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## **SECTION 1 • INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 OBJECTIVE OF THE OMS MANUAL**

This Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance Manual has been prepared by Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (AEM) and is to be used for the operation, maintenance, and surveillance (OMS) of Tailings Management at the Meadowbank Complex.

This manual is intended as a practical document used by the personnel involved with the Tailings Management at the Meadowbank Complex. It incorporates Industry Standards as well as the AEM Corporate Standard and Policy on Tailings Management.

The objectives of this OMS manual are to define and describe:

- Roles, responsibilities, and level of authority of personnel who perform activities related to the Tailings Management
- The infrastructures covered in the scope of this OMS manual
- Plans, procedures, and processes for:
  - The operation, maintenance, and surveillance of the Tailings Management to ensure that it functions in accordance with the design, meets performance objectives, and links to emergency response planning
  - Evaluating performance of the structures, and reporting performance results
  - Managing change

This manual contains protocols and information that will assist AEM to operate, maintain, and monitor tailings management in a safe manner and identify early signs of malfunction.

Elements related to design, construction, and closure of Tailings Management Infrastructures, and to the process plant is out of scope of this manual.

### **1.2 CONTROL OF DOCUMENTED INFORMATION**

This OMS manual is a controlled document. The latest version of this document is available in Intalex.

The Responsible Person (RP) oversees the preparation, update, and distribution of this manual. Any change to this OMS manual must be submitted to and approved by the RP and the Engineer of Record (EoR). The RP is responsible to update the OMS manual in Intalex.

It is each user's responsibility to ensure that they are using the latest version of this document.

The RP is responsible to communicate any change to this manual by e-mail to the distribution list in Table 1-1. They are responsible for maintaining an up-to-date distribution list of this manual.

**Table 1-1: OMS Manual Distribution List**

| <b>Position</b>                                                              | <b>Name</b>                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| General Manager                                                              | Eric Steinmetzer                                |
| General Superintendents                                                      | Pierre McMullen<br>Mathieu Hotte                |
| Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent<br>/ Responsible Person | Eric Haley                                      |
| Process Plant Superintendent                                                 | Guillaume Gemme                                 |
| Engineering Superintendent                                                   | Alexandre Lavallée                              |
| Maintenance Superintendent                                                   | Frederic Dubé                                   |
| Energy & Infrastructures Superintendent                                      | Trevor Davies                                   |
| Health & Safety Superintendent                                               | Patrick Goldfinch                               |
| Engineer of Record, Nunavut Division                                         | Thomas Lepine                                   |
| Meadowbank Independent Review Board (MBK-IRB)                                | Anthony Rattue<br>Kevin Hawton<br>Ron Nicholson |

### **1.3 MANAGEMENT OF CHANGE**

This manual will be reviewed on an annual basis and revised as necessary to accommodate changes in the condition and operation of the facilities. The RP will be responsible to coordinate this review process.

In conducting the review and update of the OMS manual the following must be considered:

- Performance of the structures
- Current life cycle of the structures
- Change since the last review (site condition, critical control, risk profile, personnel, methodology and technology for OMS activities)

In addition to the annually scheduled review, a review may be triggered by a significant event or may need to be updated in response to:

- Planned changes, such as change in surveillance instrumentation or methodologies, or introduction of new instrumentation methodology
- Changes in personnel or roles referred to in the OMS manual
- Other changes that may occur that need to be addressed prior to the next scheduled review of the OMS manual

The update needs to be completed in a timely manner following the document control criteria specified in Section 1.2.

As a good practice, the RP should organize on a yearly basis a session to present the changes in the OMS manual to the persons in its distribution list.

#### **1.4 REQUIRED LEVELS OF KNOWLEDGE**

To ensure safe operation of these structures, the personnel involved in the OMS activity must have a good comprehension of this manual and the factors that can impact the performance of these structures.

It is the responsibility of each person in the distribution list of this manual to be familiar with its content. They must also ensure that everyone under their supervision whose duty involves tasks related to the operation, maintenance or surveillance of any component associated with the Meadowbank Tailings Management have the appropriate level of knowledge and the resources to comply with the protocol presented in this document.

Table 1-2 below indicates a summary of the required level of knowledge of this Manual. General knowledge refers to having read and understood the information. Detailed knowledge refers to having sufficient understanding, training and knowledge of the processes within a section to be able to carry them out as required.

Records that the requirements of this manual have been reviewed and that each person involved in OMS activity understands the processes and procedures relevant to their task should be kept up to date by each department and updated each time a new manual revision is done. This can be done by using a sign-off sheet.

**Table 1-2: Summary of required level of knowledge of this Manual**

| Position or Task                                                                                                                                   | Level of knowledge                                                                              | Objective                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| In the Manual distribution List                                                                                                                    | General knowledge of all Sections<br>Detailed knowledge of Section 1 and 2                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand their R&amp;R related to OMS process</li> <li>Ensure that the task are delegated to the people directly performing the activity and that they have the proper resources to accomplish them</li> <li>Ensure that required training is provided</li> </ul> |
| Supervise or perform operation task                                                                                                                | Detailed knowledge of Section 6<br>General knowledge of Section 3, Table 6-3, and Section 6.3.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have an in depth understanding of the Operation Process and their requirement</li> <li>Be able to recognize visible sign of deficiency and to know how to communicate those</li> </ul>                                                                              |
| Supervise or perform maintenance task                                                                                                              | Detailed knowledge of Section 5<br>General knowledge of Section 3, Table 6-3, and Section 6.3.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have an in depth understanding of the Maintenance Process and their requirement</li> <li>Be able to recognize visible sign of deficiency and to know how to communicate those</li> </ul>                                                                            |
| Supervise or perform surveillance task                                                                                                             | General knowledge of All Sections<br>Detailed knowledge of Section 3, 4, 5, 6                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have an in depth understanding of the Surveillance Process and their requirement</li> <li>Be able to recognise when there is a deficiency in an operation and maintenance process</li> </ul>                                                                        |
| Work routinely brings them in the vicinity of tailings management component for task not directly linked to Operation, Maintenance or Surveillance | General knowledge of Section 3, Table 6-3, and Section 6.3.1                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand how their work might impact tailings management</li> <li>Be able to recognize visible sign of deficiency and to know how to communicate those</li> </ul>                                                                                                 |

## 1.5 ALIGNMENT WITH POLICIES, GUIDELINES, AND REQUIREMENTS

This OMS manual aligns with the following regulator requirements, guidelines, and Standards. These documents can be found on Intalex:

- AEM, Corporate Standard on Water Management (AEM, 2021)
- AEM, Corporate Standard on Tailings Storage and Heap Facilities (AEM, January 2021)
- AEM Governance Policy for Critical Infrastructure (2020)
- AEM, Sustainable Development Policy (AEM, 2024)
- AEM, Tailings Management Policy (AEM, 2025)

- AEM Water Management Policy (AEM, 2025)
- AEM Geochemical Characterization Guide (AEM, 2017)
- International Cyanide Management Code (ICMC, 2021)
- Canadian Dam Association 'Dam Safety Guidelines' (CDA 2013) and 'Application of Dam Safety Guidelines to Mining Dams' (CDA 2019)
- Mining Association of Canada 'Guide to the Management of Tailings Facility' (MAC, Version 3.2 2021)
- Mining Association of Canada 'Developing an Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance Manual for Tailings and Water Management Facilities' (MAC, Version 2.1 2021)
- Mining Association of Canada 'Toward Sustainable Mining Protocol, Water Stewardship' (MAC, November 2018)
- Mining Association of Canada 'Toward Sustainable Mining Protocol, Tailings Management' (MAC, June 2022)
- Nunavut Water Board, Meadowbank Water License (No. 2AMMEA15-30)

## 1.6 LINKAGE WITH EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

An emergency is a situation that poses an impending or immediate risk to health, life, property, or the environment and which requires urgent intervention to prevent or limit the expected outcome.

This OMS manual addresses conditions related to operation under normal or unusual conditions, as opposed to emergency situations. An Emergency Preparedness Plan and an Emergency Response Plan (EPP/ERP) describes measures the Owner and, in some cases, external parties will take to prepare for an emergency, and to respond if an emergency occurs.

An OMS and ERP manual must be aligned. As a result, this OMS manual contains the following information (refer to Section 4, 5, and 6):

- Performance, occurrences, or observations that would result in an emergency being declared
- Roles and responsibilities of key personnel in transition from normal or unusual conditions to an emergency
- Actions to be taken to transition from normal or unusual conditions to an emergency situation

Once an emergency has been declared, reference must be made to the Emergency Response Plan (reference included in Table 1-3). The most recent version of the ERP can be found on Intelex and in the Emergency Control Room.

**Table 1-3: Emergency Response Reference Documents**

| Document                | Current Revision                                    |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Emergency Response Plan | Updated by AEM. Version 18, October 2023. (Intelex) |

## **SECTION 2 • ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The roles and responsibilities of the key personnel involved in the Meadowbank Tailings Management Infrastructure are shown in Table 2-1. Contact information for each position is indicated in Table 2-2. Terms of reference for the Accountable Executive Officer, Responsible Person, Engineer of Record, Independent Reviewer, and Tailings Working Group are on Intalex.

### **2.1. Training and Qualification**

Personnel who have tasks directly related to the Meadowbank Tailings Management need to be qualified for the task and receive and maintain sufficient training to ensure they can perform their required roles and responsibilities. Defining the required qualifications and ensuring proper training and qualification of personnel is a responsibility defined in Table 2-1.

Qualification requirements of personnel is managed on a by department basis and are captured in the R&R of each position and are ensured as part of the HR Process to be fulfilled for each position.

Training requirements and records are defined and managed on a by department basis.

**Table 2-1: Responsibilities of Key Members of the OMS Related to Meadowbank Tailings Management Infrastructure**

| Role                                | Responsibilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Accountable Executive Officer (AEO) | <p>As emphasized by MAC (2022), the accountability for decisions related to tailings management rests with the Owner’s Board of Directors or Governance Level. The Board of Directors or Governance Level is expected to designate an Accountable Executive Officer (AEO) for tailings management. More specifically, the following responsibilities are assigned to the AEO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Needs to be aware of key outcomes of water management risk assessment and of how these risks are being managed</li> <li>Has accountability and responsibility for putting in place appropriate management structure</li> <li>Assign responsibility and appropriate budgetary authority for tailings management</li> <li>Define the personnel duties, responsibility, and reporting relationships, supported by job description and organizational charts to implement the tailings management system through all stages in the facility life cycles</li> <li>Provide assurance to AEM and its Community of Interest that tailings are managed responsibly</li> <li>Development and implementation of training needed for responsible training management</li> <li>Ensuring development of any required plans for emergency preparedness</li> </ul>                                                                           |
| General Manager                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the scope of work and budget requirement for all aspects of tailings management</li> <li>Approve budget for OMS related activity</li> <li>Establish an organizational structure with Roles and Responsibilities that meets the Governance Standard on Critical Infrastructure</li> <li>Identify and retain a Responsible Person (RP)</li> <li>Liaise with independent reviewer (MBK-IRB) as required</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| General Superintendents             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure the OMS responsibilities delegated to the departments they oversee are carried out as described in this section of the OMS Manual</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Engineer of Record (EoR)            | <p>The function of the EoR is to support AEM in ensuring that mine waste and water management infrastructure are designed and operated properly. The owner, in assuring that these facilities are safe, has the responsibility to identify and retain an EoR, who provides technical direction on behalf of the owner. Having an EoR for mine waste and water infrastructure is recognized as one of the best practices for responsible management of mine waste and water management facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support and give technical advice to the RP and the AEO on geotechnical and operational challenges</li> <li>Participate, if possible, in Dam Safety Inspections and associated reports for tailings facilities that include retention structures/dams/dikes</li> <li>Verify if the tailings storage facility (TSF), waste rock storage facility (WRSF), and Water Retaining Infrastructures are designed and are operating in accordance with the best standards in the industry and the AEM corporate standards</li> <li>Verify if the waste and water management plans are developed and followed to ensure safety of the operation and the business</li> <li>Review and provide agreement on the procedural documents related to waste and water management (including OMS, ERP, and TARP)</li> </ul> |

| Role                                                      | Responsibilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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|                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be available for the Independent Review (IR) Panel</li> <li>• Participate in IR meetings and assist the RP in their preparation if required</li> <li>• Participate in the facility's risk assessments</li> <li>• Be available for dam safety reviews</li> <li>• Identify other internal or external professionals (such as hydrogeologists, geologists, hydrologists, etc.) to provide their support when required</li> <li>• Propose a schedule of site visits and required meetings during the course of the year</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Responsible Person (RP)                                   | <p>The Responsible Person(s) identifies the scope of work and budget requirements (subject to final approval) for all aspects of tailings management, including the Engineer of Record (EoR), and will delegate specific tasks and responsibilities for aspects of tailings management to qualified personnel. The RP is directly responsible for the management of critical infrastructure on a specific site with the objective of compliance with the Governance. The management of critical infrastructure includes design, construction, operation, and closure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the implementation and sustainability of the Governance model at the site level</li> <li>• Management of critical infrastructure, as well as appurtenant structures that may affect the critical infrastructure</li> <li>• The management of personnel, budget, and external resources for the critical infrastructure (external resources include the Design Engineer (DE), Independent Review Board (IRB) and any other necessary consultants/contractors)</li> <li>• Close collaboration with the EoR and communication with the Design Engineer and Independent Review Board (IRB)</li> <li>• Preparation for, and coordination of, IRB meetings and site visits</li> <li>• Preparation for, and coordination of, annual geotechnical inspections</li> <li>• Responding to, and implementation of, the recommendations of the IRB</li> <li>• Annual review and update of the OMS Manual in collaboration with the EoR</li> <li>• Continued application of the requirements of the OMS</li> <li>• In collaboration with the EoR, preparation of an annual report on the status of the critical infrastructure</li> <li>• Management of all documents and data related to design, construction, operation, closure, surveillance, and monitoring in a secure, accessible, and permanent manner</li> <li>• Revise and update the OMS Manual to reflect as-built conditions and any other changes related to risk assessments per example. Review and update the OMS manual into Intelex. Maintain up to date distribution list of the OMS Manual.</li> </ul> |
| Independent Review Board (IRB) – Meadowbank IRB (MBK-IRB) | <p>IR Panels are a mechanism to obtain independent, expert commentary, advice, guidance and where appropriate, recommendations to assist owners/operators in identifying, understanding, and managing risks associated with TSF, WRSF, WSF, HLF, and water-retaining infrastructures. The Independent Reviewer(s) does not have decision-making authority. Accountability and responsibility for decisions rests with AEM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review mine waste management strategy (including tailings and waste rock storage facilities)</li> <li>• Review water management infrastructure designs and performance (including water retaining infrastructures)</li> <li>• Review on-going construction works and monitoring data</li> <li>• Comment on implementation progress of proposed mine waste management improvement measures</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

| Role                                                 | Responsibilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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|                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide opinions and guidance to the operation on the physical integrity, safety, behavior, and performance of the confinement systems for mine waste and water retaining infrastructures</li> <li>• Comment on management systems, emergency preparedness, and overall management approach of the different mine waste management facilities and water retaining infrastructures</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Design Engineer                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advise on contemplated changes to the structure operation</li> <li>• Advise on structure performance and mitigation work as required</li> <li>• Present, as required, during independent review board meeting to provide input and context on the structure performance</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Tailings Working Group (TWG)                         | <p>Tailings working group is a mechanism to facilitate the communication between the different key stakeholders involved in tailings management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve ability to achieve tailings management objectives</li> <li>• Review deposition plan, water balance, and operational compliance</li> <li>• Review facility performance</li> <li>• Discuss IRB recommendation and develop implementation plan</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Process Plant Superintendent                         | <p>The Process Plant Department is the owner of the process plant. They work in close collaboration with the other stakeholder to ensure the success of tailings management. The Process Plant Superintendent is in charge of the Process Plant and ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Process Plant team has sufficient resources (qualified manpower, material, budget, training) to fulfill the OMS obligation defined in this manual</li> <li>• A structure is in place that define the R&amp;R, qualification, training requirement, and a staffing strategy to fulfill the obligation of the OMS Manual</li> <li>• The process plant operates and maintain the infrastructure required to produce and transport (i.e pump) the tailings to the tailings management area</li> <li>• The process plant tracks the parameter and characteristic of the tailings produced to ensure that targets are reached</li> <li>• The process plant operates and maintains the reclaim water system and tracks the water consumption to ensure that targets are reached</li> <li>• The process plant stops the transport of tailings if required in case of upset or emergency condition</li> </ul> |
| Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent | <p>The Environment Department ensures compliance with Environment Regulations and the Water License and is the owner of the water and tailings management infrastructures outside of the process plant. They ensure reporting and liaison with the NIRB, NWB, NGO's and other government agencies. The Environment &amp; Critical Infrastructure Superintendent is in charge of the Environment &amp; Critical Infrastructure Department and ensures that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Environment team has sufficient resources (qualified manpower, material, budget, training) to fulfill the OMS obligation defined in this manual</li> <li>• A structure is in place that defines the R&amp;R, qualification, training requirement, and a staffing strategy to fulfill the obligation of the OMS Manual</li> <li>• The Environment department reviews monitoring data for compliance with Water License and regulations and to determine dike performance with respect to design parameters</li> <li>• The Environment team carries out the surveillance of the structures as required in the OMS Manual (visual inspection and instrument monitoring)</li> </ul>                            |

| Role                                    | Responsibilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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|                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Environment team identifies and performs the maintenance work (predictive, preventive and corrective) on the earthwork and instrumentation system</li> <li>The Environment team reviews and analyses the surveillance data to evaluate dike performance with respect to design parameters and that surveillance reporting is distributed</li> <li>The Environment team ensures that the other OMS tasks related to dewatering and tailings dike components are planned and have an owner (i.e. pump and pipe, access maintenance)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Energy & Infrastructures Superintendent | <p>The E&amp;I Department has the manpower and equipment to manage roads, electricity, and dewatering at the Meadowbank Site. They fulfill the planning done in collaboration with the Environment &amp; Critical Infrastructure team to ensure the fulfilment of the OMS requirements. The E&amp;I Superintendent is in charge of the E&amp;I Department and ensures that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The E&amp;I team has sufficient resources (qualified manpower, material, budget, training) to fulfill the OMS obligation defined in this manual</li> <li>A structure is in place that defines the R&amp;R, qualification, training requirement, and a staffing strategy to fulfill the obligation of the OMS Manual</li> <li>E&amp;I maintains access to the structures and tailings management systems. This includes making road repairs, controlling dust, and managing snow and water.</li> <li>E&amp;I installs, operates, maintains, and monitors all the components of pumps and piping systems associated with water management. They also perform operation, maintenance, and surveillance work on the piping system. This work is planned in collaboration with the Environment &amp; Critical Infrastructure Department.</li> <li>Update and maintain a list of operational pumping equipment</li> </ul> |
| Maintenance Superintendent              | <p>The Maintenance Department has the manpower and equipment to maintain mobile equipment and pumps. They fulfill maintenance of some of the mechanical equipment components of the dewatering and tailings dikes as requested by the E&amp;I department. The Maintenance Superintendent is in charge of the Maintenance Department and ensures that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preventive, predictive, and corrective maintenance is carried out regularly on pumping equipment related to water management as requested by E&amp;I</li> <li>Records are kept of maintenance performance on pumping equipment</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Health and Safety Superintendent        | <p>The Health and Safety Department is responsible to update and manage the site wide emergency response plan. The Health and Safety Superintendent is in charge of the Health and Safety Department and ensures that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The emergency response plan is updated and is aligned with the OMS manual</li> <li>The trigger to raise an emergency defined in the OMS manual and the communication pathway to do so is understood and aligned with the ERP</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

**Table 2-2: Contact Information**

| <b>Role</b>                                                                           | <b>Name</b>                                     | <b>Work Contact Info</b>                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Environment and Critical<br>Infra VP / Accountable<br>Executive Officer               | Michel Julien                                   | michel.julien@agnicoeagle.com<br>416-947-1212 x4013738<br>514-244-5876                      |
| Engineer of Record (EoR) /<br>Technical Specialist,<br>Environmental Management       | Thomas Lepine                                   | thomas.lepine@agnicoeagle.com<br>416-947-1212 x4013722<br>418-473-8077                      |
| Design Engineer – WSP/<br>Golder                                                      | Fiona Esford                                    | fiona.esford@wsp.com<br>604-296-2832                                                        |
| Independent Reviewer –<br>Meadowbank Independant<br>Review Board (MBK-IRB)            | Anthony Rattue<br>Kevin Hawton<br>Ron Nicholson | anthony.rattue@bell.net<br>khawton@knightpiesold.com<br>ron.nicholson@minewattermatters.com |
| General Manager                                                                       | Eric Steinmetzer                                | 819-763-0187<br>819-759-3555 x4606896                                                       |
| General Superintendent<br>(Maintenance, Mill, E&I)                                    | Mathieu Hotte                                   | 819-290-3614                                                                                |
| General Superintendent<br>(Operations)                                                | Pierre McMullen                                 | 819-860-2556<br>819-759-3555 x4606721                                                       |
| Process Plant<br>Superintendent                                                       | Guillaume Gemme                                 | 819-856-3073                                                                                |
| Engineering Superintendent                                                            | Alexandre Lavallée                              | 819-860-0804<br>819-759-3555 x4606870                                                       |
| Environnement & Critical<br>Infrastructures<br>Superintendant /<br>Responsible Person | Eric Haley                                      | 819-651-1010<br>819-759-3555 x4606491                                                       |
| Energy & Infrastructures<br>Superintendent                                            | Trevor Davies                                   | 819-759-3555 x4606632<br>514-912-8508                                                       |
| Maintenance<br>Superintendent                                                         | Frederic Dubé                                   | 819-759-3555 x4606722<br>418-961-9895                                                       |
| Health and Safety<br>Superintendent                                                   | Patrick Goldfinch                               | 819-759-3555 x4606720<br>514-231-6912                                                       |

### SECTION 3 • TAILINGS MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE DESCRIPTION

The Tailings Management Infrastructures at Meadowbank represent the infrastructure required to transport and store tailings produced by the process plant. They can be divided into the following categories:

- The Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) and associated dikes (North Cell and South Cell)
- The pits used to store tailings and the associated reclaim system to the mill (Portage Pit and Bay Goose Pit)
- Piping used for tailings conveyance to the TSF or pits
- Sumps, pumps and ditches used to manage water from the tailings management area

The tailings management includes the operation of a series of Infrastructures as shown in Table 3-1. The general layout of the Tailings Management Infrastructure is provided in Appendix A. The design criteria of the earthwork infrastructure are presented in Appendix B. References to design and construction documents are presented in Section 3.2 to 3.6.

**Table 3-1: Description of the Tailings Management Infrastructure**

| Infrastructure                                                                               | Function                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TSF North Cell Peripheral Structures: Saddle Dam 1, Saddle Dam 2, RF1, RF2                   | Peripheral tailings retention structures for tailings containment within the North Cell                                                                                                               |
| TSF North Cell Internal Structure                                                            | Upstream raise built on the tailings to increase capacity of the North Cell                                                                                                                           |
| TSF South Cell Peripheral Structures: Saddle Dam 3, Saddle Dam 4, Saddle Dam 5, Central Dike | Peripheral tailings retention structures for tailings containment within the South Cell                                                                                                               |
| TSF Stormwater Dike                                                                          | Internal structure that divides the TSF into the North and the South Cell                                                                                                                             |
| TSF Diversion Ditches                                                                        | Non-contact water diversion structures. Prevent runoff from the watershed from reaching the TSF                                                                                                       |
| In-Pit: Goose Pit, Pit A, and Pit E                                                          | Mined out pits that are used for tailings storage                                                                                                                                                     |
| Tailings Conveyance System                                                                   | Pumping and piping system used to send the tailings from the process plant to either the TSF or the Pits                                                                                              |
| Reclaim System                                                                               | Pumping and piping infrastructure used to recirculate water to the process plant from either the TSF or the in-pit to minimize freshwater consumption at the mill and minimize water to store on site |

### 3.1 SITE CONDITIONS

The Meadowbank mine is located within a low Arctic Eco climate described as one of the coldest and driest regions of Canada. Arctic winter conditions occur from October through May, with temperatures ranging from +5°C to -40°C. Summer temperatures range from -5°C to +25°C with isolated rainfall increasing through September. The long-term mean annual air temperature for Meadowbank is estimated to be approximately -11.1°C.

The prevailing winds at Meadowbank for both the winter and summer months are from the northwest. A maximum daily wind gust of 93 km/h was recorded on September 1, 2009. August is the wettest month, with a total precipitation of 43.4 mm, and February is the driest month, with a total precipitation of 6.1 mm. During an average year, the total precipitation is 249.6 mm, split between 147.5 mm of rainfall and 102.1 mm of snowfall precipitation.

Two main faults are inferred in the Portage deposit area and are the Bay Zone Fault and the Second Portage Fault. The Second Portage fault trends to the northwest under Central Dike and the Tailings Storage Facilities (TSF), roughly parallel to the orientation of Second Portage Lake. The Bay Zone Fault trends from South to North and crosses Third Portage Lake, Goose Pit and Portage Pit.

Meadowbank is in an area of continuous permafrost. Lake ice thicknesses of between 1.5 m and 2.5 m have been encountered during mid to late spring. Taliks (areas of permanently unfrozen ground) could be expected where water depth is and/or has been greater than about 2 to 2.5 m. The depth of permafrost at site is estimated to be in the order of 450 to 550 m, depending on proximity to lakes. The depth of the active layer ranges from about 1 to 1.5 m.

The site area consists of low, rolling hills with numerous small lakes. It is covered by laterally extensive deposits of glacial till with a thickness from 0 to 5 m. The glacial till is variable but generally is made up of sand and gravel with cobbles and boulders and a fines content between 15% and 40%. Lakebed sediment consisting of sand, silt, and clay sized particles overlies the till in the lakes.

The site is underlain by a sequence of Archaean greenstone (ultramafic and mafic flow sequences) and metasedimentary rocks that have undergone polyphase deformation resulting in the superposition of at least two major structural events. Within the greenstone are volcanoclastic sediments, felsic-to-intermediate flows and tuffs, sediments (greywackes) and oxide iron formations. Ultramafic rocks are variably altered, and the ore is hosted in the iron formation rocks. The four main rock types are iron formation, intermediate volcanic, ultramafic volcanic, and quartzite.

The Meadowbank site is a remote site that is only accessible from the all-weather access road from the town of Baker Lake (with entry gates at the mine and at Baker Lake), or by aerial link with AEM hubs in Quebec. As such, access from unauthorized members of the public is very unlikely.

### 3.2 TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY (TSF)

The tailings storage facility (TSF) is located within the dewatered portion of the northwestern arm of Second Portage Lake and consists of the North Cell and the South Cell. The South Cell is comprised of Central Dike, Saddle Dam 3, Saddle Dam 4 and Saddle Dam 5, all built to El. 145 m. The North Cell is comprised of peripheral structures Saddle Dam 1, Saddle Dam 2, RF1 and RF2. Stormwater Dike is an internal structure separating the North Cell from the South Cell. The North Cell was internally raised with the construction of the North Cell Internal Structure to a variable elevation ranging from 152 to 154 m.

The North Cell and South Cell are currently inactive, however additional capacity remains to accommodate future tailings deposition.

A retention basin and a series of diversion ditches surround the catchment basin of the North Cell. These structures are designed to convey surface water runoff away from the TSF. Three temporary retention basins and one ditch are constructed within the North Cell, at the downstream toe of the North Cell Internal Structure to collect seepage through and runoff from this structure.

Table 3-2 and Table 3-3 summarise the design criteria for the peripheral dikes of the TSF. Figure 3-1 shows a plan view of the TSF infrastructure.

**Table 3-2: Design Criteria Summary for TSF Peripheral Dikes of the North Cell**

| Design Criteria – North Cell Peripheral Structure (SD1, SD2) & Stormwater Dike |                            |                   |                               |                 |               |                            |                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Use                                                                            | Classification (CDA, 2007) | Design Earthquake | Inflow Design Flood           | Water Level (m) |               | Max Tailings Elevation (m) | Crest Elevation (m) (max elevation) |
|                                                                                |                            |                   |                               | Max Operation   | Design Flood* |                            |                                     |
| Tailings Retention                                                             | High                       | 1:2500 years      | 1/3 between 1000-year and PMF | 148             | 149           | 149.5                      | 150.0                               |

**Table 3-3: Design Criteria Summary for TSF Peripheral Dikes of the South Cell**

| Design Criteria – South Cell Peripheral Structure (SD3, SD4, SD5, CD) |                            |                   |                               |                 |               |                            |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Use                                                                   | Classification (CDA, 2007) | Design Earthquake | Inflow Design Flood           | Water Level (m) |               | Max Tailings Elevation (m) | Crest Elevation (m) (max elevation) |
|                                                                       |                            |                   |                               | Max Operation   | Design Flood* |                            |                                     |
| Tailings Retention                                                    | High                       | 1:2500 years      | 1/3 between 1000-year and PMF | 143             | 144           | 144.5                      | 145                                 |

\*Reference : \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\05-WaterManagement\2021

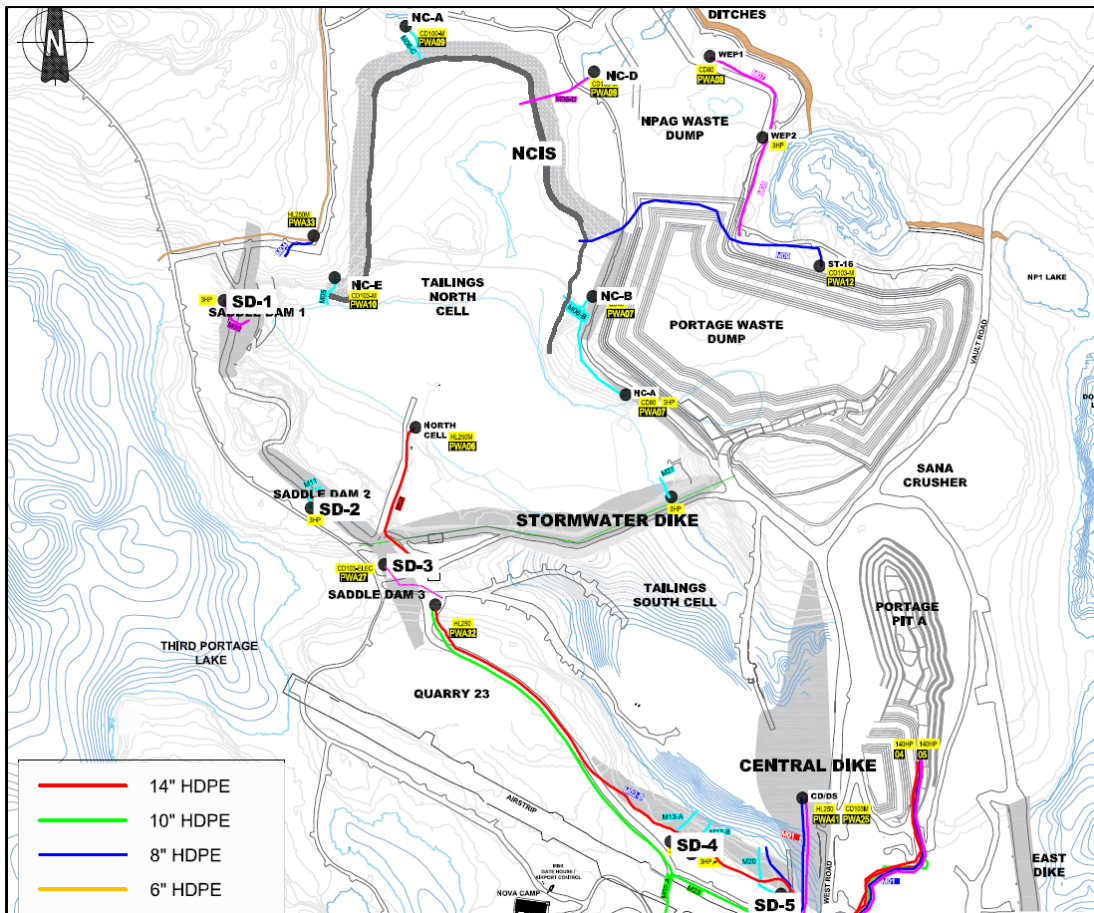


Figure 3-1: Meadowbank TSF Infrastructure

### 3.2.1 Saddle Dam 1 – North Cell

Saddle Dam 1 is in the northwestern corner of the TSF and forms one of the perimeter structures of the North Cell intended to retain tailings and supernatant fluid during the operation of the TSF. Saddle Dam 1 crosses a depression between the northwestern arm of Second Portage Lake and Third Portage Lake.

Saddle Dam 1 was constructed in two stages using the downstream method from 2009 to 2010. Stage 1 of Saddle Dam 1 was constructed in the fall of 2009 to a height of 10 m (crest elevation of 141 m) and a length of 250 m. Stage 2 was constructed in 2010 to an overall height of 20 m (final crest elevation of 150 m) and length of about 400 m.

Saddle Dam 1 is a rockfill embankment with an 3H:1V upstream slope and a 1.3H:1V downstream slope. This structure has inverted base filters, upstream graded filters, and a linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE) geomembrane liner on the upstream dike face. The geomembrane liner is placed between an upper and lower non-woven geotextile layer for protection, and is covered by approximately

0.3 m of granular material up to El. 140 m. No granular layer was placed above El. 140 m and the liner is exposed above that elevation. According to the design, a tailings beach must be maintained on the face of the structure to reduce the potential for ice damage to the liner. The abutments are founded on bedrock, while the central portion of the dike is founded on ice-poor soil. Till and/or crushed aggregate mixed with dry bentonite powder have been placed above the toe of the liner.

The permanent dewatering pump that was installed downstream to manage snowmelt and runoff was removed from operation in 2023, following earthworks to promote natural flow towards Third Portage Lake. Close monitoring of the area will continue as per requirements. References to key documents for the design and construction of Saddle Dam 1 are presented in Table 3-4. Table 3-5 summarizes the main highlights of Saddle Dam 1.

