

**Appendix B**  
**Provincial EA**  
**Notice of Approval Registry**  
**EA 05-09-02 EAIMS No. 13102**



Condition / Tracking #	Description	Status	Date Completed (where applicable)
3.1.	Where a document, plan or report is required to be submitted to the Ministry, the Proponent shall provide two copies of the final document, plan or report to the Director: a copy for filing in the specific public record file maintained for the Undertaking, and a copy for use by Ministry staff.	Completed to date. Two copies of the Annual Compliance Report were sent to the Regional and District Offices via Purolator. Digital copies were provided to Regional and District Offices as well.	March 31, 2017
3.2.a	The Proponent shall provide additional copies of the documents required for the public record file to the following for access by the public: Regional Director.	Completed to date. Two copies of the Annual Compliance Report were sent to the Regional and District Offices via Purolator. Digital copies were provided to Regional and District Offices as well.	March 31, 2017
3.2.b	The Proponent shall provide additional copies of the documents required for the public record file to the following for access by the public: District Manager.	Completed to date. Two copies of the Annual Compliance Report were sent to the Regional and District Offices via Purolator. Digital copies were provided to Regional and District Offices as well.	March 31, 2017
3.2.c	The Proponent shall provide additional copies of the documents required for the public record file to the following for access by the public: NG Inc. office in Emo, Ontario.	Completed to date.	Copies of the Annual Compliance Report have been made available for public access at the Emo Office on March 31, 2017.

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3.3.	The EAB file number EA 05-09-02 and EAIMS file number 13102 shall be quoted on all documents submitted by the Proponent pursuant to condition 3.1 of this Notice of Approval.	Completed to date.	Complete
3.4.	Without detracting from the foregoing Public Record conditions, the proponent may also provide these documents through other means, as considered appropriate by the Proponent.	Completed to date.	Ongoing
4.1.	The Proponent shall post the Errata document dated December 15, 2014 on the Proponent's project website. The Proponent shall update the Summary of the Environmental Assessment Report to reflect the addition of the Errata and to itemize what sections of the Environmental Assessment Report have been impacted by it, and shall post the updated Summary on the website. The Proponent shall update the Table of Contents of the Environmental Assessment Report to reflect that the Errata is included as part of Volume 2 of the Environmental Assessment Report, and shall post the updated Table of Contents on the website.	Completed.	November 12, 2015
5.1	The Proponent shall prepare and submit to the Director, for the public record, an Environmental Assessment Compliance Monitoring Plan (CMP).	Completed.	February 9, 2015

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<b>5.2</b>	The CMP shall be submitted 30 days before the Start of Construction or such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.	Completed.	February 9, 2015
<b>5.3</b>	The CMP shall describe how the Proponent will monitor its fulfilment of: 1) the provisions of the Environmental Assessment pertaining to mitigation measures, public consultation, and additional studies and work to be carried out; 2) all other commitments made by the Proponent during the Environmental Assessment process including the Commitments Registry as contained in the Errata dated December 15, 2014; and 3) the conditions included in this Notice of Approval.	Completed.	February 9, 2015
<b>5.4</b>	The CMP must contain an implementation schedule for construction, operations and closure, as well as monitoring during construction, operations and closure.	Completed.	February 9, 2015
<b>5.5</b>	When the Proponent submits the CMP to the Director, the Proponent shall append a statement indicating that the CMP is intended to fulfil condition 5 of this Notice of Approval.	Completed.	February 9, 2015
<b>5.6</b>	The Director may require the Proponent to amend the CMP at any time. Should an amendment be required, the Director will notify the Proponent, in writing, of the required amendment and the date by which the Proponent must complete the amendment and submit it to the Director.	Not applicable to date.	N/A
<b>5.7</b>	The Proponent shall carry out the CMP, as it may be amended by the Director.	Completed to date.	Complete

