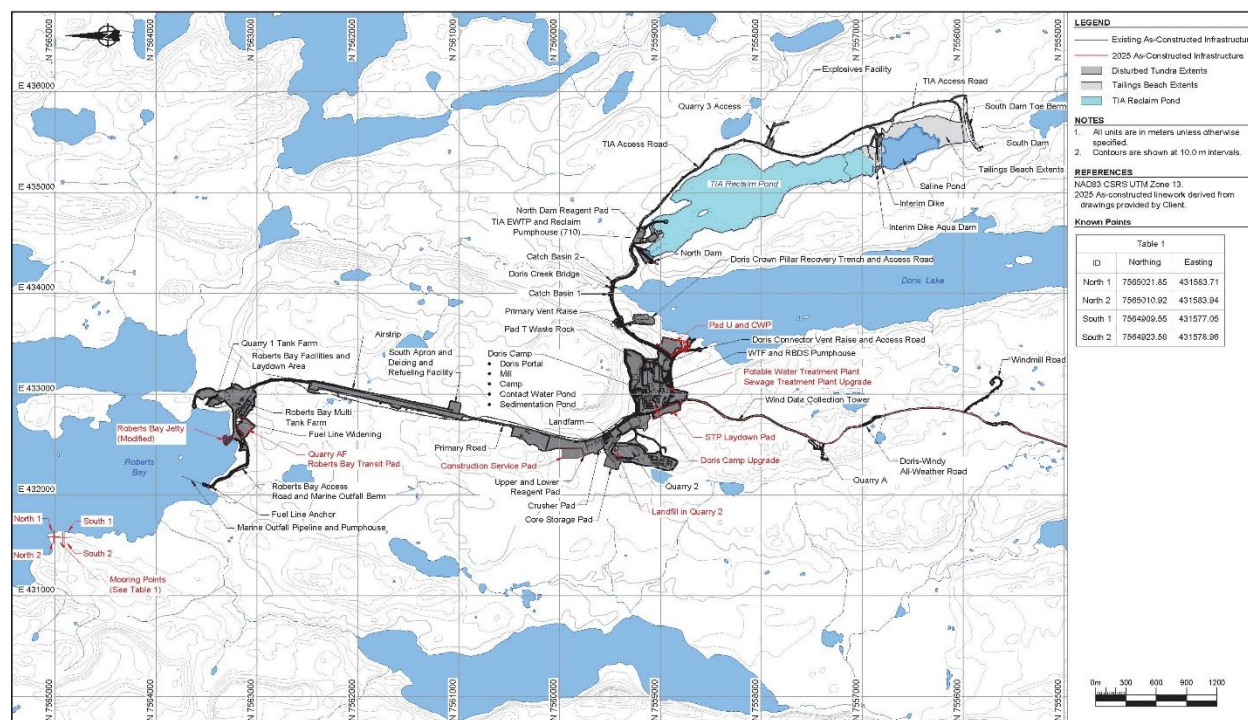
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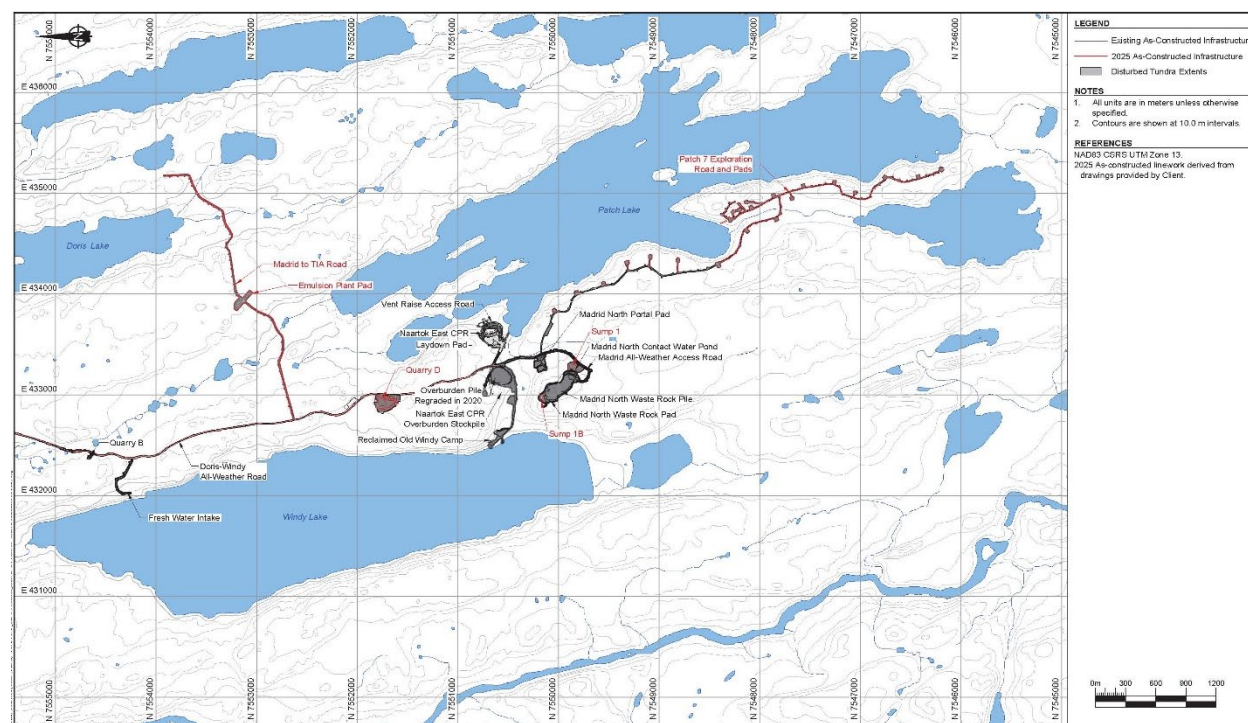
The Hope Bay Belt properties are located in the West Kitikmeot region of Nunavut, approximately 110 kilometres (km) south of Cambridge Bay and 65 km east of Omingmaktok (Bay Chimo). Doris North sits at the northern end of the Hope Bay Belt, while Phase 2 includes the Madrid North and South sites (8 km south of Doris) and the Boston site (80 km further south) (Figure 1). Both projects involve the development of underground gold mines and small open pits on Inuit-owned lands, using both Inuit and Crown-owned minerals. Access is by sealift for fuel and supplies, and by air for personnel and select freight.

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number of works advancing site development in anticipation of a potential future return to production. Figures 2 and 3 are maps providing an overview of the Doris North and Madrid areas.



**Figure 2: Doris Area (Agnico Eagle, 2025 Annual Report)**



**Figure 3: Madrid North Area (Agnico Eagle, 2025 Annual Report)**

Detailed information regarding the Doris North Project is available on the NIRB Public Registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/123632](http://www.nirb.ca/project/123632), while documentation related to the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project can be accessed at [www.nirb.ca/project/124148](http://www.nirb.ca/project/124148).

### 3. OBSERVATIONS AT SITE

On August 10, 2026, NIRB staff conducted a site visit to Doris North Gold and Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Projects, accompanied by Agnico Eagle environmental staff. The visit covered the Roberts Bay facilities, the Doris site water management, tailings, waste management, operations and camp infrastructure, the Doris–Windy All-Weather Road and Windy Lake, and the Madrid North and Patch 7 areas of the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt. The Boston site was not visited, as no major development or construction was underway there. Observations made against the Terms and Conditions of Project Certificate No. 003, Amendment 02 (Doris North) are summarized in Table 3-1, and those made against the Terms and Conditions of Project Certificate No. 009 (Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt) in Table 3-2.