**Table 3-4: Reference Documents for Saddle Dam 1 Design and Construction**

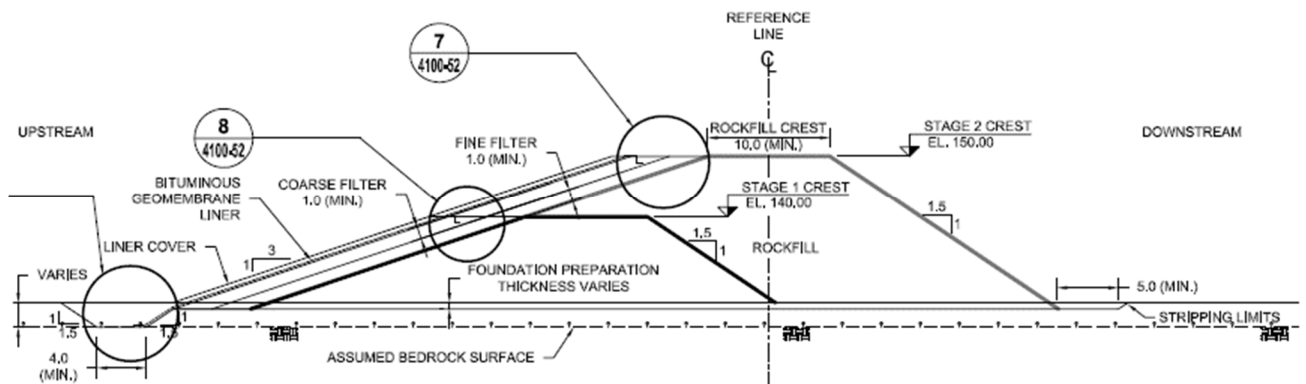
| <b>Dike</b>  | <b>Type of Information</b> | <b>Reference Document</b>                                                                                    | <b>Link to retrieve document</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saddle Dam 1 | Design Report              | Detailed Design of Tailings Storage Facility Dike (Golder, 2008)<br>Doc 784 Rev 0 (08-1428-0029)             | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\1- Saddle Dam 1\1- Engineering\3- Deliverable\1- Design Report\Doc 784 1217_08 RPT-Detailed Design of Tailings Storage Facility Dike-Meadowbank Ver 0.pdf |
|              | Drawings                   | Drawings in Detailed Design of Tailings Storage Facility Dike (Golder, 2008)<br>Doc 784 Rev 0 (08-1428-0029) | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\1- Saddle Dam 1\1- Engineering\3- Deliverable\1- Design Report\Doc 784 1217_08 RPT-Detailed Design of Tailings Storage Facility Dike-Meadowbank Ver 0.pdf |
|              | Technical Specifications   | Specifications for TSF Dike Construction (Golder, 2009)<br>Doc 795 Rev 0 (08-1428-0029/6000)                 | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\1- Saddle Dam 1\1- Engineering\3- Deliverable\3- Specifications\Doc 795 1020_09 Specification-TSF Dike Construction Meadowbank Rev 0.pdf                  |
|              | As-Built                   | Construction Report TSF 2009-2011 (AEM 2013)                                                                 | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\1- Saddle Dam 1\2- Construction\4- Deliverable\1- As-Built Report                                                                                         |

**Table 3-5: Saddle Dam 1 Summary**

|                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saddle Dam 1</b>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Designer : Golder</b><br><b>Construction Period : 2009-2010 (2 stages using downstream method)</b><br><b>Operation Period : 2009 - 2028</b><br><b>Planned Closure Period : 2028-2036</b> |
| Design Criteria: Refer to Table 3-2                                                                                                                                                         |
| Part of the TSF North Cell. Zoned rockfill dike with an upstream low-permeability element (LLDPE liner) with an upstream toe liner tie-in. The structure is in operation.                   |
| <b>Operation Highlight</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Cell inactive since 2021</li> </ul>                                                                                 |
| Risk assessment performed on this structure in 2021.<br>Design Factor of Safety in Appendix B                                                                                               |



**Figure 3-2: Aerial View of Saddle Dam 1**



**Figure 3-3: Typical Cross-section of Saddle Dam 1**

### 3.2.2 Saddle Dam 2 – North Cell

Saddle Dam 2 is located along the western side of the TSF and connects to the western corner of Stormwater Dike. Along with Saddle Dam 1, it forms one of the perimeter structures of the TSF's North Cell which retains tailings and supernatant fluid during the operation of the TSF. Saddle Dam 2 crosses a depression between the northwestern arm of Second Portage Lake and Third Portage Lake. Its construction and design is similar to Saddle Dam 1. Saddle Dam 2 has a maximum height of about 10 m and a crest length of 460 m.

Saddle Dam 2 was constructed in two stages to El. 150 m in 2010 and 2011. The upstream foundation of the dike and abutments are primarily founded on bedrock; however, some portions of the structure, underneath the inverted filter, are founded on ice-poor soil. During construction, a thin layer of low permeability till was placed and compacted along the toe liner tie-in connection with bedrock. A thin layer of crushed aggregate (0-22 mm) mixed with dry bentonite powder was also placed under the thin layer of low permeability till in areas where open fractures were observed within the bedrock. The toe liner tie-in was then covered with till.

There is no pumping system associated with Saddle Dam 2.

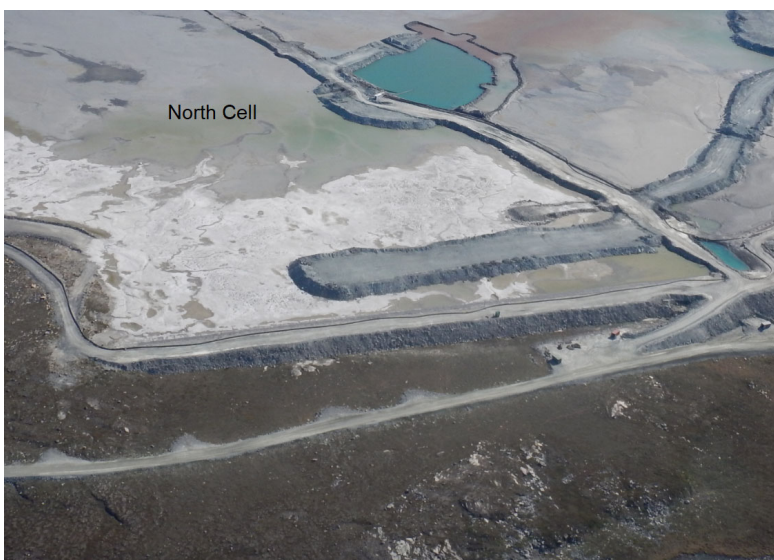
References to key documents for the design and construction of Saddle Dam 2 are presented in Table 3-6. Table 3-7 summarizes the main highlights of Saddle Dam 2.

**Table 3-6: Reference Documents for Saddle Dam 2 Design and Construction**

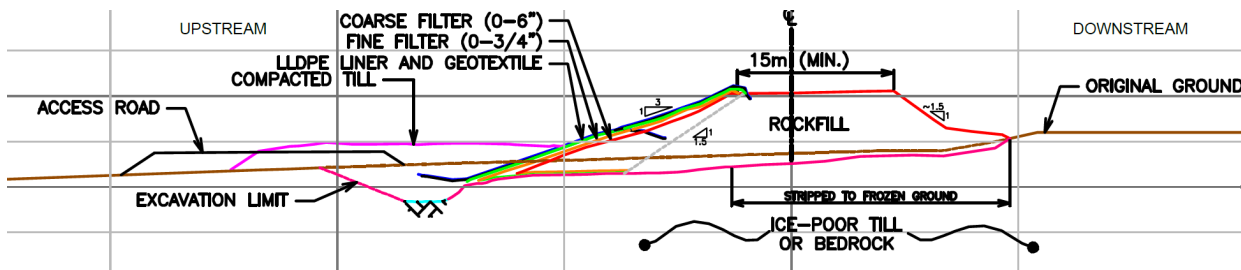
| Dike         | Type of Information      | Reference Document                                                                                           | Link to retrieve document                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saddle Dam 2 | Design Report            | Detailed Design of Tailings Storage Facility Dike (Golder, 2008)<br>Doc 784 Rev 0 (08-1428-0029)             | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\1- Saddle Dam 1\1- Engineering\3- Deliverable\1- Design Report\Doc 784 1217_08 RPT-Detailed Design of Tailings Storage Facility Dike-Meadowbank Ver 0.pdf |
|              | Drawings                 | Drawings in Detailed Design of Tailings Storage Facility Dike (Golder, 2008)<br>Doc 784 Rev 0 (08-1428-0029) | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\1- Saddle Dam 1\1- Engineering\3- Deliverable\1- Design Report\Doc 784 1217_08 RPT-Detailed Design of Tailings Storage Facility Dike-Meadowbank Ver 0.pdf |
|              | Technical Specifications | Specifications for TSF Dike Construction (Golder, 2009)<br>Doc 795 Rev 0 (08-1428-0029/6000)                 | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\1- Saddle Dam 1\1- Engineering\3- Deliverable\3- Specifications\Doc 795 1020_09 Specification-TSF Dike Construction Meadowbank Rev 0.pdf                  |
|              | As-Built                 | Construction Report TSF 2009-2011 (AEM 2013)                                                                 | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\2- Saddle Dam 2\2- Construction\4- Deliverable\1- As-Built Report                                                                                         |

**Table 3-7: Saddle Dam 2 Summary**

|                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Saddle Dam 2</b>                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Designer : Golder</b><br><b>Construction Period : 2010 &amp; 2011</b><br><b>Operation Period : 2011 - 2028</b><br><b>Planned Closure Period : 2028-2036</b>            |
| Design Criteria: Refer to Table 3-2                                                                                                                                       |
| Part of the TSF North Cell. Zoned rockfill dike with an upstream low-permeability element (LLDPE liner) with an upstream toe liner tie-in. The structure is in operation. |
| <b>Operation Highlight</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Cell inactive since 2021.</li> </ul>                                                              |
| Risk assessment performed on this structure in 2021.<br>Design Factor of Safety in Appendix B                                                                             |



**Figure 3-4: Aerial View of Saddle Dam 2**



**Figure 3-5: As-built Cross-section of Saddle Dam 2**

### 3.2.3 RF1 and RF2 – North Cell

RF1 and RF2 are two rockfill access roads located on the eastern side of the North Cell at the toe of the Portage Waste Rock Storage Facility. They were constructed in 2009 with run of mine rockfill.

These access roads were not designed as a containment structure but during the operation of the North Cell, water and tailings ponded against them. In June 2013 water going through these structures infiltrated the Portage WRSF and then reached Lake NP2. Following this seepage event, a filter system was constructed in August 2014 on the upstream side of RF1 and RF2 to promote the build up of a tailings beach and prevent water exfiltration from the TSF at that location. The constructed filter berm consisted of till and/or fine ultramafic rock, coarse filter, geotextile, and fine filter. Since the construction of that structure a tailings beach covers these structures. Since the construction of the North Cell Internal Structure on the upstream side of RF1 and RF2 in 2018 these structures are now confined between the NCIS and the Portage WRSF.

In 2023, both of these inactive structures were fully covered in rockfill to promote proper drainage of the water in the area, therefore RF1 & RF2 are now considered as subsurface infrastructures, part of the capping of the North cell.

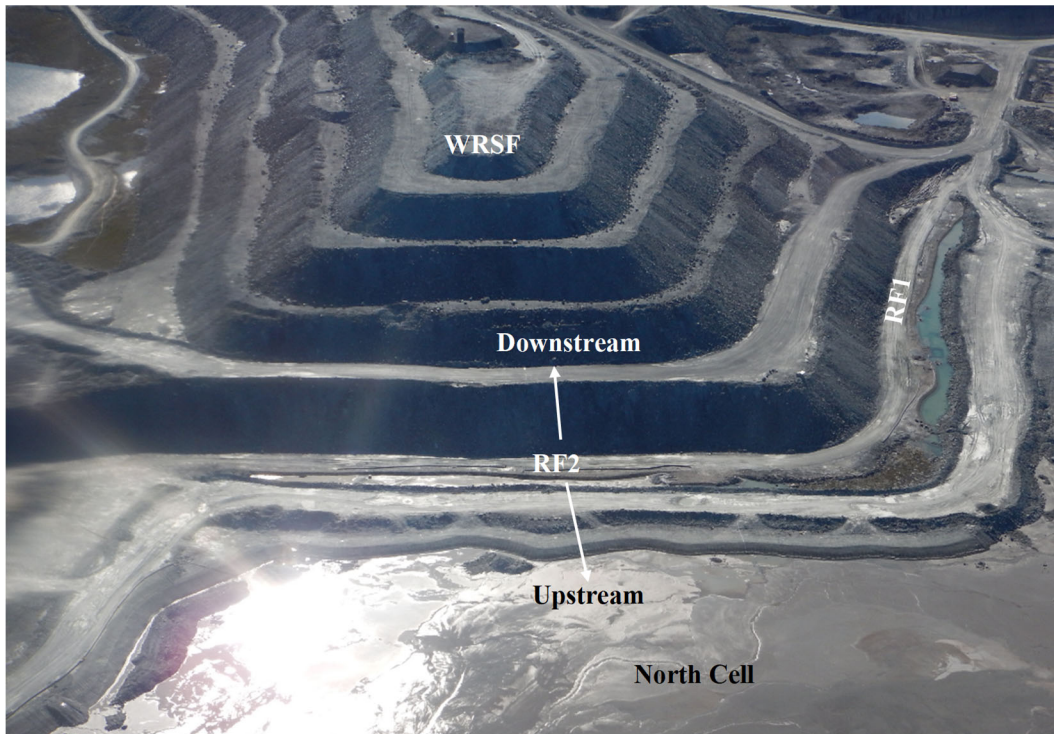
An as-built report is available for the 2009 construction of RF1 and RF2. There is partial documentation of the filter berm design and construction in 2014. Table 3-8 and Table 3-9 summarizes the available information for RF1 and RF2.

**Table 3-8: Reference Documents for RF1/RF2 Design and Construction**

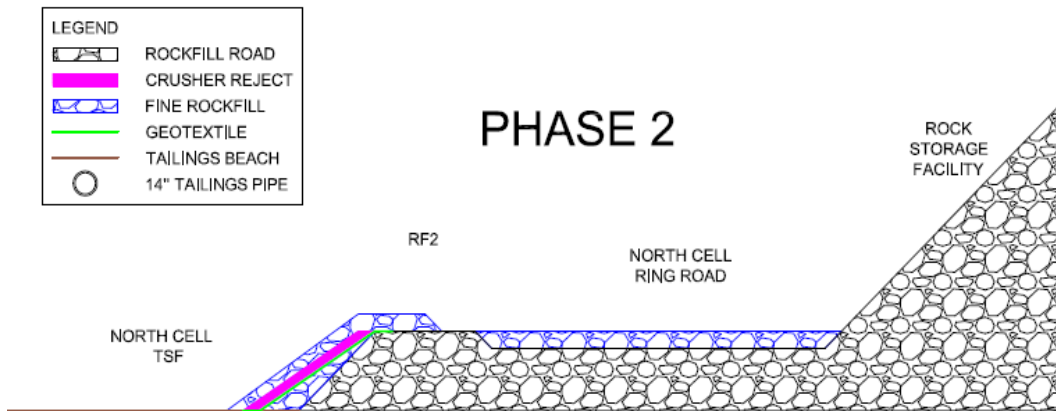
| Dike    | Type of Information      | Reference Document                                            | Link to retrieve document                                                                            |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RF1/RF2 | Design Report            | -                                                             | -                                                                                                    |
|         | Drawings                 | Filter Concept (AEM, 2014). Does not represent what was built | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\10- RF1 and RF2\1- Engineering\design    |
|         | Technical Specifications | -                                                             | -                                                                                                    |
|         | As-Built                 | Construction Report TSF 2009-2011 (AEM 2013)                  | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\10- RF1 and RF2\2- Construction\As-Built |

**Table 3-9: RF1/RF2 Summary**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>RF1/RF2</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Designer : AEM</b><br><b>Construction Period : 2009 &amp; 2010 (rockfill road) / 2014 (upstream filter)</b><br><b>Operation Period : 2013 - 2024</b><br><b>Planned Closure Period : 2024-2036</b>                           |
| Design Criteria: No documented design criteria                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Part of the TSF North Cell. Rockfill dike/road with an upstream filter. The structure is in operation.                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Operation Highlight</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seepage observed in 2013 from this area. Upstream filter added in 2014 to promote tailings beach build-up</li> <li>North Cell inactive since 2021</li> </ul> |
| Risk assessment performed on this structure in 2021.<br>Design Factor of Safety in Appendix B                                                                                                                                  |



**Figure 3-6: Aerial View of RF1/RF2**



**Figure 3-7: Typical Cross-section of RF1/RF2 (not representative of actual as-built condition of upstream filter)**

### 3.2.4 North Cell Internal Structure – North Cell

The North Cell Internal Structure is located within the North Cell of the TSF, in its northern section. It is built as an upstream raise over the existing tailings of the North Cell and the rockfill cover placed over the past years for closure operations. It was constructed in 2018 and is 2160 m in length with a variable Elevation between El. 152 m (2+750 to 3+260) and El. 154 m (1+660 to 2+750).

The North Cell Internal Structure is designed and constructed as a permeable zoned rockfill dam with filter zones, built on the top surface dried tailings of the North Cell and on the existing rockfill cover. The bulk part of the North Cell Internal Structure consists of coarse rockfill material. The upstream face is designed at a 3H:1V slope and the downstream faces are designed at a 1.5H:1V slope. The upstream face of the North Cell Internal Structure comprises two granular filter zones. The filter zones are designed to prevent tailings migration and internal erosion, while allowing water to flow through the embankment.

Channeling of water has been observed since 2019 at the upstream toe of the eastern part of the dike. The water flow is eroding fine filter material at the toe. Sloughing, deformation, and tension cracks in the upstream filter layer has been observed since 2020 in the eastern area and are caused by water eroding and undercutting the toe of the filters.

Following the construction of the North Cell Internal Structure, internal ditches and sumps (NC-A, NC-B, NC-C, NC-D, NC-E) were constructed over the existing tailings surface. A ditch connecting to a sump was built on the western side of the North Cell internal structure and two sumps were built on the eastern side. The objective of these structures is to collect water that would seep through the internal structure during tailings deposition operation. Water collected in these structures is pumped back into the TSF. These structures are operational only during deposition from the internal structure of the North Cell.

References to key documents for the design and construction of the North Cell Internal Structure are presented in Table 3-10. Table 3-11 summarizes the main highlights of the North Internal Structure.

**Table 3-10: Reference Documents for the North Cell Internal Structure Design and Construction**

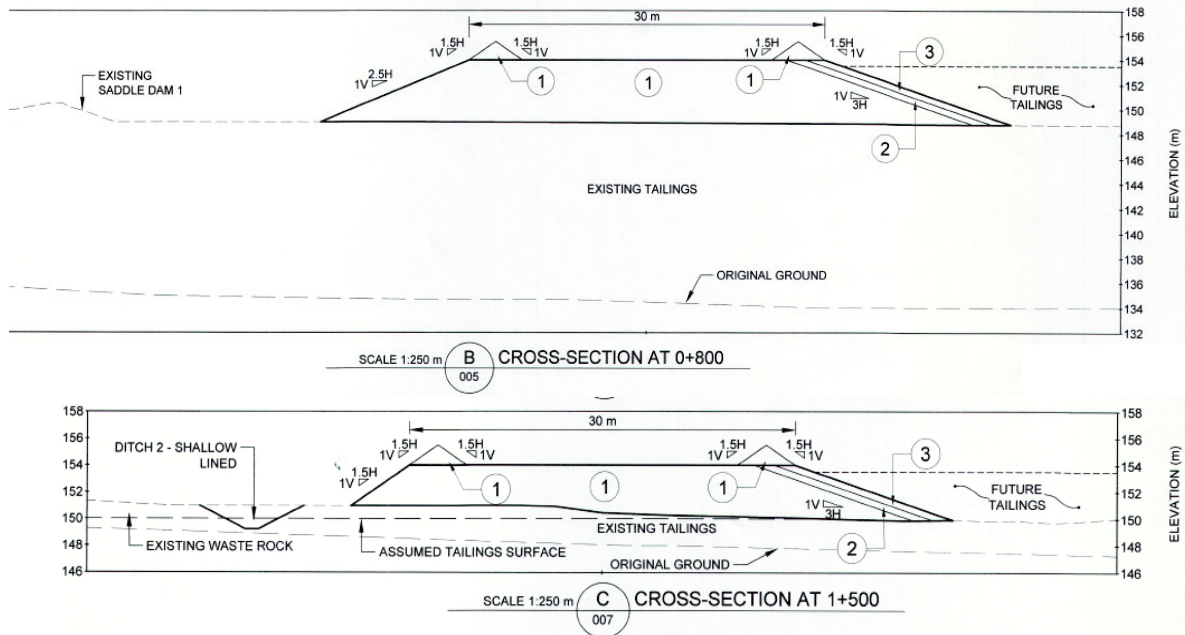
| <b>Dike</b>                   | <b>Type of Information</b> | <b>Reference Document</b>                                                               | <b>Link to retrieve document</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| North Cell Internal Structure | Design Report              | Detailed Design of North Cell Internal Raise (Golder, 2018)<br>Rev 0 (1784383)          | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\9- North Cell Internal Structure (NCIS)\1- Engineering\2 – Detailed Engineering\3-Reporting\1-Design Report\Design report Rev 0 (final)\1784383_North Cell Internal DiKE Raise – Design Report_Rev0_19Apr2018.pdf |
|                               | Drawings                   | Drawings for North Cell Internal Raise (Golder, 2018)<br>Rev 0 (1784383)                | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\9- North Cell Internal Structure (NCIS)\1- Engineering\2 – Detailed Engineering\3-Reporting\3-Drawings\Final\1784383-Meadowbank-Construction Drawings Stamped.pdf                                                 |
|                               | Technical Specifications   | Specifications for North Cell Internal Raise (Golder, 2018)<br>Rev 0 (1784383)          | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\9- North Cell Internal Structure (NCIS)\1- Engineering\2 – Detailed Engineering\3-Reporting\2- Specification\Rev 0\1784383 – 4000 TSF Spec Meadowbank_Tech Specs_Rev0_7Feb2018.docx                               |
|                               | As-Built                   | North Cell Internal Structure As-built Report (Golder, 2018)<br>Doc 1578 Rev0 (1897439) | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\9- North Cell Internal Structure (NCIS)\2- Construction\2018\4-Deliverable\1- As-Built Report\1897439-1578-R-Rev0 As-built report 2018.pdf                                                                        |
|                               | As-Built (South portion )  | Progressive Closure Infrastructure As-Built Report (AEM 2023)                           | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\14- Progressive Closure Infra\2- Construction\2023\4- Deliverables\2- Report\2023 PCI_AsBuiltreport_Rev0.docx                                                                                               |

**Table 3-11: North Cell Internal Structure Summary**

| <b>North Cell Internal Structure</b>                                                                                                                                                          |                               |                      |                           |                  |                 |                                     |                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Designer : Golder</b>                                                                                                                                                                      |                               |                      |                           |                  |                 |                                     |                                              |
| <b>Construction Period : 2018 (upstream raise on tailings)</b>                                                                                                                                |                               |                      |                           |                  |                 |                                     |                                              |
| <b>Operation Period : 2018 – 2028</b>                                                                                                                                                         |                               |                      |                           |                  |                 |                                     |                                              |
| <b>Planned Closure Period : 2028-2036</b>                                                                                                                                                     |                               |                      |                           |                  |                 |                                     |                                              |
| <b>Design Criteria</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |                               |                      |                           |                  |                 |                                     |                                              |
| Use                                                                                                                                                                                           | Classification<br>(CDA, 2007) | Design<br>Earthquake | Inflow<br>Design<br>Flood | Water Level (m)  |                 | Max<br>Tailings<br>Elevation<br>(m) | Crest<br>Elevation<br>(m) (max<br>elevation) |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               |                               |                      |                           | Max<br>Operation | Design<br>Flood |                                     |                                              |
| Tailings<br>Retention                                                                                                                                                                         | Significant                   | 1:2500<br>years      | -                         | -                | -               | Variable<br>(0.5 m<br>freeboard)    | 152 to 154<br>m                              |
| Part of the TSF North Cell. Zoned rockfill permeable dike with an upstream filter system. The structure is in operation.                                                                      |                               |                      |                           |                  |                 |                                     |                                              |
| <b>Operation Highlight</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |                               |                      |                           |                  |                 |                                     |                                              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tension cracks, depression, and sloughing of filter observed in 2020 due to erosion of upstream toe</li> <li>North Cell inactive since 2021</li> </ul> |                               |                      |                           |                  |                 |                                     |                                              |
| Risk assessment performed on this structure in 2021.<br>Design Factor of Safety in Appendix B                                                                                                 |                               |                      |                           |                  |                 |                                     |                                              |



**Figure 3-8: Aerial View of the North Cell Internal Structure**



**Figure 3-9: Typical Cross-section of the North Cell Internal Structure**

### 3.2.5 Saddle Dam 3, Saddle Dam 4 and Saddle Dam 5 – South Cell

Saddle Dam 3 is located in the northwestern corner of the South Cell and merges into Saddle Dam 2 to El. 145 m. Saddle Dam 4 is located in the southwestern corner of the South Cell and merges into Saddle Dam 5, which merges with the southern end of Central Dike, to El. 145 m. These structures were constructed from 2015 to 2018 as a series of downstream raises.

- Stage 1 of Saddle Dam 3, 4 and 5 was constructed in 2015. During Stage 1, Saddle Dam 3 and 4 were constructed to El. 140 m and Saddle Dam 5 to El. 137 m.
- Stage 2 of Saddle Dam 3, 4 and 5 was constructed to El. 143 m in 2016.
- Stage 3 of Saddle Dam 3, 4 and 5 was constructed to El. 145 m in 2017.
- The filter and liner installation at Saddle Dam 3 was finalized in 2018.
- The completed crest length is approximately 245 m for Saddle Dam 3, 365 m for Saddle Dam 4, and 255 m for Saddle Dam 5.

Saddle Dams 3, 4, and 5 are designed and constructed as zoned rockfill dams with filter zones, low permeability upstream liners, and upstream toe liner tie-in key trenches. Cross-sections of Saddle Dams 3, 4 and 5 consist of a rockfill embankment, constructed from run-of-mine waste rock, placed in lifts and compacted. The upstream faces are designed at a 3H:1V slope and the downstream faces are designed at a 1.5H:1V slope. The upstream faces of Saddle Dams 3, 4 and 5 are comprised of two granular filter zones and a LLDPE liner extending along the upstream foundation. The filter zones are meant to keep the tailings inside the facility in case of liner puncture, but mainly act as appropriate

bedding for the liner. An upstream liner tie-in key trench excavated to bedrock and filled with compacted till is located along the upstream area of the structures.

The design of Saddle Dam 3 includes an additional protection cover over the liner made of till and rockfill. This protection was added to the design as this structure will not be protected with a tailings beach during operation as water needs to be maintained in that area for reclaim.

Saddle Dams 3/4/5 have sumps located downstream to collect runoff water and to pump it back in the South Cell.

These structures are designed to be able to be raised to El. 150 m and the final crest elevation of these structures is subject to review by AEM.

References to key documents for the design and construction of Saddle Dams 3/4/5 are presented in Table 3-12.

Table 3-13 summarizes the main highlights of Saddle Dams 3/4/5.

**Table 3-12: Reference Documents for the Saddle Dams 3/4/5 Design and Construction**

| <b>Dike</b> | <b>Type of Information</b> | <b>Reference Document</b>                                                                             | <b>Link to retrieve document</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SD3/4/5     | Design Report              | Detailed Design Report for Saddle Dams 3, 4 and 5 (Golder, 2015)<br>Doc 1504 Rev1 (1416081)           | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\3- Saddle Dam 3\1- Engineering\3- Deliverable\1- Design Report\Doc 1504 1416081 RA Rev1 SD345 Design Report – final.pdf                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|             | Drawings                   | Construction Drawings for Saddle Dams 3,4 and 5 (Golder, 2015)<br>Rev0 (1416081)                      | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\3- Saddle Dam 3\1- Engineering\3- Deliverable\2- Drawings\1416081-SD345-Drawings-rev0.pdf                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|             | Technical Specifications   | Saddle Dams 3,4 and 5 Construction Technical Specifications (Golder, 2015)<br>Doc 1498 RevA (1416081) | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\3- Saddle Dam 3\1- Engineering\3- Deliverable\3- Specifications\Doc1498-1416081 0127_15 SD 3-4-5 Specifications_MB Ver A.pdf                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|             | As-Built                   | Construction As-Built Reports for Stages 1 to 3 (Golder, 2015 to 2018)                                | <p><b>Stage 1 (2015):</b><br/>\\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\3- Saddle Dam 3\2- Construction\2015 (Phase 1)\4- Deliverable\1- As-Built Report</p> <p><b>Stage 2 (2016):</b><br/>\\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\3- Saddle Dam 3\2- Construction\2016 (Phase 2)\4- Deliverable\1- As-Built Report</p> <p><b>Stage 3 (2017):</b><br/>\\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\3- Saddle Dam 3\2- Construction\2017 (Phase 3)\4- Deliverable\1- As-Built Report\Final</p> <p><b>Stage 3 finalization (2018):</b><br/>\\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\3- Saddle Dam 3\2- Construction\2018 (Phase 3 Finalisation)\4- Deliverable\1- As-Built Report</p> |

**Table 3-13: Saddle Dams 3/4/5 Structure Summary**

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| <b>Saddle Dams 3/4/5</b>                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Designer : Golder</b><br><b>Construction Period : 2015-2018</b><br><b>Operation Period : 2015 - 2026</b><br><b>Planned Closure Period : 2026-2042</b>                            |
| Design Criteria: Refer to Table 3-3                                                                                                                                                 |
| Part of the TSF South Cell. Zoned rockfill dike with an upstream low-permeability element (LLDPE liner) with an upstream toe liner tie-in. The structure is in operation.           |
| <b>Operation Highlight</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Cell inactive 2019-2024.</li> <li>• Active deposition in September 2023 only from Central Dike</li> </ul> |
| Risk assessment performed on these structures in 2021.<br>Design Factor of Safety in Appendix B                                                                                     |



**Figure 3-10: Aerial View of Saddle Dam 3**

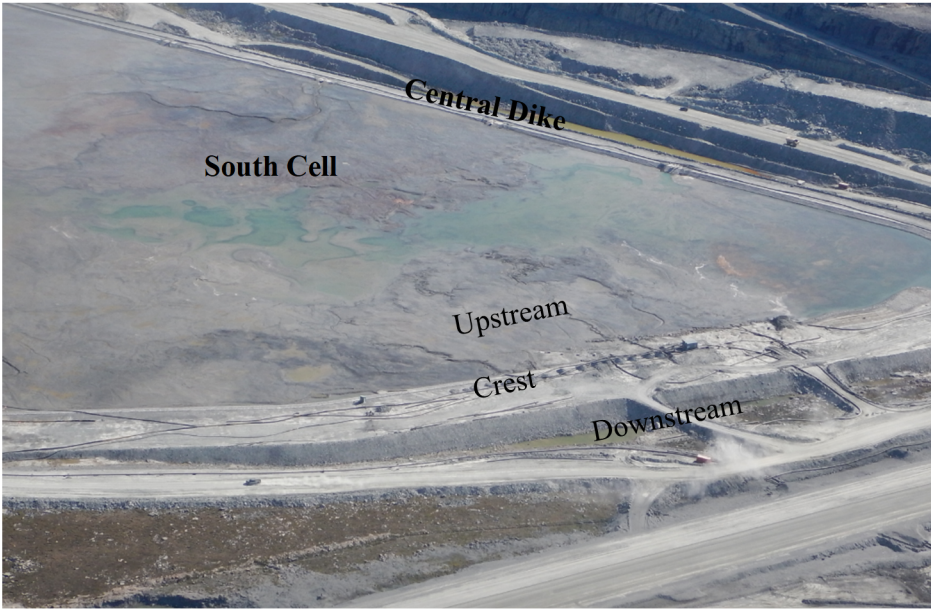


Figure 3-11: Aerial View of Saddle Dam 4

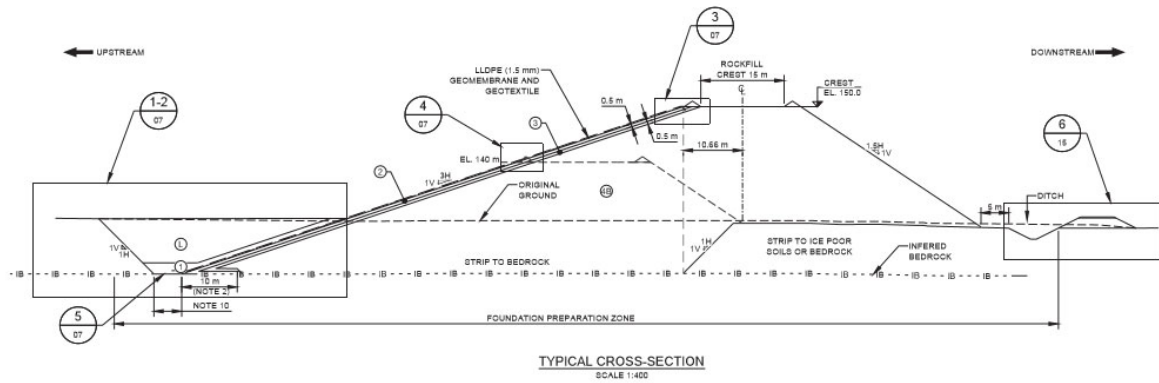


Figure 3-12: Typical Cross-section of the Saddle Dams 3/4/5

### 3.2.6 Central Dike – South Cell

Central Dike is located along the eastern side of the TSF and crosses a depression within Second Portage Lake. It forms one of the perimeter structures of the South Cell. The dike was constructed from 2012 to 2018 as a series of 5 downstream raises to El. 145 m.

The Central Dike design includes a compacted rockfill embankment with an upstream seepage barrier, granular filters, and a key trench along the centerline of the dike transitioning on the upstream toe near both abutments. The foundation soils include lakebed sediments and till overlying bedrock. Soft and ice-rich soils were removed from the Central Dike footprint during construction.

The Central Dike foundation is designed and built to be able to raise the infrastructure to El. 150 m and the final crest elevation is subject to review by AEM. The actual completed crest length is approximately 900 m.

References to key documents for the design and construction of Central Dike are presented in Table 3-14. Table 3-15 summarizes the main highlights of Central Dike.