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5.8	The Proponent shall make the documentation pertaining to the CMP available to the Ministry or designate upon request, in a timely manner, when so requested by the Ministry during an on-site inspection, audit, response to a pollution incident report or when information concerning compliance is requested by the Ministry.	Information is available either on site or through a New Gold RRP consultant and can be made easily available.	Complete
6.1	The Proponent shall prepare an annual Compliance Report which describes its compliance with the conditions of approval set out in this Notice of Approval, and which describes the results of the Proponent's Environmental Assessment CMP required by Condition 5 of this Notice of Approval.	This table forms part of the Annual Compliance Report for 2016.	Complete
6.2	The first annual Compliance Report shall be submitted to the Director, for the public record, within one year from the Start of Construction and shall cover all activities of the previous 12 month period.	<p>The First Annual Compliance Report covered the period from the start of construction to December 31, 2015 and was submitted prior to March 31, 2016.</p> <p>The 2016 Compliance Report covers the period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. These dates coincide with the Federal Annual Reporting Requirements.</p>	<p>2015 Compliance Report Submitted: 31 March 2016</p> <p>2016 Compliance Report Submitted: 31 March 2017</p>
6.3	Subsequent Compliance Reports shall be submitted to the Director, for the public record, on or before the anniversary of the Start of Construction each year thereafter. Each Compliance Report shall cover all activities of the previous 12-month period.	The reporting period for 2016 will be from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 and submitted on March 31, 2017.	Complete

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6.4	Once all conditions in this Notice of Approval have been satisfied, or have been incorporated into any other provincial approval, the Proponent shall indicate in its annual Compliance Report that the Compliance Report is its final Compliance Report, and that all conditions in this Notice of Approval have been satisfied. The Director may also vary the time at which the Proponent is to provide its final Compliance Report, and state this in writing to the Proponent.	Agreed.	Complete
6.5	The Proponent shall retain either on site or in another location approved by the Director, a copy of each of the annual Compliance Reports and any associated documentation of compliance monitoring activities.	The 2016 report will be retained at the local New Gold (NG) office in Emo, Ontario and posted on the New Gold website:  <a href="http://www.newgold.com/projects/rainyriver/rainyriver-project/default.aspx">http://www.newgold.com/projects/rainyriver/rainyriver-project/default.aspx</a>  Compliance documents are also available on site from the Environment Department.	March 31, 2017
6.6	The Proponent shall make the Compliance Reports, and associated documentation, available to the Ministry or designate in a timely manner when requested to do so by the Ministry.	Agreed.	Complete
7.1	The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Complaint Protocol that sets out how it will deal with and respond to inquiries and complaints received during the design, construction and operation of the Undertaking.	A complaint protocol was implemented in 2015 at the start of construction and remains in effect.	February 2, 2015

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7.2	The Proponent shall submit the Complaint Protocol to the Director, for the public record, 30 days before the Start of Construction or such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.	Completed.	February 2, 2015
7.3	The Director may require the Proponent to amend the Complaint Protocol at any time. If an amendment is required, the Director will notify the Proponent in writing of the required amendment and the date by which the Proponent must complete the amendment and submit it to the Director.	Not applicable to date.	N/A
7.4	The Proponent shall carry out the Complaint Protocol, as it may be amended by the Director.	Completed to date. There were 56 complaints reported in 2016. The majority of these complaints (38) were due to the conditions of roads and driving and the impact of construction activities on private property. Other complaints were related to noise, vibration, light and safety.	Complete
8.1.a	The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Community Communications Plan that sets forth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the Proponent plans to disseminate information to interested persons.</li> </ul>	Completed.	February 9, 2015
8.1.b	The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Community Communications Plan that sets forth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How interested persons will be notified and kept informed about site operations.</li> </ul>	Completed.	February 9, 2015



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<b>8.1.c</b>	<p>The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Community Communications Plan that sets forth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The procedures for keeping interested persons apprised of information about documents related to the Undertaking, and when and how the updated information and/or documents will be made available.</li> </ul>	Completed.	February 9, 2015
<b>8.2</b>	The Proponent shall submit a Community Communications Plan to the Director 30 days before the Start of Construction or such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.	Completed.	February 9, 2015
<b>8.3</b>	The Proponent shall implement the Community Communications Plan during construction, operations and closure of the Undertaking.	Completed to date.	Complete
<b>9.1.a</b>	<p>The Proponent shall prepare and implement an Aboriginal Consultation Plan that sets forth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How, during the detailed design and implementation of the Undertaking, the Proponent will consult with the Aboriginal communities that were notified of the Undertaking during the Environmental Assessment process.</li> </ul>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>A draft plan was submitted on January 21, 2015. Following up on the communication on February 13 2015, New Gold RRP noted that the MOECC had no additional comments on the Aboriginal Consultation Plan stipulated in Condition 9 of the Provincial EA decision for the RRP.</p> <p>A copy of the plan was provided.</p>	February 9, 2015