**Table 3-1: Observations linked to Terms and Conditions Project Certificate No. 003, Amendment 02 (Doris North)**

| T&C No.    | Topic / summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Site Observation                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6          | Provide notice of alternatives to tailings impoundment area (TIA).                                                                                                                                                                                             | The existing TIA continues to process tailings impoundment water to meet MDMER requirements prior to discharge to Roberts Bay. No alternatives to the TIA were proposed. |
| 8          | Collect atmospheric data and install a Weather Station.                                                                                                                                                                                                        | The Doris meteorological station and atmospheric monitoring station were observed (Photo 51), along with dust monitoring stations across the site.                       |
| 10, 15, 36 | Monitor discharge from the Tailings Impoundment Area (TIA) into Doris Creek and compare to predicted impacts. Ensure water discharged into Doris Creek does not exceed discharge criteria. Monitor Doris Lake Water levels during construction and operations. | Doris Creek, Doris Lake and the two catch basins at the Doris Creek Bridge were observed (Photo 54, Photo 55, and Photo 56).                                             |
| 16         | Take all reasonable steps to prevent any discharge that is not                                                                                                                                                                                                 | The Effluent Water Treatment Plant, reclaim pumphouse and reagent pad were observed                                                                                      |

|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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|               | in compliance with applicable regulatory approvals or requirements.                                                                                                                                                             | (Photo 58), along with the treated effluent discharge pipeline, pumphouse and diffuser at Roberts Bay (Photo 4, Photo 5, and Photo 6).                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>18</b>     | Acid rock generation and metal leaching                                                                                                                                                                                         | Quarry AF (Roberts Bay) and Quarry D (Windy) were observed. Agnico Eagle advised that ARD and metal-leaching sampling of blast material is undertaken and that quarry setbacks to waterbodies are maintained.                                                                               |
| <b>19</b>     | Install thermistor cables and temperature loggers in both the existing and new jetty foundations. Monitor the jetty's impact on shallow water permafrost during operations until the NIRB deems further monitoring unnecessary. | The Roberts Bay jetty was observed. Thermistors are installed at the jetty (Photo 2).                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>20, 33</b> | To ensure spill response kits are on hand at Roberts Bay and that appropriate containment measures are used in the event of spill. Ensure spill containment and response measures are at Roberts Bay oil handling facility.     | Spill-at-sea response equipment and spill kits were observed at Roberts Bay, at the jetty and along the road corridor (Photo 2 and Photo 12). The Roberts Bay Multi Tank Farm (Photo 11), Quarry 1 Tank Farm (Photo 10) and the refuelling area were observed within secondary containment. |
| <b>25, 26</b> | Monitor and mitigate interactions with wildlife on site and report on any wildlife mortalities within 48 hours.                                                                                                                 | Wildlife cameras were present at TIA, but no wildlife deterrents were observed.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>30</b>     | Monitor and report on on-site air quality.                                                                                                                                                                                      | The air quality monitoring station and dust monitoring stations were observed at multiple locations.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>34</b>     | Give notice of any significant planned changes to the mine facility.                                                                                                                                                            | Continued dismantling of the Doris Mill was observed, along with the Power Plant, MSB Building and Process Plant construction areas. The Doris camp expansion was observed (Photo 39 and Photo 41).                                                                                         |
| <b>47</b>     | Share relevant data (quantitative and qualitative) concerning the implementation and success of training and education programs.                                                                                                | The clinic, health and wellness resources, the Emergency Response Team and training buildings, and the HR and ERT information boards were observed in the camp.                                                                                                                             |

**Table 3-2: Observations linked to Terms and Conditions Project Certificate No. 009  
(Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt)**

| <b>T&amp;C No.</b> | <b>Topic / summary</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Site Observation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>1</b>           | Maintain an Air Quality Management Plan.                                                                                                                                                                          | Dust monitoring stations were observed across the site and along the Doris–Windy All-Weather Road. The Madrid North weather station was observed operational.                                                                             |
| <b>5</b>           | Maintain a stand-alone Acid Rock Drainage and Metal Leaching Management Plan.                                                                                                                                     | The acid rock testing area near Windy Lake was observed (Photo 68).                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>6, 9</b>        | Undertake site-specific geotechnical investigations, permafrost monitoring, mapping and thermal analysis. Implement a Thermal Monitoring Plan to identify potential changes in talik distribution and flow paths. | The North Dam and thermosyphon cooling system, South Dam, toe berm and tailings beach, and the interim dike were observed (Photo 57, Photo 59, and Photo 60). Thermistors are installed and monitored across the site and in the TIA dam. |
| <b>7</b>           | Maintain an Erosion Management Plan.                                                                                                                                                                              | Erosion and sediment controls, including silt fencing were observed at various locations.                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>8</b>           | Progressive reclamation                                                                                                                                                                                           | Agnico Eagle has decommissioned Windy Camp and continues to limit their site footprint to avoid unnecessary disturbance. Also, the Madrid North Portal was backfilled in 2025 (Photo 75).                                                 |
| <b>10</b>          | Monitor effects on surface waters.                                                                                                                                                                                | The contact water ponds and stormwater sumps at Doris and Madrid were observed.                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>11</b>          | Maintain an Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP) designed to appropriately characterize the receiving environment, assess impact predictions and prevent adverse impacts.                                    | The Windy Lake freshwater intake was observed. Monitoring occurs at Windy Lake, which serves as the drinking water source for the Doris camp; the planned Windy Lake North intake was discussed.                                          |
| <b>12</b>          | Maintain an appropriate setback distance between project quarries and borrow pits from waterbodies.                                                                                                               | The quarries along Windy Road were observed to have appropriate setbacks to waterbodies.                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>13, 16</b>      | Ensure that infrastructure in watercourses is designed and constructed in such a manner that they do not unduly prevent or limit                                                                                  | The bridges, culverts and watercourse crossings along the Doris–Windy and Madrid to TIA roads were observed.                                                                                                                              |

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|               | the movement of water or fish species.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>19, 20</b> | Maintain either a Project-specific Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (WMMP) or include the Project-specific details in a belt-wide plan. Maintain a Road Management Plan which includes traffic monitoring and snowbank height monitoring.                      | The wildlife passage under Windy Road on a known caribou track was observed. Road flags, reflectors and bilingual signage were noted along the all-weather roads.                                                                                          |
| <b>21, 24</b> | Include criteria and procedures within Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring Plan governing the deterrence of wildlife. / Implement measures to prevent the use of water attenuation ponds and tailings storage areas by wildlife.                                       | Wildlife and bird deterrents and cameras were observed at the TIA and contact water ponds.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>47, 48</b> | Inform the workers of the range of health and wellness services available on site throughout the life of the Project. Encouraged to promote consideration for Inuit culture and Inuit Qaujimaningit through the establishment of cross-cultural training initiatives. | The clinic and health and wellness resources, and the HR and ERT information boards, were observed in the camp. The Inuit Culture Centre and country food kitchen were not available during the visit due to ongoing construction and upgrades to the MSB. |
| <b>52</b>     | Ensure that areas used to store fuel or hazardous materials include sufficient secondary containment and that all oil handling facilities have the required Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (OPEP) in place.                                                             | At the Roberts Bay tank farm, hazardous-material totes were observed stored on without proper secondary containment (Photo 17).                                                                                                                            |
| <b>54</b>     | Provide updates on the status of ongoing exploration programs and other related physical activities associated with the Hope Bay Belt Property.                                                                                                                       | The exploration gravel track and drill pads near Patch Lake were observed, and the continued development of Patch 7 and associated infrastructure was discussed (Photo 81 and Photo 82).                                                                   |

The following sections provide area-specific observations and include general overview.

### 3.1. Roberts Bay

NIRB staff observed the Roberts Bay laydown and transit pad, the main jetty, the Roberts Bay and Quarry 1 tank farms, the rigid fuel line and anchors, the snowmobile crossing ramp, the treated effluent discharge pipeline and pumphouse, Quarry AF, and the waste disposal and spill-response areas. At Quarry AF, NIRB staff observed continued development, including the earthworks for the future fuel tank farm.