Figure 3-13: Aerial View of Central Dike and SD5

**Table 3-14: Reference Documents for Central Dike Design and Construction**

| <b>Dike</b>  | <b>Type of Information</b> | <b>Reference Document</b>                                                                                              | <b>Link to retrieve document</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Central Dike | Design Report              | Detailed Design Report for Central Dike (Golder, 2012)<br>Doc 1349-1112210035-0511-12 Rev1                             | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\8- Central Dike\2012\F10 - Design\Dikes Design Report_Golder\Central Dike\Doc 1349-1112210035_0511_12 RP CD Design-MB Ver 0 Rev1.pdf                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|              | Drawings                   | Construction Drawings in Detailed Design Report for Central Dike (Golder, 2012)<br>Doc 1349-1112210035-0511-12 Rev1    | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\8- Central Dike\2012\F10 - Design\Dikes Design Report_Golder\Central Dike\Doc 1349-1112210035_0511_12 RP CD Design-MB Ver 0 Rev1.pdf                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|              | Technical Specifications   | Technical Specifications in Detailed Design Report for Central Dike (Golder, 2012)<br>Doc 1349-1112210035-0511-12 Rev1 | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\8- Central Dike\2012\F10 - Design\Dikes Design Report_Golder\Central Dike\Doc 1349-1112210035_0511_12 RP CD Design-MB Ver 0 Rev1.pdf                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|              | As-Built                   | Construction As-Built Reports (Golder, 2012 to 2018)                                                                   | <p><b>2012:</b> \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\8- Central Dike\2012\F32-As-Built Report\Stage 1 2012\FINAL - PDF</p> <p><b>2014:</b> \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\8- Central Dike\2014\F25-As-Built Report\Final - PDF</p> <p><b>2015:</b> \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\8- Central Dike\2015\F25-As-Built Report</p> <p><b>2016:</b> \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\8- Central Dike\2-Construction\2016\4- Deliverable\1- As-Built Report\Doc 1552 1656047 RPA Rev0 As-built report.pdf</p> <p><b>2017:</b> \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\8- Central Dike\2-Construction\2017\4- Deliverable\1- As-Built Report\Final\1777687-1572-RP-Rev0 As-built report PROTECTED.pdf</p> <p><b>2018:</b> \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\8- Central Dike\2-Construction\2018 (Phase 6)\4- Deliverable\1- As-Built Report\1897439-1578-R-Rev0 As-built report 2018.pdf</p> |

Table 3-15: Central Dike Structure Summary

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| <b>Central Dike</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Designer : Golder</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Construction Period : 2012-2018</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Operation Period : 2013 - 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Planned Closure Period : 2026-2036</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Design Criteria : Refer to Table 3-3</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Part of the TSF South Cell. Zoned rockfill dike with an upstream low-permeability element (LLDPE liner) with a centreline liner tie-in or an upstream toe liner tie-in (North abutment only). The structure is in operation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Operation Highlight</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seepage observed since 2014 and managed by active pumping. Significantly reduced through adaptive tailings deposition and supernatant pond reduction.</li><li>• Orange coloration observed in the downstream pond since 2017 (due to bacteria activity).</li><li>• TARP level of the structure is at Yellow since 2014 due to higher seepage rate than anticipated</li><li>• South Cell inactive 2019-2023</li><li>• Active deposition from Central Dike in September 2023 only</li></ul> |
| Risk assessment performed on this structure in 2021.<br>Design Factor of Safety in Appendix B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

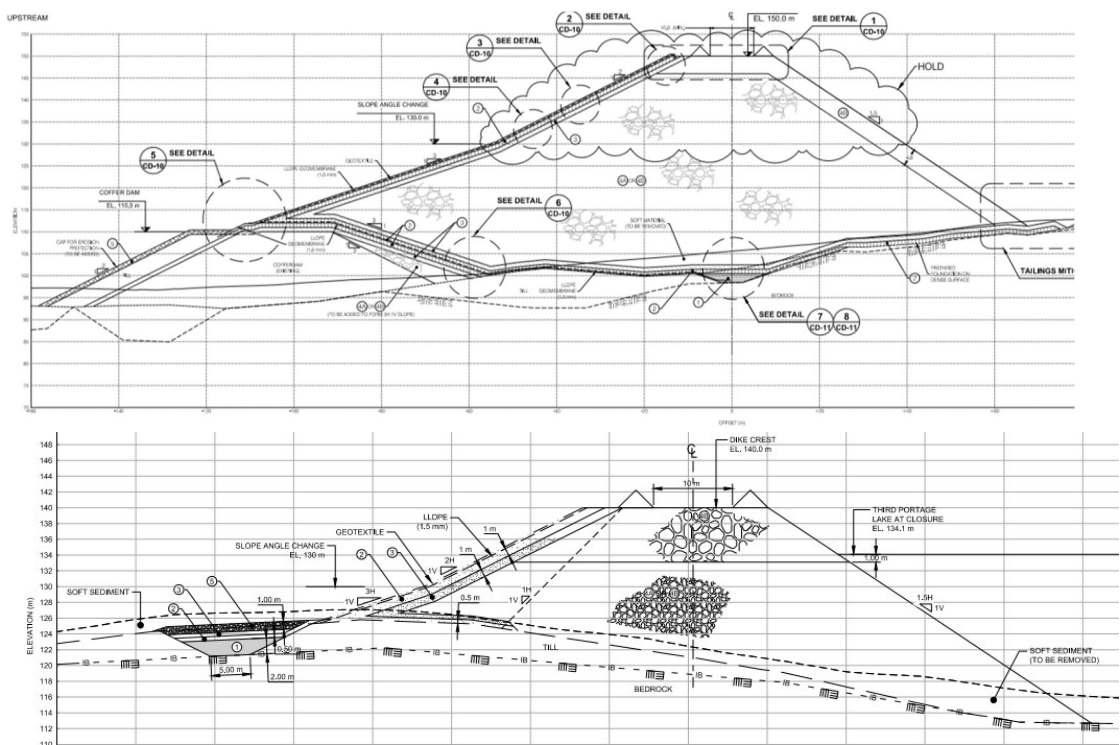


Figure 3-14: Typical Cross-sections of Central Dike (top: highest dike section, bottom: section with upstream liner tie-in).

### 3.2.6.1 Central Dike Seepage System

Seepage into the basin at the downstream toe of Central Dike was observed accumulating in a low spot between the dike and the West Road when the South Cell was commissioned in 2014. The rate of seepage started to increase proportionally to the rise of the pond level of the South Cell and reached a peak of 900 m<sup>3</sup>/h in 2015.

A seepage pumping system was installed in the low spot to control the water level at the downstream toe. The pump is operated year-round. All seepage is collected within the downstream area of the dike. The average seepage rate at Central Dike has significantly decreased since 2015 as tailings were deposited in the South Cell and has been following the trend from the 2017 seepage model. The water from the seepage system can either be sent to the South Cell or the Portage Pit.

In the summer of 2017, the water in the downstream pond became orange and this was associated with rapid temperature variation. This event was investigated by chemical analysis and was found to be caused by the precipitation of iron oxide from a bacterial process. As predicted this event has re-occurred yearly in the summer season.

**Table 3-16: Summary of Central Dike Seepage Areas**

| Seepage area   | Dike Station                | Average <sup>1</sup> seepage rate (flowmeter)                     | Water quality                                  |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Downstream toe | 500 to 850<br>(at El. 115m) | 25 m <sup>3</sup> /h in winter to 200 m <sup>3</sup> /h in summer | Clear with greyish orange coloration in summer |

From 2015 to 2017 the following work was done to better understand the seepage situation at Central Dike:

- Desktop studies were undertaken in 2015 to estimate the seepage flows and pore water pressures, verify the dike stability, and attempt to predict the eventual flow volume that would report to the downstream toe for higher pond elevations. The seepage pathway used in the 2015 model was through a layer of fine material in the till layer of the foundation as it was deemed the most critical scenario for the structure's stability. The main recommendation from this desktop study was to maintain beaches adjacent to Central Dike and to maintain a 'back pressure' on the downstream side of Central Dike in order to reduce the hydraulic gradient by holding the downstream pond at El. 115 m.
- In 2015 Willowstick™ was hired to carry out geophysical soundings (electromagnetic survey) to detect seepage paths. The geophysical campaign led to additional recommendations and identified possible seepage path locations through the bedrock.
- Following the geophysical investigation, an investigation was conducted by SNC Lavallin (SNC) and AEM in December 2015 at station CD-595, and between CD-810 and CD-850. Highly altered and fractured bedrock was encountered and high hydraulic conductivity was

measured from Packer testing. Instrumentation of the four boreholes with piezometers and thermistors was done at the same time.

- A study was completed in 2017 to update the seepage modelling and stability assessment with a seepage flow through the bedrock. In the summer of 2017, an investigation and instrumentation campaign was performed by Golder to confirm the results of the seepage modelling. The results from this investigation support the hypothesis that the seepage pathway occurs in the bedrock. During this investigation a potential void in the till layer was encountered during drilling. A complementary investigation was thus performed and was not able to confirm the presence of the void.

### **3.2.7 Stormwater Dike – TSF Divider Dike**

Stormwater Dike is an internal structure that subdivides the TSF into the North Cell and the South Cell within the dewatered northwestern arm of Second Portage Lake. The North Cell side is referred as upstream and the South Cell side as downstream.

Stormwater Dike is a rockfill embankment structure founded on lakebed soils. The upstream slope is approximately 3H:1V and the downstream slope is about 1.3H:1V. A bituminous geomembrane liner has been installed above the graded filters on the upstream face of the dike. Low permeability till was placed and compacted along the upstream toe of the dike, above the liner. Stormwater Dike was initially designed and constructed as a temporary structure that would be encapsulated in tailings to equal elevation on both sides. With the change in tailings deposition strategy there is a 5 m difference in tailings elevation between the upstream and downstream area and this structure cannot be considered as a temporary one anymore.

Stormwater Dike was raised in 3 stages using the downstream raise method. Stage 1 was constructed in 2009 to a height of 10 m (crest elevation of 140 m) and a length of 860 m. Stage 2 was primarily constructed in 2010 to an overall height of 18 m (crest elevation of 148 m) and length of about 1,060 m. A horizontal bench is present along the upstream face of the structure due to the connection of the 2009 and 2010 portions of the structure. The junction between the bituminous liner of Stormwater Dike and the LLDPE liner of Saddle Dam 2 was completed in 2011 and the crest of Stormwater Dike was raised to 150 m in 2013 (Stage 3). A stabilisation buttress was added in some areas at the downstream toe of the structure in 2016.

The majority of the dike is seated on dense till from the former lakebed within the talik while the abutments are generally founded on bedrock. The foundation preparation of Stage 2 was completed in winter conditions. It was generally done above water except in an area where water ponding was present (between Sta.10+500 and 10+750 approximately). This pond was located where the topography suggests that the soft lakebed sediment thickness may be greater than at other locations along the dike. Due to the presence of water, the ice crust was cracked with the excavator and only minimal foundation preparation was possible. As a result, most of the lakebed sediment probably remained in place in this area.

Movement and deformation were observed on Stormwater Dike in the past, as detailed below which triggered an increase in the TARP level of the structure. The movement are stable since 2019 and the dike TARP level is back to normal operating condition.

The main highlights of the dike operation are summarized below:

- At the end of August 2016, during a routine inspection, AEM noticed tension cracks and signs of settlements on the crest of Stormwater Dike between Sta. 10+500 to 10+750 approximately. The crack system that suddenly developed in this area had a lateral and vertical component according to the monitoring equipment. To mitigate against a possible foundation failure, a rockfill buttress support was constructed at the downstream toe of Stormwater Dike in the South Cell (from Sta. 10+300 to Sta. 10+700 approximately). After the completion of this buttress the displacement at Stormwater Dike stabilized and then stopped. Cracks have since been filled with bentonite.
- In July 2017, during a routine inspection, AEM noticed new tension cracks and signs of settlements on the crest of Stormwater Dike around Sta. 10+425, between Sta. 10+550 and Sta. 10+650, between Sta. 10+800 and Sta. 10+950, and around Sta. 11+050 approximately. Settling of about 300 mm was observed between Sta. 10+800 and Sta. 10+950, approximately. Cracks appear to be oblique tension fractures, extending over the entire width of the dike crest. Some cracks were up to 5 cm wide but most of them did not progress after they were first observed. The area affected by these cracks is consistent with the limits of the South Cell water ponding against Stormwater Dike, which probably thawed the frozen soft soil foundation.
- In April 2018, new cracks were observed by AEM in between Sta. 10+950 and Sta. 11+010. The widest crack was about 4 cm wide but the cracks did not progress significantly after they were first noted. New cracks were observed later in July in between S114 and S115 but no elongation was noted after.
- The current understanding of the situation is that the soft sediment foundation was frozen in the winter of 2010 while additional rockfill material continued to be placed over it until July 2010. The foundation freezing explains why no adverse settlement or soil failure was observed until the South Cell water level started reaching the toe of the structure in July 2016, which probably thawed the frozen soft soil foundation. The mechanism that caused the observed movement could be due to a foundation soil failure, the thawing of ice lenses, or a combination of both.
- No further movement has occurred in Stormwater Dike since 2018. There is tailings at the toe of the structure on both sides.

References to key documents for the design and construction of Stormwater Dike are presented in

Table 3-17.

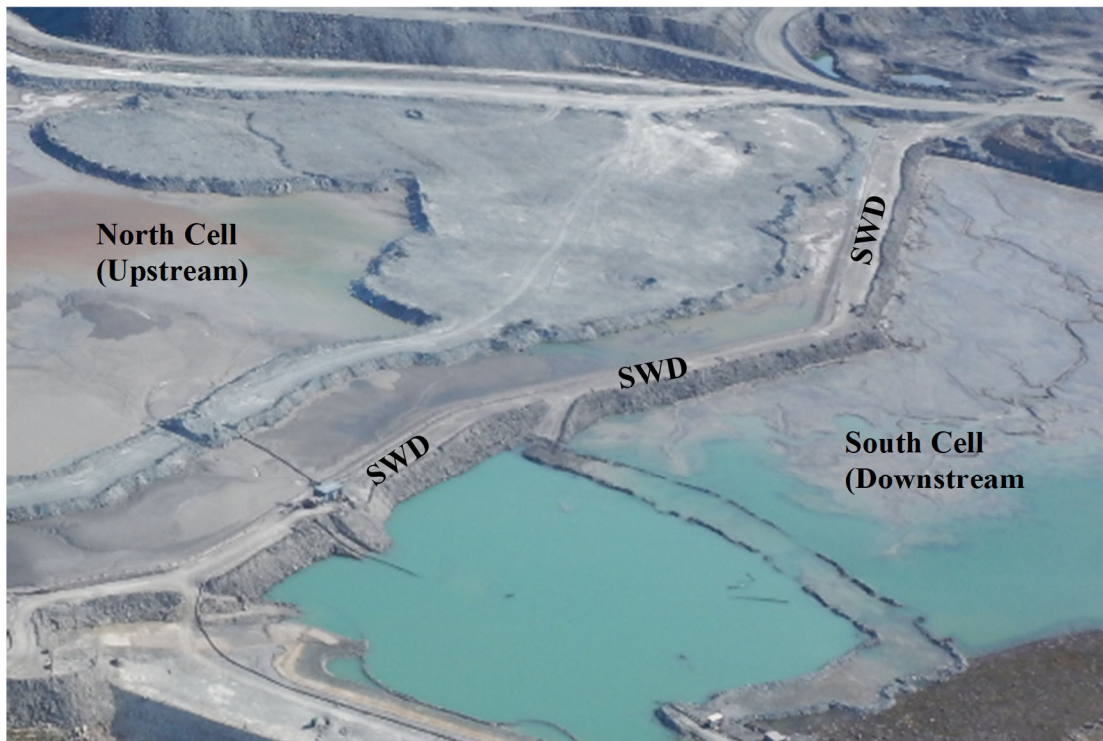
Table 3-18 summarizes the main highlights of Stormwater Dike.

**Table 3-17: Reference Documents for Stormwater Dike Design and Construction**

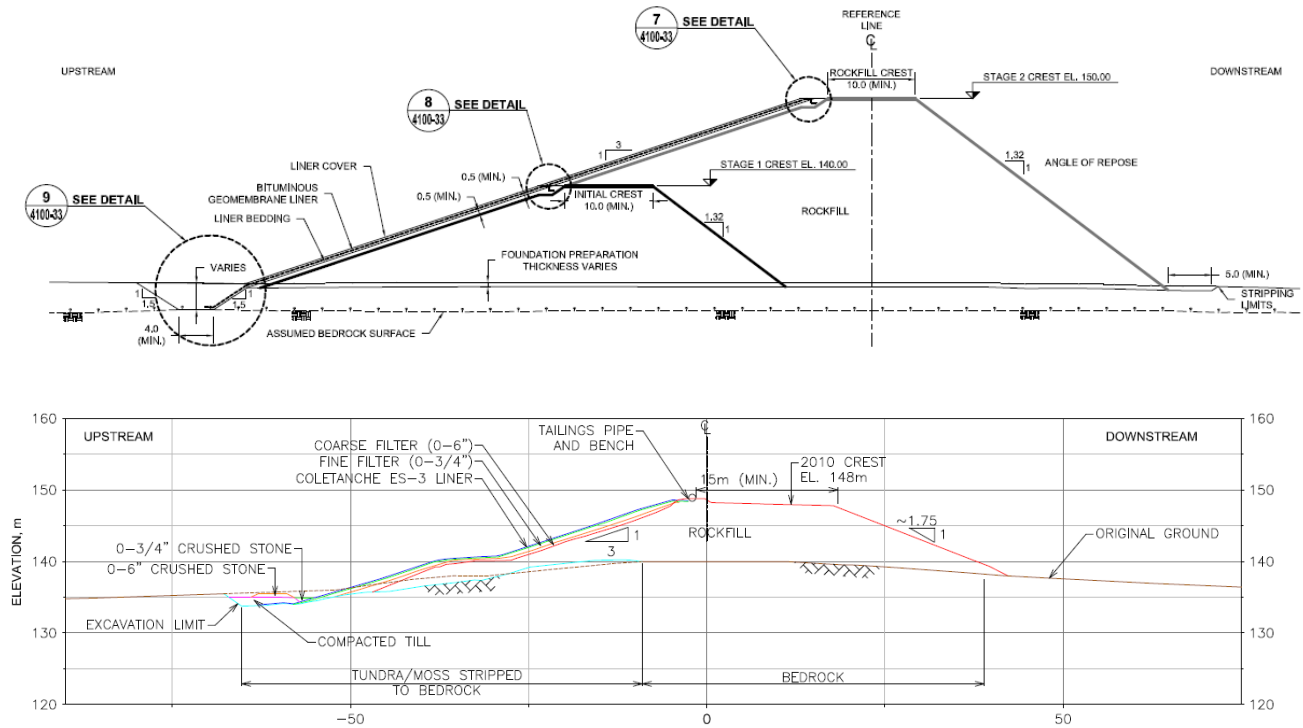
| <b>Dike</b>     | <b>Type of Information</b> | <b>Reference Document</b>                                                                                               | <b>Link to retrieve document</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Stormwater Dike | Design Report              | Detailed Design of Tailings Storage Facility Dike (Golder, 2008)<br>Doc 784 Rev 0 (08-1428-0029)<br><br>Buttress Design | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\1- Saddle Dam 1\1- Engineering\3- Deliverable\1- Design Report\Doc 784 1217_08 RPT-Detailed Design of Tailings Storage Facility Dike-Meadowbank Ver 0.pdf<br>\\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\7- Stormwater Dike\Buttress\Buttress Design |
|                 | Drawings                   | Drawings in Detailed Design of Tailings Storage Facility Dike (Golder, 2008)<br>Doc 784 Rev 0 (08-1428-0029)            | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\1- Saddle Dam 1\1- Engineering\3- Deliverable\1- Design Report\Doc 784 1217_08 RPT-Detailed Design of Tailings Storage Facility Dike-Meadowbank Ver 0.pdf                                                                                                            |
|                 | Technical Specifications   | Specifications for TSF Dike Construction (Golder, 2009)<br>Doc 795 Rev 0 (08-1428-0029/6000)                            | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\1- Saddle Dam 1\1- Engineering\3- Deliverable\3- Specifications\Doc 795 1020_09 Specification-TSF Dike Construction Meadowbank Rev 0.pdf                                                                                                                             |
|                 | As-Built                   | Construction Report TSF 2009 2011 (AEM 2013)<br><br>Construction Report Buttress (AEM 2016)                             | <b>2009-2011</b><br>\\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\7- Stormwater Dike\AS-BUILT\2010<br><b>2016:</b><br>\\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\7- Stormwater Dike\AS-BUILT\2016                                                                                                 |

**Table 3-18: Stormwater Dike Structure Summary**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Stormwater Dike</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Designer : Golder</b><br><b>Construction Period : 2009-2013</b><br><b>Operation Period : 2009 - 2026</b><br><b>Planned Closure Period : 2026-2036</b>                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Design Criteria :</b> Significant CDA classification (refer to table 3-3 for other parameters)                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Divider dike separating the TSF North Cell and the South Cell. Zoned rockfill dike with an upstream low-permeability element (bituminous liner) with an upstream toe liner tie-in. The structure is in operation.                                                                                               |
| <b>Operation Highlight</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deformation and movement observed yearly from 2016 to 2018. Stable since 2019</li> <li>• South Cell inactive 2019-2023 and North Cell inactive since 2021.</li> <li>• Active deposition in September 2023 only from Central Dike</li> </ul> |
| Risk assessment performed on this structure in 2021.<br>Design Factor of Safety in Appendix B                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |



**Figure 3-15: Aerial View of Stormwater Dike (2019)**



**Figure 3-16: Typical Cross-section of Stormwater Dike (top). As-built section of Phase 2 (bottom)**

### 3.2.8 Diversion Ditches – North Cell

The diversion ditches (West and East), located around the perimeter of the North Cell TSF and the Portage RSF, are designed to collect the non-contact water runoff from the surrounding watershed before they reach the TSF area. The ditches are composed of the west section that divert water to the western interception sump and then Portage Lake and the east sections that divert water to NP2 Lake and then from another section to NP1-N Lake. These ditches were constructed in 2012 and are 2622 m long. In the summer of 2014 and 2015 sloughing and erosion damage were observed in the channel slopes. These events were corrected by reprofiling the channel slope and adding additional rockfill material. Since then, the North Cell diversion has been performing adequately.

In 2013, a till plug was installed along the access road at ST-16 when seepage was observed reporting into Lake NP2 from this location. The till plug was constructed in the summer of 2013. Its construction consisted of profiling the upstream road slope and placing a 0.5-m-thick layer of compacted till, and then installing a geotextile membrane covered by 0.5 m of fine ultramafic rockfill and material rejected from till sieving. Both granular layers were compacted with an excavator bucket.

On the west end of the diversion ditches, an Interception Sump was constructed in 2014-2015. The objective of the interception sump is to collect runoff water from the west section of the diversion ditches and to retain it until the total suspended solids in the water have reached the criteria allowing discharge

to the environment. When the TSS level in the interception sump is considered too high, water from that sump is pumped back into the North Cell of the TSF.

After flowing through the AWAR culvert the water discharges across the tundra into Third Portage Lake. WEP1 and WEP2 sumps were constructed in September 2015 to manage water around the northeast side of the WRSF and to ensure that all water ponding behind the WRSF is transferred back to the North Cell TSF. Water collected at WEP1 is pumped to WEP2 which in turn is pumped to ST-16 (WRSF seepage pumping system). Water collected at the latter is pumped back into the Pit A. These infrastructures are shown in Figure 3-17.

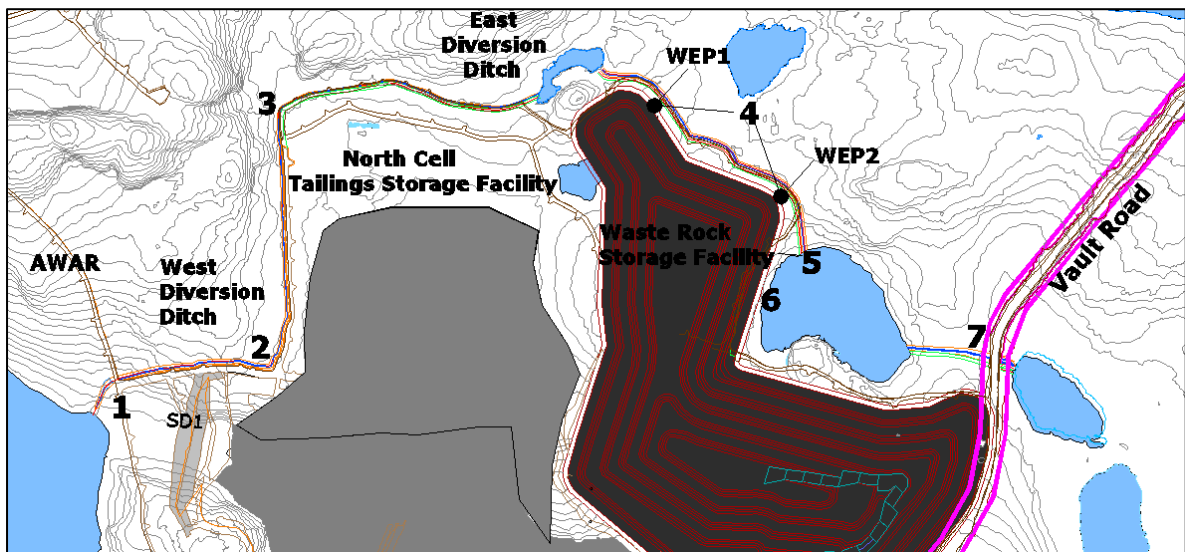
References to key documents for the design and construction of the North Cell diversion ditches system are presented in Table 3-19. Table 3-20 summarizes the main design criteria for the North Cell diversion.

**Table 3-19: Reference Documents for North Cell Diversion Ditches Design and Construction**

| Channel              | Type of Information | Document Reference                                                                                                                        | Link to Retrieve Document                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| North Cell Diversion | Design Basis        | Design Basis for NC water diversions (Golder, 2012)<br>Doc 1352 12-1221-0010 V0                                                           | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\1 - North Cell\20 -NC Diversion Ditches\1-Engineering\Design\1- Report                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                      | Design Report       | Detailed Design Memorandum for water diversion NC (Golder, 2012)<br>Doc 1370 12-1221-0010 V0                                              | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\1 - North Cell\20 -NC Diversion Ditches\1-Engineering\Design\1- Report                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                      | Drawings            | Technical Specifications from Design Report for NC Diversion (Golder, 2012)<br>Doc 1359 12-1221-0010 0724_12                              | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\1 - North Cell\20 -NC Diversion Ditches\1-Engineering\Design\2- Drawings                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                      | As-Built            | North Cell Diversion Ditches As-built (AEM, 2013)<br><br>Western Diversion Ditch Interception Sump Construction Summary Report (AEM 2015) | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\1 - North Cell\20 -NC Diversion Ditches\2-Construction\1- NC Diversion\4-Deliverable\1- As-Built Report<br><br>\\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\1 - North Cell\20 -NC Diversion Ditches\2-Construction\2- Western Interception Sump\3- Deliverable |

**Table 3-20: Design Criteria for North Cell Diversion Infrastructure**

| North Cell Diversion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |             |                     |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>Designer : Golder</b><br><b>Construction Period : 2012 (ditch) / 2014-2015 (Western Interception Sump)</b><br><b>Operation Period : 2012 - 2028</b><br><b>Planned Closure Period : 2028-2036</b>                                                                                              |             |                     |                |
| Design Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |             |                     |                |
| Use                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Water type  | Inflow Design Flood | Base width (m) |
| Water Conveyance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Non-contact | 1:100               | 0.5m to 3 m    |
| Built to convey non-contact water to Third Portage, Lake NP2 and Lake NP1-N<br>The West and East diversion required maintenance work in 2014 and 2015 to correct slope sloughing and erosion<br>Risk assessment performed on this structure in 2021.<br>Note 1: PMF means Probable Maximum Flood |             |                     |                |



**Figure 3-17: Diversion Ditches and Related Infrastructure**

### 3.3 IN-PIT TAILINGS DEPOSITION

Some of the mined-out pits at Meadowbank are approved for the use of management of water and tailings. The components of the in-pit tailings deposition system are:

- Goose Pit
- Portage Pit E
- Portage Pit A
- Reclaim water system from Pit A and Pit E to the Process Plant
- Water transfer system from Goose Pit to Portage Pit A and from Pit E to Pit A

In-Pit tailings deposition started in the summer of 2019 with the deposition of tailings in Goose Pit. Deposition of tailings switched to Portage Pit E in the fall of 2020. Tailings deposition started in Pit A in December 2024. Water is reclaimed to the mill from Pit A or Pit E. Water is transferred from Goose Pit to Pit A and from Pit E to Pit A as required.

References to the design and construction documents for the in-pit tailings management system are presented in

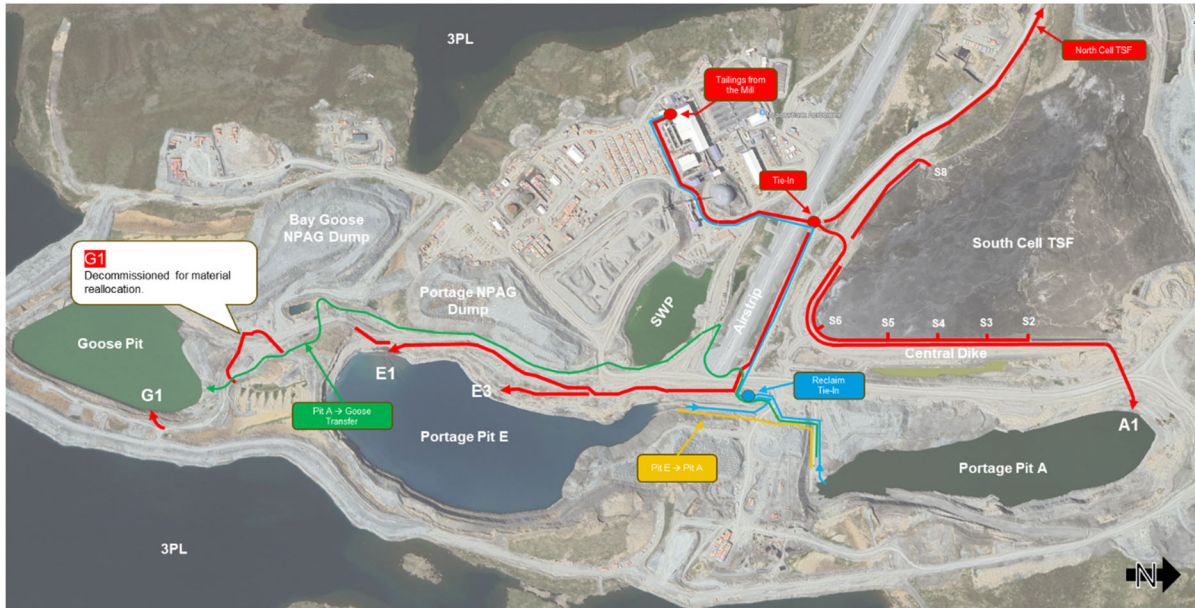
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Figure 3-18: In-Pit Area for Tailings Management (Summer 2020)

**Table 3-21: Reference Documents for In-Pit Deposition**

|                   | Type of Information      | Reference Document                                                                                         | Link to retrieve document                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| In-Pit Deposition | Design Report            | In-pit tailings deposition design report, SNC (2018)<br>Ref. 651196-9000-40ER-0001                         | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\3- In-Pit Deposition\1- Engineering Study\2 – Detailed Engineering\4-Deliverable\1- Design Report\Final\651196-9000-40ER-0001-00 In Pit Tailings Disposal – Detailed Engineering Report.pdf |
|                   |                          | Short-Term In-Pit Reclaim System Upgrade Report (booster Pit A), (SNC 2021).<br>Ref. 678925-3000-40ER-0001 | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\3- In-Pit Deposition\1- Engineering Study\5- Reclaim System Increase\1- 2020-2021\3- Deliverable\1- Report\1- Short Term Increase (booster)\678925-3000-40ER-0001_00 (Short Term Soln).pdf  |
|                   |                          | Medium Term In-Pit Reclaim System Upgrade Report (Pit E reclaim (SNC 2021). Ref. 678925-4000-40ER-0001_00  | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\3- In-Pit Deposition\1- Engineering Study\5- Reclaim System Increase\1- 2020-2021\3- Deliverable\1- Report\2- Medium Term Increase\678925-4000-40ER-0001_00.pdf                             |
|                   | Drawings                 | In-pit tailings deposition construction drawings, SNC (2018)                                               | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\3- In-Pit Deposition\1- Engineering Study\2 - Detailed Engineering\4-Deliverable\2- Drawings\Meadowbank In-Pit Deposition Layouts Revision R2                                               |
|                   |                          | Short-Term In-Pit Reclaim System Upgrade Construction Drawings (2021)                                      | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\3- In-Pit Deposition\1- Engineering Study\5- Reclaim System Increase\1- 2020-2021\3- Deliverable\1- Report\1- Short Term Increase (booster)                                                 |
|                   |                          | Medium term In-Pit Reclaim System Construction Drawings (SNC 2021).                                        | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\3- In-Pit Deposition\1- Engineering Study\5- Reclaim System Increase\1- 2020-2021\3- Deliverable\1- Report\2- Medium Term Increase                                                          |
|                   | Technical Specifications | In-pit tailings deposition technical specifications (SNC, 2018)<br>Ref. 6118-E-132-001-SPT-001_R0          | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\3- In-Pit Deposition\1- Engineering Study\2 - Detailed Engineering\4-Deliverable\3- Specification\6118-E-132-001-SPT-001_R0 (signed).pdf                                                    |
|                   | As-Built                 | AEM (2022)<br>In-Pit tailings deposition construction summary report                                       | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\3- In-Pit Deposition\2 - Construction\1- Infra Construction 2019-2021\4- Deliverable\1- As-Built Report                                                                                     |
|                   | As-built                 | AEM 2025 (draft)<br>In-Pit deposition construction summary report                                          | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\3- In-Pit Deposition\2 - Construction\4- Pit A deposition\4- Deliverable\2- Report\PItA_AsBuiltReport_Rev0.doc                                                                              |



**Figure 3-19: Plan view of In-Pit Area and Related Infrastructure (as of Fall 2022)**

### 3.3.1 Pits

Goose Pit is located at the South end of the Meadowbank site, in the dewatered section of the Third Portage Lake. It was mined out between the years 2012 to 2015. The crest is at an elevation of 130.0 masl and the bottom is at an elevation of -10.0 masl which provides a total volume of retention for tailings of 5,471,353 m<sup>3</sup> and for tailings and water 6,321,146 m<sup>3</sup>. The walls are mainly composed of iron formation, intermediate volcanic, and ultramafic volcanic rocks and can contain quartzite on the upper west pit wall. Sheared and fractured rocks were observed at the contact zone between rock units. Water bearing fractures are predominantly associated with the contact between quartzite and the ultramafic formations.

Portage Pit A is located within the dewatered portion of the Second Portage Lake. It was mined out between the years 2010 and 2018 by creating 5 benches of 21 meters each. The crest is at an elevation of 130.0 masl and the bottom is at -3.0 masl, which provides a total volume of retention for tailings of 11,416,587 m<sup>3</sup> and for tailings and water 12,965,099 m<sup>3</sup> (130.0masl) and 14,719,893 m<sup>3</sup> (133.6masl).

Portage Pit E is located between Portage Pit A and Goose Pit, within the dewatered portion of the Third Portage Lake. It was mined out between the years 2010 and 2019 by creating 7 benches of 21 meters each. The crest is at an elevation of 130.0 masl and the bottom is at -20.0 masl, which provides a total volume of retention for tailings of 19,141,935 m<sup>3</sup> and for tailings and water of 20,891,735 m<sup>3</sup> (130.0masl) and 23,695,162 m<sup>3</sup> (133.6masl).