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<b>9.1.b</b>	<p>The Proponent shall prepare and implement an Aboriginal Consultation Plan that sets forth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the Proponent will fulfill all commitments made to Aboriginal communities during the Environmental Assessment process, including ongoing consultation during the design and implementation of the Undertaking.</li> </ul>	Completed.	February 9, 2015
<b>9.1.c</b>	<p>The Proponent shall prepare and implement an Aboriginal Consultation Plan that sets forth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Notification Protocol for how the Proponent will inform Aboriginal communities if archaeological resources or Aboriginal remains are encountered during construction.</li> </ul>	Completed.	February 9, 2015
<b>9.1.d</b>	<p>The Proponent shall prepare and implement an Aboriginal Consultation Plan that sets forth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the Proponent will issue notices and updates on key steps in the design and implementation of the Undertaking.</li> </ul>	Completed.	February 9, 2015
<b>9.2</b>	<p>The Proponent shall submit the Aboriginal Consultation Plan to the Director and the Aboriginal communities that were notified of the Undertaking during the Environmental Assessment process 30 days before the Start of Construction or by such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.</p>	Completed.	February 9, 2015
<b>9.3</b>	<p>The Proponent shall implement the Aboriginal Consultation Plan during construction, operations and closure of the Undertaking.</p>	Completed to date.	Complete

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9.4	<p>The Proponent shall continue to consult with the following Aboriginal communities:</p> <p>Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy River First Nation, Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, and the Sunset Country Métis community (represented by Métis Nation of Ontario Region 1 Consultation Committee), to inform them of when impacting activities will occur.</p> <p>Before impacting activities occur, the Proponent shall provide interested Aboriginal communities with reasonable opportunity to carry out specific cultural practices, as those communities consider appropriate.</p>	Completed to date.	Complete
10.1	<p>The Proponent shall complete Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Studies for the project, as necessary. The stage 2 archaeological assessments must be submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for review and accepted into MTCS's report register prior to the start of in-ground work.</p>	<p>A Stage 2 overall property report was submitted in 2015. New Gold RRP received clearance from MTCS on January 8, 2015.</p> <p>Additional archaeological work was completed during 2015 at the Pinewood River Pumphouse, Tait Quarry and a section of the Highway 600 Re-alignment. NG received clearance from MTCS on August 6, 2015.</p>	Review and entry into the Public Register of the Archaeological Reports was received on January 8, 2015
10.2	<p>If during construction any archaeological resources are discovered, all construction activities within 100 meters of the archaeological resources will cease immediately and a licensed archaeologist will be retained to carry out the necessary fieldwork in compliance with Section 48(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act.</p>	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>There were no findings during the additional archaeological work completed during 2015 (see 10.1). No</p>	Completed to date.

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		archaeological resources were uncovered during 2016.	
10.3	Archaeological resources that require removal will be transferred to a public institution selected through consultation with local First Nations and Métis represented by the Métis Nation of Ontario Region 1 Consultation Committee, in consultation with MTCS. An MTCS collection transfer form will be completed by the surrendering licensee and the institution accepting the materials. Collection shall be curated to current standards.	No transfers of artifacts occurred during 2016.  The artifacts remain with Woodland Heritage Services and will be transferred upon completion of Stage 4 activities.	Ongoing
11.1	Prior to the construction of the proposed demolition landfill (or any other landfill) within the Site's property boundary, the Proponent shall obtain any necessary Environmental Assessment Act approvals and Environmental Protection Act approvals. In addition, prior to construction of the proposed demolition landfill (or any other landfill), the Proponent shall provide appropriate financial assurance to the Ministry's satisfaction, unless by then the appropriate cost has already been accounted for and provided to the MNDM as part of Closure Plan requirements under the Mining Act.	The Rainy River Project does not have a landfill within the project boundary therefore this condition does not apply.	N/A