**Photo 1: Roberts Bay Laydown Area, facing north**



**Photo 2: Roberts Bay Jetty, with spill response equipment nearby**



**Photo 3: Roberts Bay Jetty, looking east from marine outfall berm**



**Photo 4: Treated effluent discharge pumphouse**



**Photo 5: Treated effluent discharge pipeline**



**Photo 6: Entry point of the treated effluent discharge pipeline leading to the offshore diffuser**



**Photo 7: Shoreline rigid fuel line anchor point for receiving fuel deliveries via barges**



**Photo 8: Rigid fuel pipeline connecting the shoreline fuel receiving anchor point to the fuel tank farms**



**Photo 9: Designated snowmachine crossing over the rigid fuel line<sup>1</sup>**



**Photo 10: Quarry 1 tank farm, within secondary containment**

<sup>1</sup> The snowmobile crossing at Roberts Bay remains unchanged from 2025. The crossing is deemed unacceptable, as the slope is steep when approaching from the south and the drop-off is too abrupt for safe use. Agnico Eagle is aware of the issue and advised that the crossing will be redesigned.



**Photo 11: Roberts Bay Multi Tank Farm, within secondary containment**



**Photo 12: Emergency response seacans adjacent to Roberts Bay Multi Tank Farm**



**Photo 13: Ongoing earthworks for future tank farm at Quarry AF**



**Photo 14: Liner installation at Quarry AF**



**Photo 15: Laydown pad adjacent to Quarry AF**



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**Photo 17: Hazardous-material totes stored adjacent to the Roberts Bay Tank Farm, without proper secondary containment**



**Photo 18: Seacans containing hazardous materials staged and prepared for backhaul**

## 3.2. Doris North

At the Doris North site, NIRB staff observed the Primary Road and airstrip, the water management infrastructure, the Tailings Impoundment Area (TIA), the waste-management facilities, the operations and construction areas, and the camp, as well as the Doris–Windy All-Weather Road out to Windy Lake.

Along the Primary Road, NIRB staff observed road condition, drainage, dust control and signage, along with the airstrip and the extent of new disturbance associated with the airstrip extension. Dust clouds following haul truck traffic were observed, and dusty conditions were noted where construction of the airstrip extension was underway; however, dust was being managed through the application of dust suppressant on the Primary Road and airstrip, which are high-traffic areas. At the South Apron, adjacent to the airstrip, east of the air traffic control building, NIRB staff observed a grizzly bear and a caribou near the infrastructure. Agnico Eagle advised that additional grizzly bears were present at Roberts Bay during the visit, though these were not observed by NIRB staff. NIRB staff observed the wildlife monitors on site, including an Inuk monitor from Cambridge Bay, who deployed bear bangers as the grizzly approached the buildings.

NIRB staff observed the site water management infrastructure, including the Potable Water Treatment Plant and Sewage Treatment Plant, the Contact Water Storage Pond and Pollution Control Pond, Pad U and its contact water pond, and Doris Creek, Doris Lake and the two catch basins at the Doris Creek Bridge. At the Tailings Impoundment Area (TIA), the North Dam and thermosyphon cooling system, the South Dam, toe berm and tailings beach, the Aqua Dam dike and saline pond, and the Effluent Water Treatment Plant, reclaim pumphouse and reagent pad were observed, along with the geotechnical instrumentation, the wildlife deterrents and cameras, and the pipelines along the TIA Access Road.

The waste-management facilities were observed, including the non-hazardous waste landfill at Quarry 2, the incinerator, composter, hazardous-materials storage, and the landfarm. In the operations and construction areas, NIRB staff observed the old Doris Mill, the Power Plant, MSB Building and Process Plant construction areas, and the tank farm, fuel modules and monitoring stations. The Doris camp expansion was observed, with the new three-wing, three-storey accommodation complex substantially increasing the camp's capacity. In the camp, NIRB staff observed the clinic and health and wellness resources, the ERT and training buildings, and the HR and ERT information boards, noting Inuktitut signage and cross-cultural programming. Due to construction of the MSB, the country food kitchen and Inuit Culture Centre were not available during the visit.



**Photo 19: North-facing view of the airstrip and Primary Road extending toward Roberts Bay**



**Photo 20: Ongoing construction activities associated with the airstrip extension at the southern toe**



**Photo 21: Ongoing construction activities associated with the airstrip extension at the southern toe**



**Photo 22: Visible dust clouds on the Primary Road caused by ongoing haul truck operations**



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**Photo 37: Contact Water Pond**



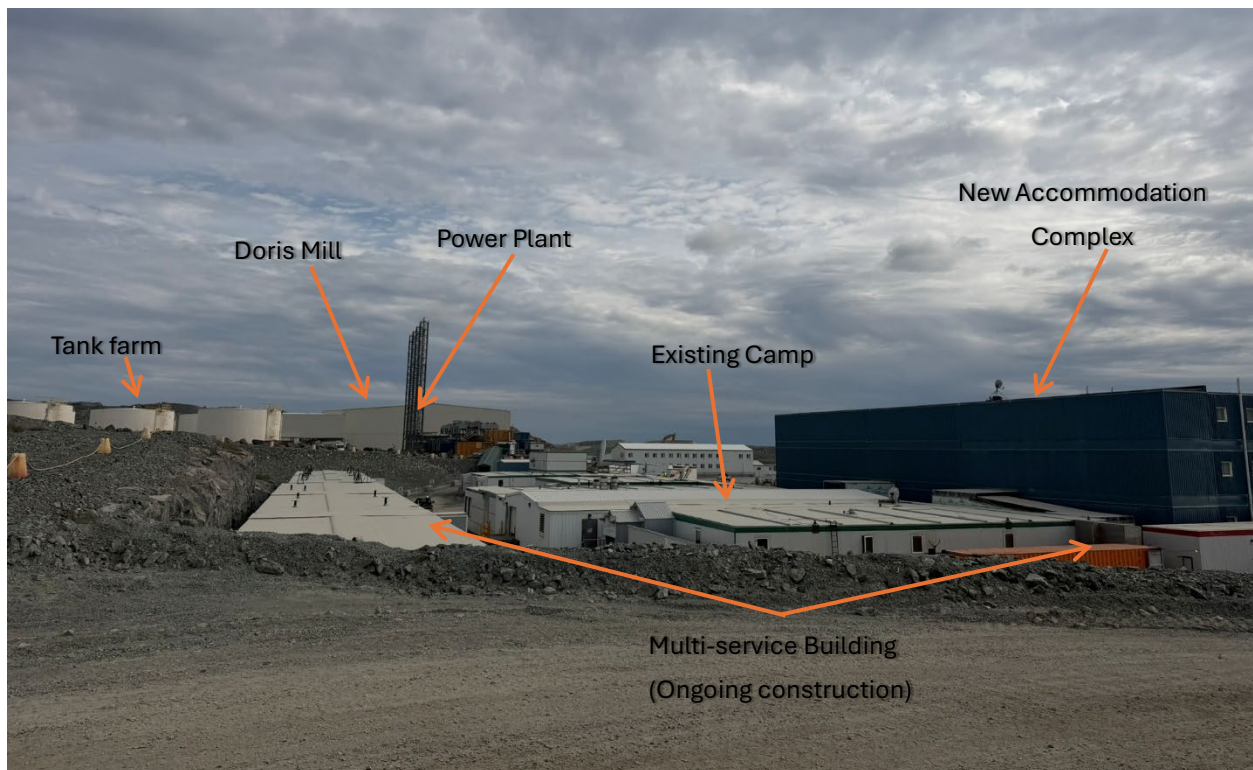
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**Photo 40: New accommodation complex, facing southwest**