**Table 3-22: Design Criteria for In-Pit Deposition (from design report)**

| <b>In-Pit Tailings Deposition (Goose Pit, Portage Pit A, Portage Pit E)</b>                                                                                 |                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Designer: SNC</b><br><b>Construction Period (infra) : 2019-2021</b><br><b>Operation Period: 2019 - 2028</b><br><b>Planned Closure Period : 2028-2036</b> |                                                         |
| <b>Design Criteria</b>                                                                                                                                      |                                                         |
| Maximum tailings elevation                                                                                                                                  | El. 125.6 - 8m below Third Portage lake level (133.6 m) |

### 3.4 TAILINGS CONVEYANCE INFRASTRUCTURE

Tailings are produced as a slurry in the process plant. OMS components related to the tailings circuit at the process plant is out of scope of this document. These components include the grind circuit, intensive cyanidation unit (ICU), pre-generation tanks, leach tanks, carbon in pulp (CIP) tanks, cyanide recovery, thickener, cyanide destruction circuit, tailings pump box, and reclaim water tank. AEM is a member of the ICMC and complies with the cyanide transportation and operation protocol. By complying with these protocols, it ensures that tailings are managed adequately at the process plant and in conveyance to the process plant.

From the tailings pumpbox tailings are pumped to the designed tailings management area using the process plant tailings slurry pumps. A simplified flow sheet of the process plant flow diagram is included in Appendix C. A schematization of the tailings pumpbox system is included in Figure 3-20.

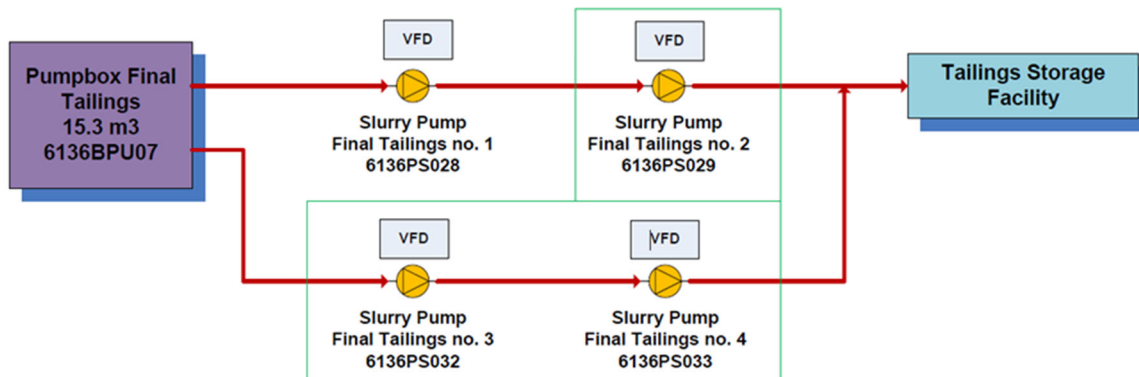
Tailings slurry is conveyed in HDPE pipe (16" DR11 or 14" DR17). Tailings deposition at Meadowbank is done using the end of pipe technique with only one active tailings deposition point at a given time. Appendix C includes a layout of the current tailings deposition line and the designed deposition points.

A booster pump station is required to be able to pump the tailings into the North Cell due to the pumping distance and difference in elevation. The booster pump station includes two electrical pumps that are controlled by the mill.

When tailings deposition occurs from a dike, the tailings deposition points are constructed in a way to prevent damaging the structure (also called a deposition finger). The protection usually includes placement of aggregate over the structure as well as the placement of bituminous geomembrane or used conveyor belt.

**Table 3-23: Key References for Tailings Conveyance Infrastructure**

|                                | Type of Information            | Link to retrieve document                                                  |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Process Plant</b>           | General Layout Plan            | \\CANUFS01\public\ICMC\2021\Mill\9. Engineering plans                      |
|                                | Drawings                       | P:\Construction\2008MEAD-Construction\400 ENGINEERING\10 HATCH\10 DRAWINGS |
| <b>North Cell Booster Pump</b> | Design & Construction document | \\CANUFS01\public\ICMC\2021\Mill\9. Engineering plans\Tailing booster pump |
| <b>Pig Launcher Station</b>    | Design & Construction document | \\CANUFS01\public\ICMC\2021\Mill\9. Engineering plans\Pig Launcher Station |
| <b>South Cell Pump</b>         | Design & Construction document | \\CANUFS01\public\ICMC\2021\Mill\9. Engineering plans\South cell pump      |



**Figure 3-20: Schematic Diagram of the Final Tailings Installation System at the Process Plant**

### 3.5 RECLAIM INFRASTRUCTURE

The following pumping infrastructures are required to reclaim water from the in-pit system:

- Transfer system from Goose Pit to Portage Pit A. Includes two submersible pumps (Model S8C1) connected to an electrical substation (Goose Sub). This system uses 14" and 10" DR11 pipe. This system although still partially installed is not in use anymore but may be recommissioned if required.
- Reclaim system from Pit A to the reclaim tank in the process plant. Includes two submersible pumps (Model S8C1) with containerized mechanical booster pump stations in series. The number of booster stations varies depending on the water level within the pit. The setup also

- includes an electrical station container with variable frequency drive per booster pump each connected to an electrical station (Pit A sub and Pit E sub). Pipe used for this system is 10" DR11 HDPE from Pit A to the West Road and then 10" DR11 pipe to the mill.
- The reclaim system from Pit E to the reclaim tank also varies depending on the water level in the pit. Components include two containerized pumping stations (Primary pump is a Technosub 12TSH 150 HP, Booster pump is a Technosub MRH200-2250-2 350 HP) with a suction line and suction cage for the primary pump. This setup also includes two electrical station containers with variable frequency drives each connected to an electrical station (Pit E sub). Pipe used for this system is 10" DR11 HDPE from Pit E to the West Road and then 10" DR11 pipe to the mill. With a high water level in the pit, only the Technosub 350 HP is sufficient to provide reclaim to the Mill. AEM is currently studying the possibility of increasing the process water reclaim capacity in the Pit to provide the Mill.
  - Transfer system from Portage Pit E to Portage Pit A. Includes one containerized pumping station (Cornell prime-assisted pump model 4HH-RP-F18DB, 100 HP) with a suction line and suction cage connected to an electrical substation (Goose Sub). This system uses 10" DR11 pipe. Starting in August of 2024, the pits A & E are now hydraulically connected therefore the need for transferring water from one pit to the other has been put on hold.

Reference to the design and construction document for the reclaim infrastructure are included as part of the documentation of the in-pit tailings management system presented in

Table 3-21. Information on the design parameters of these systems is included in Table 3-24.

**Table 3-24: Design Criteria for In-Pit Deposition Reclaim and Transfer System (from design report)**

| <b>In-Pit Reclaim System (Pit A) Design Criteria</b> |                                                                                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Desired reclaim flowrate                             | 400 m <sup>3</sup> /h with 4 S8C1 pumps operating (2 submersible and 2 boosters in a series configuration)                |
| Booster pump inlet pressure                          | 20 to 50 psig                                                                                                             |
| Velocity in HDPE pipe                                | < 4.5 m/s                                                                                                                 |
| <b>In-Pit Goose Transfer System Design Criteria</b>  |                                                                                                                           |
| Desired transfer flowrate                            | 400 to 800 m <sup>3</sup> /h                                                                                              |
| Water level in Goose Pit                             | El. 110 to 129                                                                                                            |
| <b>In-Pit Reclaim System (Pit E) Design Criteria</b> |                                                                                                                           |
| Desired reclaim flowrate                             | 300 to 600 m <sup>3</sup> /h (Primary pump is a Technosub 12TSH 150 HP, Booster pump is a Technosub MRH200-2250-2 350 HP) |
| Booster pump inlet pressure                          | 35 psig                                                                                                                   |
| Velocity in HDPE pipe                                | < 4.5 m/s                                                                                                                 |
| <b>In-Pit Pit E Transfer System Design Criteria</b>  |                                                                                                                           |
| Desired transfer flowrate                            | 150 to 200 m <sup>3</sup> /h                                                                                              |

### **3.6 WATER MANAGEMENT PUMPING INFRASTRUCTURE**

Appendix C shows the pumping flowchart for the Meadowbank Site as well as the location of the pumping infrastructure.

The water management strategy for the TSF is to pump the runoff and seepage from the North area (Western Interception sump, ST-16) in the North Cell. Water collected around the TSF dikes is captured in sumps and pumped back as required on the upstream side of the dike. Most sumps do not have a permanent pumping system and water is pumped out as required during freshet using a mobile pump. These sumps are located at SD1, SD3, and SD4, and around the North Cell Internal Structure. Central Dike has a permanent pumping system comprised of an electrical pump and a diesel pump. Pumping of the downstream pond is required on a year-round basis as to maintain a target EL. at 115 m. Water from the Central Dike seepage is sent back into the South Cell or Portage Pit A.

Water from the North Cell and from the Stormwater Management Pond is transferred to the South Cell to ensure the respect of water level criteria. Water from the South Cell, Central Dike seepage, East Dike seepage and Stormwater Pond will be directed to Portage Pit A.

Water accumulating in the surface area around Goose Pit (Bay Goose Dike ring road, NPAG stockpile, Goose sump) is pumped to Goose Pit as required.

### **3.7 INSTRUMENTATION**

The tailings management area and infrastructures are instrumented to continuously monitor performance. In-situ instruments are installed within the structures and their foundations to monitor stability and within the tailings (piezometers, thermistors) to monitor freeze back.

Water levels in the ponds are monitored by piezometers whose readings are confirmed with periodic water surveys.

The telemetry instruments to monitor the tailings conveyance system and the water reclaim system (flow meters, pressure sensors) are accessible through the communication interface (HMI) but are out of scope of this document as they are operated and maintained by the process plant.

Groundwater quality is monitored around the tailings management area by 5 groundwater wells, 4 of which are around the in-pit areas. More details on the groundwater well system can be found in the groundwater monitoring plan.

Reference documents for the instrumentation installed on the tailings management infrastructures is summarized in Table 3-25. The summary of the instruments installed is summarized in Table 3-26.

**Table 3-25: Reference Documents for Instrumentation**

| Type of Information                                                            | Information Location                                                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Instruments Database                                                           | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\11-Instrumentation\1-Instruments\ALL Instruments Databases            |
| Instrument Maps and Typical Cross-Sections                                     | Instruments summary folder for each structure on the network                                                      |
| Groundwater monitoring plan                                                    | \\Cambfs01\groups\Environment\MANAGEMENT PLANS\Management plans\Groundwater monitoring plan\Meadowbank\Version 11 |
| Process plant communication interface (reclaim water system, tailings circuit) | Through Wonderware interface (HMII)                                                                               |

**Table 3-26: Instrumentation Summary for the Tailings Management Area and Infrastructure**

| Structure                     | Piezometers | Thermistors |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Central Dike                  | 79          | 26          |
| Stormwater Dike               | 2           | 3           |
| Saddle Dam 1                  | -           | 5           |
| Saddle Dam 2                  | -           | 5           |
| Saddle Dam 3                  | -           | 5           |
| Saddle Dam 4                  | -           | 5           |
| Saddle Dam 5                  | -           | 3           |
| RF1-RF2                       | -           | 5           |
| North Cell Internal Structure | -           | 4           |
| North Cell Tailings           | -           | 10          |

## **SECTION 4 • OPERATIONS**

The following section outlines the key operational procedures that need to be observed and followed during operation of the Meadowbank tailings management infrastructures in accordance with their performance objectives.

### **4.1 REFERENCES**

References to key documents for the operation of the Meadowbank tailings management infrastructure are presented in Table 4-1.

**Table 4-1: Key Reference Documents for Operation of Meadowbank Tailings Management Infrastructure**

| Type of information                                      | Reference                                                                                         | Link to Retrieve Document                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tailings Deposition Plan                                 | 2024                                                                                              | \\cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\4 - Deposition Plan\2024\2- Deliverables\1- Plan Presentation\Final\Operational Tailings Deposition Plan_V2024-07-09.pdf                                                                                                                                          |
| Tailings Management Monthly Compliance Report            | -                                                                                                 | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\3- In-Pit Deposition\3 - Operation\3- Inspection                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Tailings Tracking System                                 | -                                                                                                 | P:\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\3- In-Pit Deposition\2 - Construction\1- Infra Construction 2019-2021\4- Deliverable\1- As-Built Report                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Tailings Working Group Presentation                      | -                                                                                                 | P:\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\6-Tailings Working Group                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Power BI Dashboard on Water Management                   | -                                                                                                 | <a href="https://app.powerbi.com/groups/me/apps/e2b8b538-784c-43d5-9ed2-3b213d5f1d3b/reports/4284becf-d88d-479d-b81b-eb133449a879/ReportSection81fc7fbdeaab99c7dc96">https://app.powerbi.com/groups/me/apps/e2b8b538-784c-43d5-9ed2-3b213d5f1d3b/reports/4284becf-d88d-479d-b81b-eb133449a879/ReportSection81fc7fbdeaab99c7dc96</a> |
| Risk Management Plan Tailings                            | 2021                                                                                              | Intelix                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Meadowbank Annual Water Balance                          | 2024                                                                                              | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\12- Annual Report\2024\1- Annual Report 2024\4- Water Management Plan Update\1- Mdbk\Appendix A 2024 Water Balance.pdf                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Meadowbank Water Management Plan                         | V12 AEM 2024                                                                                      | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\12- Annual Report\2024\1- Annual Report 2024\4- Water Management Plan Update\1- Mdbk\2024 AEM MBK Water Management Plan_V12_final version w appendices.pdf                                                                                                                                            |
| Meadowbank Waste Management Plan                         | V14 AEM 2024                                                                                      | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\12- Annual Report\2024\1- Annual Report 2024\7- Waste Management Plan Update\1- Mdbk\MBK Waste Rock-Tailings mgt plan V14_final with appendices.pdf                                                                                                                                                   |
| ICMC Documentation                                       | 2021                                                                                              | \\CANUFS01\public\ICMC\2021\Mill\9. Mill Engineering plans                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 360 Cyanide Destruction Control Plan                     | V7 AEM 2018                                                                                       | \\CANUFS01\public\ICMC\2021\Mill\3. Process Plan control Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Control logic for Process Plant Tailings Pumps to In-Pit | Evaluation of existing tailings pump for in-pit deposition<br>651196-4000-49CX-01 (SNC 2018)      | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\3- In-Pit Deposition\1- Engineering Study\2 - Detailed Engineering\3-Technical\4- Infrastructures\11 - Tailings Pumps Analysis                                                                                                                                    |
| Reclaim System Control Logic (Pit A reclaim)             | Short-Term In-Pit Reclaim System Upgrade Report<br>678925-3000-40ER-01 (SNC, 2021)                | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\3- In-Pit Deposition\1- Engineering Study\5- Reclaim System Increase\1- 2020-2021\3- Deliverable\1- Report\1- Short Term Increase (booster)\678925-3000-40ER-0001_00 (Short Term Soln).pdf                                                                        |
| Reclaim System Control Logic (Pit E reclaim)             | Medium-Term Increase In-Pit Reclaim System Upgrade Report<br>678925-4000-40ER-0001_00 (SNC, 2021) | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\3- In-Pit Deposition\1- Engineering Study\5- Reclaim System Increase\1- 2020-2021\3- Deliverable\1- Report\2- Medium Term Increase\678925-4000-40ER-0001_00.pdf                                                                                                   |
| General Alarm Emergency Evacuation                       | MBK-MILL-HS-PRO                                                                                   | Intelix                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Process Plant Power Outage                               | MVK-MIL-OP-0044                                                                                   | Intelix                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Process Plant Loss of Tailings                           | MBK-MIL-OP-0049                                                                                   | Intelix                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Process Plant Shutdown                                   | MBK-MIL-OP-0029                                                                                   | Intelix                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Send Slurry Pig                                          | MBK-MILL-OP-PRO<br>Send Slurry Pig                                                                | Intelix                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## 4.2 SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES AND OPERATIONAL CONTROL

The performance objectives with respect to the failure modes are summarized in Table 4-2. These were obtained from a risk assessment on Tailings Management. The operational controls for the Meadowbank tailings management system during operation are summarized in Table 4-3 and described further in this Section.

**Table 4-2: Performance Objectives in Terms of Failure Modes of the Meadowbank Tailings Management System**

| Type of structure                                | Failure mode                       | Inferred mechanism                                                                                                                                                                        | Causes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Consequences                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Performance objective and indicator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tailings containment facility (Dikes and in-pit) | Loss of containment by overtopping | Water or tailings level exceeds containment elevation of the facility                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poor management of tailings and water level</li> <li>Subsidence of low-permeability element</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uncontrolled outflow</li> <li>Material damage</li> <li>Loss of access</li> <li>Potential for loss of life</li> <li>Environmental exceedance / damage</li> <li>Loss of reputation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adequate freeboard level (monitoring by survey and PZ)</li> <li>Water management compliance to water balance</li> <li>Tailings deposition plan compliance</li> <li>No subsidence of the crest (visual inspections &amp; drone survey)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                  | Internal erosion (dike)            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erosion of engineered fill leading to deformation of liner</li> <li>Damage in liner (hole or tear)</li> <li>Erosion of foundation soils</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excessive hydraulic gradient</li> <li>Pre-existing seepage channels</li> <li>Inadequate construction materials or foundation soils (unlikely due to appropriate design and QA/QC)</li> <li>Damage to liner due to operations around the dike (unlikely because liner is protected)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loss of tailings containment</li> <li>Degradation of structure increasing risk of failure</li> <li>Increased risk of uncontrolled release of contaminant</li> </ul>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stable condition of fill and toe area (visual inspections)</li> <li>Adequate tailings beach along dike and no water ponding or channeling against the liner (visual inspection)</li> <li>Stable, manageable seepage (visual inspections, flowmeter monitoring)</li> <li>Stable thermal and piezometric regime in foundation (piezometers and thermistors monitoring, refer to TARP in Section 4.8)</li> </ul> |
|                                                  | Foundation failure (dike)          | Failure of foundation soils against shear stress                                                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadequate foundation shear strength</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uncontrolled outflow</li> <li>Material damage</li> <li>Loss of access</li> </ul>                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good, stable condition of foundation at the toe (visual inspections)</li> <li>Stable thermal and piezometric regime in</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

| Type of structure | Failure mode                                                                                 | Inferred mechanism                                                                                                                         | Causes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Consequences                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Performance objective and indicator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                   |                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excessive pore-water pressure</li> <li>Erosion of soils (refer to previous failure mode)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential for loss of life</li> <li>Environmental exceedance / damage</li> </ul>                                                                                                            | foundation, acceptable pore-pressure levels (piezometers and thermistors monitoring refer to TARP in Section 4.8)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                   | Dike slope failure                                                                           | Failure of construction material against shear stress                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excessive deformation of engineering fill or liner</li> <li>Erosion of soils (refer to previous failure mode)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uncontrolled outflow</li> <li>Material damage</li> <li>Loss of access</li> <li>Potential for loss of life</li> <li>Environmental exceedance / damage</li> <li>Loss of reputation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good, stable condition of all elements of the dike (visual inspections)</li> <li>Acceptable levels of deformation (movement monitoring, refer to TARP in Section 4.8)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                   | Uncontrolled release of deleterious substance to Env from the tailing's containment facility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unmanageable seepage</li> <li>Groundwater contamination</li> <li>Windblown contamination</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excessive hydraulic gradient</li> <li>Pre-existing seepage channels</li> <li>Inadequate seepage collection system</li> <li>Damage to liner</li> <li>Permafrost degradation</li> <li>Water not meeting discharge quality criteria is released in Env</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental exceedance / damage</li> <li>Loss of reputation</li> </ul>                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manageable seepage (visual inspections, flowmeter monitoring, pumping capacity)</li> <li>Water Quality monitoring &amp; forecast (surface / groundwater)</li> <li>Visual observation of tailings dust outside of site</li> <li>Stable thermal and piezometric regime in foundation (piezometers and thermistors monitoring refer to TARP in Section 4.8)</li> </ul> |
|                   | Overtopping of channel slopes                                                                | Insufficient capacity to convey water through the channel                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blockage by debris</li> <li>Erosion of slope materials</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uncontrolled outflow</li> <li>Environmental exceedance / damage</li> </ul>                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good condition (unobstructed) of the channels, inlets and outlets (visual inspections)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

| Type of structure                  | Failure mode                                            | Inferred mechanism                                                   | Causes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Consequences                                                                                                                                                | Performance objective and indicator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Channels                           |                                                         |                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ice / snow blockage</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loss of reputation</li> </ul>                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal water levels in channels and upstream area (refer to TARP in Section 4.8)</li> <li>Proper snow removal strategy prior to freshet</li> </ul>                                                                                        |
|                                    | Excessive turbidity in water discharge into environment | Erosion of materials or foundation                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadequate materials</li> <li>Exposed foundation</li> <li>Failure of turbidity control systems (turbidity barriers)</li> </ul>                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental exceedance / damage</li> <li>Loss of reputation</li> </ul>                                             | Good condition (no erosion) of the channel materials (visual inspections)                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Tailings Conveyance Infrastructure | Tailings line leakage                                   | Physical damage to the piping and pumping systems                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poor maintenance of piping and pumps</li> <li>Infrastructure are damaged by mobile equipment</li> </ul>                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uncontrolled outflow</li> <li>Environmental exceedance / damage</li> <li>Interruption of milling activity</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good condition of piping and pumping infrastructure (visual inspection, thickness measurement, flow monitoring, and maintenance)</li> <li>Infrastructure are well identified in the field and in status map</li> </ul>                    |
|                                    | Tailings conveyance failure                             | Impossibility to pump tailings from the mill to the containment area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freezing of tailings line</li> <li>Blockage in tailings line (tailings build up)</li> <li>Mechanical and Electrical Infra failure</li> </ul>                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interruption of milling activity</li> </ul>                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good condition of piping and pumping infrastructure (visual inspection and maintenance)</li> <li>Frequency of pig cleaning of the line</li> <li>Pressure in the line</li> <li>Discharge rate</li> </ul>                                   |
| Reclaim water Infrastructure       | Reclaim system failure                                  | Impossibility to reclaim water from containment area                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freezing of line</li> <li>Infrastructure are damaged by mobile equipment</li> <li>Mechanical and Electrical Infra failure</li> <li>Flooding of infra</li> <li>High turbidity to the mill</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase freshwater consumption (impact on closure cost)</li> </ul>                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good condition of piping and pumping infrastructure (visual inspection and maintenance)</li> <li>Frequency of pig cleaning of the line</li> <li>Pressure in the line</li> <li>Reclaim rate</li> <li>TSS level of reclaim water</li> </ul> |

**Table 4-3: Operational Control of the Meadowbank Tailings Management Infrastructure**

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| <b>Tailings Transportation and Placement</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tailings deposition is compliant to the tailings deposition plan (respect of deposition duration and location)</li> <li>• Tailings delivery systems are operated and maintained as per the control plan. Low flow alarm at 320 m<sup>3</sup>/h and Low Low flow alarm at 0 m<sup>3</sup>/h. High pressure alarm set at 1170 kPa in tailings line</li> <li>• Procedure are in place to stop tailings transportation in case of major issue with tailings management system</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Tailings Containment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All tailings must be stored within the TSF or the selected Pits</li> <li>• Tailings freeboard must be always respected (refer to Section 4.6)</li> <li>• Tailings beaches need to be promoted along the peripheral structures The construction schedule for the raise of the tailings containment structures is aligned with the deposition plan</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Water Management</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sufficient water volume must be maintained in the TSF ponds or the Pits to allow recirculation to the mill (reclaim). The volume of water to be kept in the TSF should not exceed that value</li> <li>• The freshwater limit of the Water License must be respected</li> <li>• The mill requires a minimum freshwater consumption of 50 m<sup>3</sup>/h, based on historical observation. An assessment is ongoing to reassess this requirement.</li> <li>• The reclaim water in the reclaim tank must have NTU between 145 and 245 (approximately 10 to 40 ppm)</li> <li>• The location of the water pond in the TSF must comply with the deposition plan and a minimum water head should pond against the peripheral structure</li> <li>• A water cover should be maintained in the pit in operation to minimise tailings re-suspension</li> <li>• Ice is not allowed to pond against the liner of the tailings retention structures. A 20m tailings beach needs to be maintained in winter</li> <li>• Operational freeboard of each tailings retention structure must be respected during operation (refer to section 4.6)</li> <li>• Water movements are tracked and recorded monthly (volume, origin, destination)</li> <li>• The water management systems (pump, pipes) are operated and maintained as per the planning intent.</li> <li>• Pumping units must be connected to an alarm and interlock system to be able to react quickly to any deficiency (avoid freezing or damaging system due to a component shutdown)</li> <li>• The water level in each of the tailings containment facilities must be compliant with the water balance model and be compatible with the pumping infrastructure elevation. Difference must be explained to forecast the impact on the available containment and closure strategy</li> <li>• Any seepage must be captured by a sump and pumped back to allowed location (or naturally report to an approved location). Seepage control and collection information is available in Section 4.7</li> <li>• Water quality is monitored (surface &amp; groundwater) and this information informs the water quality forecast at closure and the closure strategy</li> </ul> |
| <b>Surveillance</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surveillance requirements for operational performance indicators; see Section 4.8</li> <li>• Threshold for performance criteria to trigger pre-defined actions; see Section 4.8</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

### 4.3 TAILINGS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The TSF was commissioned in conjunction with the mill start-up in February 2010, with tailings being deposited within the North Cell of the facility. Tailings deposition was transferred from the North Cell to the South Cell at the end of 2014. Tailings deposition occurred during the summer of 2015 within the

North Cell and resumed in the South Cell in October 2015. Progressive closure of the North Cell started in the winter of 2015 with the construction of a non potentially acid generating (NPAG) rockfill capping over the tailings and continued in the winter of 2016. In the summer of 2018, the North Cell internal structure was built and deposition was resumed in the North Cell. In the beginning of July 2019, In-Pit Deposition started in Goose Pit. In August 2020, tailings are distributed from the mill to Pit E. Since then, occasional tailings deposition occurred in South Cell and North Cell. Starting in December 2024, tailings are discharged into pit A.

Tailings deposition is done using the end of pipe technique with only one active tailings deposition point at a given time. From the pig launcher (if required) the tailings pipe is positioned to reach the deposition point. The location of the tailings deposition points is determined during the tailings deposition plan exercise.

Changing between deposition points on a given line consists of stopping the flow of tailings in the line, redirecting it through the pig launcher bypass, flushing the line, relocating the deposition point pipe and then switching tailings from the by-pass to the newly installed deposition line.

The tailings transport and reclaim system to the mill is managed by a control loop in an HMI linked to a series of sensors and alarms in these systems. Reference to the control plans and operational documents is included in Table 4-1.

The tailings deposition strategy in the North and South Cells is to promote the closure landform as much as possible. This is done by strategic tailings deposition along the periphery and internal structures of the Cells. Due to the length of the beach, the deposition window within these Cells is limited between May and October to avoid subaerial deposition in the winter which is associated with high ice entrapment.

The tailings deposition strategy in the in-pit is to optimize tailings placement to meet the global water management strategy. Deposition started from August 2020 and will last until the end of the operations. To optimize the TSF operation, intermittent tailings deposition can also occur in North Cell, South Cell and Pit A until end of mine life.

#### **4.4 WATER MANAGEMENT**

The water management strategy for the Tailings Management Infrastructures can be found in the water balance and in the Water Management Plan. A schematic version of the water movement strategy for the Tailings Management Infrastructures as well as the operational guideline is summarized in Appendix C.

All water accumulation from the North Cell (from tailings deposition, NCIS sumps, seepage, and transfer from the Western Ditch interception sump) is transferred into the South Cell to maintain a minimum water level in the North Cell.

The water management strategy is documented in the site wide water balance. The water balance is updated monthly with the realised information of the previous month and is used to look at any deviation from the plan and the impact it might have on water and tailings management.

The water management strategy in the South Cell is to keep the water level as low as possible by transferring the water into Portage Pits directly or via Quarry 23. The in-pit deposition water management strategy can best be explained by separating into the 3 main Portage area pits (Goose, Pit A and Pit E).

- Goose Pit:
  - Water transfers from Goose Pit to Pit A or Pit E occur as required.
- Pit E:
  - Primary source for water reclaim since May 2022. Water is reclaimed with a pumping system located in the Pit E3 ramp.
- Pit A:
  - Complementary in-pit tailings deposition, operational since December 2024.
  - Alternate and complementary reclaim system. Submersible pumps (2) and booster pumps (2) are used to optimize reclaim.
- Vault Pit:
  - water transfers from Goose pit for long term storage

#### **4.5 DEPOSITION PLANNING**

Deposition of tailings must be done according to the approved deposition plan developed by the Environment Department. The process of preparing or updating a deposition plan includes parameter analysis, assumption and objectives definition, deposition schedule, plan approval and distribution.

Deposition plans are scheduled to be updated minimum once per year and following major changes to the tailings deposition strategy or mining profile. Deposition planning is based on modeling exercises performed with the software Muk3D or equivalent. The deposition plan update must also include an update of the water balance. Unplanned updates to the deposition plan and water balance might be required if compliance to the deposition plan can no longer be reconciled (i.e. change in deposition strategy, change in deposition parameter) or at the request of the RP or the EoR. The deposition plan is broken down in timesteps that vary from months, quarters to years, depending on the strategy.

While defining the deposition strategy it is important to refer to Table 4-4 to ensure that the strategy of the deposition plan meets the performance objective and operational criteria. Any proposed deviation to the performance objective must be submitted for approval to the RP and EoR.

At least once a year a bathymetry survey of the active tailings deposition pits will be completed. Scans of the visible tailings beaches will be conducted once per year for the North Cell and South Cell. The latest survey information is to be used to update the deposition parameters for future plans.

Table 4-4 presents the information required prior to updating a deposition plan and the way to obtain it. Input parameters need to be approved prior to beginning working on the deposition plan. Table 4-5 presents the outputs of a deposition plan for each timestep modeled. Once the deposition plan has been reviewed against the criteria of Table 4-3 by the Water Management & Geotechnical Engineering Coordinator, the plan is ready to be approved by the Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent. An approved deposition plan is an essential tool to be used to plan water management strategy, raise of tailings dikes, reclaim vs freshwater ratio, and deposition points construction.

Table 4-6 summarizes the main parameters impacting tailings deposition, how they are measured, the frequency at which they are reviewed, and their impact on tailings management.

Table 4-4: Input Parameters of a Deposition Plan

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Deposition Sequence Objective</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tailings transportation and placement must happen continuously while the mill is operating</li> <li>• Limit switching between tailings deposition points so to ease operation (maximize duration at a given deposition point)</li> <li>• Tailings deposition needs to limit ice-entrapment by limiting sub-aerial deposition in the winter</li> <li>• Respect tailings and water freeboard requirement</li> </ul> |
| <b>Information obtained from the approved mining schedule (approved LOM or Budget)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tonnage profile to be stored until the end of life of the mining operation</li> <li>• Nominal processing rate at the mill monthly</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Information obtained from bathymetry survey analysis</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of storage curve and initial surface</li> <li>• Tailings dry density in t/m<sup>3</sup> (generally in the historical range from 1.2 to 1.4 t/m<sup>3</sup>)</li> <li>• Deposition slope angle (sub-aerial and sub-aqueous) for each tailings storage location</li> <li>• Storage capacity curve</li> </ul>                                                                                                 |
| <b>Information obtained from the water balance</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volume of water in the pond</li> <li>• Water transfer information (required volume)</li> <li>• Water and ice entrapment by volume</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Properties from the mill</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reclaim water rate (to be compared with pump capacity and considering mechanical availability)</li> <li>• Minimum freshwater use limit of the mill</li> <li>• Slurry solid concentration from mill % w/w</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                               |

Table 4-5: Output of a Deposition Plan

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Active deposition points</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of the active deposition points and the order of deposition</li> <li>• Duration (days) and tonnage (tons) of deposition at each point</li> <li>• Tailings elevation at each point at the end of deposition (ensure that freeboard is respected)</li> <li>• Total tonnages modelled and difference with Mine Plan (ensure compliance with milling schedule)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Pond Properties</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total water volume (ensure compliance with water balance)</li> <li>• Free water volume (ensure compliance with reclaim objective)</li> <li>• Pond elevation (ensure that freeboard is respected)</li> <li>• Ice volume, ice thickness, ice ratio (%)</li> <li>• Water entrapment (%)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Figure of deposition area at the end of deposition period</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pond location is shown (ensure that the pond is at desired location)</li> <li>• Tailings location is shown (ensure that tailings beach requirements are met)</li> <li>• Location of pumping infrastructure for reclaim to be identified</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Recommendations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify if a change in water management strategy is required (i.e water transfer, change in reclaim volume vs freshwater)</li> <li>• Verify if tailings dike raise is required for capacity and the timeline associated</li> <li>• Verify if new deposition point creations are required</li> <li>• Planning of required infrastructure move (reclaim infra, water transfer infra)</li> <li>• Verify if action is required to maintain reclaim capability (i.e construction of internal structure to prevent tailings from reaching reclaim area)</li> </ul> |

#### **4.5.1 Deposition Planning Compliance**

At the end of each Quarter of deposition, the compliance to the deposition performed must be validated against the performance indicator of Table 4-6 to verify if the deposition is on track. This compliance analysis is documented in the TSF Deposition Report. Compliance is also documented on the tailings management dashboard in the Power BI application. Deposition planning and compliance is validated and documented quarterly through the Tailings Working Group process following Table 4-6. Frequency of the compliance analysis can be adjusted if need be.