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12.1	<p>As a minimum, the Proponent shall meet all requirements and commitments related to mine water discharges to the Pinewood River as agreed to by the Ministry during the EA process, or as revised through approvals by the Ministry. These requirements and commitments are found throughout the EA and include, but are not limited to, those set out in the July 17, 2014 memo by the Ministry's surface water specialist regarding the "Rainy River Gold Project: Effluent Criteria Discussion and Water Taking Thresholds" which appears in Appendix B of the Ministry Review of the EA.</p> <p>Further, as part of its application for the Environmental Compliance Approval(s) (ECA) required for the Undertaking, the proponent shall identify, through memo or other means acceptable to the ECA Director, how the proponent's proposed water management process will satisfy the technical requirements and other surface water quality commitments stated in the EA.</p>	<p>New Gold RRP has implemented a water sampling programs that meets the requirements of the MOECC Environmental Compliance Approvals and the Federal Metal Mining Effluent Regulation.</p> <p>During 2016 mine water that was discharged to the Pinewood River was from temporary sediment ponds constructed in the open pit. Water in these systems was treated for ammonia and suspended solids. Heavy metal concentrations have not been a concern to this time.</p> <p>During the Environmental Compliance Approval(s) application process (2015) a water management plan was submitted to MOECC.</p>	Completed in 2015
12.2	<p>The Proponent shall meet all requirements and commitments related to the establishment of a minimum water taking threshold from the Pinewood River as agreed to by the Ministry during the EA process, or as revised through approvals by the Ministry.</p> <p>These requirements and commitments are found throughout the EA and include, but are not limited to, those set out in the July 17, 2014 memo by the Ministry's surface water specialist regarding the "Rainy River Gold</p>	<p>Through the PTTW application process New Gold has outlined how water management on site will satisfy the commitments stated in the EA.</p> <p>During 2016 water was taken from the Pinewood River during limited durations in August and September to allow for testing the pumping system and its components.</p> <p>No water was taken for milling purposes. On March 17, 2016 a letter was sent to MOECC outlining the exceedance of by-pass pumping under</p>	Completed through PTTW approvals obtained between 2014 and 2015.

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	<p>Project: Effluent Criteria Discussion and Water Taking Thresholds” which appears in Appendix B of the Ministry Review of the EA.</p> <p>Further, as part of its application for the Permit(s) to Take Water (PTTW) required for the Undertaking, the proponent shall identify, through memo or other means acceptable to the PTTW Director, how the proponent’s proposed water management process will satisfy the water taking commitments stated in the EA.</p>	<p>PTTW No. 2133-9VUPV2 at location West Creek (WCPD). The cause was from a delay in completion of the construction and commissioning of water diversion systems, delays in permit approvals from other agencies and spring flooding events.</p>	
<b>13.1</b>	<p>The Proponent shall fulfill all requirements and commitments related to tailings management, including maintaining a sufficient water cover over deposited tailings and fulfilling monitoring requirements detailed in provincial regulatory documents, including the Closure Plan and any other permits and approvals associated with the Undertaking. In addition, the Proponent shall consider deterrent systems to ward off bird and animal life from accessing the TMA.</p>	<p>During 2016 the project was still in its construction phase and no tailings were produced. Moving into 2017 New Gold will be constructing the first cell of the TMA with the intent to deposit tailings mid-year.</p> <p>Research of animal deterrent systems as required in both the Provincial and Federal EA Decision Statements will be implemented.</p>	N/A
<b>13.2</b>	<p>The Proponent shall assess and utilize provincial, national and international industry best practices for tailings management and water management containment facilities as they relate to climate change and the increasing frequency of severe weather abnormalities.</p> <p>The management of tailings, based on this assessment, shall be done in a manner adequate to ensure the appropriate management of any contaminants that may be present during and beyond the operating life of the Undertaking.</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>As described in the final EA / EIS Report and applicable Provincial approval applications as the Environmental Compliance Approvals, Permits to Take Water and Lake and Rivers Improvement Act Permit for dams and dykes, climate change and severe weather conditions, etc. Most notably regional storm events were also included.</p> <p>These components and design considerations have been included in the</p>	Completed