**Photo 41: Doris Camp, facing east (2026)**



**Photo 42: Doris Camp, facing east (2025)**



Photo 43: Camp entrance



Photo 44: Camp facilities – gym



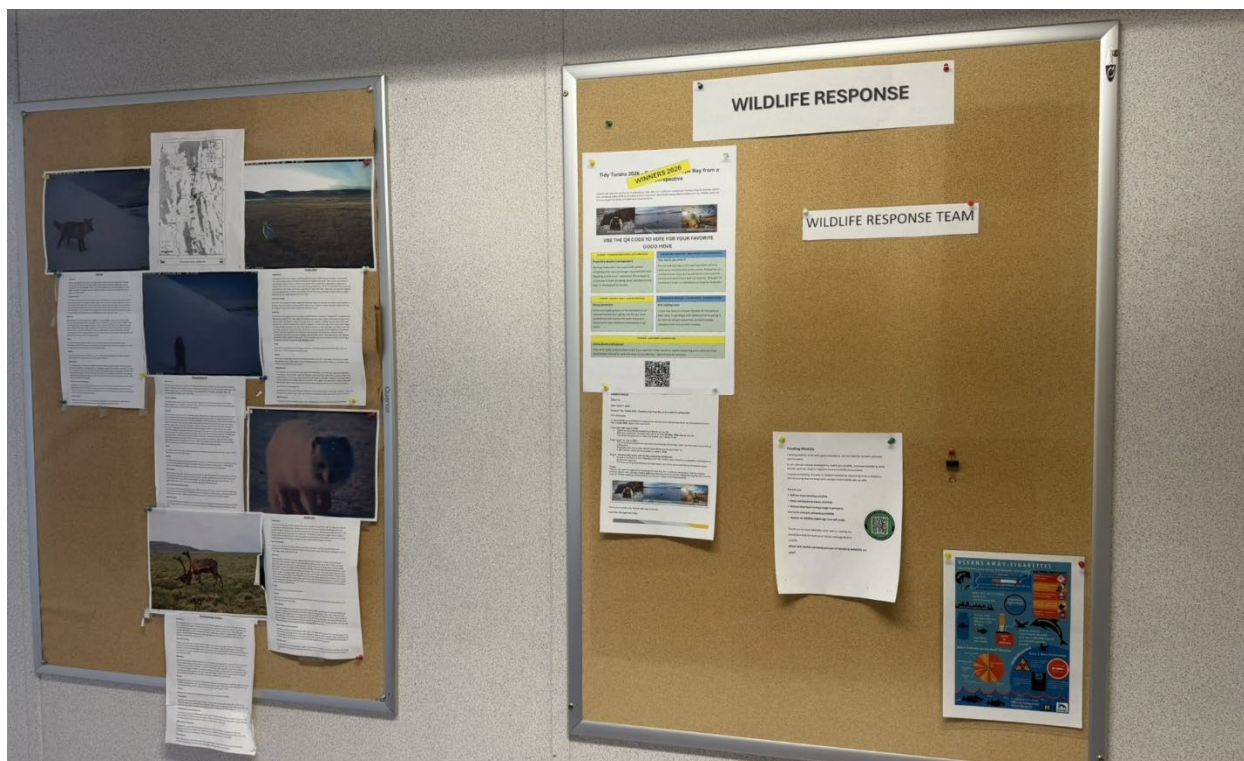
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**Photo 46: Waste segregation bins in camp hallway**



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**Photo 48: Wildlife response information board**



**Photo 49: Potable Water Treatment Facility**

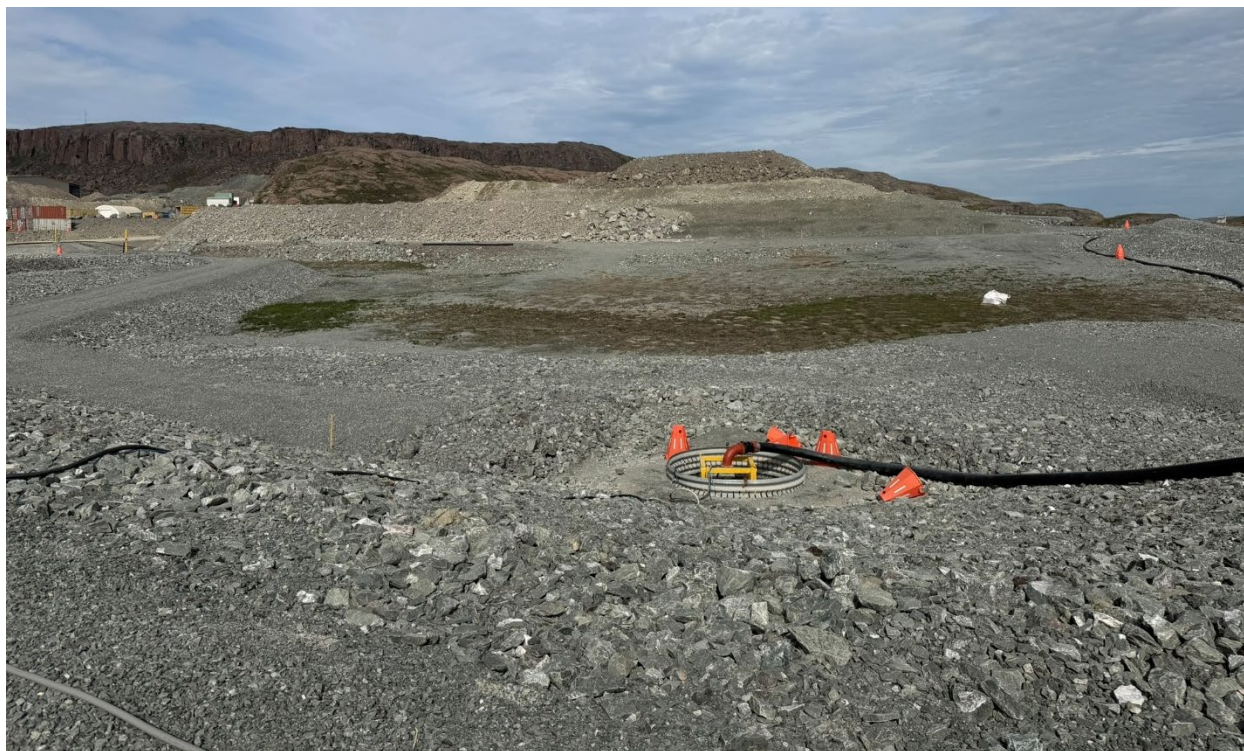


**Photo 50: Doris Lake and freshwater intake facility<sup>2</sup>**



**Photo 51: Doris connector vent raise and weather station**

<sup>2</sup> Doris Lake is withdrawn for potable and process water use at the site.



**Photo 52: Pad U Contact Water Pond under construction<sup>3</sup>**

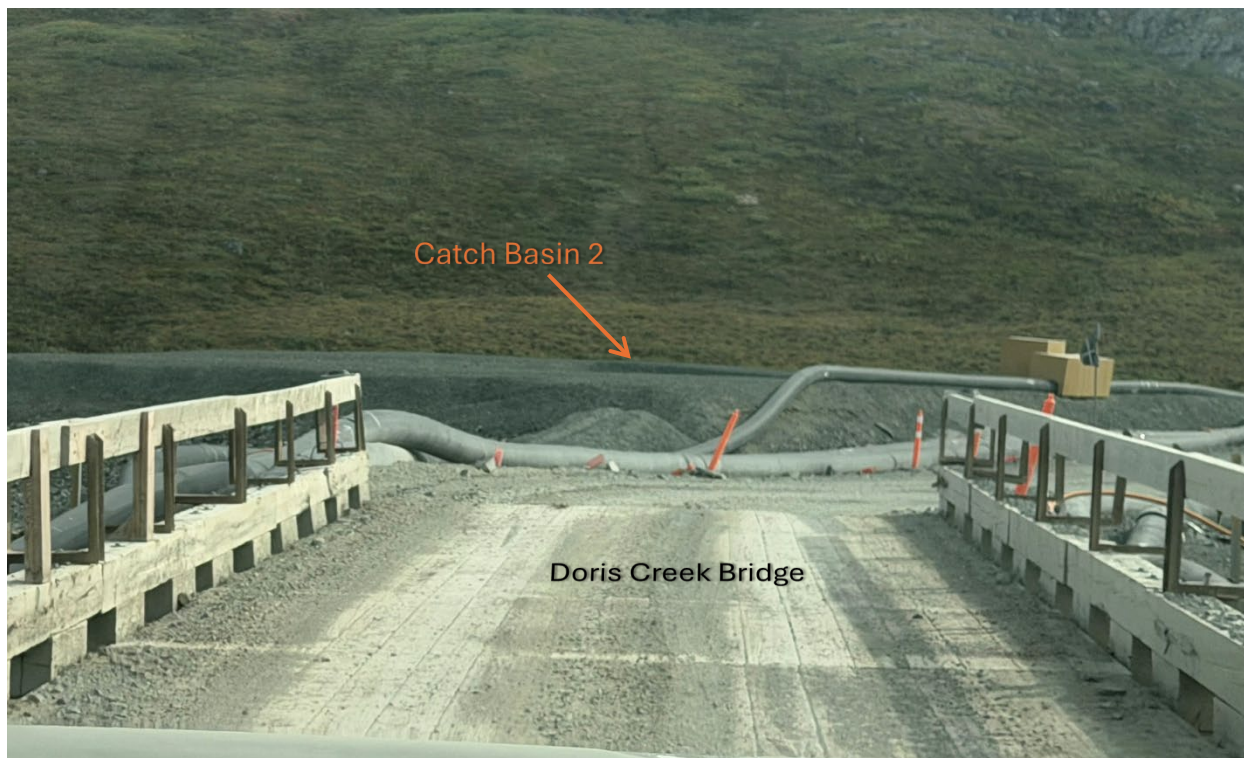


**Photo 53: Primary Vent Raise**

<sup>3</sup> Pad U earthworks were completed in 2025, and construction of the Contact Water Pond (CWP) was initiated. At the time of the visit, construction of the Pad U CWP was ongoing.