**Table 4-6: Summary of Parameter Impacting Tailings Deposition**

| <b>Tailings Management Parameters</b>                            | <b>Source of Information</b>                                                                                                                         | <b>Frequency for Parameter Collection and Compliance Review</b>                                  | <b>Impact of Parameter on Tailings Management</b>                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Location of deposition and duration                              | Tailings tracker                                                                                                                                     | TSF : Monthly (Deposition Report)<br>In-Pit : Quarterly and presented at TWG                     | Compared versus the tailings planning to explain deviations to compliance                                                                                                                 |
| Water level in active area (reclaim, deposition, transfer)       | Piezometer and water level survey                                                                                                                    | Weekly check and<br>TSF : Monthly (Deposition Report)<br>In-Pit : Quarterly and presented at TWG | Main KPI to evaluate the remaining volume for in-pit deposition and assess freeboard compliance (Very Important)                                                                          |
| Tailings level in active deposition area                         | Visual observation, tailings beach scan, drone survey                                                                                                | Weekly check and<br>TSF : Monthly (Deposition Report)<br>In-Pit : Quarterly and presented at TWG | To ensure tailings freeboard compliance (Very Important)                                                                                                                                  |
| Mill throughput rate per day (dry solid) (TPD)                   | Mill Production Report                                                                                                                               | TSF : Monthly (Deposition Report)<br>In-Pit : Quarterly and presented at TWG                     | Explain possible deviation to compliance                                                                                                                                                  |
| Mill reclaim water rate (m³/h)                                   | HMI - In Pit KPI tool & Water Balance monthly update                                                                                                 | Weekly check and<br>TSF : Monthly (Deposition Report)<br>In-Pit : Quarterly and presented at TWG | Has direct impact on total volume of water stored in the pit (Very Important). A regular follow up is required to ensure the system is running at maximum reclaim capacity                |
| Mill freshwater consumption (m³/h)                               | HMI - In Pit KPI tool & Water Balance monthly update                                                                                                 | Weekly check and<br>TSF : Monthly (Deposition Report)<br>In-Pit : Quarterly and presented at TWG | Direct impacts on total volume of water added into in-pit storage. HMI value excludes camp consumption.                                                                                   |
| Tons deposited per deposition point per month / tailings surface | Tailings beach scan and conciliation modelling using Muk3D                                                                                           | TSF : Monthly (Compliance Report)                                                                | To validate compliance to desired tailings surface (ensure proper tailings beach)                                                                                                         |
| Slurry solid concentration from mill % w/w                       | Mill Water consumption (Total water used at the mill / Mill Throughput) - (m3/t). Calculated during Water Balance monthly update using info from HMI | Monthly (Water Balance Update/Compliance Report)                                                 | This parameter impacts volume of water planned to reclaim. Impacts on volume of water discharge into the pit (Important)                                                                  |
| Slurry density pumped from the mill (t/m³)                       | Tailings density from the mill (mill throughput (t) / mill throughput flow (m3))                                                                     | Monthly (Water Balance Update/Compliance Report)                                                 | Does not impact tailings storage but can explain variation in other parameter                                                                                                             |
| Moisture content in ore (%)                                      | Water Balance monthly update, data provided in Mill daily report                                                                                     | Monthly (Water Balance Update)                                                                   | Very minimal impact on Water Balance. Between 1-2% of total water from Ore treatment process                                                                                              |
| Tailings production tonnage profile                              | BUD and/or LOM Mill Throughput profile. Part of IPD update                                                                                           | At each official update to deposition plan                                                       | This parameter impacts total quantity of tailings discharged in-pit. Contributing factor on water level and storage capacity.                                                             |
| Slurry density in the tailings storage area (t/m³)               | Parameter analysis using bathymetric survey and scan of tailings beach                                                                               | At each official update to deposition plan                                                       | Impact volume that the tailings occupy in the storage area after consolidation                                                                                                            |
| Tailings slope (%)                                               | Parameter analysis using bathymetric survey and scan of tailings beach.                                                                              | At each official update to deposition plan                                                       | IMPORTANT for TSF deposition. Minimal impact for In-Pit deposition plan                                                                                                                   |
| Water cover depth (m) (in-pit deposition)                        | Parameter analysis using bathymetric survey and scan of tailings beach.                                                                              | At each official update to deposition plan                                                       | To ensure compliance to the 3 m water cover in operation and 8m water cover at closure                                                                                                    |
| Ice entrapment and water entrapment                              | Parameter analysis using bathymetric survey and water balance.                                                                                       | At each official update to deposition plan                                                       | Important to be able to well estimate free water volume during deposition                                                                                                                 |
| Surface used - storage curve                                     | EOM mining data for in-pit<br>Topography data before tailings deposition for TSF<br>Bathymetric survey and scan and drone survey                     | At each official update to deposition plan                                                       | Using proper surface and storage curve will directly impact the results of the tailings deposition simulation                                                                             |
| Tailings settlement / consolidation curve                        | Laboratory testing (SNC Report: 643541-5000-4GCA-0001 Tailings Consolidation Assessment Rev0 Appendix A)                                             | Once for each ore deposit                                                                        | Determine if we should expect settlement issue causing high TSS in reclaim water. Can also benchmark slurry density after deposition (however less precise than actual field measurement) |
| Tailings solid specific gravity                                  | Laboratory testing (SNC Report: 643541-5000-4GCA-0001 Tailings Consolidation Assessment Rev0 Appendix A)                                             | Once for each ore deposit                                                                        | Will impact transportation calculation and milling process. Not an important parameter to tailings management                                                                             |
| Tailings solid particle size                                     | Laboratory testing (SNC Report: 643541-5000-4GCA-0001 Tailings Consolidation Assessment Rev0 Appendix A)                                             | Once for each ore deposit                                                                        | Will impact transportation calculation and milling process. Not an important parameter for tailings management as tailings are not used as a construction material                        |
| Ice thickness (m)                                                | Historical Information<br>Ice Survey Thickness                                                                                                       | Once for each deposition area (if safe to do so)                                                 | The ice thickness represents dead volume for water and impacts the water balance                                                                                                          |
| Pit infiltration                                                 | Hydrological Analysis - SNC Report: 651196-9000-40ER-0001-00 In Pit Tailings Disposal - Detailed Engineering Report                                  | Once for each deposition area                                                                    | Significant impact at Goose. Minimal impact expected at Pit A & E                                                                                                                         |
| Precipitation/evaporation values (mm)                            | Hydrological Analysis - SNC Report: 651196-9000-40ER-0001-00 In Pit Tailings Disposal - Detailed Engineering Report . See table 5-4                  | Once for each deposition area                                                                    | Minimal impact on water balance                                                                                                                                                           |

#### 4.6 OPERATING LEVEL & FREEBOARD

Operating level and freeboard are monitored by water level survey and piezometric monitoring. The design criteria for minimum freeboard and operational criteria for the relevant tailings and water management infrastructure are presented in Table 4-7. Refer to Section 4.9 for the communication protocol related to TARP levels and Appendix C for the list of Specific action to take (Operational Guideline). The freeboard may change due to fluctuations in supernatant water levels or due to settlement of the dikes. Maintenance may be required to restore loss of freeboard due to settlement.

**Table 4-7: Freeboard and Operational Levels**

| Structure        | Freeboard to crest (m)           |                                               | Maximum tailings elevation (m) | Operation Water level (m) |                                                                              | Critical water level (m)                                                                                                 | Emergency Water Level                     |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                  | Tailings                         | Water                                         |                                | Normal                    | Maximum                                                                      |                                                                                                                          |                                           |
| North Cell       | 0.5                              | 2.0                                           | 149.5                          | <148                      | 148-149                                                                      | 149-150                                                                                                                  | >150                                      |
| NCIS             | 0.5                              | N/A                                           | 151.5 to 153.4                 | N/A                       | N/A                                                                          | N/A                                                                                                                      | N/A                                       |
| Stormwater Dike  | 0.5                              | 2.0                                           | 149.5                          | <148                      | 148-149                                                                      | 149-150                                                                                                                  | >150                                      |
| South Cell       | N/A                              | 2.0                                           | N/A                            | <143                      | 143-144                                                                      | 144-145                                                                                                                  | >145                                      |
| Central Dike D/S | -                                | -                                             | -                              | 114.8 to 115.1            | 115.1 to 115.5                                                               | 115.5 to 116                                                                                                             | >116                                      |
| In-Pit MBK       | 8 m below El. of Lake at closure | lowest elevation of the dike's downstream toe | 125.6                          | Below max                 | Pit A: 123.96*<br>Pit E: 124.22*<br>Goose Pit: 123.59*                       | 125.0*                                                                                                                   | 133.6                                     |
| TARP Level       | N/A                              |                                               |                                | Green                     | Yellow                                                                       | Orange (risk of overtopping)                                                                                             | Red (overtopping and uncontrolled inflow) |
| Response         | N/A                              |                                               |                                | Standard operations       | Inform stakeholders (Section 4.9)<br>Refer to Appendix C for specific action | Immediately take action to stop increase<br>Inform stakeholders (Section 4.9)<br>Refer to Appendix C for specific action | Trigger ERP (Section 4.9)                 |

\* Interim water levels thresholds based on Agnico internal memo – In-Pit TSF operational guidelines – August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. They should be developed and adjusted over time upon updated thermal and stability analyses results.

#### 4.7 SEEPAGE MANAGEMENT

The strategy to deal with seepage and runoff is to capture it within a sump at the downstream of the structure and to pump it back in the TSF. The quantity and quality of each seepage out of the TSF is monitored. Historically, seepage mixed with runoff water has been pumped back into the TSF at freshet from the RSF (ST 16).

The quantity and quality of seepage from a tailings and water management infrastructure must be monitored as per the requirements outlined in Section 6.

There is one operational seepage collection system around the TSF, located at the downstream toe of Central Dike. It is collecting seepage water composed of a mix of tailings supernatant water and groundwater. The seepage rate has been stable for the past three years. Seepage from Central Dike is pumped on a continuous basis into Portage Pit A.

The amount of seepage that can be tolerated is dependent on the structure design intent and the capacity of the collection system in place. These values are considered to determine the seepage indicator in the TARP levels presented in Section 4.8.

**Table 4-8: Summary of Seepage Management**

| Structure    | Seepage Expected From Design                                 | Performance Indicator                                          | Status                                                                                                 | Water Collection System                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Seepage Quality                                                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Central Dike | Yes, talik. (40 to 100 m <sup>3</sup> /h from design report) | Seepage rate measured from seepage collection system flowmeter | Relatively stable, fluctuating from 25 m <sup>3</sup> /h in winter to 200 m <sup>3</sup> /h at freshet | Downstream collection sump and pumping system, pumping to Portage Pit A.<br><br>Winter system in 4" pipe with max capacity of 45 m <sup>3</sup> /h<br><br>Freshet system in 8" pipe with max capacity of 470 m <sup>3</sup> /h | Generally clear, with seasonal orange coloration due to biochemical processes. |

#### 4.8 OPERATING PROCEDURE DURING OPERATION OF THE MEADOWBANK TAILINGS MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

Table 4-9 to Table 4-11 below present performance indicators for each of the Meadowbank tailings management infrastructures and the Trigger Action Response Plan (TARP) if the associated performance criteria deviate from the defined range.

Table 4-9: Threshold Criteria and Pre-Defined Action During Operation of Tailings Containment Facility (TSF or In-Pit)

|                 | Failure mode                                                                                                         | Observation                                                                            | Threshold Criteria During Operation                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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|                 |                                                                                                                      |                                                                                        | Green<br>Normal Operating Range                                                                                                                   | Yellow<br>Areas of Concern                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Orange<br>High Risk Situation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Red<br>Emergency Situation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Criteria        | Loss of containment by overtopping leading to uncontrolled outflow (tailings and/or contaminated water)              | Water Freeboard                                                                        | Refer to Table 4-7                                                                                                                                | Refer to Table 4-7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Refer to Table 4-7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Refer to Table 4-7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                 |                                                                                                                      | Tailings Freeboard                                                                     | > 0.5 m to top of containment                                                                                                                     | >0.5 to <0.2 m to top of containment and active deposition occurring in vicinity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | >0.2 m to top of containment and active deposition occurring in vicinity                                                                                                                                                                                             | >top of containment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                 | Internal erosion of dike or foundation, leading to partial loss of containment (seepage through wall or foundation)  | Sinkhole on crest                                                                      | Nonvisible / inactive                                                                                                                             | Localised depression > 5 m outside from centreline                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Sinkhole identified                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Development of sinkhole<br>Dike stability or liner integrity is compromised                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                 |                                                                                                                      | Temperature variation along centreline (based on thermistors and piezometers)          | Temperature measurement stable, seasonal trend observed from previous years                                                                       | Increasing trend in temperature below the active layer (permafrost degradation)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Thawing of the dike key trench (if applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                 | Unmanageable seepage to site (can also be indicative of internal erosion failure mode depending on seepage flowpath) | Seepage through containment area (structure other than CD)                             | No seepage observed (except runoff water at freshet)                                                                                              | Inflow < 300 m³/day and managed by pumping (FOS >2)<br>turbidity in the water (not related to freshet)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Inflow > 300 m³/day and managed by pumping (FOS >2)<br>turbidity in the water (not related to freshet)                                                                                                                                                               | Inflow is unmanageable with pumping capacity (FOS < 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                 |                                                                                                                      | Seepage through containment area (CD)                                                  | < 200 m³/h and managed by pumping (FOS >2)                                                                                                        | > 200 and < 300 m³/h but managed by pumping (FOS >1.5)<br>or<br>Sudden or cumulative increase > 25 % in over 3 days (not related to freshet)<br>turbidity in the water (not related to freshet)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | > 300 and < 450 m³/h but managed by pumping (FOS >1)<br>or<br>turbidity in the water (not related to freshet or known phenomenon)                                                                                                                                    | Inflow is unmanageable with pumping capacity (FOS < 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                 | Instability due to foundation failure, leading to dam breach and total or partial loss of containment                | Downstream toe displacement, sloughing or bulging                                      | None visible / inactive                                                                                                                           | Visible displacement or bulging                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Toe displacement related to a sloughing slide from near downstream crest to 5 m from centreline<br>Bulging > 1 m in height                                                                                                                                           | Toe displacement related to a sloughing slide reaching 5 m from centreline<br>Bulging greater than 4m in height. Continued event.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                 |                                                                                                                      | Pore water pressure (based on PZ at CD)<br>Refer to CD Seepage Pond Raise AEM Memo     | The value and rate of change of porewater pressure in piezometers are in line with the downstream pond elevation and its rate of rise.            | Unexplained trends with porewater pressure increasing significantly faster than the downstream pond rise, and trend sustained over time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Anomalous trends (sharp increase) in porewater pressure observed in piezometers that indicated stable trends prior to downstream pond level rise.<br><br>Trend explained and demonstrates an upset condition                                                         | Anomalous trends (sharp increase) in porewater pressure observed in piezometers that indicated stable trends prior to downstream pond level rise, demonstrating risks of instability, associated with signs of instability (cracks and excessive movement).                                                                |
|                 |                                                                                                                      |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                 | Instability due to deformation and slope failure, leading to dam breach and total or partial loss of containment     | Tension crack observed at the crest                                                    | < 0.1 m deep<br>and<br>< 3 m length along the dike<br><br>Or cracks inactive more than 1 year                                                     | > 0.1 m and < 1.0 m deep<br>>3 to < 5 m in length<br>< 0.1 m wide<br><br>Or cracks inactive more than 6 months                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | > 0.1 m and < 0.2 m wide<br>& > 5 m and < 10 m length along the dike<br>> 1.0 m deep                                                                                                                                                                                 | 0.2 m wide<br>> 10 m length along the dike<br>> 2.0 m deep                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                 |                                                                                                                      | Cumulative vertical crest movement                                                     | < 0.2 m<br>Or inactive settlement for more than 1 years                                                                                           | > 0.2 and < 1 m or<br>Or inactive settlement for more than 6 months                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | > 1 m with<br>increasing rate of settlement                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | > 2 m with<br>increasing rate of settlement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                 |                                                                                                                      | Embankment lateral cumulative deformation (rate of deformation to be examined as well) | No deformation observed                                                                                                                           | < 0.1 m                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | > 0.1 m and <0.25 m                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | > 0.25 m                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                 | Loss of tailings containment                                                                                         | Observation of tailings out of the containment facility                                | Tailings within authorised containment facility                                                                                                   | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Tailing slurry observed out of containment area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Action Required |                                                                                                                      |                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continue operation, maintenance, surveillance, and monitoring as per standard operating procedure</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If event is related to water level refer to Appendix C</li><li>If event is referring to seepage rate increase pumping capacity or repair system</li><li>Document location, photograph, survey, and increase inspection and instrument monitoring in area of concern (refer to Section 6)</li><li>Implement engineering review</li><li>Implement communication plan (section 4.9)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continue measures of Yellow Level</li><li>Reassess thresholds and conditions for red category (emergency situation) taking into account the changing conditions presently observed and interactions of various items</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Implement Emergency Response Plan (Section 4.9)</li><li>Evacuation of personnel and equipment from downstream area.</li><li>Close access to dike crest</li><li>Stop tailings deposition if event is happening in active deposition area or involve slurry containment loss</li></ul> |

Table 4-10: Threshold Criteria and Pre-Defined Action During Operation of Tailings Containment Facility Diversion Ditches

|                 | Failure mode                                                                  | Observation                                              | Threshold Criteria During Operation                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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|                 |                                                                               |                                                          | Green<br>Normal Operating Range                                                                                                                  | Yellow<br>Areas of Concern                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Orange<br>High Risk Situation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Red<br>Emergency Situation                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Criteria        | Overtopping of ditches slopes                                                 | Sloughing along ditch slopes                             | Nonvisible / inactive                                                                                                                            | Visible displacement or bulging                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Displacement related to a sloughing slide<br>Bulging > 1 m in height                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Displacement related to a sloughing slide<br>Bulging greater than 4m in height. Continued event                                                                                                    |
|                 |                                                                               | Cumulative vertical crest movement                       | < 0.2 m                                                                                                                                          | > 0.2 and < 1 m or<br>Stable trend                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | > 1 m with<br>increasing rate of settlement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | > 2 m with<br>increasing rate of settlement                                                                                                                                                        |
|                 |                                                                               | Blockage of the ditch                                    | Nonvisible                                                                                                                                       | Accumulation of debris or ice blockage in the ditch during open water season, water still flowing well                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Accumulation of debris or ice blockage in the ditch during open water season, water still flowing through but reduced flow and elevated water level behind the blockage compared to historical level, uncontrolled release to site                                                                                                                                             | Accumulation of debris or ice blockage in the ditch during open water season, no water flowing through, observation of uncontrolled release to Environment                                         |
|                 | Excessive turbidity or poor water quality in water discharge into environment | Ditch water quality (turbidity)                          | No observation of turbidity in ditch                                                                                                             | Turbidity observed in ditch water (single TSS event of 30 mg/L)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Sustained high turbidity over 30 mg/L in ditch water                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Turbidity is linked with erosion of ditch or outlet                                                                                                                                                |
|                 |                                                                               | Water quality in the receiving environment and at outlet | Water quality at outlet met receiving environment criteria and<br>Water quality of the receiving environment follows water quality forecast      | Water quality at outlet met receiving environment criteria and<br>Water quality of the receiving environment shows a trend that water quality is deteriorating                                                                                                                                                                                       | Water quality at outlet does not meet receiving environment criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | -                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Action Required |                                                                               |                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continue operation, maintenance, surveillance and monitoring as per standard operating procedure</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If event is related to turbidity install turbidity control measure</li><li>Document location, photograph, survey, and increase inspection and instrument monitoring in area of concern (refer to Section 6)</li><li>Implement engineering review.</li><li>Implement communication plan (section 4.9)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continue measures of Yellow Level</li><li>If event is linked to snow blockage remove obstruction or install pumping system to help transfer</li><li>Reassess thresholds and conditions for red category (emergency situation) taking into account the changing conditions presently observed and interactions of various items</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Implement Emergency Response Plan (Section 4.9)</li><li>Stop tailings deposition if event involves loss of tailings slurry out of containment area</li></ul> |

Table 4-11: Threshold Criteria and Pre-Defined Action During Operation of Tailings Management Pumping Infrastructure

|                 | Failure mode                                                                            | Observation                                               | Threshold Criteria During Operation                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                 |                                                                                         |                                                           | Green<br>Normal Operating Range                                                                                                                                                | Yellow<br>Areas of Concern                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Orange<br>High Risk Situation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Red<br>Emergency Situation                                                                      |
| Criteria        | Release of tailings or contaminated water from containment area                         | Physical damage to the piping and pumping systems (leaks) | Nonvisible                                                                                                                                                                     | Minor leakage of water at one location.<br>No environmental spill report required.<br>Repairs can be easily done without interrupting the deposition operations.                                                                                                                                                                                   | Significant leakage of water at several locations (environmental spill report required).<br>Significant repairs but can be done without shutting down the deposition operations                                                                                       | Loss of slurry outside containment area                                                         |
|                 | Overflowing of the containment area because of excessive inflow                         | Water movement and inflow                                 | Inflow are as expected or can be managed without modifying water management strategy and<br>Elevation of each pumping point is within the predicted range of the water balance | Unexpected inflow that are manageable by modifying the water management strategy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Inflow that are manageable for the moment but cannot be sustained                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Water cannot be stored / discharged from the site                                               |
|                 | Uncontrolled release of deleterious substance to Env from Tailings containment facility | Water quality in the receiving environment                | Water quality of the receiving environment follows water quality forecast                                                                                                      | Water quality of the receiving environment shows a trend that water quality is deteriorating higher than the forecast                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Water quality of the receiving environment exceed allowable limit                               |
| Action Required |                                                                                         |                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continue operation, maintenance, surveillance and monitoring as per standard operating procedure</li></ul>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If event is related to inflow review the site wide water balance</li><li>Document location, photograph, survey, and increase inspection and instrument monitoring in area of concern (refer to Section 6)</li><li>Implement engineering review.</li><li>Implement communication plan (section 4.9)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continue measures of Yellow Level</li><li>Reassess thresholds and conditions for red category (emergency situation) taking into account the changing conditions presently observed and interactions of various items.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Implement Emergency Response Plan (Section 4.9)</li></ul> |

## 4.9 COMMUNICATION AND DECISION MAKING

Figure 4-1 indicates the communication and decision processes when the threshold criteria are met and when pre-defined actions need to be implemented. Table 4-12 indicates the communication procedure to follow when changing the TARP level.

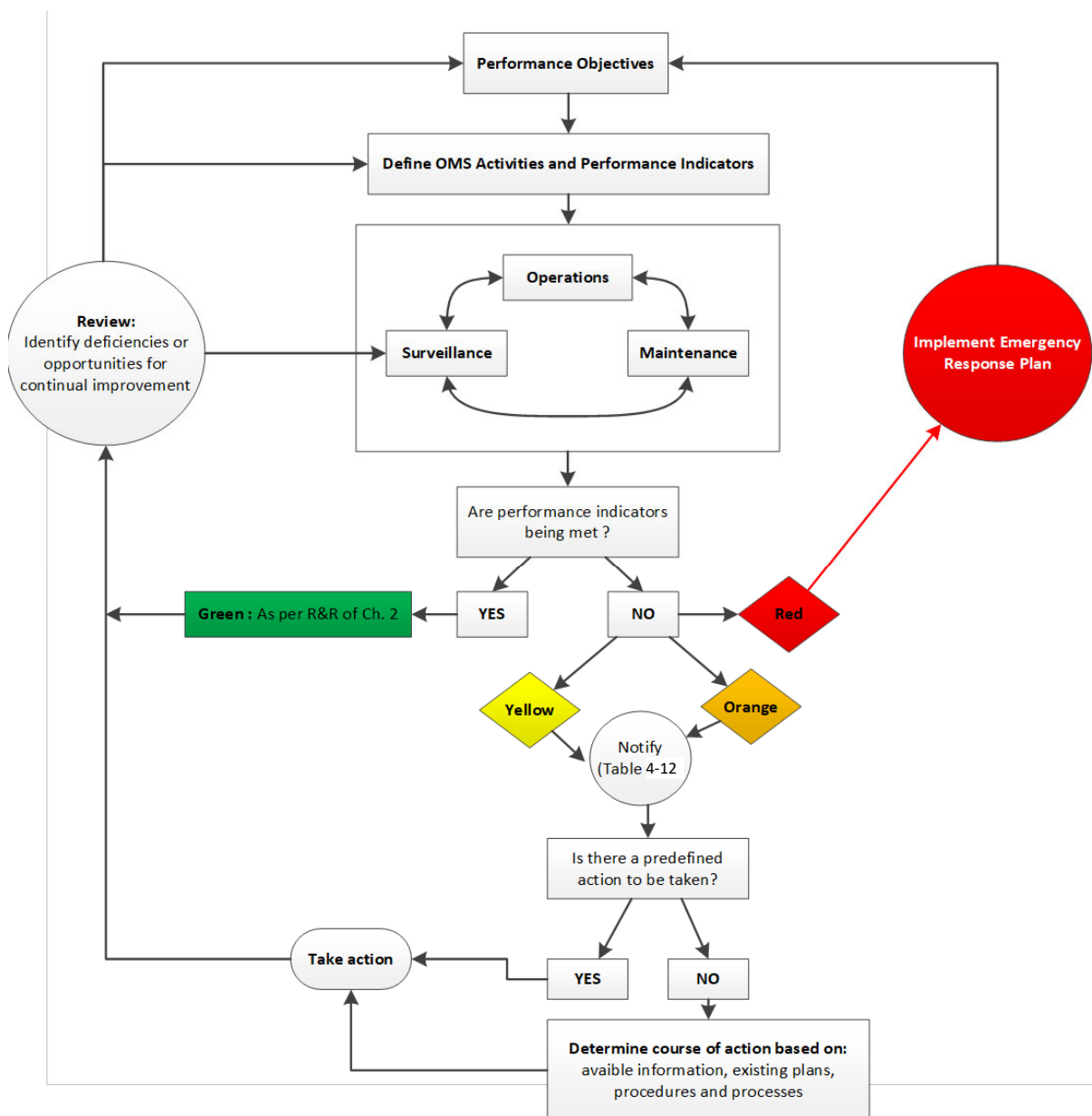


Figure 4-1: Communication and Decision Process for Tailings Management Infrastructure TARP

**Table 4-12: Communication Procedure to Change TARP Level**

| Category      | Notify                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Timeline                                                                                                  | Method of Communication                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Green</b>  | On-Site team → Responsible person → <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent Review Board</li> <li>Designer</li> <li>General Manager</li> <li>EOR</li> <li>AEO</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                   | The triggers are back to green for more than 2 weeks                                                      | Phone Call and E-mail to inform on status change. RP and EOR must agree to change status<br><br>Brief memo sent by e-mail to officialise TARP change                                          |
| <b>Yellow</b> | On-Site team → Responsible person → <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environment &amp; Critical Infrastructures Superintendent</li> <li>Critical Infrastructures General Supervisor (GS)</li> <li>EOR</li> </ul>                                                                                                                | Within 24 hours of the TARP level condition being met                                                     | Phone Call and E-mail to inform on status change. RP and EOR must agree to change status. If RP can't be joined the on-site team will try to contact these people in this order: GS, EOR, AEO |
|               | Responsible person → <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent Review Board</li> <li>Designer</li> <li>General Manager</li> <li>EOR</li> <li>Process Plant Superintendent</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                         | Within 72 hours of the TARP level change                                                                  | Brief memo sent by e-mail to officialise TARP change<br><br>Meeting to be set to explain situation if required                                                                                |
|               | EOR → <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AEO</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Within 1 week of TARP level change                                                                        | Left to the EOR discretion                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Orange</b> | On-Site team → Responsible person → <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical Infra GS</li> <li>EOR</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Immediately upon discovering TARP level triggers change                                                   | Phone Call, E-mail, and meeting to inform on status change. If RP can't be joined the on-site team will try to contact these people in this order: GS, EOR, AEO                               |
|               | Responsible person → <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent Review Board</li> <li>Environment Superintendent</li> <li>Critical Infra General Supervisor</li> <li>Designer</li> <li>General Manager</li> <li>EOR</li> <li>AEO</li> <li>Health &amp; Safety Superintendent</li> <li>Process Plant Superintendent</li> </ul> | Within 24 hours of the TARP level change                                                                  | Brief memo sent by e-mail to officialise TARP change<br><br>Meeting to be set to explain situation                                                                                            |
| <b>RED</b>    | On-Site team → Emergencies Response Team<br><br>Once an emergency is declared refer to the ERP. Emergency response is out of scope of this document                                                                                                                                                                                   | Immediately when the emergency is discovered.<br>If there is currently a risk to Env or Health and Safety | Code 1 – Code 1 – Code 1 in all pit operation and road channel<br>Or at<br>Emergencies 460-6911                                                                                               |
|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Immediately when the emergency is discovered.<br>If there is imminent risk to Env or Health and Safety    | Phone call to Emergency Measure Counselor (460-6809) & Health and Safety Superintendent                                                                                                       |

## **SECTION 5 • MAINTENANCE**

This section identifies all infrastructures within the scope of this manual that have maintenance requirements and identifies all preventative, predictive, and corrective maintenance activities.

### **5.1 PREVENTATIVE, PREDICTIVE, AND CORRECTIVE MAINTENANCE**

Maintenance is divided into preventative (planned), predictive, and corrective.

Preventative maintenances are planned, recurring maintenance activities conducted at a fixed or approximate frequency and not typically arising from results of surveillance activities. Examples of such maintenance includes calibration and maintenance of surveillance equipment or regularly changing oil on a pump as per the manufacturer's requirement.

Predictive maintenances are pre-defined maintenances conducted in response to results of surveillance activities that measure the condition of a specific component against performance criteria.

Corrective maintenance of a component of the tailings management system is to prevent further deterioration and ensure their performance in conformance with performance objectives. The need for corrective maintenance is based on surveillance activities, with surveillance results identifying the need and urgency of maintenance.

### **5.2 REFERENCES**

References to key documents for the maintenance of the Meadowbank tailings management infrastructure are presented in Table 5-1.

**Table 5-1: Reference Documents for Maintenance of the Meadowbank Tailings Management Infrastructure**

| <b>Type of Information</b>                                     | <b>Link to Retrieve Information</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Maintenance log of tailings management infrastructure          | Located in the Maintenance folder for each structure:<br>\\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\8- Central Dike\3- Operation\2- Maintenance<br>\\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\9- North Cell Internal Structure (NCIS)\3- Operation\3- Maintenance |
| Maintenance log of pumping equipment                           | I:\MAINTENANCE\G dore SECTION\PWA-COM-LGT hrs reading.xlsx<br>P:\Energy\Infra\08-PowerHouse\2 EQUIPMENT\2 GENERATORS                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Maintenance log of geotechnical instrumentation                | Located in the Instrument Analysis Log for each structure<br>\\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\11-Instrumentation\12- Instrumentation Analysis                                                                                                                                            |
| Pump allocation tool                                           | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\14-Amaruq\04- Water Management\3- Operation\11- Planning\4- Freshet\4 - Freshet 2023\2- Technical\Pump Allocation\PumpAllocation Vs1 2023 CP JG.xlsx                                                                                                    |
| Godwin pump parts and schematics site                          | <a href="https://xylem.sysonline.com/Login.aspx">https://xylem.sysonline.com/Login.aspx</a><br>Username: 6184<br>Password: Parts2019                                                                                                                                                                |
| Geotechnical instrument and data logger inventory              | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\11-Instrumentation\1- Instruments\ALL Instruments Databases                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Send Slurry Pig<br>MBK-MILL-OP-PRO Send Slurry Pig             | Intelex                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Tailings Line Thickness Inspection<br>MBK-MIL-MT-PRO-6143TAI01 | Intelex                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

### **5.3 COMPONENTS OF THE TAILINGS MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURES REQUIRING MAINTENANCE**

Table 5-2 indicates all the components of the Meadowbank tailings management infrastructure that require maintenance.

**Table 5-2: Components of the Tailings Management Infrastructure Requiring Maintenance**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Tailings and Water Management Infrastructure</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dike embankment (i.e. repair erosion)</li> <li>• Dike crest (i.e. fill inactive tension cracks, repair crest settlement)</li> <li>• Seepage collection sump (i.e. reprofile slope, increase sump volume)</li> <li>• Ditches and diversions (i.e. snow removal, repair erosion)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Pumping infrastructure</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pumps (mechanical and electrical maintenance)</li> <li>• Pipes (steaming, repair leaks)</li> <li>• Tailings pipe (wall thickness)</li> <li>• Flush pipes for tailings and water prior to periods of non-use (pigging)</li> </ul>                                                          |
| <b>Surveillance</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geotechnical instruments (thermistors, piezometers, inclinometers, survey monuments)</li> <li>• Data acquisition system</li> <li>• Flowmeter</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Other</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dike crest access roads</li> <li>• Pit ramps</li> <li>• Peripheral pit roads</li> <li>• Access to sumps</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                        |

### 5.3.1 Maintenance Components Outside the Scope of this OMS Manual

The following component maintenance activities are outside of the scope of this OMS manual. For more information, the superintendent of the department responsible for this maintenance can be contacted:

- Infrastructures located within the process plant and tailings pumps – Process Plant
- Electrical systems and supply – E&I
- Maintenance of heavy equipment and light vehicles – Maintenance
- Communication infrastructures – IT
- Road used to access the infrastructures – Mine

## 5.4 DESCRIPTION OF MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Table 5-3 summarizes the description of maintenance activities for each component of the Meadowbank tailings management infrastructure. Each component has activities as well as a trigger for that maintenance and a person in charge of this activity. It is the duty of the person responsible for the maintenance activity to ensure that the person doing the maintenance has the qualifications and competencies required to conduct the maintenance and is following the proper safety procedure. The person in charge of the activity must also ensure that the proper documentation and reporting requirements are followed.