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	<p>The Proponent shall, as part of the Compliance Reports required under Condition 6, or otherwise specified in writing by the Director, provide details to the Ministry on how actions required by this condition have been considered in the project design, operations and the Closure Plan.</p>	<p>project designs, such as in the hydrologic design basis.</p>	
<p><b>14.1</b></p>	<p>The Proponent shall assess and utilize best practices to protect the biodiversity of existing species within the area of the Undertaking. Building on the baseline studies, including aquatic resources, terrestrial and species at risk baselines, already completed during the Environmental Assessment process, the Proponent shall establish a pre-construction biodiversity baseline and report on biodiversity levels within the area of the Undertaking.</p> <p>The Proponent shall as part of the Compliance Reports required under Condition 6, or otherwise specified in writing by the Director, provide details to the Ministry on how the requirements set out in this condition are being met.</p>	<p>Version 5 of the Terrestrial Systems Monitoring Plan was submitted to the MNRF on February 3, 2016. New Gold is currently completing monitoring as part of the Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring Plan.</p> <p>During 2016 the following monitoring programs were implemented; Species at Risk monitoring for bobolink and whip or will, wildlife observation monitoring, deer tissue sampling to assess metal accumulation in organ tissue and barn swallow monitoring.</p> <p>The Biodiversity Monitoring Plan for the Pinewood River was submitted to MOECC in 2016 as per ECA No. 5781-9VJQ2J Condition 10(5) and ECA No. 5178-6TUPD9 Condition 8(7). These annual monitoring programs build off of baseline data collected during the EA process.</p>	<p>On February 3, 2016 a Terrestrial Systems Monitoring Plan was submitted to MNRF</p> <p>On December 14, 2016: Pinewood River Biological Effects Monitoring Plan was submitted January 13, 2017:</p> <p>In December 2016 The Species at Risk Annual Monitoring Report was submitted to MNRF December 2016</p>

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<p><b>14.2</b></p>	<p>In addition to fulfilling all commitments with regard to rehabilitating wildlife habitat and terrestrial systems, the Proponent shall consult with MNRF on the development of a monitoring plan for terrestrial systems and habitat. The Proponent shall prepare the monitoring plan before the start of construction and shall provide a draft plan to MNRF for review before the plan is finalized. The Proponent shall carry out the plan during construction, operation and closure of the Undertaking. The purpose of the monitoring plan is to verify the accuracy of the predictions the Proponent made during the EA about the Undertaking's impacts on wildlife and habitat and to monitor the effectiveness of rehabilitation efforts for wildlife habitat and terrestrial environments.</p> <p>The Proponent shall report on biodiversity baseline and results required in Condition 14.1 through the Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring Plan.</p>	<p>Version 5 of the Terrestrial Systems Monitoring Plan was submitted to the MNRF on February 3, 2016. New Gold is currently completing monitoring as part of the Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring Plan and the annual monitoring plan will be available by March 31, 2017.</p>	<p>Version 1; January 22, 2015, Version 2; April 20, 2015; Version 3; July 9, 2015, Version 4; July 30, 2015, Version 5; February 3, 2016</p>
<p><b>15.1.a</b></p>	<p>Conditions Specific to Vegetation Clearing Activities Occurring Before May 1, 2015: The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Vegetation Clearing Plan that sets forth how the Proponent will conduct vegetation clearing activities that are intended to occur on the Site before May 1, 2015 ("Vegetation Clearing Activities"). As itemized below, this Vegetation Clearing Plan shall address issues related to those Vegetation Clearing Activities, including: compliance monitoring; compliance reporting; a complaint protocol; a community communication plan; consultation with Aboriginal communities; and terrestrial systems and habitat monitoring plans.</p>	<p>Completed.</p>	<p>February 21, 2015</p>



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<b>15.1.b</b>	Conditions Specific to Vegetation Clearing Activities Occurring Before May 1, 2015: Unless otherwise stated in Condition 15 or stipulated per another timeline as may be identified in writing by the Director, the Proponent shall submit all elements of the Vegetation Clearing Plan to the Director, for the public record, 15 days before the Proponent's intended start of Vegetation Clearing Activities.	Completed.	February 21, 2015
<b>15.1.c</b>	Conditions Specific to Vegetation Clearing Activities Occurring Before May 1, 2015: The Proponent shall post the Vegetation Clearing Plan on its project website by no later than 15 days prior to the intended start of Vegetation Clearing Activities.	Completed.	Revision 2 was posted on February 12, 2015; Revision 3 was posted on February 24, 2015.
<b>15.2.a</b>	Compliance Monitoring for Vegetation Clearing Activities: In relation to any vegetation clearing that occurs on the site before May 1, 2015, the Proponent shall monitor its fulfilment of: 1) the provisions of the Environmental Assessment pertaining to mitigation measures and public consultation regarding such Vegetation Clearing Activities; 2) all other commitments made by the Proponent during the Environmental Assessment process including the Commitments Registry as contained in the Errata dated December 15, 2014, in relation to such Vegetation Clearing Activities; and 3) the conditions included in section 15 of this Notice of Approval.	All clearing that has occurred on site has been completed in accordance with licenses obtained from the MNRF (when applicable) and New Gold is satisfied that the work has been conducted in accordance with the vegetation clearing plan provided in February 2015.  Clearing was ongoing during 2016 excluding the period of the breeding bird window, and additional clearing is planned for spring 2017.	Ongoing
<b>15.2.b</b>	Compliance Monitoring for Vegetation Clearing Activities: The Proponent shall prepare an implementation schedule for all the vegetation clearing activities that are intended to occur on the Site before May 1, 2015.	Completed.	February 21, 2015

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15.3.a	Compliance Reporting for Vegetation Clearing Activities: In relation to vegetation clearing activities that occur on the Site before May 1, 2015, the Proponent shall prepare a Vegetation Clearing Compliance Report which describes and provides evidence of the Proponent's compliance with Condition 15 of this Notice of Approval	New Gold RRP submitted the updated RRP Vegetation Clearing Plan for Initial Clearing Prior to May 1, 2015, as required by the conditions of the Provincial EA Approval Notice.	February 9, 2015
15.3.b	Compliance Reporting for Vegetation Clearing Activities: The Proponent shall submit the Vegetation Clearing Compliance report to the Director within 30 days of completing the Vegetation Clearing Activities.	Completed.	May 31, 2015
15.4.a	Complaint Protocol for Vegetation Clearing Activities: The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Vegetation Clearing Complaint Protocol that sets out how the Proponent will address inquiries and complaints received during any Vegetation Clearing Activities.	An External Feedback Protocol for the Rainy River Project was completed.	February 2, 2015
15.5.a	Community Notification for Vegetation Clearing Activities: By no later than 15 days prior to the start of Vegetation Clearing Activities, the Proponent shall provide notification to those interested persons to whom Condition 8 of this Notice of Approval applies. The notification shall include a link to the location where copies of the Vegetation Clearing Plan can be seen by members of the public, as required by Condition 15.1 (c) above.	Completed. The Vegetation Plan was posted to the RRP (accessible to the public) on February 12, 2015.  Aboriginal communities were notified on January 19, 2015.	Revision 2 was posted on February 12, 2015; Revision 3 was posted on February 24, 2015.

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15.6.a	<p>Consultation with Aboriginal Communities for Vegetation Clearing Activities: By no later than 15 days prior to the intended start of Vegetation Clearing Activities, the Proponent shall notify and then follow up with the Aboriginal communities identified in Condition 9.1 of this Notice of Approval. This notification shall append the implementation schedule required under Condition 15.2(b), above. The notification shall also include a link to the location where copies of the Vegetation Clearing Plan can be seen by members of the public, as required by Condition 15.1 (c) above.</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>An additional notification was provided on March 20, 2015 for new areas not included in the initial notification.</p>	February 13, 2015
15.6.b	<p>Consultation with Aboriginal Communities for Vegetation Clearing Activities: By no later than 15 days prior to the intended start of Vegetation Clearing Activities, the Proponent shall consult the Aboriginal communities identified in condition 9.4 of this Notice of Approval, to ascertain whether they wish to carry out specific cultural practices prior to Vegetation Clearing Activities occurring.</p> <p>The Proponent shall provide reasonable time for interested Aboriginal communities to carry out such cultural practices prior to the start of Vegetation Clearing Activities, in coordination with the interested communities.</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>An Aboriginal Blessing Ceremony was carried out on February 6, 2015 attended by several of the 16 Aboriginal communities. The event was a follow-up to the RRP updated vegetation clearing schedule sent to Aboriginal communities in January 2015.</p>	February 6, 2015

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15.6.c	Consultation with Aboriginal Communities for Vegetation Clearing Activities: By no later than 7 days prior to the intended start of Vegetation Clearing Activities, the Proponent shall submit to the Director copies of: the notification letters that it sent in fulfilment of conditions 15.6 (a) and (b); any records confirming the Aboriginal communities' receipt of those notification letters; records of any concerns heard from the Aboriginal communities in response to those letters; and records of efforts the Proponent has made, or has committed to make, to address those concerns.	Completed.	February 16, 2015
15.7.a	The Proponent shall fulfill all its EA commitments with regard to land clearing and to rehabilitating wildlife habitat and terrestrial systems, in relation to any associated impacts from Vegetation Clearing Activities.	Land clearing is contained within the footprint of the project only in areas where development is required. When licenses are required they are obtained from the MNRF.  Grubbing is not conducted unless necessary and buffers are implemented around sensitive areas. As the project advances into operations the opportunity to reclaim more land will be possible.	Ongoing
15.8	When the Proponent submits its Vegetation Clearing Plan materials to the Director, the Proponent shall append a statement indicating that its submission is intended to fulfill Condition 15 of this Notice of Approval.	Completed	February 21, 2015

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<b>15.9</b>	The Director may require the Proponent to amend aspects of the Vegetation Clearing Plan at any time.  Should an amendment be required, the Director will notify the Proponent, in writing, of the required amendment and of the date by which the Proponent must complete the amendment and submit it to the Director.	Not requested in 2016.	N/A
<b>15.10.</b>	The Proponent shall carry out the Vegetation Clearing Plan, as it may be amended by the Director.	Completed.	Complete
<b>15.11.</b>	The Proponent shall make documentation pertaining to the Vegetation Clearing Plan available to the Ministry or designate upon request, in a timely manner, when so requested by the Ministry.	No such requests were made during 2016.	N/A
<b>15.12.</b>	In addition to fulfilling the Vegetation Clearing Plan conditions above, the Proponent shall also mention its Vegetation Clearing Activities, as relevant, in other materials it produces to fulfill the other conditions required by this Notice of Approval.	Complete.  The Vegetation Clearing Plan was posted on New Gold's website February 12, 2015 and with a subsequent revision (Revision 3) posted on February 24, 2015.  <a href="http://www.newgold.com/projects/rainyriver/rainyriver-project/environmental-assessment-process">http://www.newgold.com/projects/rainyriver/rainyriver-project/environmental-assessment-process</a>  It remains on the website to date.	Revision 2 was posted :on February 12, 2015; Revision 3 was posted on February 24, 2015.

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<b>16.1.a</b>	<p>The Proponent shall ensure that the need for the Undertaking is capable of adapting to climate change during the construction, operation and closure phases of the Undertaking, and to that end the Proponent shall:</p> <p>Plan its construction practices, operational procedures and the design of the Undertaking to respond to storms, flooding, (including the consideration of the 500-year flood level), drought or other severe weather events resulting from climate change.</p>	<p>Project designs and infrastructure are completed by certified engineers and take into consideration climatic events. For example; during 2016 a site wide emergency pumping plan was implemented to address adequate pumps required for construction de-watering during rainfall events.</p> <p>As the project advances toward closure the need for possible revisions will be considered.</p>	Ongoing
<b>16.1.b</b>	<p>The Proponent shall ensure that the need for the Undertaking is capable of adapting to climate change during the construction, operation and closure phases of the Undertaking, and to that end the Proponent shall: Design the post-closure aspects of the site to ensure resilience to climate change impacts, such as maintaining an appropriate site water balance and sufficient water cover over the TMA.</p> <p>The Proponent shall also undertake an updated review of climate change scenarios at a point approximately two years prior to implementing final closure of the TMA to confirm, or modify, anticipated future hydrological conditions related to climate change scenarios.</p>	Completed to date.	Complete
<b>16.1.c</b>	<p>The Proponent shall ensure that the need for the Undertaking is capable of adapting to climate change during the construction, operation and closure phases of the Undertaking, and to that end the Proponent shall: The Proponent shall, as part of the Compliance Reports required under condition 6, or otherwise specified in writing by the Director, provide details to the Ministry on</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>As described in the final EA / EIS Report and applicable Provincial approval applications (such as Environmental Compliance Approvals, Permits to Take Water, and Lake and Rivers Improvement Act Permits (for dams and</p>	Complete

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	how climate change has been incorporated into the project design.	dykes), climate change and severe weather conditions and most notably regional storm events etc. have been included in the project designs, such as in the hydrologic design basis.	
<b>16.1.d</b>	The Proponent shall ensure that the need for the Undertaking is capable of adapting to climate change during the construction, operation and closure phases of the Undertaking, and to that end the Proponent shall: The Proponent shall also include these considerations, as appropriate, in the Closure Plan or future Closure Plan amendments submitted to MNM.	Completed.  As described in the final EA / EIS Report and filed Closure Plan, climate change and severe weather conditions and most notably regional storm events etc. have been included in the project designs, such as in the hydrologic design basis.	Complete
<b>17.1</b>	The Proponent shall obtain other necessary permits and approvals including, but not limited to, those that are committed to in the Environmental Assessment.	Completed to date.  During 2016 four LRIA permits were obtained from the MNRF for the installation of culverts and dam construction. Forestry Clearing licenses were also obtained in the second half of 2016 for tree clearing.	Complete

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<p><b>18.1.a</b></p>	<p>In carrying out the Undertaking, the Proponent shall require that its contractors, subcontractors and employees: Fulfil the commitments made by the Proponent in the Environmental Assessment process, including those made in the Environmental Assessment and in the Proponent's responses to comments received during the formal Environmental Assessment comment periods.</p>	<p>Completed to date.</p> <p>All employees and contractors go through a standard site orientation, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental, community, health and safety (and other pertinent site aspects).</li> <li>• Contractors are required to attend an environmental kick off meeting prior to start of work. Purpose of the meeting is to review commitments and permit requirements applicable to the Scope of Work. There are also statements in contracts that require the contractor to adhere to all applicable permits and site environmental procedures.</li> <li>• Financial / other materials may include specific clauses with contracts on standards, requirements etc., depending on the nature of the contract.</li> <li>• Environmental Conditions set out in Permits also include reference to specific contract drawings that are to be adhered to by the construction contractors</li> <li>• NG RRP Environmental Department monitors Contractors to ensure construction works are carried out in accordance with Environmental Commitments.</li> </ul>	<p>Complete</p>



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<b>18.1.b</b>	In carrying out the Undertaking, the Proponent shall require that its contractors, subcontractors and employees: Meet applicable regulatory standards regarding the construction, operation and maintenance of the Undertaking, including these conditions of approval.	Completed to date. See above.	Complete
<b>18.1.c</b>	In carrying out the Undertaking, the Proponent shall require that its contractors, subcontractors and employees: Obtain any necessary approvals, permits or licenses.	Completed to date. The majority of environmental-related approvals, permits and licenses are obtained by NG for the RRP, although contractors, subcontractors and employees are responsible for meeting the requirements therein.	Complete
<b>19.1</b>	Prior to implementing any proposed changes to the Undertaking, the Proponent shall determine what Environmental Assessment Act requirements are applicable to the proposed changes and shall fulfill those Environmental Assessment Act requirements.	Completed to date. New Gold RRP feels that during 2016 design modifications and changes to support project and permit delays were communicated effectively with MOECC to obtain input and ensure work was being conducted in accordance with current permits and approvals.	Groundwater Contingency Plan - Request for Extension - Feb 15, 2016; PTTW No. 2133-9VUPV2 - exceedance - March 17, 2016; Temporary Sediment Ponds 1 and 2 - change of intended use - July 29, 2016; Notice of Modification to Sewage Works ECA No. 5781-9VJQ2J installation of a portable ammonia treatment plan - October 30, 2016; TMA Starter Cell - November 3, 2016

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<p><b>20.1</b></p>	<p>30 days prior to construction, or as per another timeline as may be identified in writing by the Director, the Proponent shall provide notification of the Proponent's intention to proceed with construction.</p> <p>If significant changes to the existing environment or regulatory changes have occurred that could affect the implementation of the Undertaking or result in any new potential adverse environmental effects from the undertaking, the Proponent shall include a description of those changes in its notice.</p> <p>The Proponent shall provide the notice to the Director and Regional Director of the Ministry, the MNRF, the MNDM, and any other relevant agencies that the Proponent or the Director determine may have an interest in any changes provided in the notice.</p>	<p>Completed.</p>	<p>January 29, 2015</p>