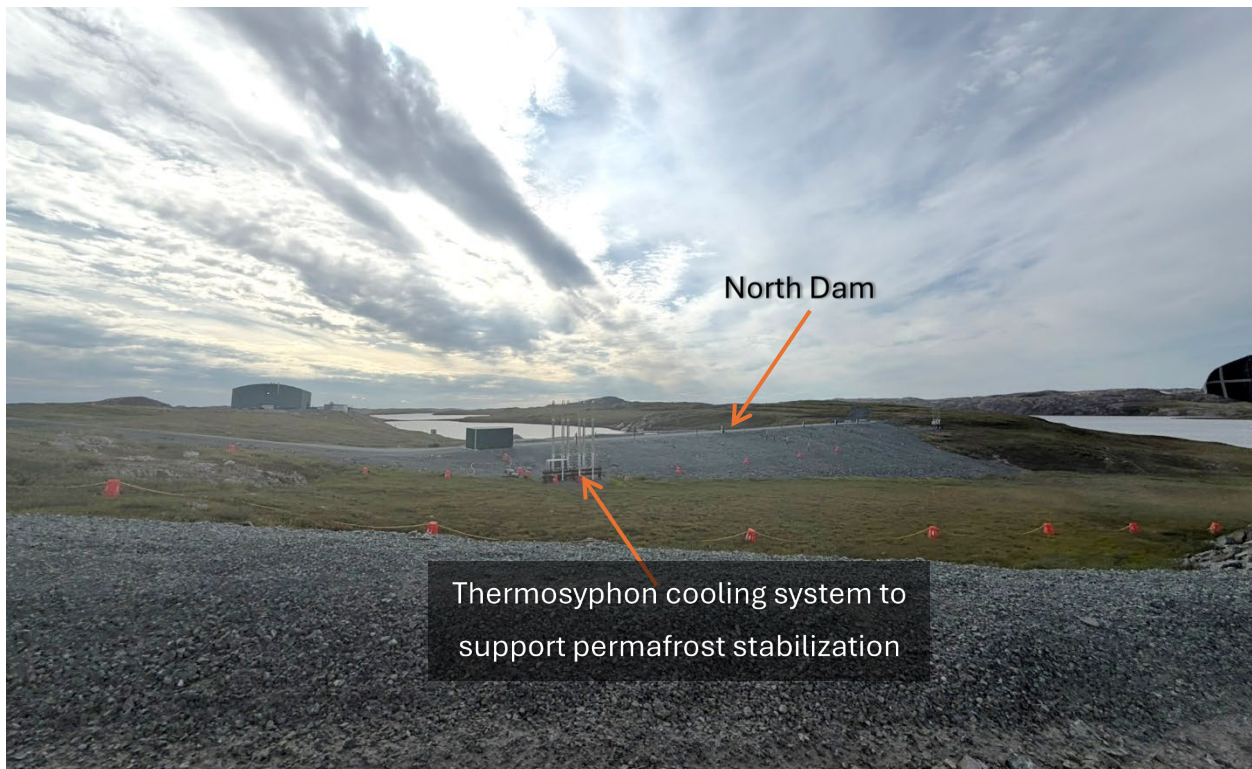
**Photo 54: Catch Basin 1 - one of two catch basins located on opposite sides of Doris Creek Bridge for emergency discharge**



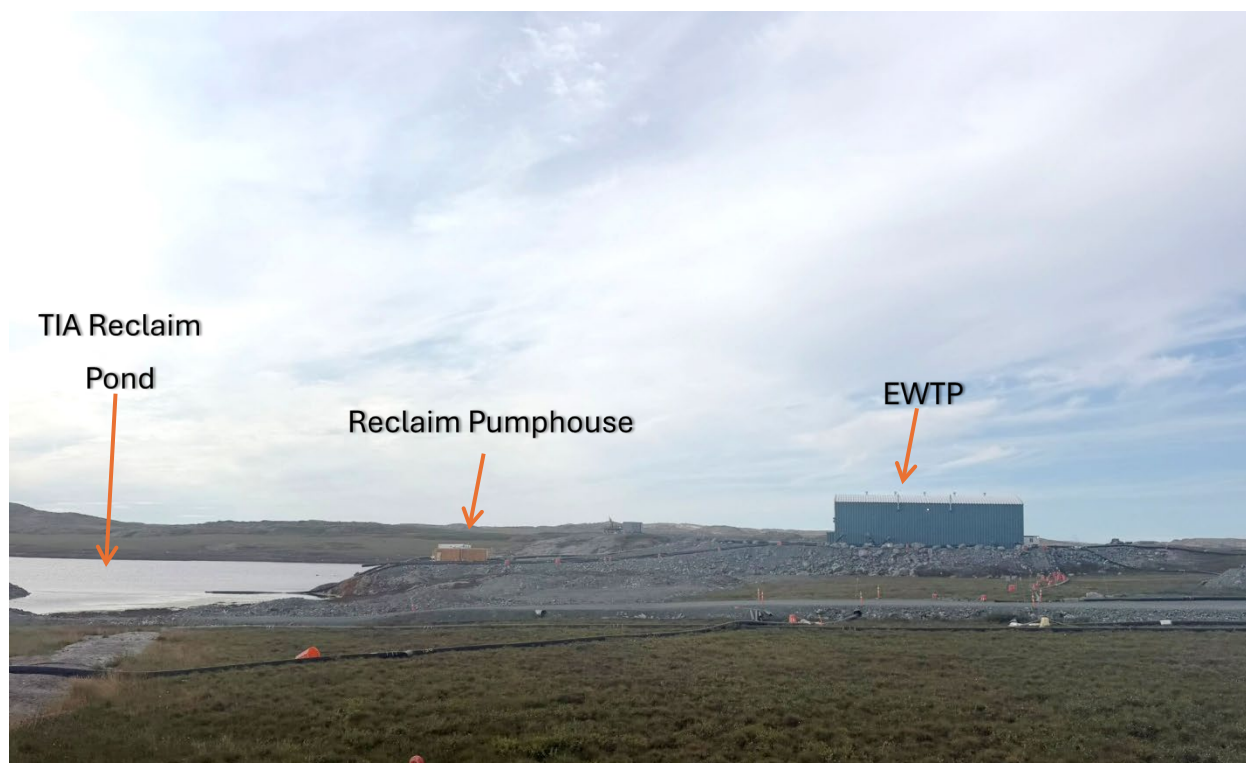
**Photo 55: Doris Creek Bridge and Catch Basin 2**