Table 5-3: Description of Maintenance Activities for Components of Tailings Management Infrastructure

| Component                                                                                                                | Type of Maintenance | Nature of the Activity                                                                                                                             | Frequency of Maintenance (preventative)<br>OR<br>Trigger of Maintenance (predictive and corrective)         | Accountable for the activity→<br>Responsible for the Activity                              | Documentation Required                            | Reporting Requirement                                                                                                           |
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| Tailings Management Infrastructure                                                                                       |                     |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                             |                                                                                            |                                                   |                                                                                                                                 |
| Dike embankment – repair erosion                                                                                         | Corrective          | Gullies and depressions to be filled with rockfill and re-sloped                                                                                   | Following a visual inspection showing erosion                                                               | Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Photo & survey of corrective work                 | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator to update the maintenance log of the structure. Survey of work to be added to structure layout |
| Dike crest – fill inactive tension cracks                                                                                | Corrective          | Inactive tension cracks to be filled with bentonite to prevent widening due to water infiltration                                                  | Following consecutive visual inspection showing inactive tension cracks (more than 1 month)                 | Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Photo & survey of corrective work                 | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator to update the maintenance log of the structure. Survey of work to be added to structure layout |
| Dike crest – compensate settlement                                                                                       | Corrective          | Add rockfill to increase the height of the dike following observation of settlement                                                                | Following a visual inspection showing settlement that needs to be compensated (i.e., loss of freeboard)     | Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Photo & survey of corrective work                 | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator to update the maintenance log of the structure. Survey of work to be added to structure layout |
| Seepage collection sump – increase volume                                                                                | Predictive          | Excavate an additional sump or increase the capacity of an existing sump                                                                           | Following a re-assessment of the required sump capacity                                                     | Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Photo & surveying of predictive work              | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator to ask for update of status map. Survey of work to be added to structure layout                |
| Seepage collection sump – broken culvert / frozen sump                                                                   | Corrective          | Unfreeze culvert, repair culvert, or install a new sump                                                                                            | Following a visual inspection showing problem with the collection culvert                                   | Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Photo of corrective work                          | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator to update the maintenance log of the structure                                                 |
| Seepage collection sump – reprofile sump                                                                                 | Corrective          | Excavate flatter slope for the sump or add material against the slope to reprofile them                                                            | Following a visual inspection showing instable sump slope                                                   | Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Photo of corrective work                          | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator to update the maintenance log of the structure                                                 |
| Ditches – snow removal                                                                                                   | Predictive          | Use an excavator to remove snow in the ditch                                                                                                       | Every year prior to freshet to ensure that ditch is clear of snow obstruction. Refer to Freshet Action Plan | Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Photo of predictive work                          | Water Eng to track the work in freshet readiness meeting. Information to be add to weekly freshet inspection report             |
| Ditches – clean debris and sediment accumulation                                                                         | Corrective          | Remove any debris and accumulation of sediment that can hinder flow                                                                                | Following a visual inspection showing accumulation of debris and sediment that can hinder flow              | Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Photo of corrective work                          | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator to update the maintenance log of the structure                                                 |
| Ditches – repair erosion of granular layer                                                                               | Corrective          | Add granular material to repair erosion of the ditches                                                                                             | Following a visual inspection showing erosion of the ditches                                                | Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Photo of corrective work                          | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator to update the maintenance log of the structure                                                 |
| Ditches – release of TSS from the ditches                                                                                | Corrective          | Corrective action to mitigate release of TSS from ditches. Can include placement of sill curtain or temporary by-passing of the ditches using pump | Following sampling of a high turbidity event from the ditches                                               | Environment Superintendent →<br>Environment Coordinator                                    | Water sample results<br>Photo of remediation work | Documented in Freshet Action Plan                                                                                               |
| Pumping Infrastructure                                                                                                   |                     |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                             |                                                                                            |                                                   |                                                                                                                                 |
| Pumps and Genset – maintenance as per manufacturer specification (i.e., change oil, look for wear and tear, calibration) | Preventative        | Do PM on the pumping unit as per manufacturer recommendation                                                                                       | As per manufacturer specification                                                                           | Maintenance Superintendent →<br>Pump mechanics                                             | Equipment log<br>Maintenance record               | Maintenance to update the pump maintenance log or Genset maintenance log                                                        |
| Pumps and Genset – maintenance when deficiency are observed (cavitation, breakdown, electrical trouble)                  | Corrective          | Troubleshoot the pump problem so that it is once again operational                                                                                 | Following a visual inspection of deficiency                                                                 | Maintenance Superintendent →<br>Pump mechanics                                             | Equipment log<br>Maintenance record               | Maintenance to update the pump maintenance log or Genset maintenance log                                                        |
| Pumps – winterization of unit used in winter                                                                             | Preventative        | Ensure that pumps used in winter have been winterized                                                                                              | Once a new pump is received on site that will be used in winter. During initial reception of pump           | Maintenance Superintendent →<br>Pump mechanics                                             | Maintenance record                                | Maintenance to update the pump maintenance log                                                                                  |
| Tailings Pipe – measure wall thickness                                                                                   | Preventative        | Use ultrasound measurement to confirm pipe wall thickness is sufficient                                                                            | Once a year at 4 determined control points                                                                  | Process Plant Superintendent →<br>Process Plant G.S                                        | PM checklist                                      | PM Documentation (JDE)                                                                                                          |
| Pipe – drain the line                                                                                                    | Preventative        | Ensure that the line is empty of water when it is stopped in winter                                                                                | Every time pumping is interrupted in winter                                                                 | E&I Superintendent →<br>E&I Operation G.S                                                  | Pigging radius notice                             | -                                                                                                                               |
| Tailings Pipe – pass pig                                                                                                 | Preventative        | Ensure that tailings does not build up in the line                                                                                                 | Every 2 weeks or when pressure is building up in the line                                                   | E&I Superintendent →<br>E&I Operation G.S                                                  | Pigging radius notice                             | -                                                                                                                               |
| Pipe – unfreezing a line                                                                                                 | Corrective          | Steaming the line to unfreeze it in winter                                                                                                         | Following visual inspection of a frozen line                                                                | E&I Superintendent →<br>E&I Operation G.S                                                  | -                                                 | -                                                                                                                               |

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| Component                                                            | Type of Maintenance | Nature of the Activity                                                        | Frequency of Maintenance (preventative)<br>OR<br>Trigger of Maintenance (predictive and corrective)                 | Accountable for the activity→<br>Responsible for the Activity                              | Documentation Required                                                                                               | Reporting Requirement                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Pipe – maintenance when deficiency is observed (leak, pipe burst)    | Corrective          | Replacing a deficient part of a line with new pipe                            | Following visual inspection of pipe deficiency                                                                      | E&I Superintendent →<br>E&I Operation G.S                                                  | How much pipe was replaced, what was installed and where it came from                                                | CM documentation (JDE)                                    |
| Surveillance                                                         |                     |                                                                               |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                      |                                                           |
| Geotechnical instrument – loss of reading                            | Corrective          | Investigate the status of an instrument that no longer gave data              | When an instrument no longer gave data for an unknown reason                                                        | Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Update status in instrument database                                                                                 | Update of the Instrument Analysis Log by the Project Tech |
| Geotechnical instrument – unusual reading                            | Corrective          | Investigate the status of an instrument that gave unusual data                | When an instrument gave unusual data                                                                                | Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Update status in instrument database                                                                                 | Update of the Instrument Analysis Log by the Project Tech |
| Geotechnical instrument – replacement                                | Corrective          | Replace an instrument that no longer works                                    | Following an assessment that an instrument need to be replaced to ensure proper coverage of the surveillance system | Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Instrument installation as-built report<br>Update spare inventory<br>Calibration sheet<br>Initial instrument reading | Update of the Instrument Analysis Log by the Project Tech |
| Survey Instrument – repair of equipment (drone, survey rod, scanner) | Corrective          | Fix a problem with the survey equipment (could require sending it for repair) | Following an assessment that there is an issue with the equipment                                                   | Engineering Superintendent →<br>Survey Leader                                              | -                                                                                                                    | -                                                         |
| Survey Instrument – Calibration of drone data                        | Preventative        | Confirm the accuracy of the drone survey with rod or scan survey              | Once a year per structure                                                                                           | Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Survey data and drone data                                                                                           | Both data in the survey file                              |
| Data acquisition system – maintenance                                | Preventative        | Do maintenance of datalogger (i.e., battery, solar panel, shack)              | Yearly                                                                                                              | Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | List of items maintained                                                                                             | Update of the Instrument Analysis Log by the Project Tech |
| Datalogger – battery change                                          | Predictive          | Change battery when the battery level alarm gets triggered                    | When the battery alarm is triggered in VDV                                                                          | Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Update status in instrument database                                                                                 | Update of the Instrument Analysis Log by the Project Tech |
| Datalogger – troubleshooting                                         | Corrective          | Repair of a datalogger deficiency                                             | When a datalogger is suspected of being deficient                                                                   | Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Update status in instrument database                                                                                 | Update of the Instrument Analysis Log by the Project Tech |
| Flowmeter – calibration                                              | Preventative        | Calibrate the flowmeter as per License requirement                            | Yearly                                                                                                              | E&I Superintendent →<br>E&I Operation G.S                                                  | Calibration sheet                                                                                                    | WO record                                                 |
| Flowmeter – deficient reading                                        | Corrective          | Repair of a flowmeter deficiency                                              | When a flowmeter is suspected of providing anomalous data                                                           | E&I Superintendent →<br>E&I Operation G.S                                                  | Maintenance report                                                                                                   | WO record                                                 |
| Other                                                                |                     |                                                                               |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                      |                                                           |
| Dike crest access, pit access, sump access, access road              | Predictive          | Snow clearing, maintaining roadway, grading access as per snow management map | As required to maintain access                                                                                      | E&I Superintendent →<br>E&I Operation G.S                                                  | -                                                                                                                    | -                                                         |

## **SECTION 6 • SURVEILLANCE**

Surveillance involves the inspection and monitoring (i.e., collection of qualitative and quantitative observations and data) of the Tailings Management Infrastructure. Surveillance also includes the timely documentation, analysis, and communication of surveillance results, to inform decision making and verify whether performance objectives including critical controls are being met.

There are two types of surveillance activities which are further discussed in this section:

- Site observation and inspection
- Instrument monitoring

### **6.1 REFERENCE**

References to key documents for site observation and inspection of the Meadowbank tailings management infrastructure are presented in Table 6-1. References to key documents for instrument monitoring are presented in Table 6-2.

**Table 6-1: Key Reference Documents for Inspection of Tailings Management Infrastructure**

| Type of information                                            | Document #             | Document Title and link                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Inspection form templates                                      | -                      | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\10-Inspection\8- Inspection Form Template                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Saddle Dam 1                                                   | SD1-VIR                | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\1- Saddle Dam 1\3- Operation\1-Inspection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Saddle Dam 2                                                   | SD2-VIR                | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\2- Saddle Dam 2\3- Operation\1-Inspection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Saddle Dam 3                                                   | SD3-VIR                | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\3- Saddle Dam 3\3- Operation\1-Inspection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Saddle Dam 4                                                   | SD4-VIR                | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\4- Saddle Dam 4\3- Operation\1-Inspection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Saddle Dam 5 / Central Dike                                    | CD-VIR                 | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\8- Central Dike\Inspection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| NCIS                                                           | NCIS-VIR               | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\9- North Cell Internal Structure (NCIS)\3- Operation\2-Inspection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Stormwater Dike                                                | SWD-VIR                | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\03-TailingsDams\7- Stormwater Dike\Inspection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| RF1                                                            | RF1-VIR                | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\08-RockStorageFacility\Inspections\RF1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| RF2                                                            | RF2-VIR                | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\08-RockStorageFacility\Inspections\RF2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Tailings Management North Cell area                            | NC-IR                  | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\1 - North Cell\14- Inspection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Tailings Management South Cell area                            | SC-IR                  | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\2 - South Cell\5- Inspection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Tailings Management In-Pit                                     | IPD-IR                 | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\06-TailingsManagement\3- In-Pit Deposition\4 - Operation\3- Inspection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Annual dike safety inspection (annual geotechnical inspection) | -                      | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnic\10-Inspection\Annual Geotechnical Inspection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Minute of MBK-IRB Meeting                                      | MDRB #32 (most recent) | \\Cambfs01\groups \Engineering\05-Geotechnic\13-MDRB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Inspection Recommendation Implementation Log                   | -                      | <a href="https://agnicoeagle.sharepoint.com/:x:/r/sites/GRP_CAMB_ENVIRONEMENT/Shared%20Documents/General/Geotech/Inspection%20Recommendation%20Implementation%20Plan.xlsx?d=w23331bcb9a124aaf88978a570dd1b6c0&amp;csf=1&amp;web=1&amp;e=nR9CVi">https://agnicoeagle.sharepoint.com/:x:/r/sites/GRP_CAMB_ENVIRONEMENT/Shared%20Documents/General/Geotech/Inspection%20Recommendation%20Implementation%20Plan.xlsx?d=w23331bcb9a124aaf88978a570dd1b6c0&amp;csf=1&amp;web=1&amp;e=nR9CVi</a> |

**Table 6-2: Reference Documents for Instrument Monitoring of the Meadowbank Tailings Management Infrastructure**

| Type of Information                                                                             | Link to Retrieve Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Geotechnical Instruments Map                                                                    | Instruments folder for each structure on the network                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Access to Instrument Data                                                                       | VDV ( <a href="http://cambeng2:8080/">http://cambeng2:8080/</a> )                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Instrument Analysis Log                                                                         | \\Cambfs01\groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnical\11-Instrumentation\12- Instrumentation_Analysis                                                                                                                                                               |
| Instrument alert trigger and review frequency (2253121 Instrumentation compilation and trigger) | P:\Engineering\05-Geotechnical\11-Instrumentation\12-Instrumentation_Analysis                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Inspection Tracker                                                                              | Anomalous trends (sharp increase) in porewater pressure observed in piezometers that indicated stable trends prior to downstream pond level rise, demonstrating risks of instability, associated with signs of instability (cracks and excessive movement). |
| Water Quality Result Database                                                                   | <a href="https://equis/equis7/Default.aspx?d=251&amp;redirect=user">https://equis/equis7/Default.aspx?d=251&amp;redirect=user</a>                                                                                                                           |
| Blast Vibration Log                                                                             | \\CAMBFS01\Groups\Engineering\05-Geotechnical\99-Archive\Blast Monitoring\Events\k_factor( to update).xls                                                                                                                                                   |
| Water Level Survey File                                                                         | \\Cambfs01\groups \Environment\INSPECTIONS AND FORMS\Water Levels                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Tailings Pump Flow & Pressure Alarm                                                             | HMI, Wonderware                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## 6.2 PRIORITY LISTING

Any recommendation or action to be taken following a surveillance activity must be assigned a priority and an Owner and be followed up on according to its priority. The priority scale of Table 6-3 must be used for this. These recommendations must also be tracked using the Surveillance Recommendation Implementation Tracking File.

**Table 6-3: Surveillance Activity Recommendation Priority Listing**

| Priority # | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Timeline to Address   |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| P-1        | A high priority or actual structure safety issue considered immediately dangerous to life, health, or the environment; or a significant risk of regulatory enforcement                                                            | Immediately to 1 week |
| P-2        | If not corrected could likely result in structure safety issues leading to injury, environmental impact, or significant regulatory enforcement; or a repetitive deficiency that demonstrates a systematic breakdown of procedures | 1 week to 3 months    |
| P-3        | Single occurrences or deficiencies or non-conformance that alone would not be expected to result in structure safety issues                                                                                                       | 3 months to 6 months  |
| P-4        | Best Management Practice – further improvements are necessary to meet industry best practices or reduce potential risks                                                                                                           | >6 months             |

### 6.3 SITE OBSERVATIONS AND INSPECTIONS

The purpose of site observations and inspections is to identify warning signs of the development of potentially adverse conditions that could lead to a failure or some other form of loss of control. Site observations and inspections include direct observations by personnel on or adjacent to the Tailings Management Infrastructure and may also include observations from helicopter or photos taken from an unmanned airborne vehicle (UAV, satellites).

Site observations and inspections are used to identify and track visible changes in the condition of the tailings management infrastructure. Changes that may be observed throughout site observations and inspections are included in Table 6-4.

**Table 6-4: Changes Possibly Observed Through Site Observation and Inspection of the Meadowbank Tailings Management Infrastructure**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Changes related to physical risk of dike, pit wall, road, ramp</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change in freeboard</li> <li>• Deformation or change in condition at the crest, slopes, and toes (i.e., bulges, cracks, sinkholes, sloughing, settlement)</li> <li>• Newly formed or expanding areas of erosion</li> <li>• Evidence of piping or unexpected water movement through water containment structures</li> <li>• Changes in the seepage quantity (pumping rate) and quality (turbidity)</li> <li>• Rock falls and other movements in pit walls</li> <li>• New seepage observed in pit walls</li> </ul> |
| <b>Changes related to chemical risks</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of newly formed seepage, or changes in seepage and evidence of any changes in seepage characteristics (i.e., coloration, turbidity, TSS)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Changes related to physical risk of ditch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newly formed or expanding areas of erosion</li> <li>• Newly formed obstructions to flow (i.e., boulder, sediments, snow)</li> <li>• Newly formed slope instability</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Changes related to water storage and transport</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change in sump level</li> <li>• Discovering using a staff gauge (when applicable) that the pond is not being operated within its normal operating condition</li> <li>• Changes in the seepage quantity (pumping rate) and quality (turbidity)</li> <li>• Change in the condition of the piping for water or tailings transport</li> <li>• Sign of leaks from water or tailings line</li> <li>• Change in the condition of pumps</li> </ul>                                                                       |
| <b>Changes related to surveillance instrumentation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change in the condition of surveillance instruments and associated protection around instruments (i.e., cover, barriers to prevent vehicle damage)</li> <li>• Change in condition of power supplies for instruments (i.e., solar panel)</li> <li>• Change in condition of communication infrastructures associated with instruments (i.e., antenna, datalogger)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                       |

### **6.3.1 Site Observation**

Site observation is conducted by personnel working on or adjacent to the tailings management infrastructure as part of their daily activities, maintaining awareness of the facility while performing their duties. Trained personnel such as geotechnical technicians and the dewatering crew should be on the lookout for signs of changing conditions as indicated in Table 6-4 since adverse conditions can develop rapidly between inspections. It is recommended that training be provided once a year to crews working around the structures, such as during a toolbox meeting around the start of freshet. Photos to show examples of cracks, sinkholes, and other signs of changing conditions can be presented to ensure workers know what to look out for during their activities. Any new observation should be documented by photograph and reported to the geotechnical team. Observation of new feature during a site tour could trigger the need for a special inspection.

### **6.3.2 Inspection Program**

Inspections are conducted by the Environment department or other personnel with appropriate training and competency and are more rigorous than site observations.

The inspection program consists of several types of inspections such as routine and special visual inspections, dike safety inspections, and dam safety reviews. The following sub-sections describe in more detail the scope, frequency, and person responsible for each type of inspection.

#### ***6.3.2.1 Routine Visual Inspection and Reporting***

Routine visual inspections are conducted on a pre-defined schedule and may target specific activities. Their objective is to identify any conditions that might indicate change in the Dewatering Dikes performance and therefore require follow-up. The inspections need to cover the changes described in Table 6-4. Of significance are new occurrences or noted changes in seepage, erosion, sinkholes, boils, slope slumping, settlement, displacement, or cracking of structure components. These inspections are conducted during dewatering and operation.

The approved inspection forms include:

- The integrated inspection form used for weekly inspection during freshet (during period of flow) or when required to document an ad-hoc inspection.
- The detailed inspection form used for monthly inspection

These forms can be found at the location indicated in Table 7-1. All areas of the form must be filled.

Table 7-5 summarizes the inspection documentation and the responsibilities of those involved with creating them and reviewing them. Table 7-6 summarizes the routine visual inspection roles and responsibilities, suggested frequency, and scope in function of the alert level of the structure.

The frequency for inspection of a structure will vary based on its TARP level and needs to be updated in the Instrument Analysis Log if it changes.

For the structures that have an orange TARP level, the weekly update report needs to be written with the following information:

- Context on why the structure is at the orange level

- Change in condition since the last weekly report
- Description of the mitigation plan and what actions have been taken since the last update report
- Discussion on the results of the instrumentation data.

Table 6-5: Summary of Inspection Documentation Responsibilities

| Routine Visual inspection type | Documentation to be generated                                  | Documentation content                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Inspection officer responsibilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Reviewing officer responsibilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monthly visual inspection      | Visual inspection report<br><br>Photographs                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Summary of visual observations during the inspection (including inactive features)</li><li>- Discussion on the progress of former inspection observations</li><li>- Documentation of the performance indicator versus the threshold criteria (water level, seepage rate, visual observation)</li><li>- Map of where the visual observations are located (including past observation with date)</li><li>- Representative photos with caption and a clear way of locating where they are taken.</li><li>- Action items to be taken following the inspection (operation, maintenance, or surveillance) with a Priority listing as well as an Owner.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Perform the inspection as per the OMS frequency. All components of the structure must be accessed on foot and the performance visually assessed (access, earthwork, sump, pumping system, instruments).</li><li>- Immediately report adverse conditions to the Water &amp; Geotech Coordinator</li><li>- Take pictures to supplement the inspection. As much as possible, these are to be taken from the same vantage points during each inspection so that changes in conditions can be readily identified. All areas having abnormal condition (active or inactive or no longer visible) must be photographed. Photos must be annotated or captioned and must include a date stamp.</li><li>- Store electronically all photos and the inspection form (even those not included in the report)</li><li>- Fill all information in the proper inspection form.</li><li>- Update the surveillance activity tracking tool.</li><li>- Sign the inspection form as the person having done the inspection and ensure that the reviewer is aware that the document is ready to be reviewed.</li><li>-</li></ul>                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ensure that all required information is present as per requirement.</li><li>- Ensure that the indicators do not trigger a change in alert level.</li><li>- Review and approve the action items and ensure that they are assigned an Owner.</li><li>- Ensure the inspection recommendation tracking tool is updated accordingly.</li><li>- If there is a change in recommendation status, ensure that the recommendations are distributed to the appropriate stakeholder based on R&amp;R defined in Section 2.</li><li>- Sign the inspection form as a reviewer.</li><li>- Ensure the surveillance activity tracking tool is updated.</li><li>- Distribute the inspection results to the Meadowbank Geotechnical Engineering e-mail list and to responsible of action item</li><li>-</li></ul> |
| Weekly Yellow TARP inspection  | Weekly structure-specific inspection report<br><br>Photographs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Summary of visual observations during the inspection (including inactive features)</li><li>- Discussion on the progress of former inspection observations</li><li>- Discussion on the progress of the conditions that are related to the yellow TARP level change.</li><li>- Documentation of the performance indicator versus the threshold criteria (water level, seepage rate, visual observation)</li><li>- Representative photos with caption and a clear way of locating where they are taken.</li></ul> Action items to be taken following the inspection (operation, maintenance, or surveillance) with a Priority listing as well as an Owner.    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Perform the inspection as per the OMS frequency. All components of the structure must be accessed on foot and the performance visually assessed (access, earthwork, sump, pumping system, instruments).</li><li>- Pay a special attention to the conditions in relation to what triggered the change in TARP level.</li><li>- Immediately report adverse conditions to the Water &amp; Geotech Coordinator</li><li>- Take pictures to supplement the inspection. As much as possible, these are to be taken from the same vantage points during each inspection so that changes in conditions can be readily identified. All areas having abnormal condition (active or inactive or no longer visible) must be photographed. Photos must be annotated or captioned and must include a date stamp.</li><li>- Store electronically all photos and the inspection form (even those not included in the report)</li><li>- Fill all information in the proper inspection form.</li><li>- Update the surveillance activity tracking tool.</li><li>- Sign the inspection form as the person having done the inspection and ensure that the reviewer is aware that the document is ready to be reviewed.</li><li>-</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ensure that all required information is present as per requirement.</li><li>- Ensure that the indicators do not trigger a change in alert level.</li><li>- Review and approve the action items and ensure that they are assigned an Owner.</li><li>- Ensure the inspection recommendation tracking tool is updated accordingly.</li><li>- If there is a change in recommendation status, ensure that the recommendations are distributed to the appropriate stakeholder based on R&amp;R defined in Section 2.</li><li>- Sign the inspection form as a reviewer.</li><li>- Ensure the surveillance activity tracking tool is updated.</li></ul> Distribute the inspection results to the EOR, the Meadowbank Geotechnical Engineering e-mail list and to responsible of action item            |
| Weekly inspection (freshet)    | Weekly inspection form<br><br>Photographs                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Summary of visual observations during the inspection</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Perform the inspection as per the OMS frequency. All components of the structure must be visually assessed (access, earthwork, sump, pumping system, instruments).</li><li>- Use and fill in the inspection form</li><li>- Notify the Water &amp; Geotech Coordinator if actions or further investigation are required</li><li>- Immediately report adverse conditions to the Water &amp; Geotech Coordinator</li><li>- Take pictures to supplement the inspection.</li><li>- Store electronically all photos in full resolution</li><li>- Update the surveillance activity tracking tool</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Update the inspection recommendation tracking tool if required.</li><li>- Ensure that the indicators do not trigger a change in alert level.</li><li>- Ensure a special visual inspection is conducted if change in conditions is noted as detailed in section 6.3.2.2</li><li>-</li><li>- Follow-up on identified actions</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

Table 6-6: Summary of Routine Inspection Requirements (frequency, reporting, distribution)

| Structure                                                                        | TARP Level | Person Responsible                           | Inspection Frequency                               | Reporting                                                                   | Inspection Reviewer                                            | Distribution List                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SD1, SD2, SD3, SD4, SD5, Central Dike, Stormwater Dike, NCIS, NC Diversion Ditch | Green      | Geotech Engineer / Project Technician        | Monthly from Mid-May to Mid-October                | Visual inspection form                                                      | Geotechnical Engineer and/or Water & Geotechnical Coordinator  | Meadowbank Geotechnical Eng e-mail list, recommendation Owner                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                  |            |                                              | Weekly during period of flow (from May to October) | Integrated Inspection form for each component (in-pit, pond, dike, channel) |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                  | Yellow     |                                              | Monthly                                            | Visual inspection form                                                      |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                  |            |                                              | Weekly                                             | Specific simplified inspection form                                         |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                  | Orange     | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator             | Weekly                                             | Report on summary of surveillance activity + status of mitigation action    | Environment Superintendent and/or EOR (left at EOR discretion) | Meadowbank Geotechnical Eng e-mail list, EOR, recommendation Owner<br><br>+ Weekly Update sent to: Designer, MBK-IRB, General Superintendent Technical Services |
|                                                                                  |            |                                              | Monthly                                            | Visual inspection form                                                      |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                  |            |                                              | Daily                                              | Integrated Inspection form                                                  |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| TSF Pond, Tailings Distribution and Pumping Infrastructure – Operation           | Green      | Dewatering Engineer or Geotechnical Engineer | Monthly                                            | Visual inspection form                                                      | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator                               | Meadowbank Geotechnical Eng e-mail list, EOR, recommendation Owner                                                                                              |
|                                                                                  |            |                                              | Weekly during period of flow (from May to October) | Integrated Inspection form for each component (in-pit, pond, dike, channel) |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                  | Yellow     |                                              | Monthly                                            | Visual inspection form                                                      |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                  |            |                                              | Weekly                                             | Specific simplified inspection form                                         |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                  | Orange     |                                              | Weekly                                             | Report on summary of surveillance activity + status of mitigation action    | Environment Superintendent and/or EOR (left at EOR discretion) | Meadowbank Geotechnical Eng e-mail list, EOR, recommendation Owner<br><br>+ Weekly Update sent to General Superintendent Technical Services                     |
|                                                                                  |            |                                              | Monthly                                            | Visual inspection form                                                      |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                  |            |                                              | Daily                                              | Integrated Inspection form                                                  |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                 |

### **6.3.2.2 Special Visual Inspection**

Special inspections are conducted during and after unusual or extreme events that may impact the facility or after a site observation noticed a change in condition that is deemed significant to the Water & Geotechnical Coordinator. Special inspections are conducted by qualified personnel from the Environment Team. The Engineer of Record or the Independent Review Board or the Designer could be asked to join these inspections based on the circumstance of the event (left at the RP and EOR discretion). This inspection will be recorded using the inspection form using the same procedure for review and documentation. A memo might also accompany these inspections based on the circumstances of the event (left at the EOR and RP discretion).

Special visual inspections must be done on each structure after each of these events:

- At the end of dewatering once the downstream toe is exposed
- Following a blast that exceeds the vibration limits of the structure
- After an earthquake
- After a high intensity rainfall event (higher than a 1:2 years recurrence (25 mm in 24 hr)
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### **6.3.2.3 Annual Geotechnical Inspection**

The Annual Geotechnical Inspection is a requirement of the Water License. It is a more comprehensive technical inspection, integrating inspections and results of monitoring instruments. This inspection is conducted annually by an external geotechnical engineer to have a more complete understanding of the facility performance and to identify deficiencies in performance or opportunity for improvement. This will also provide information to be used to revise the OMS manual.

For the Meadowbank tailings and water management infrastructure, such inspection must occur on an annual basis by the end of the flow period (July to September). The following components need to be inspected during this review:

- Saddle Dam 1, Saddle Dam 2, Saddle Dam 3, Saddle Dam 4, Saddle Dam 5, North Cell Internal Structure, Stormwater Dike, Central Dike
- North Cell Pond and South Cell Pond and reclaim infrastructure
- Tailings deposition infrastructure
- Ditches and channels

In addition to field inspection the following points should be addressed during the review:

- Review of inspection reports performed since the last review
- Review of instruments data
- Identify deficiencies in performance or opportunity for improvement
- Review performance indicator, operational control, and operational threshold criteria
- Review and provide recommendations regarding the OMS for the following year

After each annual inspection, a report must be submitted to the Responsible Person which includes the results of the inspection and addresses all points above. These reports will be stored electronically. The recommendation must respect the priority nomenclature. The Responsible Person will ensure that an action plan is developed to address the recommendations and will transmit the report and the action plan to the EoR.

#### **6.3.2.4 EOR Inspection**

As per AEM Governance on Critical Infrastructure, on an annual basis the EOR will perform a site visit to inspect the infrastructure and review the various components of the water and tailings management system. The results of this inspection will be summarized in an annual report transmitted to the RP and the AEO. The RP will ensure that an action plan is developed to address the recommendations of the EOR inspection.

#### **6.3.2.5 Independent Review Board Meeting (MBK-IRB)**

The name of the Independent Review Board for the Meadowbank Complex is the Meadowbank Independent Review Board (MBK-IRB).

An annual MDRB meeting will be held every year. The following topics are part of the annual IRB scope of work:

- Site visit (between June and October) of all infrastructure covered by the scope of the IRB
- Review of mine waste management strategy (including tailings and waste rock storage facilities)
- Review tailings management infrastructure designs and performance (including water retaining infrastructures)
- Review of on-going construction works and monitoring data
- Comment on implementation progress of proposed mine waste management improvement measures
- Provide opinions and guidance to the operation on the physical integrity, safety, behavior, and performance of the confinement systems for mine waste and water retaining infrastructures
- Comment on management systems, emergency preparedness and overall management approach of the different mine waste management facilities and water retaining infrastructures

Other events that could trigger a IRB meeting are:

- Presentation of design of new critical infrastructure
- Major modifications to the design or design criteria
- Discovery of unusual conditions that can compromise the integrity of the Tailings Dikes
- After extreme hydrological or seismic events
- Decommissioning

The IRB will submit a report outlining their observations and recommendations following each meeting. The RP will ensure that an action plan is developed to address the recommendations and will transmit the report and the action plan to the EOR.

#### **6.3.2.6 Independent Dike Safety Review (DSR)**

Independent dike safety reviews (DSR) are carried out by an independent third party with the EOR, if possible, to review all aspects of the design, construction, operation, maintenance, processes, and other systems affecting dike safety, including the dike safety management system. The DSR defines and encompasses all components of the “dike system” under evaluation including the dikes, foundations, abutments, instrumentation, and seepage collection works.

A DSR will be organized as per the MAC proposed frequency by the Responsible Person and will be done according to the Dam Safety Guideline (CDA, 2013). The first DSR for the Meadowbank tailings management infrastructure was performed in 2022.

### **6.4 INSTRUMENT MONITORING PROGRAM – DATA ACQUISITION**

Instrument monitoring provides information on parameters or characteristics that cannot be detected through site observation or inspections, cannot be observed with sufficient precision and accuracy, or need to be monitored at high frequency or continuously.

The objective of instrument monitoring is to collect data to be used to assess the performance of the infrastructures against the performance objectives and indicators and the critical controls (refer to Table 4-2). Instrument monitoring and inspections work together as a comprehensive data set to enable assessment of the tailings management infrastructure performance and to provide a basis for informed decision making. All are essential, and none of these forms of surveillance can be neglected if performance objectives are to be met and risks are to be managed.

More information on the type of in-situ instruments installed on each structure, how they were installed, and their location can be found in Section 3.7 of this OMS manual.

Table 6-7 indicates the type of information collected through instrument monitoring and how it is collected. Table 6-8 summarizes the data acquisition programs related to instrument monitoring. Table 6-8 also goes over the required water level surveys at Meadowbank; this information is used by the Environment Team to update the water movement log and water balance and is vital information for ensuring the freeboard of the Tailings Dikes is respected.

**Table 6-7: Information Collected Using Instrument Monitoring**

| <b>Direct collection of information</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In-situ thermistors to measure temperature profile within the structure and its foundation</li><li>• In-situ piezometer to measure pore-water pressure providing information about flow of water through the structure and foundation stability</li><li>• Airborne survey to monitor vertical settlement and deformation</li><li>• Survey of dike crest to provide validation on settlement and deformation</li><li>• Blast monitor to inform on potential impact of blasting vibration on the structure</li><li>• Flow meters and seepage monitoring stations to inform on volume of water movement</li></ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Surveys conducted to measure ice cover, water level, and update height and slope of containment structure</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Collection of information from remote sensing</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data acquired from airborne survey to generate detailed topographic map</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Collection of information based on laboratory analyses</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water quality analysis of seepage and surface runoff reporting to sump</li><li>• Water quality analysis in groundwater wells in pits</li><li>• Water quality analysis of water discharged through diffuser to inform on Environmental compliance</li><li>• Water quality analysis of water stored in the various ponds on site to inform on water movement decisions</li></ul> |
| <b>Collection of information related to the conduct of OMS activities</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Automatic data collection and transmission system for in-situ instruments (datalogger, solar panel, antenna, battery)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Table 6-8: Summaries of Data Acquisition Programs Related to Instrument Monitoring of the Meadowbank Tailings Management Infrastructure**

| Instrument Monitoring               | Location of Monitoring <sup>(3)</sup>                             | Parameter Measured                                                              | Acquisition Methodology                                                            | Standard Acquisition Frequency                                                                                                                                           | Acquisition Responsible                                          | Documentation Methodology <sup>(1)</sup>                                                    | Documentation Responsible        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Thermistors                         | SD1, SD2, SD3, SD4, SD5, RF1, RF2, SWD, CD, NCIS, North Cell Pond | Temperature (°C°) point for each bead on the chain                              | In-situ instrument connected to automatic data acquisition and transmission system | New data are acquired and transmitted to VDV every 3 hrs                                                                                                                 | Environment Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Data are documented in VDV <sup>(2)</sup>                                                   | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator |
| Piezometer                          | Central Dike, Stormwater Dike                                     | Pressure (kPa) point for each instrument                                        | In-situ instrument connected to automatic data acquisition and transmission system | New data are acquired and transmitted to VDV every 3 hrs                                                                                                                 | Environment Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Data are documented in VDV <sup>(2)</sup>                                                   | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator |
| Blast Monitor                       | SD1, SD2, SD3, SD4, SD5, RF1, RF2, SWD, CD, NCIS, North Cell Pond | Peak particle velocity (PPV) measured by the blast monitor (mm/s)               | Placement of blast monitor at a predetermined area on the dike                     | Before each blast in the blast radius of the dike                                                                                                                        | Environment Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Update the blast vibration log                                                              | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator |
| Flow Meter                          | Central Dike D/S                                                  | Volume of water pumped (m³)                                                     | Flowmeter connected to HMI system (remote data acquisition)                        | Daily when pump is operating<br><br>Or<br><br>Continuously if connected to HMI                                                                                           | E&I Superintendent→<br><br>E&I Operation G.S                     | Pumpsheet reading entered in water balance<br><br>Or<br><br>Historian (if connected to HMI) | E&I Operation G.S                |
| Survey Shot                         | All TSF ponds (including In-Pit)                                  | Elevation of the water level (minimum precision of 3 mm required)               | Take a water/ice level at a predetermined area                                     | From May to September; once per week for all water bodies, (except Goose Pit and Central Dike D/S (monthly))<br><br>From October to April: monthly to confirm PZ reading | Environment Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Water Level Survey file                                                                     | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator |
| Bathymetry / Scan of Tailings Beach | North Cell / South Cell / In-Pit                                  | Aerial and sub-aerial topography                                                | Surveyor/contractor will take a scan and a bathymetry with a boat                  | At least once per year (scan for NC and SC, bathymetry for in-pit)                                                                                                       | Environment Superintendent →<br>Contractor                       | Integrated in the tailings deposition plan                                                  | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator |
| Airborne Survey                     | All tailings management infrastructure                            | Topographic aerial survey made using drone. Measurement of structure settlement | Take a drone survey                                                                | Once in June and once in September at CD and SWD                                                                                                                         | Environment Superintendent →<br>Water & Geotechnical Coordinator | Within drone survey database                                                                | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator |
| Water Quality <sup>(4)</sup>        | Refer to Water Management Plan                                    | Parameters indicated within water management plan                               | Water quality sample taken and sent for laboratory analyses                        | Acquisition frequency within water management plan                                                                                                                       | Environment General Supervisor                                   | Within Env water quality database                                                           | Environment General Supervisor   |
| Groundwater Well                    | Refer to Groundwater Management Plan                              | Parameters indicated within groundwater management plan                         | Water quality sample taken and sent for laboratory analyses                        | Acquisition frequency within groundwater management plan                                                                                                                 | Environment General Supervisor                                   | Within Env water quality database                                                           | Environment General Supervisor   |

(1) Refer to section 6.7 for more information on reporting methodology and the frequency of reporting  
(2) Refer to section 6.7 on how to present instrumentation data from VDV in a report  
(3) Exact location of each instrument can be found in the instrumentation database  
(4) Location of water quality sampling point can be found in water management plan

## **6.5 ADDING INSTRUMENTS TO THE MONITORING PROGRAM**

Any addition of instruments to the monitoring program must be validated by the Acquisition Responsible in Table 6-8. The addition of a new type of monitoring needs to be validated by the structure owner Superintendent. In-situ instrument installation must be recorded in an as-built report and added to the instrumentation database and map. After each installation of instrumentation, the following must be done:

- Document the calibration sheet and initial data reading
- Document instrument specification (manufacturer sheet)
- Document information to which datalogger the instrument is connected
- Survey instrument coordinates (x,y,z)
- If the instrument is drilled, a schematic view of the depth of the instrument versus the stratigraphy must be produced
- Photo of installation must be documented
- Update the structure layout with the location of the new instruments
- Update the instrument database of the structure

## **6.6 ANALYSIS OF SURVEILLANCE RESULTS**

For the effective use of surveillance results in decision making, results must be collated, examined, analysed, and reported in a timely and effective manner.