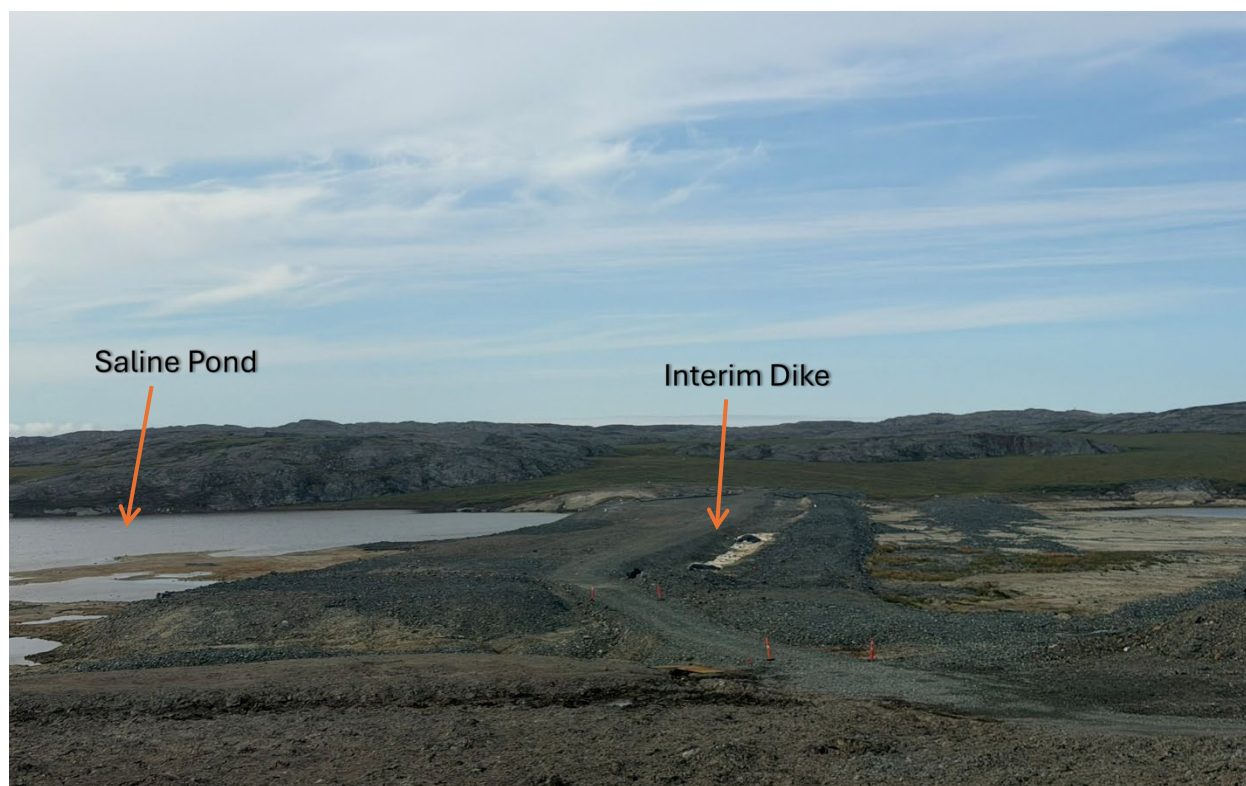
**Photo 56: Doris Creek, looking north from Doris Creek Bridge**



**Photo 57: Tailings Impoundment Area - North Dam**



**Photo 58: Effluent Water Treatment Plant and Reclaim Pumphouse**



**Photo 59: Tailings Impoundment Area – Interim Dike, facing west from TIA Access Road**



**Photo 60: Tailings Impoundment Area – South Dam, distant view facing northeast**



**Photo 61: Madrid-TIA Road under construction and will connect to TIA South Dam through a new bridge over the creek, southwest of TIA**



**Photo 62: Wildlife tracks observed on the tailings beach at the TIA South Dam, no wildlife deterrents were observed**



**Photo 63: Dustfall samplers located along the TIA Access Road**



**Photo 64: Doris-Windy All-Weather Road**



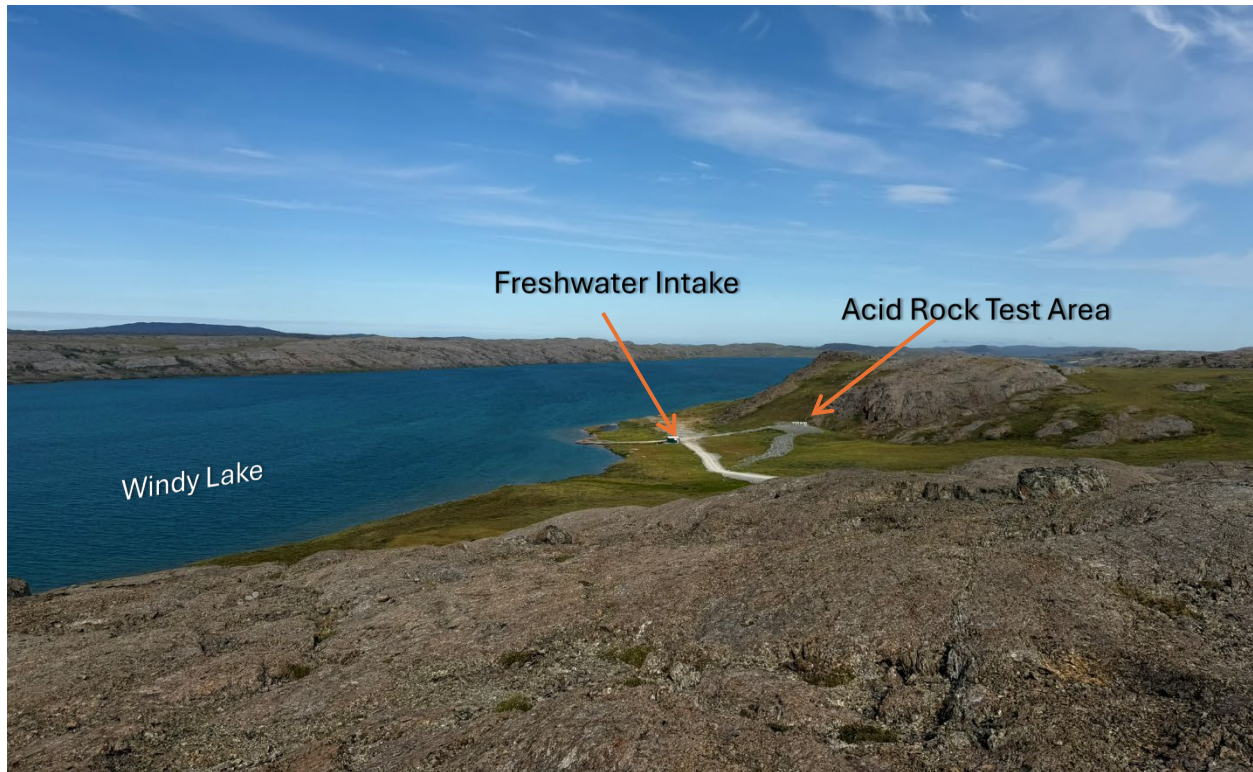
**Photo 65: Bridge on Doris-Windy All-Weather Road**



**Photo 66: Wind Turbine 2 Pad**



**Photo 67: Dustfall samplers along the Doris-Windy All-Weather Road**



**Photo 68: Windy Lake and Freshwater Intake**

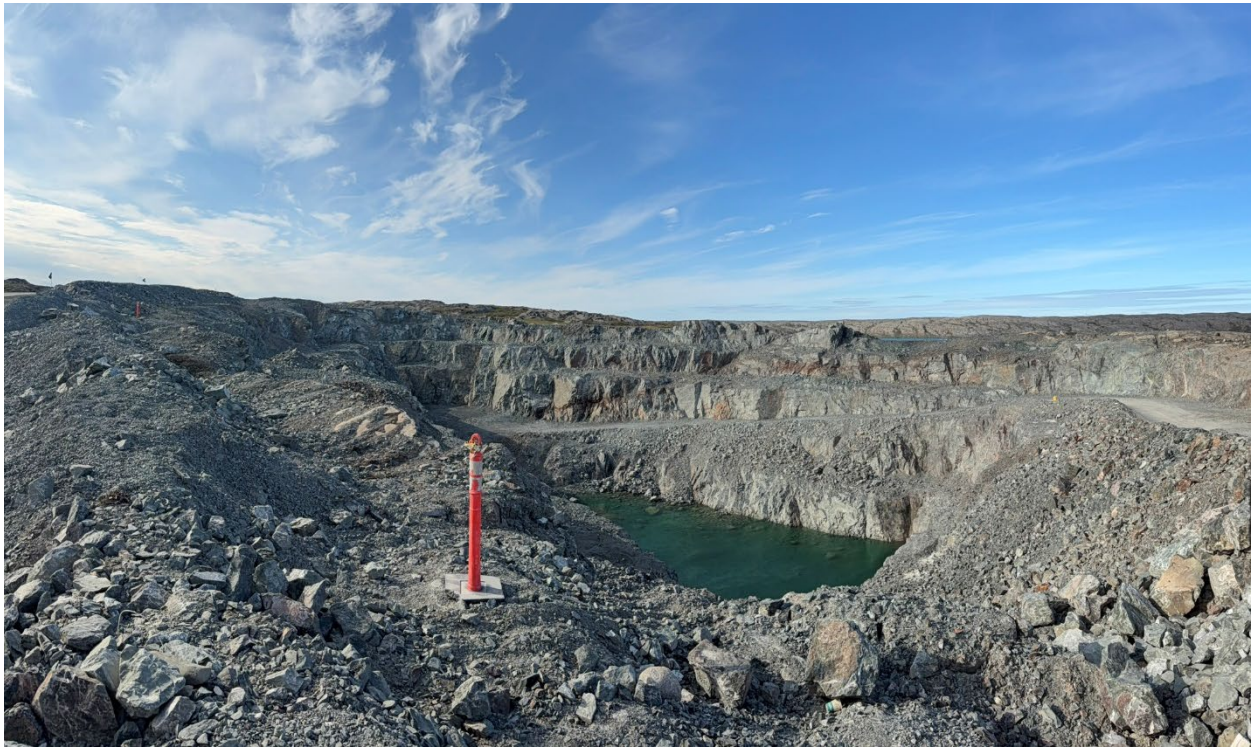
### **3.3. Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt**

At the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt, NIRB staff observed the Madrid North area, including the Madrid to TIA Road, the Naartok East portal and crown pillar area, the Madrid Waste Rock Storage Facility, the contact water and stormwater management infrastructure, the Emulsion Plant Pad, and the overburden stockpiles and monitoring stations, as well as the exploration area extending south toward Patch Lake.

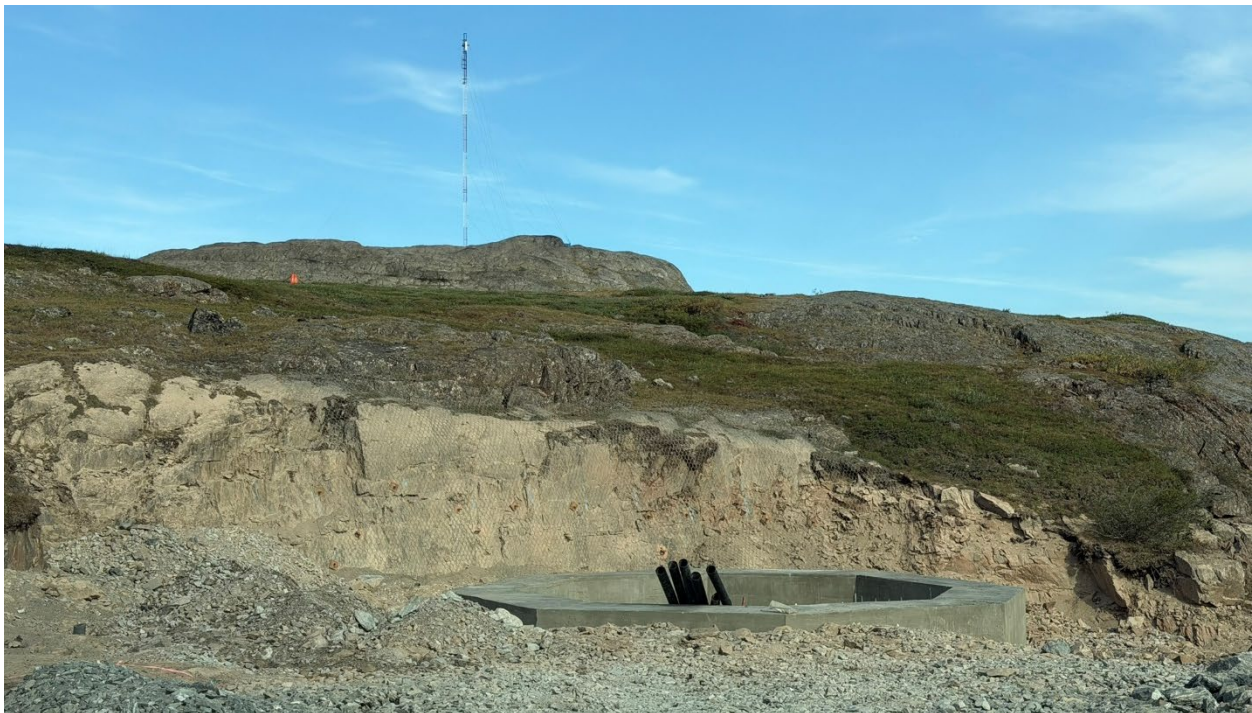
Along the Madrid to TIA Road, NIRB staff observed road condition and watercourse crossings. Construction of the road continued from the southern side past the fish-bearing culverts. At the Naartok East portal and crown pillar area, NIRB staff observed the Crown Pillar Recovery Trench, the sump, and the infrastructure pad with fuel tanks in secondary containment, along with the continued construction of the ventilation raise collar. Backfilling of the Madrid Portal was complete.

At the Madrid Waste Rock Storage Facility, NIRB staff observed the stormwater management sumps around the pile. At Contact Water Pond 2 (CWP2), the CWP2 sump collecting leakage and the planned replacement of CWP2 with Madrid North Sump 1C were discussed. The Emulsion Plant Pad, the Naartok East overburden stockpile, and the Madrid North weather station were also observed.

South of Madrid, NIRB staff observed the exploration gravel track and drill pads extending toward Patch Lake, and discussed the continued development of Patch 7. Fuel caching, containment and spill kits at the drill pads were also observed.



**Photo 69: Saline Water Storage Pond at Quarry D, facing northwest**



**Photo 70: Ongoing construction of Vent Raise collar at Naartok East**



**Photo 71: Naartok East Crown Pillar Pit and Underground Portal**



**Photo 72: Close up: Underground Portal**



**Photo 73: Naartok East CPR Laydown Pad**



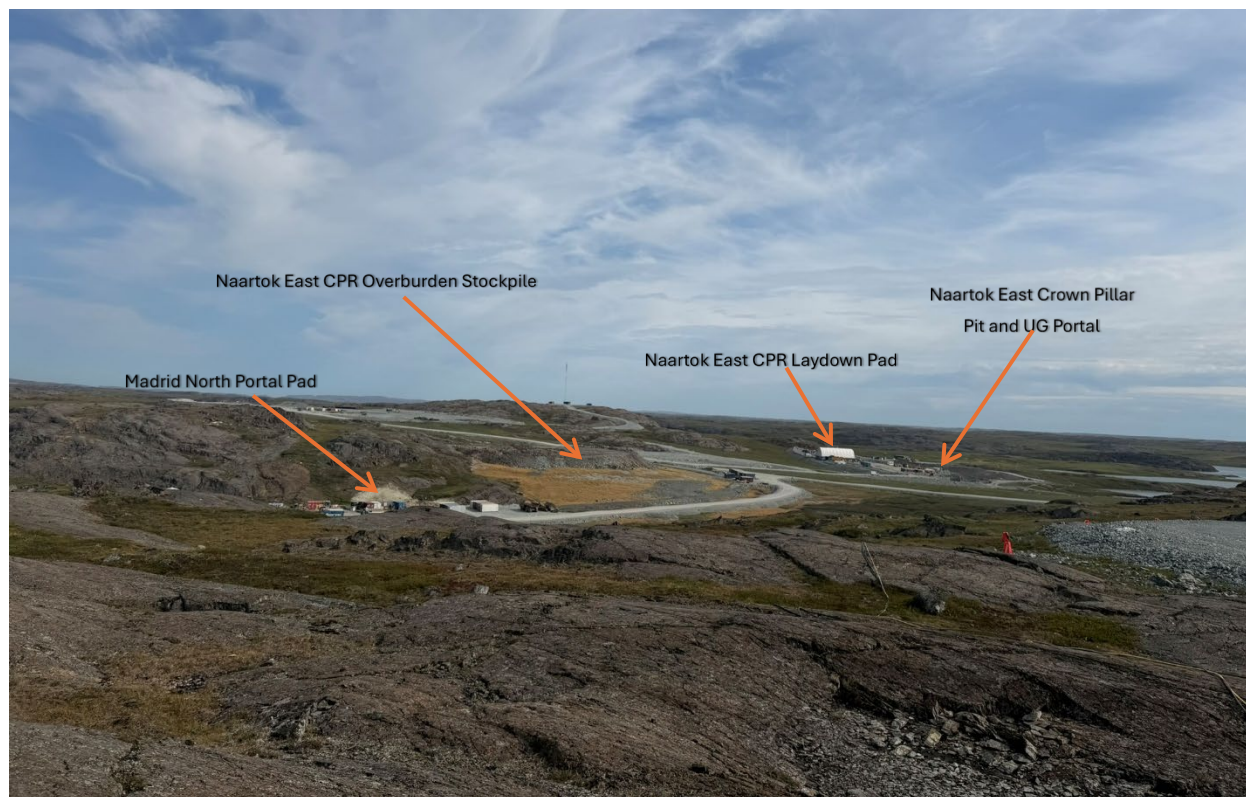
**Photo 74: Crown Pillar Recovery Trench (CPRT) and sump**



**Photo 75: Former Madrid North Portal, which was backfilled in 2025**



**Photo 76: Former Madrid North Portal (2024)**



**Photo 77: Overview of Madrid North area, looking northeast from Madrid Waste Rock Pad**



**Photo 78: Madrid North Waste Rock Pile**



**Photo 79: Sump 1B<sup>4</sup>**



**Photo 80: CWP2 Sump - used for collecting leakage from Contact Water Pond 2**

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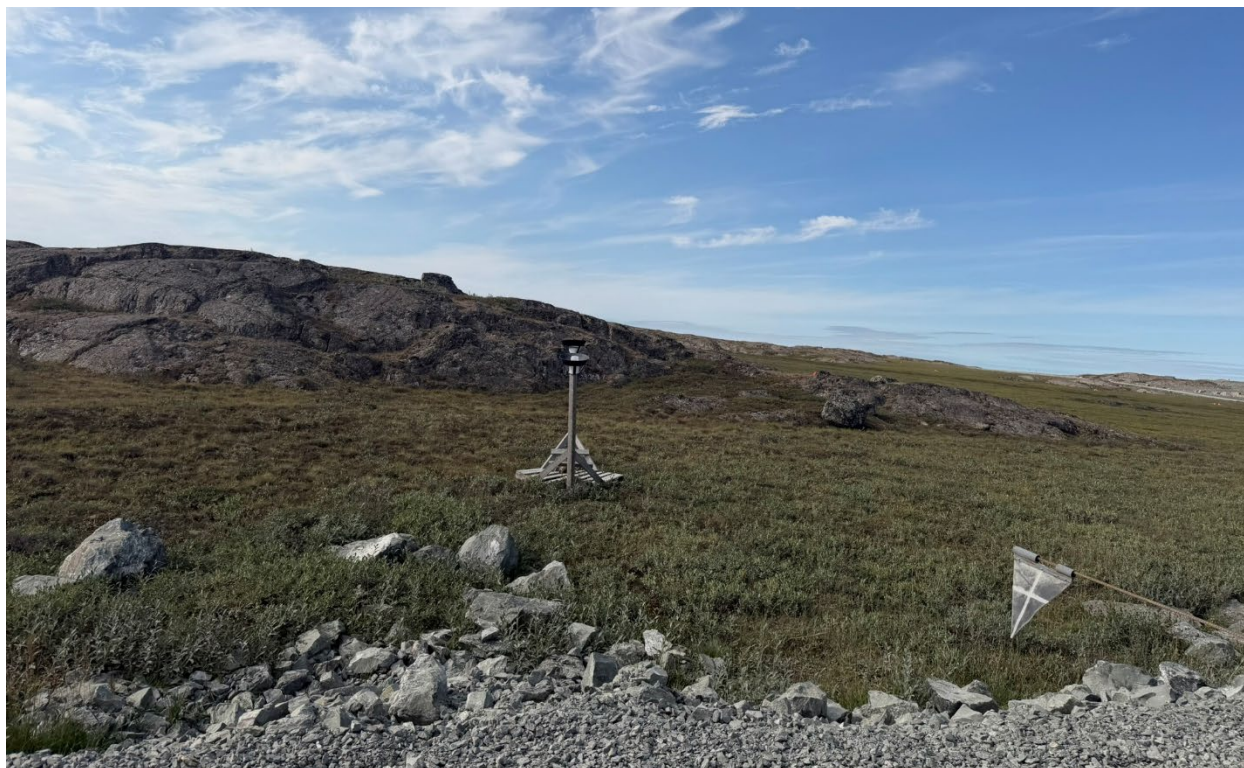
<sup>4</sup> Stormwater management around the Madrid Waste Rock Storage Facility consists of a series of sumps designed to collect and contain contact water and stormwater from the pile. Sumps 1 and 1B were installed and commissioned in 2025, forming part of a four-sump system around the facility.



**Photo 81: Exploration Gravel Track**



**Photo 82: Exploration Gravel Track – Patch 7 area**



**Photo 83: Dustfall samplers along the Exploration Gravel Track**

## 4. CONCLUSION

NIRB staff conducted a site visit to the Doris North Gold and Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Projects on August 10, 2026, accompanied by Agnico Eagle environmental staff. Observations were made against the Terms and Conditions of Project Certificate No. 003, Amendment 02 and Project Certificate No. 009, as summarized in Table 3-1 and Table 3-2.

Both projects remain in care and maintenance, though construction and infrastructure activity was substantial. NIRB staff observed that environmental management measures required under the Project Certificates were generally in place, including secondary containment at fuel and hazardous-material storage, erosion and sediment controls, wildlife cameras, and air quality and dustfall monitoring. During the visit, a grizzly bear and a caribou were observed near the airstrip, and wildlife monitors deployed deterrents as the grizzly approached the infrastructure.

NIRB staff also observed conditions requiring continued attention, set out below.

## 4.1. Areas for Improvement

### Hazardous-material storage

Hazardous-material totes were observed stored adjacent to the Roberts Bay tank farm, without proper secondary containment (Photo 17). NIRB staff encourage Agnico Eagle to ensure all fuel and hazardous materials are stored within adequate secondary containment.

### Exposed liner at Doris Sedimentation Pond

Exposed liner was observed at the Doris sedimentation pond, consistent with the 2025 observation (Photo 36). NIRB staff encourage Agnico Eagle to confirm if the inspection and repair measures are in place.

### Wildlife deterrence at the Tailings Impoundment Area

Wildlife tracks were observed on the tailings beach at the TIA South Dam (Photo 62), with no deterrents in that area. Agnico Eagle advised that wildlife pass through the area and do not linger at the TIA. NIRB staff encourage Agnico Eagle to confirm that wildlife monitoring measures at the TIA are effective in discouraging wildlife use.

### Dust management

Dust clouds were observed following haul-truck traffic along the Primary Road and at the airstrip extension, though dust suppressant was being applied to these high-traffic areas (Photo 22). NIRB staff encourage Agnico Eagle to continue monitoring dust and apply additional controls where localized dust persists.

### Country food kitchen and Inuit Culture Centre

The country food kitchen and Inuit Culture Centre were not available during the visit due to ongoing construction and upgrades to the MSB. NIRB staff encourage Agnico Eagle to confirm what interim alternatives are available in the meantime for country food preparation and cultural programming, given their importance to worker wellness and the promotion of Inuit culture and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

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