For visual inspections, the process of analyzing the data and communicating the results is described in Sections 6.6.1 and 6.6.2 and happens while the inspection is done, and the report is sent. The information gained from the analysis of these results is then compared during the inspection and reviewed against the TARP criteria which will then indicate the action to take if performance indicators are not met.

For the instrumentation monitoring to be effective, the data must be reviewed, analysed, and reported at the proper frequency. Table 6-9 summarizes the requirements for review, analyses, and reporting of instrumentation data.

The person performing an instrumentation data review needs to update the Instrument Analysis Log each time an instrument result has been analyzed and reviewed.

### 6.6.1 Procedure to Review Piezometer and Thermistor Data

While the use of an automatic data acquisition system eases the collection and review of instruments data there are certain pitfalls that need to be avoided to ensure a proper analysis. When doing a formal instrument review according to Table 6-9 it is important to fill in the instrumentation analysis tool and to ensure the following:

#### Piezometer (PZ):

- When reviewing PZ data it is important to look at the associated temperature of the instrument. A PZ which ever recorded data below 0 degrees should be considered unreliable. A frozen piezometer's data should not be relied upon.
- When reviewing PZ data it is important to understand the piezometric regime of the instrument and what is the expected pressure profile. PZ data should be analyzed in context of where the instrument is installed and on the expected reading. It is not recommended to only look at the variation of the reading and all piezometers should have readings associated with a trigger. If there is no trigger for the instrument and only a differential reading is examined (fall and rise) then the following must be considered in the review and analysis:
  - Ensure that the vertical scale is adequate. Scale use must allow to notice change at the scale of decimeter. A 1 m change rise or fall is a very significant event that must be examined. If the vertical scale is too big a significant increase can easily be masked.
  - Ensure that the data are reviewed at various timescales. When reviewing an instrument data, the data should be looked at a multi-year scale (to see cyclical trend), a monthly scale and a weekly scale.
  - Try to correlate increases and decreases in piezometric readings with change in the environment (change in water level, change in pumping activity, freezing of the ground, nearby blasting, progression of a nearby excavation).
- Piezometers must be analyzed in groups and arrays, rather than only one by one. It is important to compare a piezometer to others in the same section or in the same area, to understand how stable or evolving is the flow regime. One should make sure that all gradients (across the structure, vertical and lateral) are stable over time. Changes in gradient magnitude or direction are indicators of flow regime changes that can result in internal erosion processes.

#### Thermistor (TH):

To effectively review TH data it is important to understand what the purpose is. Displacement graphs showing a TH profile at set times in function of the elevation should not solely be used for such review. It is important to also consider the time series graphs to detect subtle trends and the thermal profile (colour map) for long term behavior.

- When reviewing a TH installed in a structure that must maintain a foundation in permafrost to perform (all Saddle Dams, NCIS) the objective of the TH is to ensure that the design intent is met. The TH review needs to focus on the active layer depth, and behaviour of the permafrost (aggradation, degradation, stable). It is especially important to look at the thermal profile

- located in the low permeability element of the design (foundation). If a permafrost degradation trend beyond the active layer is observed progressing toward the foundation it must be raised as a concern. To review the performance of these structures, time series and thermal graphs are effective and displacement graphs should not be relied upon alone.
- When reviewing a TH installed in talik or in a structure that does not require permafrost condition to perform (Central Dike, Stormwater Dike) the objective of the TH is to identify potential seepage pathways (correlation between water temperature and TH reading) as well as to monitor the evolution of the thermal condition (as some PZ behavior can be explained by change in thermal profile). The review of the instrument must focus on the link between the lake temperature and the TH temperature (as well as the delay in correlation) as well as the general progression of the thermal profile over multiple years. To do this review a combination of displacement graph, time series and thermal profile should be used. Trends of permafrost aggradation should be looked for while reviewing such instruments.

Table 6-9: Requirements for Review, Analysis, and Reporting of Instrument Data

| Instrumentation                 | TARP Level | Expected Range of Observation          | Responsible for Review & Analysis                     | Frequency of Review                                                                              | Responsible for Documentation                         | Documentation Frequency                                            | Reporting Strategy                                                        |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Piezometer, Thermistor          | Green      | Defined in TARP of each structure      | Geotechnical Engineer                                 | Monthly, quarterly or yearly. As defined in instrument alert level and review frequency document | Geotechnical Engineer                                 | As defined in instrument alert level and review frequency document | Annual Geotechnical Report and MBK-IRB Presentation                       |
|                                 | Yellow     | Defined in TARP of each structure      | Geotechnical Engineer                                 | Weekly (for instrument related to the TARP increase failure mode)                                | Geotechnical Engineer                                 | Weekly (for instrument related to the TARP increase failure mode)  |                                                                           |
|                                 | Orange     | Defined in TARP of each structure      | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator (can't be delegated) | Daily (for instrument related to the TARP increase failure mode)                                 | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator (can't be delegated) | Daily (for instrument related to the TARP increase failure mode)   |                                                                           |
| Water Level                     | Any        | Defined in TARP of each structure      | Geotechnical Engineer                                 | Daily                                                                                            | Geotechnical Engineer                                 | Daily water level update in the E&I management meeting minute file | Annual Geotechnical Report and MBK-IRB Presentation, TWG Quarterly Update |
| Blast Monitor                   | Any        | PPV> 50 mm/s                           | Geotechnical Engineer                                 | After retrieving a blast monitor on a tailings management structure                              | Geotechnical Engineer                                 | Documented in the Annual Geotechnical Report                       | Annual Geotechnical Report                                                |
| Flow Meter / Seepage Monitoring | Green      | Defined in TARP of each structure      | Geotechnical Engineer                                 | Weekly                                                                                           | Geotechnical Engineer                                 | Documented in each inspection form                                 | Annual Geotechnical Report and MBK-IRB Presentation                       |
|                                 | Yellow     | Defined in TARP of each structure      | Geotechnical Engineer                                 | Weekly                                                                                           | Geotechnical Engineer                                 | Documented in each inspection form                                 |                                                                           |
|                                 | Orange     | Defined in TARP of each structure      | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator (can't be delegated) | Daily                                                                                            | Water & Geotechnical Coordinator (can't be delegated) | Included within weekly update report                               |                                                                           |
| Water Quality                   | Any        | Defined in Water Management Plan       | Environment Coordinator                               | As per water management plan                                                                     | Environment General Supervisor                        | As per water management plan                                       | As per water management plan                                              |
| Groundwater Quality             | Any        | Defined in Groundwater Management Plan | Environment Coordinator                               | As per groundwater management plan                                                               | Environment General Supervisor                        | As per groundwater management plan                                 | As per groundwater management plan                                        |
| Settlement / Deformation        | Any        | Defined in TARP of each structure      | Geotechnical Engineer                                 | After each survey                                                                                | Geotechnical Engineer                                 | Included within inspection report of the period                    | Annual Geotechnical Report and MBK-IRB Presentation                       |

### **6.6.2 Procedure If Data Exceeds Expected Range of Observation**

If data exceeding the expected range of observation or anomalous data readings are observed or an instrument alert is triggered, the following actions need to be taken by the person reviewing the instrument:

Anomalous instrumentation data examples are presented in Table 6-10. These anomalies could happen without triggering a TARP level change and need to be investigated and recorded in the instrumentation analysis tool:

- Re-read to check the reading (if the reading is from VDV, take a manual reading in the field)
- If the instrument is connected to a datalogger ask the Project technician to check readout equipment to verify that it is functioning correctly and to verify calibration
- If instrument has stopped functioning, notify the Water & Geotechnical Coordinator immediately. If considered critical, a replacement instrument should be installed.
- If an anomalous reading is confirmed, a detailed review of the effects of the reading should be carried out and design or remedial actions should be implemented if determined necessary by the Water & Geotechnical Coordinator. Any malfunctioning instrument or frozen piezometer must be documented.
- In the case of valid data that would exceed the TARP level perform a special inspection if possible
- If the triggered alert is judged to be within normal range the alert threshold should be increased and documented. Modified alert level review needs to be approved by the Water & Geotechnical Coordinator and is to be included in the scope of the external geotechnical inspection.

Before modifying the TARP level due to in-situ instrumentation or readings that cannot be confirmed by visual observation, the EOR must be consulted for further guidance.

**Table 6-10: Examples of Anomalous Data and Some Common Causes**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Thermistors</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase or decrease in measurements (over two or more readings) that cannot be explained by seasonal temperature variations</li> <li>• Progressive loss of data (starting from the bottom and progressing). This is usually a sign of water infiltration</li> <li>• Observation of a spike in temperature in one bead. This is usually due to a capacitive effect</li> <li>• Loss of data (could be a transmission error, faulty hardware, a sheared cable, or no more battery power)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Piezometer</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase or decrease in pore water pressure measurements that cannot be explained by seasonal lake level variations (verify that the instrument has not been installed in a casing). Also verify if the trend is seasonal. This sometimes can be observed in the winter in instruments installed in former talik areas that are freezing back</li> <li>• Sharp increase in reading. Verify that the instrument is not frozen. If multiple instruments are impacted at the same time verify the barometer reading</li> <li>• Loss of data (could be a transmission error, faulty hardware, a sheared cable, or no more battery power). Especially true if several instruments are lost at the same time or if it is the winter</li> </ul> |
| <b>Blast Monitor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vibrations during a blast are not observed (the blast was cancelled, the blast monitor was not properly installed, or vibrations were too weak to be recorded)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Flowmeter, Survey Shot</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase or decrease of a flowmeter reading that are inconsistent with pumping rate or rainfall or observed water level</li> <li>• Survey elevation that has a sharp fluctuation from last reading. This can be caused by the reading not being taken at the right location, wave actions, or daily variances in GPS signal</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

#### **6.6.2.1 Blast Monitoring**

If a reading exceeding the PPV limit for a tailings management structure (50 mm/s) is observed, this event must be communicated to the drill and blast engineer who will need to ensure that the blasting pattern is modified to avoid re-occurrence of this event. Afterward, a special inspection will need to be done on the structure to look for changes in condition.

If more than one occurrence of blast vibration exceeding the limit is observed within a 2-week period, the Environment Superintendent needs to be notified of the situation.

## 6.7 INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTING

Instrumentation monitoring results and analysis are documented in the Instrumentation Analysis Log of each structure.

Instrumentation data reporting is done through the Annual Inspection Report Process and during the MBK-IRB annual presentation. Instrumentation reports might also be requested for specific structures by the RP or EOR following changes in observed condition or before/after a change in TARP Level.

The goal of instrumentation reporting is to present a summary of the instrument monitoring done for the period as well as the item of interest for the performance of the structure. It is not required in an instrumentation report to present all instrumentation graphs in a structure but the summary of the instrumentation analysis and monitoring trends for the period need to be summarized. Graphs should only be presented if they are there to support the analysis (show cyclical trend, show trend being closely followed, show example of a type of trend that can be observed in several instruments). Table 6-11 describes how instrumentation graphs should be reported when they are included in the report.

Instrumentation reports need to include the following information:

- Layout of each structure covered by the report showing all the instruments installed on the structure
- Table presenting all the instruments installed on each structure, their status, and pertinent installation information
- Summary of the monitoring done on the structure for the period and if surveillance objectives were met for the period
- Indicator on the instrumentation system on the structure (how many instruments installed and how many are operational). The report must include a discussion on whether the coverage is sufficient or whether it is recommended to replace instruments to maintain coverage in some areas
- Analysis of each type of instruments trend (PZ, TH, inclinometer, water level, seepage) and how the data relate to the performance objective and indicator of the structure
- Discussion on anomalous trends and their potential cause
- Graph relevant to the analysis. The graph needs to be presented in a way that allows for data interpretation without referring to other documents. The graph also need to follow the guideline of Table 6-11. In general, it is expected to present one graph per type of trend observed for operational instruments. Non-operational instrument graphs should not be presented
- Actionable recommendation having priority, owner, and due date
- The graph needs to present data for a minimum period of 1 year. Higher recurrence should be presented if clarity of the presented information allows it

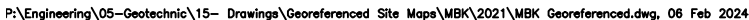
**Table 6-11: Data Presentation for Instrumentation Monitoring Report**

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| <b>Thermistor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature vs. depth plots over time presented as a colour map should be the main way to present thermal data if the goal is to present general thermal trend</li> <li>• The plot needs to indicate relevant stratigraphy and their depth</li> <li>• In vertical displacement plots the thermistor string reference number and date of each measurement presented should be included. The number of readings presented need to be minimized so that it is easy to understand why this plot is presented. Otherwise use a colour map plot. This plot is best used when looking at a sudden thermal change over a small period of time</li> <li>• Historical plot needs to be presented with a cross-section of the installation (if on a structure) as well as a plan view showing the instrument location. These plots are best used to present a potential seepage location and should be accompanied with the lake temperature data</li> </ul> |
| <b>Piezometer</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plots of total head as elevation versus time. These plots are very scale sensitive and are generally not the best to show several instruments having different scales of reading</li> <li>• When presenting PZ reading to assess the effectiveness of a liner it is important to present the various PZ reading for a horizontal cross-section through the liner.</li> <li>• Plot needs to be presented with a cross-section of the installation showing lithology with depth as well as a plan view showing the instrument location</li> <li>• The plot needs to indicate the instrument number, the dates of each measurement, and mention if the temperature read by the instrument is less than 0 degrees</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Inclinometer</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cumulative displacement plots (to view total displacement)</li> <li>• Incremental displacement plots (to present increasing or accelerating movements between readings)</li> <li>• Cumulative displacement at crest versus time</li> <li>• Time plots at zones of identified displacement</li> <li>• Both elevations and depths should be presented together with the lithology</li> <li>• A plan view needs to be included showing the instruments locations</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Settlement Map</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is recommended to provide a plan view colour map of the settlement using a calibrated drone survey</li> <li>• If presenting settlement monument survey the following info must be included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Total net movement plots (to present total displacement)</li> <li>○ Vertical displacement plots</li> <li>○ Lateral displacement plots parallel and perpendicular to the dike axis</li> <li>○ The plot needs to indicate the survey monument number, what is considered positive and negative displacement, and the dates of each measurement</li> <li>○ A plan view needs to be included showing the instruments locations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## **6.8 DATA MANAGEMENT**

An electronic library or database, which is easily accessible, shall be set up to catalogue and store inspection documents, maintenance reports, and instrumentation measurements. Section 6.1 indicates where each of these items must be stored.

**Appendix A**  
**SITE LAYOUT**



## **Appendix B**

### **DESIGN CRITERIA AND ANNUAL PROBABILITY OF FAILURE**

**Table B-1 : Tailings Management Earthwork Design Criteria**

| <b>Structures</b>                                      | <b>Classification<br/>(CDA<br/>2007/2013)</b> | <b>Side slope</b>                                        | <b>Crest elevation<br/>(m)</b> | <b>Length (m)</b> | <b>Construction period</b>                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saddle Dam 1</b>                                    | High                                          | US 3H:1V<br>DS 1.3H:1V                                   | 150                            | ~ 400             | 2009 (El. 141 m)<br>2010 (El. 150 m)                                                             |
| <b>Saddle Dam 2</b>                                    | High                                          | US 3H:1V<br>DS 1.5H:1V                                   | 150                            | ~460              | 2011 (El.150 m)                                                                                  |
| <b>Saddle Dam 3</b>                                    | High                                          | US 3H:1V<br>DS 1.5H:1V                                   | 150                            | ~245              | 2015 (El.140 m)<br>2016 (El.143 m)<br>2017-2018 (El.145 m)                                       |
| <b>Saddle Dam 4</b>                                    | High                                          | US 3H:1V<br>DS 1.5H:1V                                   | 143                            | ~365              | 2015 (El.140 m)<br>2016 (El.143 m)<br>2017 (El.145 m)                                            |
| <b>Saddle Dam 5</b>                                    | High                                          | US 3H:1V<br>DS 1.5H:1V                                   | 143                            | ~255              | 2016 (El.143 m)<br>2017 (El.145 m)                                                               |
| <b>RF1</b>                                             | -                                             | US 1.5H:1V<br>DS 1.5H:1V                                 | 150                            | ~400              | 2009<br>2013 (Till Plug)                                                                         |
| <b>RF2</b>                                             | -                                             | US 1.5H:1V<br>US 1.5H:1V                                 | 150                            | ~281              | 2009                                                                                             |
| <b>Central Dike</b>                                    | High                                          | US 2 H:1V<br>El.130<br>US 3H:1V El.<br>130<br>DS 1.5H:1V | 150                            | ~900              | 2012 (El.110 m)<br>2013 (El. 115 m)<br>2014 (El.132 m)<br>2016 (El.143 m)<br>2017-2018(El.145 m) |
| <b>Stormwater Dike</b>                                 | High                                          | US 3H:1V<br>DS 1.3H:1V                                   | 150                            | ~1000             | 2009 (El.140 m)<br>2010 (El.148 m)<br>2013 (El.150 m)                                            |
| <b>North Cell Internal<br/>Structure</b>               | Significant                                   | US 3H:1V<br>DS 1.5H:1V                                   | Variable El.152-<br>154        | ~2160             | 2018 (Variable El.152-154)                                                                       |
| <b>South Cell<br/>Internal Structure<br/>(reclaim)</b> | -                                             | US 1.3H:1V<br>DS 1.3H:1V                                 | El 142.5                       | -                 | 2017 (El. 137.2)<br>2019 (El. 142.5)                                                             |

**Table B-2: Design Factors of Safety for the TSF Dikes (extract from Golder, 2008)**

**TABLE 2.3: Factors of Safety for Slope Stability, Static Assessment  
(CDA 2007, Section 6.6, p. 70)**

| Loading Conditions                                          | Minimum Factor-of-Safety | Slope                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| End of construction before reservoir filling                | 1.3                      | Downstream and Upstream |
| Long-term<br>(steady-state seepage, normal reservoir level) | 1.5                      | Downstream              |
| Full or partial rapid drawdown                              | 1.2 to 1.3               | Upstream                |

**TABLE 2.4: Factors of Safety for Slope Stability, Seismic Assessment  
(CDA 2007, Section 6.6, p. 70)**

| Loading Conditions | Minimum Factor-of-Safety |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Pseudo-static      | 1.0                      |
| Post-earthquake    | 1.2-1.3                  |

**TABLE 5.6: Stability Analysis Results Summary – Central Dike**

| Phase                                                  | Crest Elevation (masl) | FoS for Drained Conditions |                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                                        |                        | static (pseudostatic)      |                         |
|                                                        |                        | Upstream Failure Mode      | Downstream Failure Mode |
| Stage 1 Construction                                   | 135                    | 2.1 (1.8)                  | 2.1 (1.9)               |
| Stage 1 Operation                                      | 135                    | >5                         | 2.1 (1.9)               |
| Stage 2 Operation                                      | 145                    | >5                         | 2.0 (1.8)               |
| Stage 3 Operation                                      | 150                    | >5                         | 2.0 (1.8)               |
| Post Closure                                           | 150                    | >5                         | 1.9 (1.5)               |
| Stage 3 Operation on steep downstream foundation slope | 150                    | >5                         | 1.7 (1.5)               |
| Post Closure on steep downstream foundation slope      | 150                    | >5                         | 1.7 (1.5)               |

Station 3+275 represents highest dike section with steep foundation (sloping down in upstream direction),  
 Station 2+950 represents steep downstream foundation slope (sloping down in downstream direction).

**TABLE 5.18: Stability Analysis Results Summary – Divider Dike**

| Crest El.<br>(masl) | FoS for Drained Conditions                     |                                                  |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|                     | Upstream Failure Mode<br>Static (pseudostatic) | Downstream Failure Mode<br>static (pseudostatic) |
| 140                 | 2.5 (2.2)                                      | 2.2 (1.9)                                        |
| 150                 | >5                                             | 1.7 (1.6)                                        |

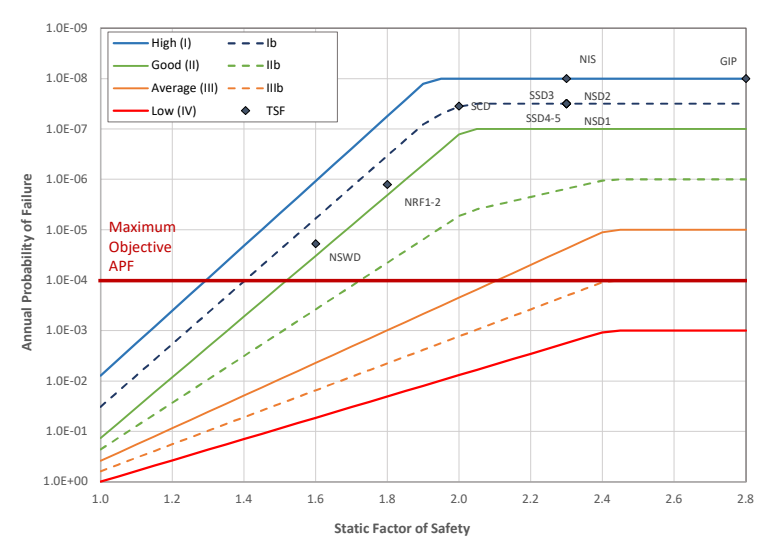
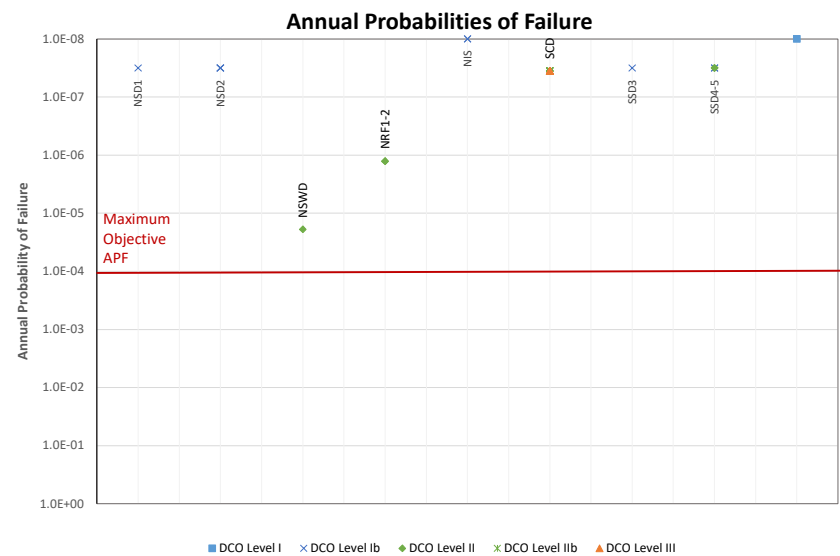
**TABLE 5.20: Stability Analysis Results Summary – Saddle Dams**

| Phase        | Crest El.<br>(masl) | FoS for Drained Conditions<br>static (pseudostatic) |                         |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|              |                     | Upstream Failure Mode                               | Downstream Failure Mode |
| Construction | 141                 | 2.4 (2.1)                                           | 3.1 (2.6)               |
| Stage 1      | 141                 | >5                                                  | 3.1 (2.6)               |
| Stage 2      | 150                 | >5                                                  | 2.3 (2.0)               |
| Closure      | --                  | >5                                                  | 2.3 (2.0)               |

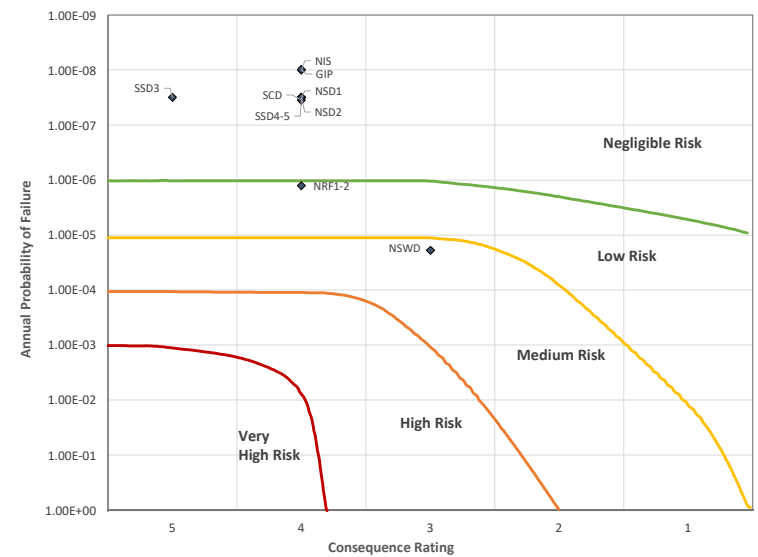
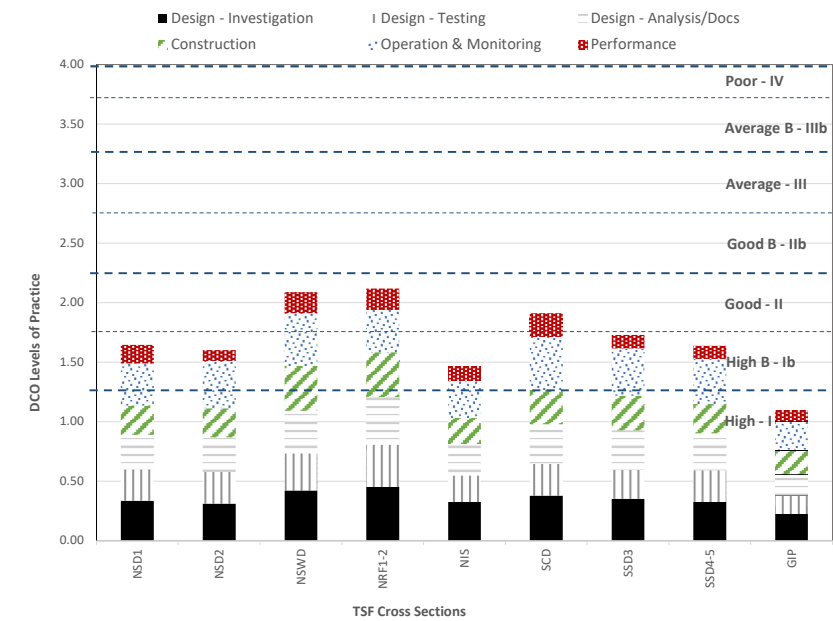
Meadowbank Comparisons on TSFs

| Infrastructures                    | North Cell TSF |          |          |          |          | South Cell TSF |          |          | Goose Pit |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|-----------|
|                                    | NSD1           | NSD2     | NSWD     | NRF1-2   | NIS      | SCD            | SSD3     | SSD4-5   | GIP       |
| FOS Static (Average conditions)    | 2.30           | 2.30     | 1.60     | 1.80     | 2.30     | 2.00           | 2.30     | 2.30     | 2.80      |
| Design - Investigation             | 0.33           | 0.31     | 0.42     | 0.45     | 0.33     | 0.38           | 0.35     | 0.33     | 0.23      |
| Design - Testing                   | 0.27           | 0.27     | 0.31     | 0.36     | 0.22     | 0.27           | 0.24     | 0.27     | 0.16      |
| Design - Analysis/Docs             | 0.29           | 0.29     | 0.36     | 0.40     | 0.27     | 0.33           | 0.33     | 0.31     | 0.18      |
| Construction                       | 0.24           | 0.24     | 0.38     | 0.38     | 0.22     | 0.29           | 0.29     | 0.24     | 0.20      |
| Operation & Monitoring             | 0.36           | 0.40     | 0.44     | 0.36     | 0.31     | 0.44           | 0.40     | 0.38     | 0.25      |
| Performance                        | 0.16           | 0.09     | 0.18     | 0.18     | 0.11     | 0.20           | 0.11     | 0.11     | 0.09      |
| DCO Level                          | 1.64           | 1.60     | 2.09     | 2.12     | 1.46     | 1.91           | 1.73     | 1.64     | 1.09      |
| PoF                                | 3.16E-08       | 3.16E-08 | 1.90E-05 | 1.27E-06 | 1.00E-08 | 3.55E-08       | 3.16E-08 | 3.16E-08 | 1.00E-08  |
| Low PoF                            | 3.16E-08       | 3.16E-08 | 1.40E-05 | 7.71E-07 | 1.00E-08 | 3.05E-08       | 3.16E-08 | 3.16E-08 | 1.00E-08  |
| High PoF                           | 3.16E-08       | 3.16E-08 | 2.40E-05 | 1.77E-06 | 1.00E-08 | 4.05E-08       | 3.16E-08 | 3.16E-08 | 1.00E-08  |
| Health & Safety Consequence Rating | 4              | 4        | 3        | 4        | 3        | 4              | 4        | 4        | 4         |
| Material Damage Consequence Rating | 4              | 4        | 3        | 2        | 4        | 4              | 4        | 4        | 4         |
| Environment Consequence Rating     | 4              | 4        | 2        | 4        | 4        | 4              | 5        | 4        | 4         |
| Community Consequence Rating       | 4              | 4        | 3        | 4        | 3        | 4              | 4        | 4        | 4         |
| Consequence Rating                 | 4              | 4        | 3        | 4        | 4        | 4              | 5        | 4        | 4         |

| Items 1 and 2                                                                                       |                                          | Items 1 and 2                |                                        | Item 9           | Item 10                       | Item 1                    |        | Item 3                             | Item 4                                                                                         | Item 5                                     | Item 7                          |                                               | Item 8                          | Item 11                                 | Item 11                                   |                                                          | Item 12                      | Item 13                                                       | Item 14                                                | Item 15                                                | Item 16                                             | Item 17                                           | Item 18          | Item 19 | Item 20 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|
| Mine Site                                                                                           | Facility Names                           | Current tailings volume (m³) | Tailings volume (m³) in 5 years (2023) | Type of tailings | Infrastructure identifier     | Ownership                 | Status | Year(s) of construction            | Type of Construction                                                                           | Type of Raise Construction (if applicable) | Current Max Dam/Dyke Height (m) | External Review Process in place (see note 1) | Engineer of Record (see note 2) | Latest External Inspection (See note 3) | Relevant engineering records (see note 4) | Potential consequence level after a failure (see note 5) | Guidelines used (see note 6) | Have remedial actions been carried out over time (see note 7) | Internal and external engineering support (see note 8) | Formal analysis of the downstream impacts (see note 9) | Closure plan and long term monitoring (see note 10) | Impact of climate change considered (see note 11) | Additional notes |         |         |
| Meadowbank NU, Canada<br>65°01'25"N<br>96°04'28"W<br>(Meadowbank manages the taillings from Amaruq) | South Cell TSF - Max Capacity = 16.3 Mm³ | 10,420,000                   | 10,800,000                             | Slurry           | Saddle Dam 1                  | Owned and operated by AEM | Active | 2009/2010                          | Tailings retaining infrastructure: Rockfill shell with liner tie-in key trench with transition | Downstream Raise                           | 15.0                            | Yes                                           | Yes                             | 2018 (Golder)                           | Yes                                       | Moderate to high                                         | CDA                          | Yes                                                           | Both                                                   | On-going                                               | Yes                                                 | Yes - being considered                            |                  |         |         |
|                                                                                                     |                                          |                              |                                        |                  | Saddle Dam 2                  | Owned and operated by AEM | Active | 2010/                              | Tailings retaining infrastructure: Rockfill shell with liner tie-in key trench with transition | Downstream Raise                           | 10.0                            | Yes                                           | Yes                             | 2018 (Golder)                           | Yes                                       | Moderate to high                                         | CDA                          | No                                                            | Both                                                   | On-going                                               | Yes                                                 | Yes - being considered                            |                  |         |         |
|                                                                                                     |                                          |                              |                                        |                  | Stormwater Dyke               | Owned and operated by AEM | Active | 2010                               | Tailings retaining infrastructure: Rockfill shell with liner tie-in key trench with transition | Downstream Raise                           | 31.0                            | Yes                                           | Yes                             | 2018 (Golder)                           | Yes                                       | Moderate to high                                         | CDA                          | Yes                                                           | Both                                                   | On-going                                               | Yes                                                 | Yes - being considered                            |                  |         |         |
|                                                                                                     |                                          |                              |                                        |                  | RF1                           | Owned and operated by AEM | Active | 2010                               | Tailings retaining infrastructure: Rockfill embankment with transition                         | Not raised                                 | 12.0                            | Yes                                           | Yes                             | 2018 (Golder)                           | Yes                                       | Moderate to high                                         | CDA                          | No                                                            | Both                                                   | On-going                                               | Yes                                                 | Yes - being considered                            |                  |         |         |
|                                                                                                     |                                          |                              |                                        |                  | RF2                           | Owned and operated by AEM | Active | 2010                               | Tailings retaining infrastructure: Rockfill embankment with transition                         | Not raised                                 | 9.0                             | Yes                                           | Yes                             | 2018 (Golder)                           | Yes                                       | Moderate to high                                         | CDA                          | No                                                            | Both                                                   | On-going                                               | Yes                                                 | Yes - being considered                            |                  |         |         |
|                                                                                                     | North Cell TSF - Max Capacity = 14.4 Mm³ | 14,400,000                   | 14,400,000                             | Slurry           | Saddle Dam 3                  | Owned and operated by AEM | Active | 2016/2017                          | Tailings retaining infrastructure: Rockfill shell with liner tie-in key trench with transition | Downstream Raise                           | 10.0                            | Yes                                           | Yes                             | 2018 (Golder)                           | Yes                                       | Moderate to high                                         | CDA                          | No                                                            | Both                                                   | On-going                                               | Yes                                                 | Yes - being considered                            |                  |         |         |
|                                                                                                     |                                          |                              |                                        |                  | Saddle Dam 4                  | Owned and operated by AEM | Active | 2016/2017                          | Tailings retaining infrastructure: Rockfill shell with liner tie-in key trench with transition | Downstream Raise                           | 8.0                             | Yes                                           | Yes                             | 2018 (Golder)                           | Yes                                       | Moderate to high                                         | CDA                          | No                                                            | Both                                                   | On-going                                               | Yes                                                 | Yes - being considered                            |                  |         |         |
|                                                                                                     |                                          |                              |                                        |                  | Saddle Dam 5                  | Owned and operated by AEM | Active | 2016/2017                          | Tailings retaining infrastructure: Rockfill shell with liner tie-in key trench with transition | Downstream Raise                           | 10.0                            | Yes                                           | Yes                             | 2018 (Golder)                           | Yes                                       | Moderate to high                                         | CDA                          | No                                                            | Both                                                   | On-going                                               | Yes                                                 | Yes - being considered                            |                  |         |         |
|                                                                                                     |                                          |                              |                                        |                  | Central Dyke                  | Owned and operated by AEM | Active | 2012/2013/2014/2015/2016/2017/2018 | Tailings retaining infrastructure: Rockfill shell with liner tie-in key trench with transition | Downstream Raise                           | 49.0                            | Yes                                           | Yes                             | 2018 (Golder)                           | Yes                                       | Moderate to high                                         | CDA                          | Yes                                                           | Both                                                   | On-going                                               | Yes                                                 | Yes - being considered                            |                  |         |         |
|                                                                                                     |                                          |                              |                                        |                  | North Cell Internal Structure | Owned and operated by AEM | Active | 2018                               | Tailings retaining infrastructure: Rockfill embankment with transition                         | Upstream raise                             | 4.0                             | Yes                                           | Yes                             | 2018 (Golder)                           | Yes                                       | Moderate to high                                         | CDA                          | No                                                            | Both                                                   | On-going                                               | Yes                                                 | Yes - being considered                            |                  |         |         |
|                                                                                                     | Tailings in pit disposal                 | 0                            | 12,500,000                             | Slurry           | Goose and Portage Pit         | Owned and operated by AEM | Active | 2009 to 2019                       | Tailings deposited in an open pit                                                              | N/A                                        | N/A                             | Yes                                           | Yes                             | N/A                                     | Yes                                       | Low to moderate                                          | N/A                          | No                                                            | Both                                                   | On-going                                               | Yes                                                 | Yes - being considered                            |                  |         |         |
|                                                                                                     | Dewatering dike                          | N/A                          | N/A                                    | N/A              | East Dyke                     | Owned and operated by AEM | Active | 2008/2009                          | Water retaining infrastructure: Rockfill shell with SB and CSB Cut-off wall and transition     | Not raised                                 | 10.0                            | Yes                                           | Yes                             | 2018 (Golder)                           | Yes                                       | Moderate to high                                         | CDA                          | Yes                                                           | Both                                                   | On-going                                               | Yes                                                 | N/A                                               |                  |         |         |
|                                                                                                     | Dewatering dike                          |                              |                                        |                  | Bay Goose Dyke                | Owned and operated by AEM | Active | 2009/2010/2011                     | Water retaining infrastructure: Rockfill shell with SB and CSB Cut-off wall and transition     | Not raised                                 | 15.0                            | Yes                                           | Yes                             | 2018 (Golder)                           | Yes                                       | Moderate to high                                         | CDA                          | No                                                            | Both                                                   | On-going                                               | Yes                                                 | N/A                                               |                  |         |         |
|                                                                                                     | Dewatering dike                          |                              |                                        |                  | Vault Dyke                    | Owned and operated by AEM | Active | 2013                               | Water retaining infrastructure: Rockfill shell with liner tie-in key trench with transition    | Not raised                                 | 3.0                             | Yes                                           | Yes                             | 2018 (Golder)                           | Yes                                       | Moderate to high                                         | CDA                          | No                                                            | Both                                                   | On-going                                               | Yes                                                 | N/A                                               |                  |         |         |
|                                                                                                     | Dewatering dike                          |                              |                                        |                  | South Camp Dyke               | Owned and operated by AEM | Active | 2009                               | Water retaining infrastructure: Rockfill shell with liner tie-in key trench with transition    | Not raised                                 | 3.0                             | Yes                                           | Yes                             | 2018 (Golder)                           | Yes                                       | Moderate to high                                         | CDA                          | No                                                            | Both                                                   | On-going                                               | Yes                                                 | N/A                                               |                  |         |         |



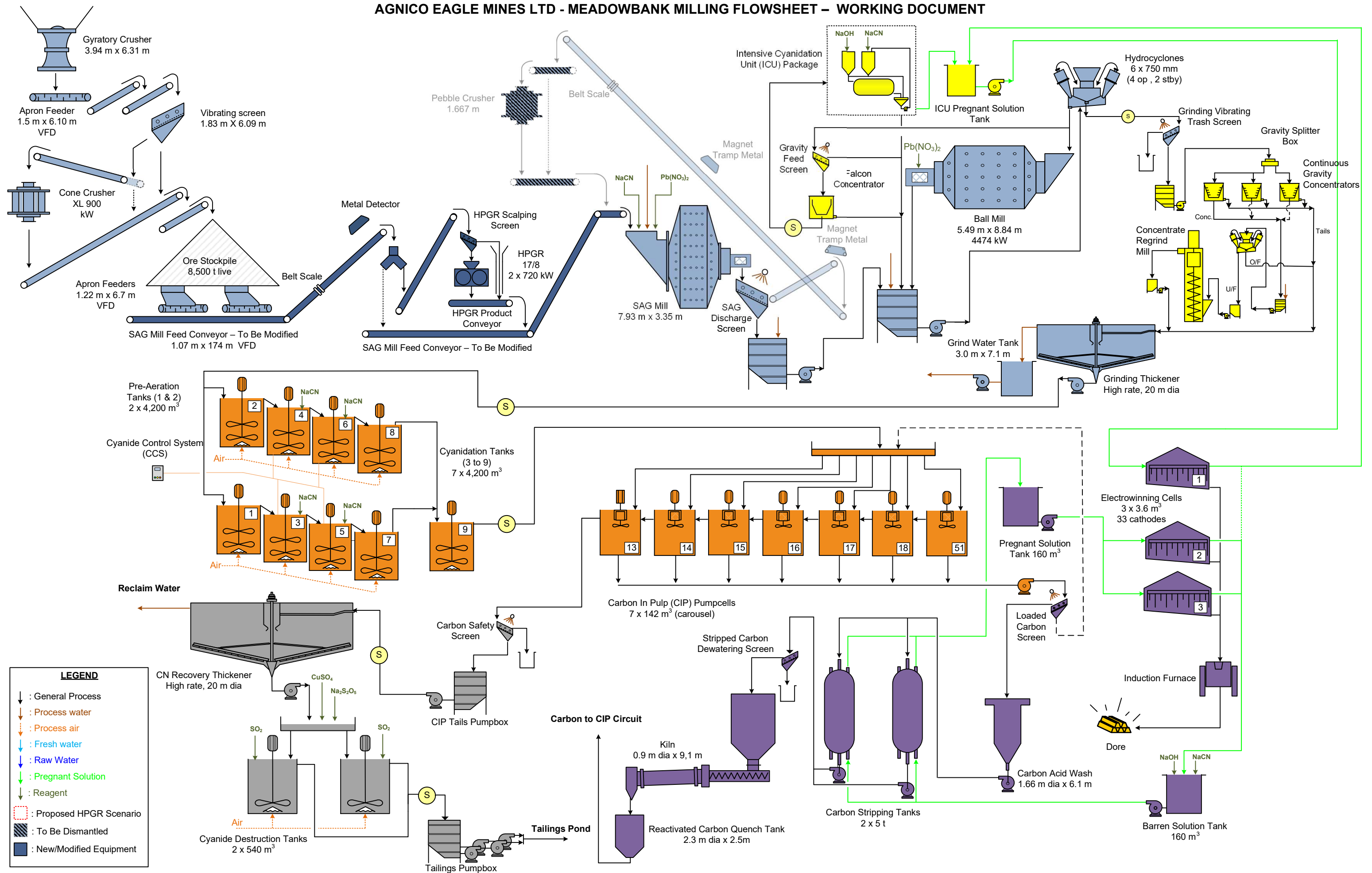
|               | NSD1 | NSD2 | NSWD | NRF1-2 | NIS  | SCD  | SSD3 | SSD4-5 | GIP  |          |  |
|---------------|------|------|------|--------|------|------|------|--------|------|----------|--|
| Level I PoF   | 1.64 | 1.60 | 2.09 | 2.12   | 1.46 | 1.91 | 1.73 | 1.64   | 1.09 | 1.00E-08 |  |
| Level Ib PoF  | 1.64 | 1.60 | 2.09 | 2.12   | 1.46 | 1.91 | 1.73 | 1.64   | 1.09 |          |  |
| Level II PoF  | 1.64 | 1.60 | 2.09 | 2.12   | 1.46 | 1.91 | 1.73 | 1.64   | 1.09 |          |  |
| Level IIb PoF | 1.64 | 1.60 | 2.09 | 2.12   | 1.46 | 1.91 | 1.73 | 1.64   | 1.09 |          |  |
| Level III PoF | 1.64 | 1.60 | 2.09 | 2.12   | 1.46 | 1.91 | 1.73 | 1.64   | 1.09 |          |  |

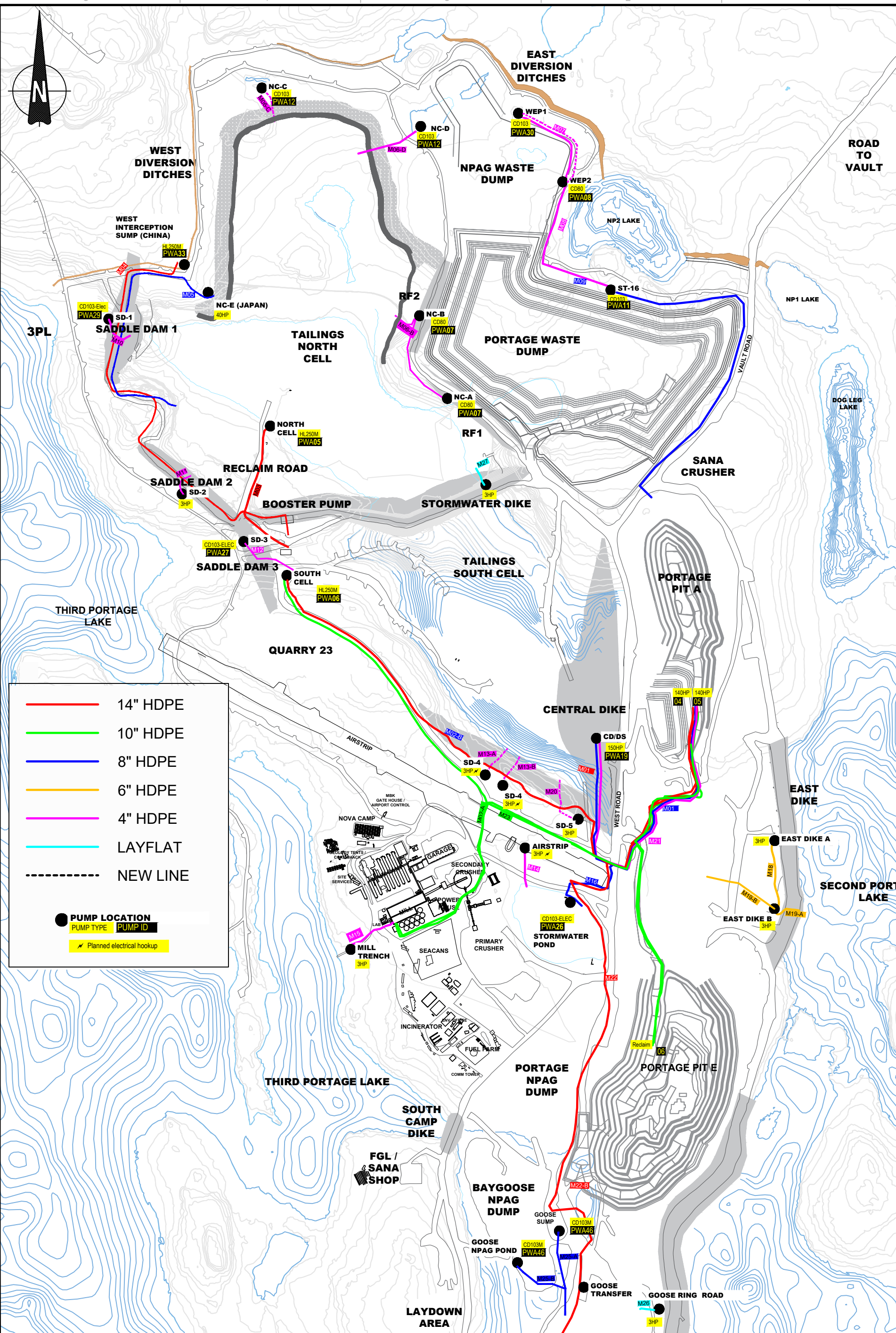


## **Appendix C**

### **WATER AND TAILINGS MANAGEMENT FLOWCHARTS AND OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES**

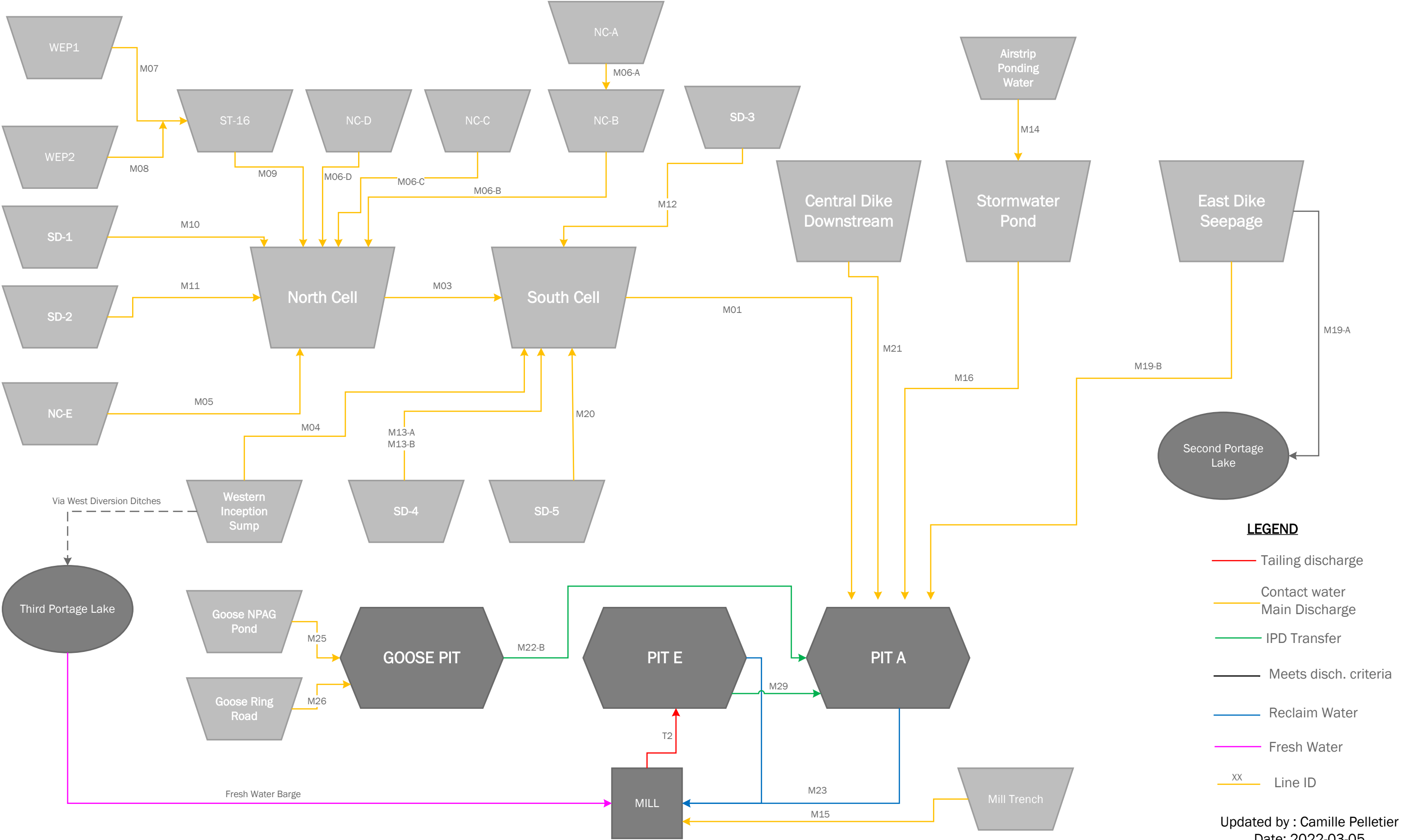
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| <b>TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION</b><br>None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | <br><b>AGNICO EAGLE</b><br><b>MEADOWBANK</b> |  | DRAWN BY <b>LC</b> DATE <b>4/22/2020</b><br>SURVEY CHECK      DATE<br>GEOLOGY CHECK      DATE<br>ENGINEERING CHECK      DATE |  | MODIFIED BY<br><b>John Gage</b> DATE <b>04-18-2023</b> |  | <b>MEADOWBANK DIVISION</b><br>ENGINEERING - GEOTECH<br>MBK DEWATERING<br><b>Freshet Plan</b><br>Revision 9 |  |
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# Meadowbank 2022 Detailed Freshet Flowsheet



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    MILL[MILL] --> GOOSE_PIT[GOOSE PIT]
    GOOSE_PIT -- "Water transfer" --> PIT_E[PIT E]
    GOOSE_PIT -. "Tailings" .-> PIT_A[PIT A]
    PIT_E -- "Water transfer" --> PIT_A
    PIT_A -- "Reclaim to mill" --> MILL
    PIT_A -. "Tailings" .-> MILL
    PIT_A -. "Tailings" .-> PIT_E
  
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|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Whale Tail Attenuation Pond |                     |       | Summer:<br>IVR Attenuation Pond<br><br>Winter:<br>WTS Lake Diffuser via WTP<br>or IVR attenuation pond | Condition 1                                 | Condition 2                                                      | Discharge location                          | Resume or maintain standard operations.<br><br>* Lower water level to operational level within 15 days.<br>* Increase pumping from WT ATTN pond using current infrastructure or reduce inflows into WT ATTN pond or implement mitigation plan.<br>* Inform stakeholder as per communication chart. E&I and Env to develop path forward with Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent.                                                           | Risk of flooding of the upper pump pad. Immediately lower water to operational levels.<br><br>* Inform stakeholder as per communication chart.<br>* Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent to develop action plan.                                                            | PIT CREST ELEVATION<br>Uncontrolled release into Whale Tail Pit. Deploy measures to ensure worker safety.                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                             | PIT CREST           | 146   |                                                                                                        | A)                                          | Summer (May to October)                                          | Mammoth Lake diffuser                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | UPPER PUMP PAD      | 146.5 |                                                                                                        | B)                                          | Water meets discharge criteria                                   | WTS Diffuser                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | CRITICAL            | 145.5 |                                                                                                        | C)                                          | GPS-1 available                                                  | GSP-1                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | MAX                 | 143.5 |                                                                                                        | D)                                          |                                                                  | Mammoth Watershed or WTS watershed          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | LOWER PUMP PAD      | 143.0 |                                                                                                        | E)                                          | Summer (May to October)                                          | WTP > to Mammoth Lake diffuser              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | MAX (LOWER PAD)     | 142.0 |                                                                                                        | F)                                          | WTP is in function                                               | WTS diffuser available                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | APPROX BOTTOM       | 135.0 |                                                                                                        | G)                                          | GPS-1 available                                                  | WTP > to GSP-1                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             |                     |       |                                                                                                        | H)                                          | Water meets discharge criteria                                   | WTP > to Mammoth Watershed or WTS watershed |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             |                     |       |                                                                                                        | I)                                          | GPS-1 available                                                  | GSP-1                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             |                     | J)    | Water meets discharge criteria                                                                         | WTP > to Mammoth Watershed or WTS watershed |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             |                     | K)    | None                                                                                                   | Whale Tail Pit                              |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| IVR Attenuation Pond        | IVR DIKE SPILLWAY   | 164.8 | WTP<br>to Mammoth lake<br>or to WTS lake diffusers                                                     | Condition 1                                 | Condition 2                                                      | Discharge location                          | Resume or maintain standard operations.<br><br>163.2 is the design max operating level (SNC).<br><br>* Lower water level to operational level within 15 days.<br>* Increase pumping using current infrastructure or reduce inflows into IVR Attenuation pond or implement mitigation plan.<br>* Inform stakeholder as per communication chart. E&I and Env to develop path forward with Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent.               | Risk of activating the emergency spillway.<br><br>* Immediately lower water to operational levels.<br>* Inform stakeholder as per communication chart.<br>* Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent to develop action plan.                                                    | IVR DIKE SPILLWAY ELEVATION<br>Spillway active and release of water into Whale Tail Attenuation Pond.<br><br>* Monitor spillway condition and closely monitor WT Attn pond level.<br>* Ensure water from IWD does not enter into the IVR WRSF.<br>* Assess spillway condition after use |
|                             | CRITICAL            | 164.3 |                                                                                                        | A)                                          | Summer (May to October)                                          | Mammoth Lake diffuser                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | MAX                 | 163.2 |                                                                                                        | B)                                          | Water meets discharge criteria                                   | WTS Diffuser                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | UPPER PUMP PAD      | 165.5 |                                                                                                        | C)                                          |                                                                  | Whale Tail Attenuation Pond                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | LOWER PUMP PAD      | 163.8 |                                                                                                        | D)                                          |                                                                  | Mammoth Watershed or WTS watershed          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | APPROX BOTTOM       | 159.0 |                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| WRSF Pond                   | LINER ELEVATION     | 157   | Whale Tail<br>Attenuation Pond                                                                         |                                             |                                                                  | IVR Attenuation Pond                        | Resume or maintain standard operations.<br><br>Due to limited capacity this system require close operational follow-up.<br><br>* Lower water level to operational level within 7 days.<br>* Increase pumping using current infrastructure or reduce inflows into WRSF pond or implement mitigation plan.<br>* Inform stakeholder as per communication chart. E&I and Env to develop path forward with Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent. | Increased risk of WRSF dike foundation thawing leading to seepage to Mammoth Lake.<br><br>* Immediately lower water to operational levels.<br>* Inform stakeholder as per communication chart.<br>* Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent to develop action plan.            | LINER ELEVATION<br>Liner overtopping and uncontrolled release into enviroment .<br><br>* Deploy measure to ensure structure integrity and prevent damage to environment.                                                                                                                |
|                             | CRITICAL            | 156.0 |                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | MAX                 | 154.0 |                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | APPROX BOTTOM       | 153.5 |                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| GSP-1 (AP5)                 | CREST ELEVATION     | 160.5 | Whale Tail Attenuation Pond if TDS content is compliant                                                |                                             |                                                                  |                                             | Resume or maintain standard operations.<br><br>This location must be empty prior to freshet if TDS criteria are met.<br><br>* Lower water level to operational level within 30 days.<br>* Increase pumping using current infrastructure or implement mitigation plan.<br>* Inform stakeholder as per communication chart. E&I and Env to develop path forward with Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent.                                    | Risk of seepage through the till and till slope instability.<br><br>* Immediately lower water to operational levels.<br>* Inform stakeholder as per communication chart.<br>* Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent to develop action plan.                                  | CREST ELEVATION<br>Uncontrolled release into site.<br><br>*Deploy measure to ensure worker safety                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                             | CRITICAL            | 155.0 |                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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|                             | APPROX BOTTOM       | 142.3 |                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Mammoth Lake                | MAMMOTH DIKE LINER  | 153.5 | If Mammoth Lake outlet (152.68) is obstructed, clear obstruction or conduct investigation              |                                             |                                                                  |                                             | Resume or maintain standard operations.<br><br>* Prior to freshet the level must not be above El. 152.5 m.<br>* At freshet the rate of rise should be less than 0.05 m/day.<br>*Go to yellow if rate of rise is 0.06 to 0.1 for more than 3 consecutive days<br><br>*Mammoth Lake outlet is at 152.68.                                                                                                                                                      | Increased risk of Mammoth Dike liner overtopping leading to pit inflow.<br><br>* Immediately take action to stop increase. Could include outlet work.<br>* Inform stakeholder as per communication chart.<br>* Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent to develop action plan. | MAMMOTH DIKE LINER ELEVATION<br>Liner overtopping and uncontrolled release to Whale Tail Pit.<br><br>* Deploy measures to ensure structure integrity and ensure worker safety .                                                                                                         |
|                             | CRITICAL            | 153.3 |                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | MAX                 | 153.0 |                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | MAMMOTH OUTLET      | 152.7 |                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | MIN                 | 152.2 |                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | APPROX BOTTOM       | 135.1 |                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Whale Tail Lake (WTS)       | WTD SECANT WALL TOP | 157   | Mammoth Lake<br>via SWTC                                                                               |                                             | A) Whale Tail Attenuation Pond<br>B) Mammoth Watershed Discharge |                                             | Resume or maintain standard operations.<br><br>SWTC inlet at El. 155.3 m<br><br>* Ensure that water level is reduced to operational level within 15 days.<br>* Investigate cause.<br>* If possible, reduce inflows into WTS Lake.<br>* Inform stakeholder as per communication chart. E&I and Env to develop path forward with Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent.                                                                        | Increased risk of WTD core overtopping.<br><br>* Immediately lower water to operational level. Could include work at SWTC.<br>* Inform stakeholder as per communication chart.<br>* Environment & Critical Infrastructure Superintendent to develop action plan.                            | WTD SECANT PILE WALL TOP ELEVATION<br>WTD secant wall overtopping and uncontrolled release downstream to WT Attenuation Pond.<br><br>* Deploy measures to ensure structure integrity and ensure worker safety .                                                                         |
|                             | CRITICAL            | 156.3 |                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | MAX                 | 155.8 |                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | MIN                 | 152.5 |                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | SWTC INLET          | 155.3 |                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             | APPROX BOTTOM       | 136.0 |                                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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## **Appendix D**

### **POTENTIAL MITIGATION FOR UNUSUAL CONDITIONS**

Potential Mitigation Plans for Unusual Conditions on Tailings Management Infrastructures

| Unusual Condition          | Area / Cause |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Comments / Monitoring                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contingency or Corrective Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Overtopping and Subsidence | 1a           | Water level rise / storm event                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Lake levels and crest elevations are monitored as part the tailings management infrastructure surveillance program.<br>Outflow channels are inspected during thaw, open water season and during ice break-up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Add additional pumping unit.<br>If rise is caused by a channel obstruction, remove the obstruction.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                            | 1b           | Dam crest settlement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | This scenario requires extensive loss of support in the foundation since the rockfill of the dikes is essentially not settlement prone itself after construction and dewatering. For foundation settlement of this magnitude to occur, a piping event must develop or there is an unexpected layer of compressible soil in the foundation.<br>The situation would develop slowly with crest settlement evident at least several weeks before a run-away event develops. Easily observed cracks should be evident.<br>Monitoring of the crest settlement is conducted routinely. | The crest is wide and constructed of coarse rockfill. Significant damage to the dike is not credible, based on performance of other rockfill structures subjected to overtopping or flow through events.<br>Rockfill can be placed to raise the dike crest and compensate settlement.<br>Operations in the area may need to be suspended, but there will be considerable warning time given the slow development of the scenario. |
|                            | 1c           | Wave action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Large freeboard and wide crest zone make this a low concern.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Rip-rap can be added and/or the dam crest can be raised.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Internal Erosion           | 2a           | Dike section: geomembrane is defective, allowing high water flow. This defect occurs at a location where the core allows high flows and where the fills/geomembrane are defective; the combination allows erosion of the filters and/or the Core Backfill.                                                                                                                                                                   | The geomembrane and/or core backfill will develop a progressively increasing void ratio, thereby increasing the rate of water flow through the dike. This is not a catastrophic failure mode but could lead to an inability to manage water on site.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Monitor seepage from downstream face for rate of seepage and for presence of sediment in seepage.<br>Identify zone of seepage and establish a seepage capture and monitoring station with sufficient pumping capacity.<br>Re-evaluate the impact of this water inflow on the site wide water balance.                                                                                                                             |
|                            | 2b           | Dike section: geomembrane is defective.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Results in increasing the rate of water flow through the dike. This is not a catastrophic failure mode as the rockfill will be stable and at its worst would lead to temporary suspension of operations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Monitor seepage from downstream face for rate of seepage and for presence of sediment in seepage.<br>Identify zone of seepage and establish a seepage capture and monitoring station with sufficient pumping capacity.<br>Re-evaluate the impact of this water inflow on the site wide water balance.                                                                                                                             |
|                            | 2c           | Foundation till is possibly non-uniform with more transmissive zones and not self-filtering. It is possible that one of these zones may align with defective construction of the liner allowing high flows. Seepage would lead to erosion of the filters into the downstream rockfill. Seepage could also erode the foundation tills at the downstream toe or into the downstream rockfill because of the lack of filtering. | Limited seepage at the toe or into the rockfill would accelerate into a large inflow and could lead to the undermining of the dike if no action was taken. This is a credible catastrophic mode if increased seepage is not detected in time.<br><br>No particular instrumentation is needed as this failure mode will show itself as localized and increasing seepage. It could be detected by walk-over inspection by an experienced engineer or technician.                                                                                                                  | Remedial action could comprise a reverse filter and rockfill buttress depending on location of the flow and configuration of the foundation, freezing, or grouting, if identified in time. In the worst case, the pit may be deliberately flooded in a controlled manner, the liner repaired, and the pit dewatered. Other options are to build an additional dike downstream or increasing pumping.                              |

| Unusual Condition              | Area / Cause |                                                  | Comments / Monitoring                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Contingency or Corrective Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Seepage                        | 3a           | Within the embankment                            | Seepage on its own is not a credible failure scenario. The downstream rockfill shell has extremely high flow through capacity. The rockfill zone is both large and pervious, so that seepage will not daylight and lead to instability.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Monitor seepage from downstream face for rate of seepage and for presence of sediment in seepage.<br>Identify zone of seepage and establish a seepage capture and monitoring station with sufficient pumping capacity.<br>Re-evaluate the impact of this water inflow on the site wide water balance.                                                                                |
|                                | 3b           | Within the foundation                            | Defective installation of liner leading to transfer of an unexpectedly high fraction of the reservoir head into the downstream part of the dike foundation or leading to a piping event as described in internal erosion (2c).<br>If this mechanism arises it should show itself during initial dewatering or very shortly thereafter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Monitor seepage from downstream face for rate of seepage and for presence of sediment in seepage.<br>Identify zone of seepage and establish a seepage capture and monitoring station with sufficient pumping capacity.<br>Re-evaluate the impact of this water inflow on the site wide water balance.<br>Re-assess stability (numerical modelling) and construct a stabilizing berm. |
| Structural - Slope Instability | 4a           | Normal operation: slope failure                  | The rockfill shoulders of the dike are wide and have high shear strength.<br>Slope failure requires failure in the foundation which would extend into the overlying dike.<br>Sliding failure is considered unlikely given the low horizontal forces generated by the water and ice relative to the normal frictional force due to the weight of the dikes and the frictional angles of foundational materials.<br>This mechanism should develop during construction or dewatering, due to the increase in load and associated pore water pressure development.<br>Initial stages of failure should be observable as tension cracks in the dike crest. Walk-over inspection of the dike by a trained inspector is an appropriate monitoring strategy in addition to the instrumentation. Survey of crest face and toe is conducted. | Re-assess stability (numerical modelling) and construct a stabilizing berm if required.<br>Fill inactive tension cracks with bentonite.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                | 4b           | Earthquake induced: slope failure                | Site is in a low seismic zone. Dam consisting of massive rock zone has a low sensitivity to seismic motion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Perform an inspection and repair damage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                | 4c           | Erosion; washout, ice scour                      | Crest – minimum 50 m section. Downstream – large quarry rock face.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Repair erosion by placing additional rockfill and material.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Structural – Lateral Movement  | 5a           | Failure of liner                                 | Differential horizontal movement of the dike due to dewatering, water or ice loading, or pit wall failure may create a breach in the liner.<br>Ice and water forces are not credible due to the ratio of frictional forces generated by the weight of the dike versus ice loads and water pressure.<br>Large inflows through the breach may occur consequently if the liner breached. Pit would flood requiring suspension of operations. Potential for loss of life of workers inside dikes.<br>Inclinometer, settlement prism, drone, and monument monitoring is done routinely.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Repair the liner.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Subsidence                     | 6            | Foundation soils                                 | Foundation soils consolidated unexpectedly during dike construction or dewatering.<br>A significant quantity of clay would be required to generate settlement resulting in a water release event.<br>Prism, drone, and monument monitoring is done routinely.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | A 1 m core settlement would be required to allow water to flow through the rockfill and over the settled liner. This flow would not cause failure of the rockfill shells. It would also be readily repaired by excavating rockfill above the liner and placing more till.                                                                                                            |
| Premature Closure              | 7            | Corporate bankruptcy or early resource depletion | Bond is provided for this eventuality. Design of rehabilitation is the same as rehabilitation at closure of project.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | This would trigger the closure plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Pump and Pipeline Failure      | 8            | Pumping infrastructures                          | Freezing protection is provided by heat tracing and insulation. Pipelines monitored by pump pressures at plant and frequent site inspection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Replace defect in pipeline.<br>Repair the pump and use another pump in the meantime.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |