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Figure 1 (Front Cover). Equipment operating in the pit, 2023.
Figure 2. Young fox Fall 2023

Executive Summary

The 2023 Annual Compliance Report covers the reporting period from January 1st to December 31st, 2023 for the New Gold Inc. (New Gold) Rainy River Mine.

The site is located within Chapple Township, approximately 65 kilometers northwest of Fort Frances in Northwestern Ontario. In October 2017, the Rainy River Project transitioned from its construction phase to an operational phase, known as Rainy River Mine.

To date, Rainy River Mine is an operational open pit mine producing approximately 250,000 ounces of gold annually. New Gold intends to pursue the opportunity to process higher grade ounces in the early years of production, while stockpiling lower grades for processing towards the end of the mine life with the intent of increasing cash flow and enhancing project economics.

The 2023 Rainy River Mine Environmental Assessment Compliance Report demonstrates New Gold's commitment to environmental performance and compliance with the Federal Environmental Assessment Decision Statement and in addition to satisfying reporting requirements for the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

This document has been created to meet the requirements of;

Provincial Environmental Assessment, Notice of Approval Condition 6 EA 05-09-02/EAIMS 13102; and the Federal Environmental Assessment Decision Statement Condition 2.3.

Key areas discussed in this report are; Aboriginal and community consultation, project development, reclamation activities, protection of fish and wildlife, migratory birds, health of Aboriginal peoples, site archaeology, heritage and cultural resources. This document also contains a summary of monitoring and research activities associated with water and air quality, wildlife, and aquatic monitoring.



Figure 3. Painted Turtle. Summer 2023.

Acronyms

BMA	Bear Management Area
BMP	Best Management Practices
CEAA	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
CMP	Compliance Monitoring Plan
DFO	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
EA	Environmental Assessment
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
ECA	Environmental Compliance Approval
EMRS	East Mine Rock Stockpile
ERT	Emergency Response Team
EWPW	Eastern Whip-Poor-Will
FMP	Follow-up Monitoring Plan
IAAC	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
LRIA	Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act
MDMER	Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulation
ENDM	Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
MNRF	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
MECP	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
MRP	Mine Rock Pond
MOECC	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheets
NG	New Gold
PTTW	Permit to Take Water
PWQO	Provincial Water Quality Objectives
RPRA	Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority
RRM	Rainy River Mine
SAR	Species at Risk
TK/TLU	Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Land Use
TMA	Tailings Management Area
WMP	Water Management Pond
WMRS	West Mine Rock Stockpile

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SECTION 2

NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER UPDATE



Figure 4. Rainy River Mine Aerial view, looking South-west, 2023

Rainy River Mine Update

The Rainy River Mine (RRM) site is in the Township of Chapple, approximately 65 kilometers, Northwest of Fort Frances in Northwestern Ontario. Owned and operated by New Gold Inc (New Gold). Physical works related to the RRM consists primarily of:

- Open pit (current)
- Underground (Intrepid producing)
- Overburden, mine rock and low-grade ore stockpiles,
- Primary crusher and process plant (completed 2017),
- Tailings management area and related water management infrastructure,
- 230 kilovolt transmission line (completed 2016),
- Relocation of a portion of gravel-surfaced Highway 600 (completed 2016), and
- Associated infrastructure, buildings and facilities, supported by related pipeline and power infrastructure as required.

Construction of the RRM began in February 2015 after the Environmental Assessment (EA) process was completed, the Closure Plan was filed and the environmental approvals necessary for the work proposed were obtained. The subsections that follow provide an overview of the activities conducted onsite during 2023.

Health and Safety

Health and Safety is a primary focus of the Rainy River Mine. Table 1 outlines the project statistics from 2016 to 2023.

Table 1. Rainy River Mine Safety Statistics

Description	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Lost Time Incidents	0	1	2	3	5	0	1	0
Hours Worked on Project	2,899,056	3,726,628	2,586,258	2,854,063	2,450,422	2,357,896	2,342,731	2,400,217
Completed Site Health, Safety & Environmental Orientations	3,200	4,328	2,719	3,665	3,689	2,183	1,297	1,179

2023 Highlights and activities within the Health and Safety Department include;

Safety

- Rainy River Mine achieved Triple Zero injury for the months of January, March, July, and November.
- Continued Courage to Care campaign with visible felt leadership, updated the Safety Management System, introduced Life Saving Behaviours.
- Focus on safety leading indicators such as Hazard Observations and Near Miss Reporting.
- Hire Safety Superintendent
- Centralized Training Department
- Switched ISNetworld for contractor management.

Emergency Services

- Continued Mine Rescue and ERT member recruitment.
- Began relocation of Mine Rescue Sub-station to inside the gate beside the existing fire hall – scheduled for completion in 2024 Q4.
- Hired underground safety advisors to support underground development.

Mine Operations

Overburden stripping was completed in 2023. The North Lobe mining was completed at the end of Q1 2023, and in-pit dumping began at the end of Q3. The Phase 3 area was projected to be completed in December 2023 but was not completed until January 2024. The gearing up of dumping of in-pit, building buttresses and filling in the North Lobe is taking the strain off our EMRS dump.



Figure 5. View of the Rainy River pit, looking East. Phase 4 at the bottom of the photo, Phase 3 in the middle, and North Lobe In-Pit Dump on the left. February 22, 2023

Rainy River Underground continued development in the Intrepid Zone with ore sills on the 250m, 275m, and 300m levels. Development of the ODM Internal Connection (310 Decline or “Lucky 13”) commenced in June, with development of the 395 Incline drift getting underway in December.

Total development for 2023 amounted to 3000.6m comprising of 1042.4m towards the ODM Internal Connection and 1963.7m towards Intrepid Zone decline advancement. 118.7 vertical meters were also taken in the Intrepid Zone, primarily for vent raises from 200mL down to 275mL.

Platforms and ladderways for escapeway were installed down to the bottom of Intrepid Zone from surface over the course of the year.

Stope ore production for 2023 amounted to 235,519 tonnes. Development ore from sills added another 57,803 tonnes.

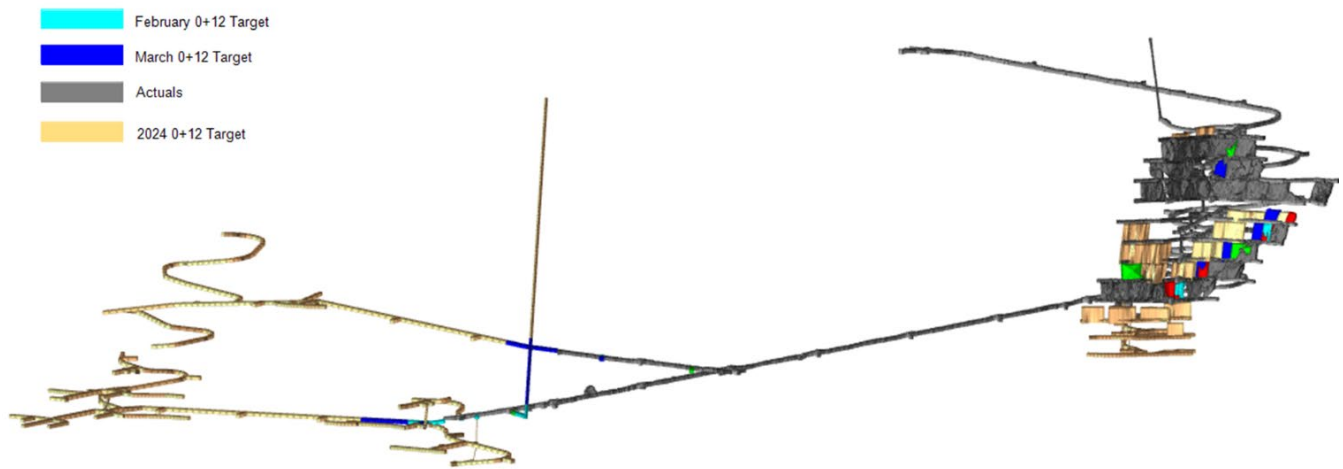


Figure 6. Underground development as of end of January 2024, along with 2024 targets

Mill

The initial design of the Rainy River processing plant aimed for a nominal capacity of 7.7 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa), or 21,000 tonnes per day (tpd), sourcing ore from both open pit and underground mines. The original production targets were set at 19,500 tpd from the open pit mine and 1,500 tpd from the underground mine. The processing plant began handling ore in September 2017 and declared commercial production by mid-October 2017. In 2023, Rainy River successfully reached daily plant throughputs of 24,012 tpd, equivalent to 8.76 Mtpa. The life of mine (LOM) throughput is now averaging around 24,700 tpd.

Figure 7 shows the historical ore processed from 2017 through to 2023 and the forecasted throughput in 2024.

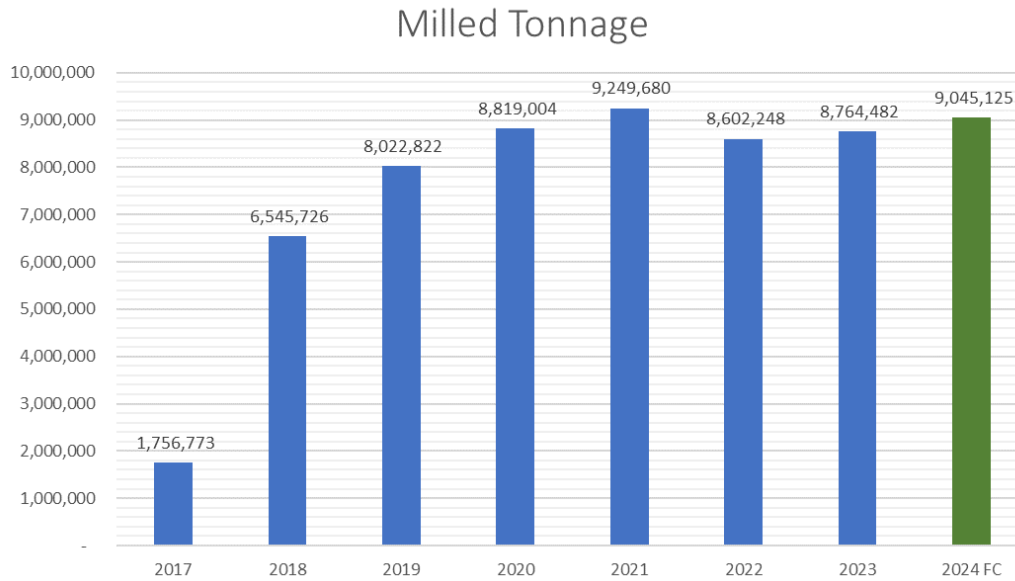


Figure 7. Ore processed

The Rainy River processing plant is distinguished by two primary mineral processing facilities: the Primary Crushing Building and the Main Process Plant. A general building site layout, which includes the electrical substation, process plant, stockpile, and the primary crusher, is detailed in Figure 8.

Figure 9 provides a visual representation of the Rainy River process plant's simplified flowsheet, outlining the sequential unit processes involved in mineral extraction and processing. These processes encompass:

- Gyrotory crusher for initial ore size reduction.
- Coarse ore stockpile, with material discharged through draw pockets by apron feeders.
- SAG (Semi-Autogenous Grinding) mill feed conveyor to transport ore to the mill.
- SAG mill for further reduction of ore size and preliminary grinding.
- Pebble crusher to process SAG mill oversize discharged material.
- Ball mill for final grinding of ore to a finer particle size.
- Gravity concentration of cyclone feed slurry to separate free gold.
- Intensive cyanide leaching of gravity concentrate in an Acacia reactor to recover gold.

- Pre-leach thickener to increase the density of the slurry for efficient leaching.
- Cyanide leaching tanks for gold extraction from the ore.
 - CIP (Carbon in Pulp) circuit for gold adsorption from the leached slurry. The CIP involves circulating a cyanide-laced slurry of milled ore over activated carbon, which has a high affinity for gold and other metals. The activated carbon adsorbs the gold from the slurry as it passes through 8 tanks in the circuit. The CIP process enables the efficient extraction and recovery of gold from low-grade ores, making it a cornerstone of the gold mining industry due to its effectiveness in maximizing gold yield while minimizing environmental impact.
- Cyanide destruction using the sulphur dioxide-air process to neutralize cyanide in the tailings. The sulfur dioxide-air process is an effective method for neutralizing toxic cyanide in milling tailings, involving the introduction of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and air (or oxygen) into cyanide-containing solutions. This triggers chemical reactions that transform hazardous cyanide compounds into much less toxic cyanate (OCN⁻), which further degrades into environmentally benign carbon dioxide and ammonia. The process, characterized by the addition of SO₂, either directly or through sodium metabisulfite, and the careful monitoring of pH, oxygen, and chemical concentrations, ensures the safe conversion of cyanide, meeting stringent environmental standards while minimizing potential harm to the environment and human health.
- Carbon stripping using the Zadra process to desorb gold from loaded carbon. The Zadra elution process is a technique used in the gold mining industry to extract gold from activated carbon, where it has been adsorbed during the cyanidation process. This method involves soaking gold-loaded carbon in a hot solution of sodium hydroxide and sodium cyanide to reverse the adsorption process and release the gold back into solution. Following elution, gold is recovered through electrowinning and then smelted into bullion.
- Electrowinning to recover gold from the eluate and gravity concentrate leach solution. Electrowinning is a key process in the gold mining industry for extracting gold from eluate and gravity concentrate leach solutions, utilizing electrical current to precipitate gold from these solutions onto a cathode, leaving other elements in solution.

This method involves placing the gold-bearing solution into an electrolytic cell, where a direct current is applied, causing gold ions to move towards and deposit on the cathode as pure metallic gold. The process is highly efficient and allows for the recovery of gold in a highly pure form, making it an essential step in the processing of low-grade ores and tailings, thereby enhancing the overall economic viability of mining operations by ensuring minimal environmental impact and maximizing gold recovery.

- Casting of gold and silver into bars (doré) using an induction furnace.

This comprehensive flowsheet illustrates the Rainy River process plant's methodology for extracting gold and silver, emphasizing the importance of sequential and integrated unit processes for optimal recovery and environmental management.

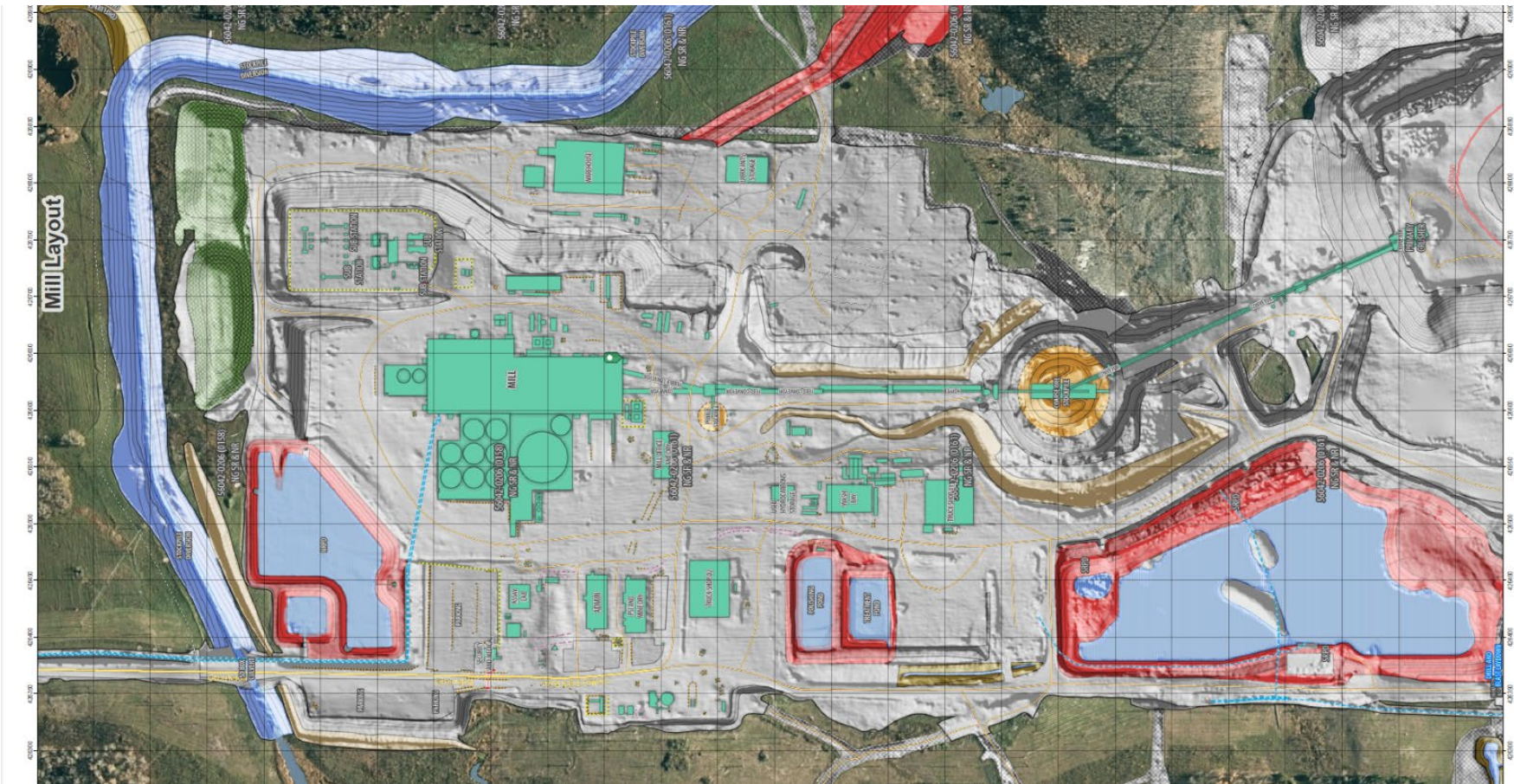


Figure 8. General processing area and buildings site layout

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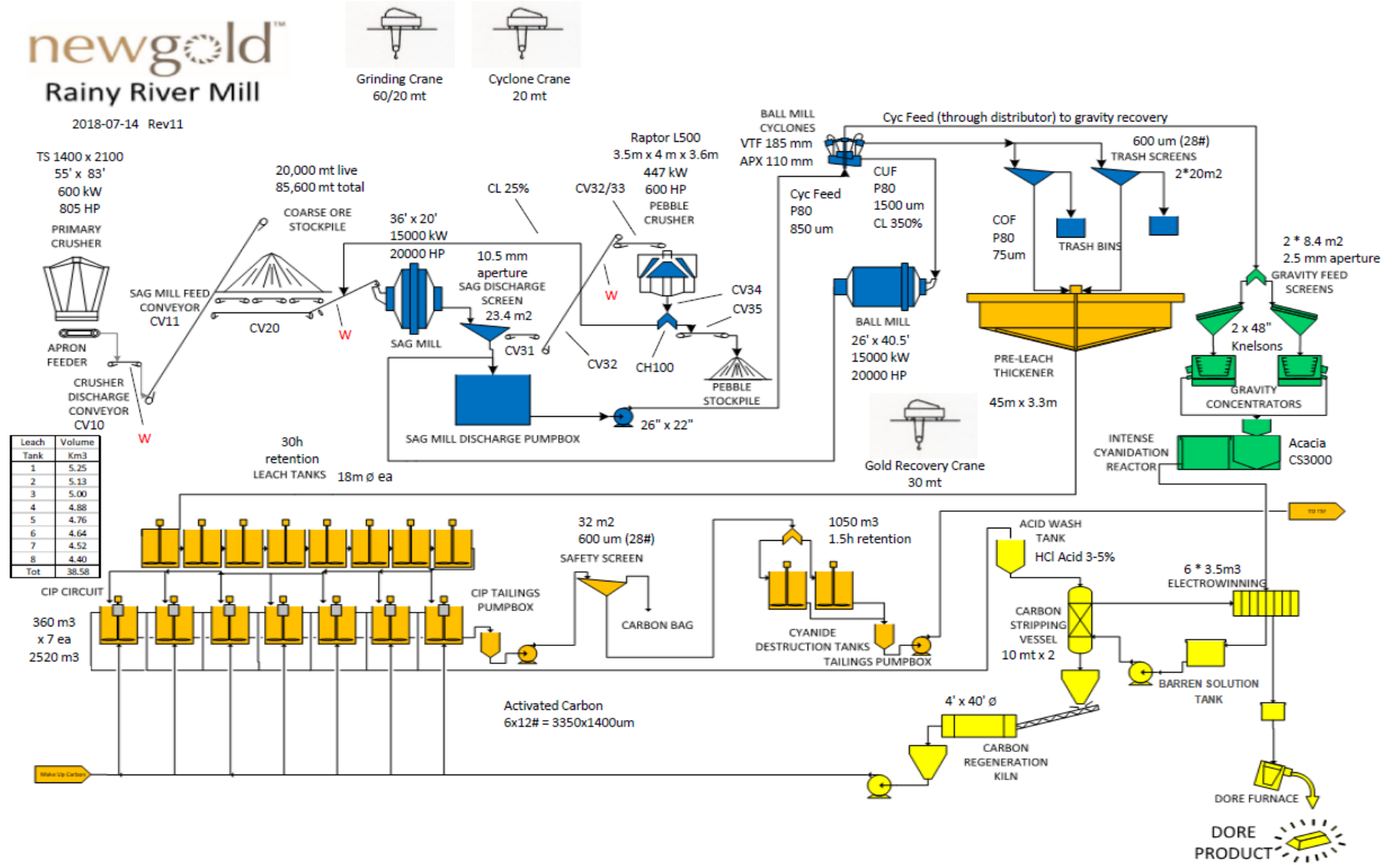


Figure 9. Site Mill flowsheet

Figure 10 illustrates the total specific energy consumption for the SAG mill, ball mill, and pebble crusher combined in 2023. This comprehensive overview provides valuable insights into the overall energy efficiency of the grinding circuit at the Rainy River processing plant. Understanding the cumulative energy usage of these critical components helps in assessing the operational efficiency, identifying opportunities for energy savings, and optimizing the plant's performance for reduced environmental footprint and operational costs.

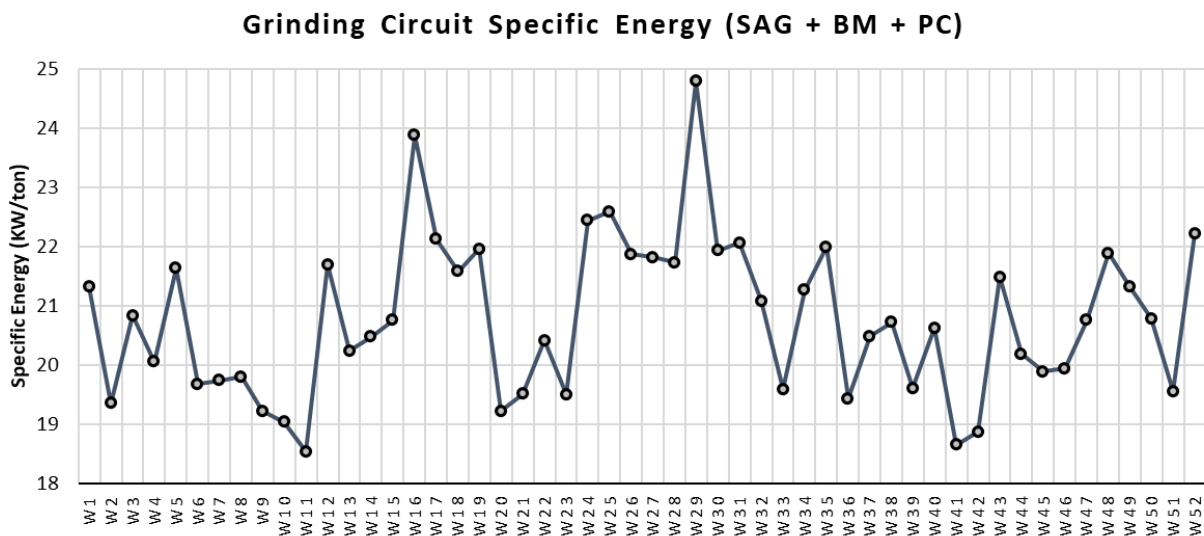


Figure 10. SAG + Ball mill + Pebble crusher specific energy usage in 2023

The actual SAG + Ball mill specific energy usage for the 24-month period was 20.7 kWh/t. Dust originating from the crushed ore stockpile has been recognized as an environmental and health hazard. To address this dust issue, solutions such as the installation of a dry fog system and dust control curtains at the discharge point of the coarse ore stockpile feed conveyor, CV 11, have been implemented. These modifications were completed in the fourth quarter of 2022 and the early part of the first quarter of 2023. These measures have significantly mitigated the dust problem.



Figure 11. Rainy River Mill

Construction

At Rainy River Mine, 2023 marked the ninth year of construction. During 2023, the following projects were completed:

- Tailings Management Area (TMA) Stage 5 Raise to elevation 377.1 m (See figure 12)
- TMA North Dam Spillway Raise to elevation 375.3 m
- TMA Instrumentation Installation
- TMA Influent Control Structure Upgrade
- Open Pit Water Diversion Channel
- Biochemical Reactor 1 and 2 Remediation

Planned construction activities for 2024 include the following projects:

- TMA Stage 6 Raise to dam elevation 378.1 m
- TMA North Dam Spillway Raise to elevation 376.3 m
- TMA Instrumentation Installation



Figure 12. TMA West Dam 6 Construction 2023

Human Resources

As of December 31st, 2023, there were 851 employees of New Gold at Rainy River. During the year New Gold hired 225 employees and off-boarded 186 employees.

Of the 851 employees;

- 70.3% were hired from the Rainy River District
- 1.9% were hired from the Kenora District
- 14.3% were hired from other locations in Ontario
- 13.3% were hired from Provinces or Territories within Canada, other than Ontario

- 0.2% were hired from outside of Canada
- 25.3% of New Gold employees at Rainy River self-identified as Indigenous, with the majority from local communities or affiliations.
- 18.0% of New Gold employees at Rainy River are female

The majority of employees work within the mine department, followed by maintenance, mill, and general operations departments (including finance, supply chain, environment, human resources, community and health and safety).

Community

New Gold RRM in 2023 commenced activities previously impacted by Covid-19. In New Gold's sixth full year of commercial production, site tours and small group tours were offered to the public, business partners, school groups, local service organizations, neighbours, Indigenous community members or families of employees. Eighteen site and group tours occurred in 2023.

New Gold RRM has various existing partnerships with Indigenous groups and continued to engage through participation and implementation committee meetings, emails, phone conversations, business development assistance, in-person meetings and community visits. New Gold RRM participated in events held in communities to commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation including a flag raising ceremonies, Big Grassy First Nation Pow Wow and Every Child Matters Awareness walk, and events held at the former residential school site in Couchiching First Nation. New Gold RRM partnered with the Town of Rainy River and Dawson Township to sponsor the West Rainy River New Gold Youth Grant. New Gold RRM hosted a Fire Pit Teaching for a local school at New Gold's onsite Roundhouse. New Gold RRM held an Open House during a local community event. New Gold RRM sponsored and presented an award at the Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce Business Awards event. New Gold RRM distributed two newsletters throughout the local communities, mailed locally and emailed to communities outside of the local mail distribution. New Gold held annual Spring and Fall Ceremonies at the Roundhouse at site; Elder George Kirkrude officiated the Spring Ceremony; Elder Art Hunter officiated the Fall Ceremony.

New Gold is proud to support projects and initiatives that have short- and long-term sustainable benefits within the communities where we operate. Our areas of investment include arts, culture & recreation, environment, education, social and community. In 2023, 48 organizations benefited from contributions from New Gold RRM. Some of the sponsorships and donations provided by New Gold

RRM included:

- West Rainy River New Gold Youth Grant.
- Fort Frances Make a Big Splash Park.
- Donations to local food banks and community Christmas dinner.
- Support for local fishing tournaments.
- Sponsorship of local service and health care organizations fundraising events.
- Sponsorship of a local community and cultural events.
- Sponsorship of an Anishinaabe Language and Cultural Camp.

New Gold RRM will continue to be responsive to communities, ensuring community members are engaged with New Gold.



Figure 13. New Gold's Community Open House

Environment

As the Rainy River Mine advances, the Environmental Department continues to find efficient and effective means for conducting required monitoring such as routine groundwater, surface

water, wildlife and aquatic monitoring, and ambient air quality monitoring. With the Important highlights to note in 2023 include:

- Earned AAA ratings in Towards Sustainable Mining Tailings Management and Water Stewardship protocols.
- Completed a full Water Balance Model update.
- Completed an Implementation Audit for the Rainy River Mine Environmental Management System.
- Filled all Environmental Department personnel roles.
- Completed Lunch and Learn's with Indigenous Communities.
- Supported Lake of the Woods District Stewardship Association and Rainy River Stewardship Committee with purchase of trees to provide employees for Earth Day.

Water Management

In 2023, the site water balance (WB) model was completely updated, to bring the model in line with current operating practices and future modelling needs. Quarterly updates were not completed in 2023 due to the rebuilt model; however, following 2023 data validation, monthly updates will resume in 2024. In addition, the load source term water quality model will be updated in 2024 and built on the new WB model.

Manual water levels are taken at a minimum once a month during winter and up to three times a week during ice-free periods. Continuous water level monitors have been installed at several critical locations, with data being available live on the GIS system. This information is automatically transferred to the GIS water level dashboard, giving a real-time snapshot of water levels. The monthly updates will also help forecast near-term water inventory on-site and allow RRM to adjust and prepare for any conditions by adjusting pumping rates or treatment and discharge of water. Throughout 2024, SRK will manage the water balance model updates in collaboration with the engineer of record for the TMA.

In 2023, RRM managed to discharge 4,694,572 m³ of water to Pinewood River, which is a big achievement in terms of water discharge to the environment and reduction of the excess site water inventory. RRM has process water treatment systems in place; hence, in 2023, all site discharge water quality complies with ECA 2290-CAVKGN water quality guidelines. The ability to treat and discharge compliant process water is crucial to ensure the continued operations of the mine.

GIS

In 2023, the GIS team (GIS) continued to manage, improve, and support the internal New Gold Rainy River distributed client/server Web GIS System (Web GIS), provided ongoing GIS services and solutions, facilitated remotely sensed geospatial surveys and developed and implemented several new monitoring database systems.

One of the GIS team's principal objectives in 2023 was to design, develop, and implement additional automated instrumentation systems, prioritizing the "Current Pond Warning Levels" notification system and dashboard, and further improving the existing Instrumentation Database System and completing the remaining scheduled development including the automation of standpipe piezometer monitoring.

In May 2023, the team completed and launched the "Current Pond Warning Levels" notification system and a dashboard designed to provide real-time alerts and visualizations of all monitored water bodies. The system captures data from instruments installed and maintained by the TMA team, automatically recording water elevation in each pond every hour or every six hours, depending on the location. When defined trigger and/or alert levels are reached, the associated database system monitors these levels and automatically sends out notifications. The notification email includes various statistics and a link to a Web GIS dashboard offering a high-level view of all monitored water bodies, allowing users to review information such as water volume under NOWL, latest volume, pumping volumes, precipitation, etc. As more instruments were installed and configured throughout 2023 in additional ponds and sumps, they were incorporated into the notification system.

In the first quarter of 2023, the GIS team collaborated with the Environmental Hydrogeology team to further improve and update the Groundwater Monitoring Database System, designed to manage groundwater level monitoring data for the environmental department. The database system, replacing the existing spreadsheet-based system, was launched in Q2 of 2023 in time for the 2023 spring campaign.

As of early 2023 and over the preceding 24 months, New Gold Rainy River experienced an average monthly production loss of 42 hours from Wenco downtime, resulting in over \$75,000 in lost production. The GIS Team worked with the Maintenance team to mitigate signal loss using GIS spatial analysis to optimize tower placement.

During the first quarter of 2023, we also launched a new Web GIS application for utility locates, providing streamlined access to site utility layers. This application includes the latest UAV (Drone)

orthomosaic basemap by default, allowing users to zoom in closer (1:375) than in other apps to inspect ground conditions in more detail.

As part of an ongoing effort to improve Water Management systems on-site and in collaboration with Site Services, Mine Operations, Capital Projects, and with oversight from SRK (the EOR), the GIS team introduced a new electronic data entry form to record pumping data in March 2023. This system replaced existing paper forms and the previously inefficient and error-prone manual update process.

In cooperation with the Community team, we updated the existing public-facing Web GIS application in March 2023. The primary purpose of this app is to highlight driving directions to the site from surrounding communities. The Community team can now manage and visualize the number of employees traveling on these routes to the site and use this information for transportation planning. Among several new features is the ability for public users to add points of interest on the map and short comments along with photos, which can be shared in the public map. To facilitate regular, monthly updates of a drainage model for the open pit, the GIS team introduced a new Open Pit Drainage Monitoring Web GIS Application in April 2023. The provided drainage data and topography-derived watershed models can be used by in-house personnel to optimize the placement of pumping equipment and instrumentation. The GIS Team continued to add new digitized flows and updated the pit watershed models from aerial surveys and the monthly UAV (drone) orthoimagery and surface model throughout 2023.

The GIS team occasionally aids the larger New Gold team outside of Rainy River, namely the corporate team and the New Afton mine. In August 2023, we leveraged an existing ArcGIS Enterprise Workgroup license, originally used for the Blackwater Project, to repurpose the software and developed a basic web GIS platform for New Afton without needing additional software investment. This tool provides New Afton users with previously unrealized access to explore and analyze geospatial data. The new Web mapping app shares the same intuitive design as the Rainy viewer and also features similar services, including monthly orthomosaic and elevation surface, contours, mine roads and hydrology, land tenure, basic infrastructure, and place names, etc. Still, in August 2023, we built and deployed the Water Treatment System requested by Site Services, moving from manual capture of water treatment sampling records to a new database-centric system. The Site Services team now uses a custom Survey123 mobile app to record the readings, eliminating the need for traditional paper and pen data collection methods. This new process also enables us to provide the team with new tools to facilitate real-time data visualizations

in a custom spreadsheet and a GIS dashboard.

In September 2023, we rolled out the Tailings Elevation Database Management System, replacing the old spreadsheet-based system with a robust database system that allows users to efficiently manage spigot locations and statuses, import and QC survey data, and visualize elevation trends in various ways. Spigots and their current statuses were also included in the Web GIS Viewer to make it easy to check the most recent discharging activity.

To improve the tracking of hazardous waste collection and management at the mine, we collaborated with the Environment and Warehouse teams to implement a trial Survey123 powered Hazardous Waste Form to replace the old PDF version of this form. The old form was inflexible, error prone, and flagged as a security risk due to its internal coding. The new form rectifies these issues and opens up numerous options to enhance the waste tracking system at New Gold in the future.

In 2023, we hired 3v Geomatics (3vG) to provide high-resolution satellite-based InSAR (Interferometric Synthetic-Aperture Radar) deformation/displacement monitoring at the Rainy River mine. Regular flyovers with the TerraSAR-X satellite begun in Q2 of 2023, and the baseline time-series dataset was completed in November 2023. After acquiring 6 orbital images, 3vG began providing "rapid" reporting, identifying areas of statistically significant displacement and acceleration detection. After a full season of data acquisition was completed in November, 3vG delivered a comprehensive analysis and provided our geotechnical staff with the training to analyze the final InSAR dataset in Motionary, an online InSAR analysis platform.

As part of an ongoing annual geospatial (remote sensing) survey effort, the GIS team facilitated the collection and acquisition of high-resolution multispectral orthoimagery in July 2023, a LiDAR topographic survey along with ultra-high resolution aerial imagery of the entire mine site in October 2023, as well as a bathymetry survey of the tailings management area and the water management pond in June 2023.

In July, the team completed the purchase of a new Wingtra fixed-wing, vertical take-off drone system for large-area TMA surveys. We were able to achieve near-perfect Post-Processed Kinematic (PPK) horizontal accuracy and mean vertical accuracies of + -1cm without using ground control points when compared to manual surveys. This means that the system can capture survey-grade data "as is" without having to establish ground control points prior to each survey. Since we added the Wingtra drone to our fleet, we've completed numerous surveys, including 3 complete TMA surveys.

The team also continued to improve updating of the monthly drone orthomosaic comprised of all

drone surveys completed each month. The resulting composite orthoimages are published (as a basemap) to the internal Web GIS and delivered (as a raster geospatial image) to internal users and consultants on a monthly basis.

Other GIS services, analyses, and applications of note provided by the GIS team in 2023 include an inventory of Land Tenure data and the addition of direct access to Land Titles, an update to the Land Tenure web GIS application, TMA Bathymetry web service, a new Waste Management (bin locations) web GIS app and real-time web services and improvements were also made to the Underground Progress 3D Web GIS application. A new Dam Depression Editor for the capture and monitoring of depression perimeters was also developed and implemented in 2023. The team also completed various other projects such as ICSS storage volume estimates, the addition of TMA Stationing and grid in web GIS apps, numerous data analysis and other items that contribute to the overall operational efficiency of the Rainy River team.

Wildlife

In addition to the above projects, the environmental team continues to monitor air quality, wildlife, water quality, waste and hazardous waste. Inspections of site work areas are completed monthly with additional inspections performed on an as-needed basis with all non-compliances reported immediately.

During 2023 various activities and monitoring programs were undertaken regarding RRM's commitments related to wildlife. Those activities are as follows.

Small and large body fish tissue monitoring occurred in the Pinewood River primarily to assess potential impacts RRM may be causing. For small body fish, Common Shiner and Central Mudminnow were monitored for Mine related effects, for large body fish Northern Pike and Walleye were monitored. No significant effects to human or wildlife health were detected down to the lowest guidelines available. Mercury levels seem to be fluctuating over time but remaining near baseline levels.

Fish populations were also assessed in on-site compensation and offset habitat against DFO criteria for successfully constructed fish habitat over the last 5 years. All structures other than Stockpile pond/diversion have reached success criteria and have been deemed suitable fish

habitat going forward and no longer requiring monitoring. The Stock Pile pond has been identified as unable to retain enough water to connect to the Stock Pile Diversion and therefore must be rehabilitated so water can pass from the Stock Pile Pond to the Diversion. The Stock Pile Pond/Diversion deficiencies leave NG 3.5 hectares short of the targeted amount of fish compensation habitat. To remedy this NG proposes to create the needed habitat as new fish habitat on existing Mine property as additional ponds. This work is planned for Q4 2024. All activities were done with the authorization of the required License to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes and Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act permits.

In addition to normal reporting of Species at Risk to MECP, Eastern Whip-Poor-Will monitoring was undertaken at the Near site monitoring locations. All monitoring and activities were done as per New Gold's Endangered Species Act permit and Follow-up-Monitoring plan.

Black Bears have always been a common sight at RRM and since 2016 New Gold has worked with the MNRF to minimize human/bear interactions, with their guidance and training, nuisance bears have remained manageable. RRM has 5 trained staff that are capable of relocating bears if needed under an Authorization to Trap and Transport Black Bears.

During 2021 local hunters provided White-tailed Deer tissue samples that will be analyzed for metal concentrations to monitor health of the local deer population. 15 samples were collected and were compared to baseline data gathered from 2016-2018. This report is attached in Appendix B, no changes in the health of the local deer population were detected. This program did not run in 2023 but samples will be requested in 2024.



Figure 14. Blue heron at sed pond 2. May 31, 2023.

Regulatory Update

In January 2015 both a Federal Environmental Assessment Decision Statement and a Provincial Environmental Assessment Notice of Approval were provided to New Gold for the Rainy River Mine.

Throughout 2015 to 2017 earthworks construction of dams, water diversion systems, roads, and commissioning of mining operations were advanced based various permits and approvals granted by both the Federal and Provincial Governments.

An Amended Closure Plan was filed in October 2020, an Amended Industrial Sewage Works Environmental Compliance Approval was issued in April 2022, and an Amended Air and Noise Environmental Compliance Approval was issued July 2022.

Table 2. Summary of the environmental approvals related to the Rainy River Mine.

Table 2: Rainy River Mine - Environmental Permits and Approvals

Agency	Type	Number	Description	Comments
Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks	Permit to Take Water	1538-BXNN49	Mine Dewatering	Active. Expires April 16, 2031
		7631-9VULMS	Mine Dewatering	Cancelled and replaced by 1538-BXNN49.
		6832-C2RLAD	Pit Dewatering - Ground Water DW20-2, DW20-3	Active. Expires June 4, 2028
		1386-9VTP2H	Aggregate Sources (OC3, OC4, Roen)	Active. Expires May 8, 2025
		7276-CDTMSU	Loslo and Stockpile SW and GW	Expired May 3, 2023
		2558-AJ7HXF	Renewed Tait Quarry	Expired May 19 2022
		3638-9VTNRM	Tait Quarry	Expired May 8, 2017
		7430-AYEN78	Renewed Tailings Management Area Construction	Expired June 22, 2019
		3177-BXPMNZ	Surface and Ground Water/ Constructed Wetlands Minor Taking	Expired March 30, 2022.
		8101-AY8HT5	Renewed Construction Minor Takings	Expired June 22, 2019. Replaced by 3177-BXPMNZ.
	2133-9VUPVZ	Construction Phase Minor Takings	Expired May 8, 2018 extended to June 30, 2018.	
	Environmental Compliance Approval	0412-A2LR4V	Air / Noise	Active. No expiry.
		8567-9ZXG8U	Air / Noise	Superseded.
		2290-CAVKGN	Sewage Works	Active. No expiry.
		3855-C4E3FF	Sewage Works	Amended.
		7004-BC7KQ5	Sewage Works	Rescinded February 11, 2020.
		5178-9TUDP9	Operations – Sewage	Rescinded.

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Agency	Type	Number	Description	Comments
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry			Works	
		5781-9VJ2QJ	Construction Sewage Works	Expired.
	Location, Plans and Specifications Approval	FF-2020-01	Effluent Mixing Structure (EMS) #2	Expired December 31, 2021
	Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act	FF-2019-01	Effluent Mixing Structure and Hydrology Gauge	Expired September 4, 2021
		FF-2017-03	TMA Cell #2	Expired December 31, 2018
		FF-2017-02	Sediment Ponds	Expired December 31, 2018
		FF-2017-01	West Creek Natural Channel Temporary Bypass	Expired.
		FF-2016-02	Culvert Crossing	
		FF-2016-02A	CPL15	Expired November 1, 2017
		FF-2015-08	Culvert C15	Expired November 1, 2017
		FF-2015-07	Pinewood River Intake / Outfall	Expired March 31, 2016
		FF-2015-05	Mine Rock Pond	
		FF-2015-05A		Expired December 31, 2017
		FF-2015-04	TMA	
		FF-2015-04A		
		FF-2015-04B		
		FF-2015-04C		Expired.
		FF-2015-03	Clark Creek Diversion	
		FF-2015-03A		
		FF-2015-03B		Expired.
		FF-2015-02	West Creek Diversion	
	FF-2015-02A			
	FF-2015-02B	Expired.		
	FF-2015-01	West Creek Diversion	Expired.	
	FF-2015-01	Temporary Culverts C2, C6, C8	Expired.	
	Work Permit/ Letter of Authority	FF-2019-1916-AP001	Work in Water	Expired October 31 st 2021
		FF11-2015/2016	Pinewood River Bridge Crossing	Expired December 30, 2016
		FF6-2015/2016	East Access Road	Expired May 30, 2016

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Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Public Lands Act		Construction Amendment	
		FF2-2015/2016	East Access Road Construction	Expired May 30, 2016
	Endangered Species Act Permit	FF-C-001-14	Permit Under 17(2)(c)	Active.
	Aggregate Resources Licence	625851	Tait Quarry	Rehabilitated in 2018
		626197	Laydown 4 Quarry	
	Overlapping Forest Resource Licence Agreement	Agreement with Resolute Forest Products 2018-2019.		Expired March 31, 2019
		Agreement with Boundary Waters Forest Management Corp		April 1, 2020 to March 31 st 2021
	Forest Resource Licence	B12157		2019-2020
		554565		Expired March 31, 2021
		554564		Expired March 31, 2021
	Harvest Approval/ Authority to Haul	219400		2019-2020
		219198, 218658, 219196		2018-2019
	Land Use Permit	FF2020-3854-LUP-003	Dock	
		1134-1003167	Transmission Line	
		1134-1003203	Four Safety Platforms	Expires July 31, 2022
		1104376	Authorization to Trap and Transfer Black Bears	Active: Expires: March 31, 2024
		1103999	Wildlife Scientific Collectors Authorization	Expired December 31, 2023
		1101012	Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes	Expired December 31, 2023
		1098093	License to collect fish	Expired December 31, 2021
		1096303	License to collect fish- Fish recovery during	Expired December 31, 2020

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Agency	Type	Number	Description	Comments
Canadian Environmental	Fish & Wildlife Collection Approvals		repairs	
		1095517	License to collect fish EMS2 Diffuser	Expired December 31, 2020
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		1094187	Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes- Pinewood River	Expired December 31, 2019
		1093595	Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes- Site Waterbodies	Expired December 31, 2019
		1092647	Authorization to Trap and Transfer Black Bears 2019	Expired March 31, 2020
		1095848	Authorization to Trap and Transfer Black Bears 2020	Expired March 31, 2021
		1098087	Authorization to Trap and Transfer Black Bears 2021	Expired March 31, 2022
		1094158	Wildlife Scientific Collectors Authorization - Turtle and Snake Relocation 2019	Expired December 31, 2019
		1095545	Wildlife Scientific Collectors Authorization - Turtle and Snake Relocation 2020	Expired December 31, 2020
1098239	Wildlife Scientific Collectors Authorization - Turtle and Snake Relocation 2020	Expired December 31, 2021		
Canadian Environmental	Federal Decision Statement issued under Section 54	Provincial EA	90+ Federal EA Commitments	

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Agency	Type	Number	Description	Comments
Assessment Agency	of Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012			
Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks	Environmental Assessment Act Section 9 Notice of Approval to proceed with the Undertaking	EA Commitments	68 Provincial Commitments	
Environment Canada	Final EA Report Commitments Registry	Reporting Procedures for MMER	205 Commitments	
Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines	Closure Plan	13+ approvals	Contains Closure Plan Commitments Registry Filed by Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (February 23, 2015)	
Ontario Ministry of Transportation	Entrance Permit	14+ approvals		
	Encroachment Permit	11+ approvals		No lighting or marking required
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Land Use Authorization	15-HCAA-00039		Renewal
	Letter of Advice	KE-12-0963	Section 35(2)	
	Letter	15-0045	Road Crossings	
	Letter	15-0046	Linear Structure	
Transport Canada	Letter	ATS-15-16-00026521	Blasting Zone	
	Clearance	16-2664	Transmission Line - Aeronautic Obstruction Clearance	
Ontario Energy	Nuclear Radiation Licence	15954-1-24.0	Nuclear Radiation Device Licence	Active: Expires May 31, 2024.
		15954-1-19.0	Nuclear Radiation Device Licence	Expired May 31, 2019.
		EW-2014-0371		

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Agency	Type	Number	Description	Comments
Board	Electricity Wholesaler Licence			Expired February 11, 2020
Municipality	Occupancy Permit	N16-08	Admin Building – Process Plant Site	Active.

SECTION 3

NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE



Figure 15. Family of Swans Summer 2023

Condition 6 Current use of Lands and Resources for Traditional Purposes

Condition 6.1

The Proponent shall provide access to private lands to Aboriginal groups for their current use of land, including hunting and plant harvesting.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

In 2023, New Gold responded to site access inquiries relating to hunting on the following dates: March 1, August 22, Sept 15 and October 12.

Condition 6.2

Current use of Lands and Resources for Traditional Purposes: The Proponent shall avoid use of herbicides along the transmission line corridor unless required to prevent fire hazards. The Proponent shall minimize the removal of non-woody vegetation within the transmission line corridor.

Timing: Construction and Operations.

Status: Ongoing

Over the life of the mine, the line will be inspected and if necessary, vegetation that would impact the line may need to be managed. The use of herbicide for vegetation management is not intended. During 2023, limited mechanical vegetation management occurred along the line.

Condition 6.3

The Proponent shall, throughout all phases of the Designated Project, undertake progressive habitat restoration as per any requirements set by Ontario in the Mine Closure Plan for the Designated Project. Habitat restoration shall include:

Condition 6.3.1

A consideration of habitat types that support a diversity of wildlife species and traditional uses by Aboriginal peoples, including ungulates and furbearers, as well as native plant species previously collected at the Project Site for food and medicinal purposes;

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

During 2021, native seeds and plant species were used in areas where re-vegetation occurred. Final planting on the Vegetation Plots was completed in Fall 2020. Determination of plants used on the vegetation plot was decided through community information sessions, regulatory requirements, and site requirements. These plots will be used to test different plant and tree species with an array of surface treatments. Traditional Knowledge sessions began in 2018 with Elders and members of First Nation communities to determine the different traditional plant species that could be used for ongoing reclamation and at closure at RRM site. See Vegetation Trial Summary in Appendix G for more information.

Condition 6.3.2

The Proponent shall, throughout all phases of the Designated Project, undertake progressive habitat restoration as per any requirements set by Ontario in the Mine Closure Plan for the Designated Project. Habitat restoration shall include: separating and stockpiling removed organic rich material during construction (of open pit and during tailings dam stripping) for use to support revegetation and other reclamation activities.

Timing: Construction and Operations.

Status: Ongoing

During construction activities, organic rich material was separated and stockpiled in designated areas for use in revegetation and other reclamation activities. In 2020, organic rich material was salvaged during development of areas within the East Mine Rock Stockpile, West Mine Rock Stockpile and TMA. In 2023, additional organic rich material was reclaimed from clay borrow development in the TMA and stored in the north TMA stockpiles.

Condition 6.4

The Proponent shall monitor habitat restoration to verify the success of revegetation efforts. Monitoring starts with construction and ends once habitat has been restored and proven effective.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

In the early stages of the Rainy River Mine, the largest construction undertaking that has seen the most reclamation is the creation of four man-made diversions to re-route former water systems known as the West Creek, Clark Creek and Teeple Drain. Construction of these diversion structures referred to as the West Creek, Stockpile, Clark Creek and Teeple Diversions commenced in 2015 with commissioning beginning in late 2016 and mid-2017. As part of the Fisheries and Oceans Canada approval process for these structures, New Gold is required to complete an annual monitoring report of the fisheries, fish habitat and compensation of these structures. In 2022, all structures monitoring met the success criteria except for Stockpile Pond Diversion Channel which underwent monitoring in 2023. See 2023 Aquatic Compensation Monitoring in Appendix D for more information.

Planting of the Vegetation Trial was completed in 2020 and underwent monitoring of vegetation establishment success in 2022. This information and additional annual monitoring will help inform further reclamation effort.

Condition 6.5

The Proponent shall restore access to the Project Site for the Aboriginal groups during the decommissioning phase, to the extent that such access is safe, for their traditional purposes.

Timing: Closure

Status: This condition is not applicable in 2023.

This condition is not relevant to the current operations phase of the project.

Condition 6.6

The proponent shall consult with the Aboriginal groups on the implementation of conditions 6.1, 6.4 and 6.5.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status Update: Ongoing

Through negotiated agreements and in the Rainy River Project Indigenous Consultation Plan, New Gold has engaged Indigenous groups on accessing New Gold property. Any available updates on habitat restoration and the success of revegetation efforts are provided at Environmental Monitoring Board meetings or site tours. There were site tours held in 2023 as follows:

October 25, 2023: AWZFN, AON, Big Grassy, Naicatchewenin, Naotkamegwanning

Sept 20, 2023: AWZFN

Sept 18, 2023: Advisory Services, Couchiching, Naicatchewenin

June 29, 2023: Wabigoon FN

April 17, 2023: AON

Condition 7 Aboriginal Archaeological Heritage and Cultural Resources

Condition 7.1.1

The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: avoid known culturally significant sites.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status Update: Ongoing

Culturally significant sites were avoided in 2023.

Condition 7.1.2

The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: assess additional culturally significant sites, if discovered.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status Update: Ongoing

No culturally significant sites were identified in 2023.

Condition 7.1.3

The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: establish a procedure for Aboriginal groups to safely access the Project Site for cultural and ceremonial purposes.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status Update: Ongoing

A formal procedure was identified in Section 4.0 of the Aboriginal Consultation Plan (Provincial Environmental Assessment, Notice of Approval Condition 9) and issued to MOECC on February 9, 2015. In 2018, revisions were made to the document name, contact information and updates made in response to MECP comments. Further revisions were made in June 2023 to update information, references to the Manager role and the addition of email contact info for the MTCS Archaeology section. The current version of the Indigenous Consultation Plan was issued to MECP in July 2023 and accepted in August 2023.

Condition 7.1.4

The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: preserve any discovered burial sites.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status Update: Ongoing

No burial sites were discovered in 2023.

Condition 7.1.5

The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: salvage and preserve any artifacts that cannot be maintained in-situ.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status Update: Ongoing

Northwest Archaeological Assessments under the guidance of qualified archaeologist Andrew Hinshelwood, completed analysis and cataloguing of artifacts discovered during the 2018 Stage 4 excavation on the southwestern edge of the mine site. During 2019, preliminary reports for both excavation sites plus the final report for the smaller excavation site, were submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) - Archaeological Programs Unit, for review and acceptance into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. The final report for the larger excavation site has been completed and submitted to the MTCS in 2020. Upon acceptance of both final reports by the MTCS, arrangements will be made with Aboriginal people to transfer the artifacts to appropriate facilities.

Condition 7.1.6

The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project: transfer artifacts in condition 7.1.5 to a facility identified by Aboriginal groups, in consultation with the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

Artifacts will be transferred from the archaeologist once the reports for MTCS are complete and consultation with Indigenous groups regarding the artifacts is complete. No artifacts were transferred in 2023.

Condition 7.2

The proponent shall consult with the Aboriginal groups on the implementation of condition 7.1.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

No additional cultural sites were identified in 2023. Throughout the Environmental Assessment process, New Gold had engaged Aboriginal groups on previously identified cultural sites.

Condition 8 Subsection 5(2) effects related to components of the Designated Project that may be associated with federal authorizations

Condition 8.1.1

The proponent shall, in implementing condition 3.7, take measures to avoid or lessen adverse effects: on migratory birds and their habitats.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

In order to lessen adverse effects on migratory birds and their habitats New Gold has implemented the following activities during the first year of construction (2015) and continued to carry these tasks through 2023.

- Establishment of compensation-related habitat and a monitoring and maintenance plan has been initiated (barn swallow nesting boxes and compensation lands);
- New Gold RRM is aware and has taken extra care with regards to the potential for effects on migratory birds during nesting periods. All employees receive Species at Risk training and information regarding nesting birds and the migratory bird act during site orientation. Frequent site wide information bulletins are also shared;
- 6 bird sweeps occurred in 2023 as a precautionary measure to ensure birds were not nesting in proposed areas for construction. A bird sweep is a method of walking a grid system in a proposed construction work zone to ensure that no birds are nesting in the area prior to the commencement of work. A sweep is valid for 72 hours;
- Mitigation measures used to deter birds from nesting in construction zones or landing on the Tailings Management Area may include; deterrent cannons, netting over uninstalled pipes, culverts and openings.
- No tree clearing occurred during the breeding bird window (April 15th to August 15th).
- Monitoring of the success of the diversion structures and fish habitat compensation will be

monitored over the next several years as part of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Authorization. In the event that maintenance activities are required this condition will be reviewed for appropriate mitigation strategies.

Condition 8.1.2

The proponent shall, in implementing condition 3.7, take measures to avoid or lessen adverse effects: on terrestrial species, including amphibians and reptiles, and their habitats.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

The construction of DFO and MDMER compensation and offsetting habitat including the West Creek, Clark Creek, Stockpile Pond and Teeple Pond systems, began in 2015 and was completed in 2018. These structures were intended to provide habitat connectivity for fish and wildlife including SAR and other wildlife and to direct clean water away from mining activities, thus reducing or mitigating impact to all wildlife and their habitat. Another consideration was the location of these structures. Generally due to topographical conditions, ponds were constructed in low areas and diversions were kept away from high activity mining areas. These considerations help promote use by wildlife including SAR and work around these areas is limited or restricted when possible. Another consideration was whether the habitat being disturbed could be considered critical habitat for SAR. During the EA process, the mine site was not determined to have suitable habitat for bat roosting or denning of American Badger. No amphibian SAR are known to inhabit the geographical area of the mine site. The Snapping turtle, a reptile, is known to exist within the Rainy River district. Potentially, snapping turtles would benefit from the DFO/MDMER compensation/offset structures due to the connectivity they promote. Also, the creation and stewardship of these structures would provide suitable replacement habitat to habitat types that may have been lost due to mine development.

Condition 8.1.3

The proponent shall, in implementing condition 3.7, take measures to avoid or lessen adverse effects: On species at risk (SAR) and their habitats.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

The construction of DFO and MDMER compensation and offsetting habitat including the West Creek, Clark Creek, Stockpile Pond and Teeple Pond systems, began in 2015 and was completed in 2018. These structures were intended to provide habitat connectivity for fish and wildlife including SAR and other wildlife and to direct clean water away from mining activities, thus reducing or mitigating impact to all wildlife and their habitat. Another consideration was the location of these structures. Generally due to topographical conditions, ponds were constructed in low areas and diversions were kept away from high activity mining areas. These considerations help promote use by wildlife including SAR and work around these areas is limited or restricted when possible. Another consideration was whether the habitat being disturbed could be considered critical habitat for SAR. During the EA process, the mine site was not determined to have suitable habitat for bat roosting or denning of American Badger. No amphibian SAR are known to inhabit the geographical area of the mine site. The Snapping turtle, a reptile, is known to exist within the Rainy River district. Potentially, snapping turtles would benefit from the DFO/MDMER compensation/offset structures due to the connectivity they promote. Also, the creation and stewardship of these structures would provide suitable replacement habitat to habitat types that may have been lost due to mine development.

Condition 8.1.4

The proponent shall, in implementing condition 3.7 (The Proponent shall both offset any residual serious harm to fish in accordance with subsection 35(2) of the Fisheries Act and associated regulations, and compensate for the loss of fish habitat resulting from the deposition of a deleterious substance into a tailings impoundment area in accordance with the MMR, by recreating fish habitat in the West Creek Diversion Channel, West Creek Pond, Stockpile, etc.) take measures to avoid or lessen adverse effects: on current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes by Aboriginal peoples.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

The construction of fish habitat compensation to offset the impact of the Tailings Management Area (TMA) started in 2015 and was completed in 2018. The man-made ponds (4) and creek diversion systems contained fish habitat features suitable to existing fish species presence (minnows) and native plant species consistent to what was naturally present on site. The construction of these features and loss of habitat associated with the construction of the TMA was shared with communities through the

Environmental Assessment Permitting Phase as part of Public and Aboriginal Consultation. All project design components related to compensation and reclamation were developed to reflect available Traditional Knowledge, naturally occurring features and previous land use considerations.

Condition 8.1.5

The proponent shall, in implementing condition 3.7, take measures to avoid or lessen adverse effects: on sites of cultural significance to Aboriginal peoples.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

Creation of fisheries compensation related habitat initiated during 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 (completed) did not impact any identified sites of cultural significances to Aboriginal peoples. Previous archeological assessments of the New Gold Rainy River Project property included Stage 1 through 4 assessments and excavation.

Condition 8.1.6

The proponent shall, in implementing condition 3.7, take measures to avoid or lessen adverse effects: from potential sources of contamination (e.g. mercury, arsenic, cadmium and lead).

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

The design and construction of the fisheries compensation features were created in a manner to reflect natural systems that will not be impacted by mine wastewater that could be a potential source of contamination. No acid generating rock was used in the creation of rock features. Additionally, New Gold monitors internal water management systems for water quality purposes. If discharge to the environment is required, the water is sampled per ECA and MDMER requirements before and during discharge.

Condition 8.2

The Proponent shall, in implementing condition 6.3, take into consideration the habitat needs of species at risk consistent with final recovery strategies or action plans, or alternatively, rely on best available

information where recovery plans or action plans for the species are not yet completed for the species at risk.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

In 2018 New Gold completed the reclamation of the former Tait Quarry which operated between 2015 and 2017 to provide material for the construction of Highway 600. Through discussions with the MNR in 2013 and 2014, it was decided that Tait Quarry would be reclaimed to Eastern Whip-poor-will habitat similar to that found in the gravel pit on Roen Road. Prior to its' development, Tait Quarry was not considered to be suitable habitat for Whip-poor-wills, which are a Species at Risk in the Rainy River District.

Future reclamation projects will take into consideration action plans for other SAR known to inhabit areas close to the mine. Compensation and offsetting habitat such as those required under the mine's DFO conditions were built with the intent that Snapping turtles and White Pelicans would use them as well as Bald Eagles. In 2019, New Gold facilitated 12 Traditional Knowledge meetings, one with each interested First Nation community stakeholder. The intent of these meetings was to learn what species FN communities would like New Gold to focus on encouraging to return to the mine site post closure. New Gold RRM considered Species at Risk and the potential for habitat creation in site restoration activities to date, including in accordance with their Provincial Endangered Species Act permit. Species at Risk sightings and EWPW monitoring was conducted and reported in 2023 to MECP and is attached as Appendix H.

Condition 8.3 - Completed

*The Proponent shall provide about 1400 hectares of private land as habitat for Eastern Whip poor-will (*Antrostomus vociferous*) and Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*).*

Timing: Construction

Status: Complete

Prior to project development, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) determined that 18 identified Eastern Whip-poor-will breeding territories could potentially be affected by the project's

development and that 348 ha of Bobolink habitat could potentially be impacted by the project. Based on this information, New Gold obtained 1468.3 ha of lands to provide Eastern Whip-poor-will breeding territories and 348 ha of field habitat suitable for Bobolink breeding territories, to offset the loss of habitat.

Condition 8.4

The Proponent shall monitor the effectiveness of the habitat in condition 8.3.

Timing: Construction and Operations

Status: Ongoing

The RRM owns and monitors over 1800 ha of overall benefit land and are following the monitoring plan described in the Endangered Species Act permit (Appendix H).

Condition 8.5.1

The Proponent shall: maintain a fence around the tailings management area to prevent access by wildlife.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

By the spring of 2019 a 14 km wildlife exclusion fence had been erected that encompasses the footprint of the TMA, WDP and WMP. The Wildlife Exclusion Fence is monitored at a minimum once a month.

Condition 8.5.2

*The Proponent shall: implement measures to prevent Snapping Turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) from entering the following components of the Designated Project: tailings management area (TMA), water management pond (WMP), water discharge pond (WDP), constructed wetland, overburden pile, west mine rock pile and sediment ponds 1 and 2.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

- **8.5.2.1 – Tailings Management Area**

By the spring of 2019 a 14 km long wildlife exclusion fence was erected that encompasses the footprint of the TMA, WDP and WMP. No Snapping turtles were observed within the TMA, WDP or WMP in 2023.

- **8.5.2.2 - Water Management Pond**

- By the spring of 2019 a 14 km long wildlife exclusion fence was erected that encompasses the footprint of the TMA, WDP and WMP. No Snapping turtles were observed within the TMA, WDP or WMP in 2023.

- **8.5.2.3 Water Discharge Pond**

- By the spring of 2019 a 14 km long wildlife exclusion fence was erected that encompasses the footprint of the TMA, WDP and WMP. No Snapping turtles were observed within the TMA, WDP or WMP in 2023.

- **8.5.2.4 Constructed Wetland:**

Constructed wetland will be built as part of mine closure and does not exist at this time.

- **8.5.2.5 Overburden Pile**

Ditching is built with steep banks around the overburden stockpile to ensure turtles do not enter the overburden dump and pipelines are installed in/around these ditches that will direct them away from the area. No snapping turtles were observed in or around the overburden stockpile in 2023.

- **8.5.2.6 West Mine Rock Pile**

In 2019 ditching around the area was complete. The ditching is built with steep banks to ensure turtles do not enter the stockpile area and pipelines are installed in/around these ditches that will direct them away from the area. No turtles were observed in the area in the 2023.

- **8.5.2.7 Sediment Ponds 1 & 2**

Sediment ponds 1 and 2 were completed in 2018. During construction of these ponds, no snapping turtles were observed. The banks of the ponds are rock armored and geotechnical fabric lined so turtles are discouraged from burrowing into them or climbing over them. No turtles were seen within these ponds during 2023.

Condition 9 Accidents or Malfunctions

Condition 9.1.1

In the event of an accident or malfunction with the potential to cause adverse environmental effects, the Proponent shall; Notify the Agency and other relevant regulatory agencies of the occurrence as soon as possible.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

In the event of an accident or malfunction with the potential to cause adverse environmental effects, New Gold Rainy River Mine has implemented a standard operating procedure for spill reporting and an emergency preparedness and response plan that obligates notification to the Agency and other relevant regulatory agencies of an occurrence as soon as possible.

Condition 9.1.2

In the event of an accident or malfunction with the potential to cause adverse environmental effects, the Proponent shall: implement measures to minimize any adverse environmental effects associated with the occurrence as soon as possible.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

In the event of an accident or malfunction with potential to cause adverse environmental effects, New Gold has implemented a site wide spill reporting procedure. The objective of this procedure is to implement measures to control and minimize adverse environmental effects associated with the event. This reporting procedure incorporates the site-wide emergency preparedness and response plan, if necessary.

Condition 9.1.3

In the event of an accident or malfunction with the potential to cause adverse environmental effects, the Proponent shall: submit a written report to the Agency as soon as possible in the circumstances, but at the latest 30 days after the day on which the accident or malfunction took place; the written report must include:

- *The measures that were taken to mitigate the effects of the occurrence.*
- *If an emergency response plan was implemented, details concerning its implementation.*
- *Changes made to avoid a subsequent occurrence of the accident or malfunction.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure, within 30 days of incident

Status: Ongoing

In the event of an accident or malfunction with the potential to cause adverse environmental effects, New Gold shall follow the site wide spill reporting procedure and ECA#3855-C4E3FF condition 12(4) which includes providing a written report detailing mitigation measures and changes made to avoid a reoccurrence. A copy of the report will be submitted to the Agency within 10 working days of the event as per ECA #3855-C4E3FF condition 12(4). A copy of the Site Wide Spill Reporting and Response Procedure (ENV-SOP-0001) and the Environmental Department Spill Reporting Procedure (ENV-SOP-0002) can be found in Appendix I. In 2023 the Contractor Spill Reporting and Response Procedure (ENV-SOP-0007) was combined with the Site Wide Spill Reporting and Response Procedure (ENV-SOP-0001).

Condition 10 Implementation Schedule

Condition 10.1 – Completed February 3, 2015

The Proponent shall submit an implementation schedule for conditions contained within this Decision Statement to the Agency, or anyone designated pursuant to s. 89 of CEAA 2012, 15 days prior to construction.

Timing: 15 days prior to construction

Status: Complete

Condition 10.2

The Proponent shall submit an update to this implementation schedule in writing to the Agency, or anyone designated pursuant to s. 89 of CEAA 2012, every two years on March 31, starting the year following the date of the initial submission of the implementation schedule until completion of the activities.

Timing: Every two years starting March 31, 2016

Status: Ongoing

The implementation schedule is updated annually as an established integral part of the Annual Compliance Report submitted every March to the Agencies and Indigenous Communities.

Condition 10.3

The Proponent shall provide the Agency, or anyone designated pursuant to s. 89 of CEAA 2012, with notice of any implementation schedule changes from the initial schedule or any subsequent updates 30 days prior to the implementation of the change.

Timing: 30 days prior to implementation

Status: Ongoing

An updated Implementation Schedule has been provided for 2023 Annual Compliance Report and can be found within each of the 10 previous conditions status update.

Condition 11 Record Keeping

Condition 11.1

The Proponent shall record, retain and make available to the Agency, or anyone designated pursuant

to s. 89 of CEAA 2012, upon demand, at a facility close to the Designated Project area (local facility), information related to the implementation of the conditions of this Decision Statement, including:

11.1.1 The results of all monitoring, including:

11.1.2 The place, date and time of any sampling;

11.1.3 The dates and the analyses that were performed;

11.1.4 The analytical techniques, methods or procedures used in the analyses;

11.1.5 The names of the persons who collected and analyzed each sample and

documentation of any professional certifications relevant to the work performed that they might possess; and

11.1.6 The results of the analyses.

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

Records of monitoring are being kept by all applicable departments. These records are available to the Agency or anyone designated upon request.

Condition 11.2

The proponent shall retain and make available upon demand to the Agency, or anyone designated pursuant to s. 89 of CEAA 2012, the information contained in Condition 11.1 for a minimum of twenty-five years or until decommission ends, whichever is longer, unless otherwise specified, at a facility close to the Designated Project area (or at a location within Canada and agreed upon by the Agency, should the local facility no longer be maintained).

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure. Timing set by Condition 11.

Status: Ongoing

Records are maintained and made available by the applicable department.

Revision history

March 2023:

- 2023 Annual Compliance Report revised to fulfill MECP comments sent September 8, 2023.

March 2022:

- Added a section in March 2021 in the Environmental Management System that challenges conditions or commitments.

March 2021:

- Implementation Schedule is incorporated into the Commitment Registry of Federal Commitments.

March 2019:

- 2019-03-31, condition 2.2: referenced latest Aboriginal Consultation Plan and added that Government comments may change consultation manner.
- 2019-03-31, condition 3.2.4: added Post-operations to timing, added Constructed Wetlands structure will stay in place through closure for TMA passive discharge.
- 2019-03-31, condition 5.3, 5.3.1: Noted that there are no drinking water wells within the Zone of Influence (ZOI).

September 2017:

- 2017-09-06, condition 2.2 revised timing to all phases, consultation manner confirmed first but changes to consultation manner may occur, based on feedback from Aboriginal Groups
- 2017-09-06, condition 3.2.4 revise timing to operations to reflect the change in timing of wetland construction
- 2017-09-06, various, changed tense for conditions completed during the construction phase e.g., 3.2.5, 3.4, 3.5, 3.7

- 2017-09-06, condition 3.6 extend timing to include all project phases when pumping from fish bearing waters may occur
- 2017-09-06, condition 3.8.4 extend timing to include all project phases when rock is handled
- 2017-09-06, condition 8.5.2 changed rationale to tie condition timing to construction timing
- 2017-09-06, condition 5.5, 6.6 and 7.1.4 updated timing to reflect completed date – no change in timing occurring throughout all project phases

SECTION 4

NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE COMMITMENT REGISTRY PROVINCIAL COMMITMENTS



Figure 16. Pinewood River, measurements at H1 Summer 2023.

Prov EA Condition 3 Public Record

Condition 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.

To date, New Gold has provided two copies of reports and documentation to the Ministry and has submitted required information in the requested format by the Ministry.

Condition 3.2

The Proponent shall provide additional copies of the documents required for the public record file to the following for access by the public: a) Regional Director, b) District Manager and c) New Gold Inc. office in Emo, Ontario.

The conditions of this commitment have been met. All copies have been submitted by March 31st, 2023.

Condition 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.

The EAB file number EA 05-09-02 and EAIMS file number 13102 is found on the Annual Compliance Report.

Condition 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.

The 2023 Annual Compliance Report is made available on the company website. A hard copy can be viewed at the New Gold office in Emo. Additional reports, supporting documentation and environmental

information can be made available by request, from the New Gold Environmental Department.

Condition 4.1 – Completed November 12, 2015

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.

Prov EA Condition 5 Compliance Monitoring Program

Condition 5.1 – Completed February 9, 2015

The Proponent shall prepare and submit to the Director, for the public record, an Environmental Assessment Compliance Monitoring Program (CMP).

Condition 5.2 – Completed February 9, 2015

The CMP shall be submitted 30 days before the Start of Construction or such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.

Condition 5.3 – Completed February 9, 2015

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.

Condition 5.4 – Completed February 9, 2015

The CMP must contain an implementation schedule for construction, operations and closure, as well as

monitoring during construction, operations and closure.

Condition 5.5 – Completed February 9, 2015

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.

Condition 5.6

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.

During 2023 there were no requests for New Gold to amend the Compliance Monitoring Plan

Condition 5.7

The Proponent shall carry out the CMP, as it may be amended by the Director.

During 2023 there were no requests made for New Gold to amend the Compliance Monitoring Plan.

Condition 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.

There were no requests made in 2023.

Prov EA Condition 6 Compliance Reporting

Condition 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 section forms part of the 2023 Annual Compliance Report and describes compliance with the conditions of the approval.

Condition 6.2 – Completed March 31, 2016

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.

Condition 6.3 – Completed annually on March 31

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.

Condition 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.

The terms of this condition are understood and not applicable to the 2023 report.

Condition 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.

Copies of the Annual Compliance Monitoring Report are available at the New Gold Rainy River Office located in Emo, Ontario as well as available at the mine site from the Environmental Department. Any associated compliance monitoring documentation that is not available in the report can be requested from the New Gold Environmental Department.

Condition 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.

To date, New Gold has been compliant with this condition and is willing to share associated documentation as requested by the Ministry.

Prov EA Condition 7 Complaint Protocol

Condition 7.1 – Completed February 2, 2015

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.

Condition 7.2 – Completed February 2, 2015

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.

Condition 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.

During 2023, there were no requests made to New Gold to amend the Complaint Protocol.

In July 2023, the plan was submitted to MECP to update contact information and Section 3.2 which was revised to update the process to reflect current practices. MECP accepted the current version (Rev 4)

in August 2023.

Condition 7.4

The Proponent shall carry out the Complaint Protocol, as it may be amended by the Director.

Completed to date. There were 3 complaints in 2023; 2 were relating to blast vibration and 1 was relating to dust.

Prov EA Condition 8 Community Communications Plan

Condition 8.1 – Completed February 9th, 2015

The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Community Communications Plan that sets forth:

- *How the Proponent plans to disseminate information to interested persons;*
- *How interested persons will be notified and kept informed about Site operations; and*
- *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.*

Condition 8.2 – Completed February 9th, 2015

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.

Condition 8.3 – Completed to date

The Proponent shall implement the Community Communications Plan during construction, operations and closure of the Undertaking.

In July 2023, the plan was submitted to MECP to update contact information and references to the Manager role. MECP accepted the current version (Rev 4) in August 2023.

Prov EA Condition 9 Consultation with Aboriginal Communities

Condition 9.1 – Completed January 21st. 2015

The Proponent shall prepare and implement an Aboriginal Consultation Plan that sets forth:

- *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;*
- *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;*
- *A Notification Protocol for how the Proponent will inform Aboriginal communities if archaeological resources or Aboriginal remains are encountered during construction;*
- *How the Proponent will issue notices and updates on key steps in the design and implementation of the Undertaking.*

Condition 9.2 – Completed February 9th, 2015

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.

Condition 9.3 – Completed to date

The Proponent shall implement the Aboriginal Consultation Plan during construction, operations and closure of the Undertaking.

In July 2023, the plan was submitted to MECP to update contact information, references to the Manager role and addition of email contact info for MTCS Archaeology section. MECP accepted the current version (Rev 5) in August 2023.

Condition 9.4 – Completed to date

The Proponent shall continue to consult with the following Aboriginal communities: 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. 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.

Prov EA Condition 10 Archaeological Assessment

Condition 10.1 – Completed February 3rd, 2015

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.

Condition 10.2

If during construction any archaeological resources are discovered, all construction activities within 100 metres 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.

No archaeological resources were discovered within and around construction areas during 2023.

Condition 10.3 - Completed

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.

Preliminary reports for the two sites subject to a Stage 4 archaeological Field Study was completed during 2019. Cataloguing and analyses of any significant findings was completed in 2020. Final report preparation and submission to the MTCS in 2020. Consultation with local First Nations and Metis Nation of Ontario Region 1 occurred.

Prov EA Condition 11 Waste Disposal and Financial Assurance

Condition 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 MNM as part of Closure Plan requirements under the Mining Act

Permitting for a demolition landfill is discussed under section 5.8 of the 2015 Closure Plan and 9.5 of the Closure Plan Amendment. Appropriate financial assurance has been accounted for provided to ENM as part of the Closure Plan Amendment.

Prov EA Condition 12 Surface Water Quality and Quantity

Condition 12.1

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.

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 Director, how the proponent's proposed water management process will satisfy the technical requirements and other surface water quality commitments stated in the EA.

New Gold RRM has implemented a water sampling program that meets the requirements of the MECP Environmental Compliance Approvals and the Federal Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulation. During 2023, effluent was discharged directly to the Pinewood River from Effluent Discharge Location 1 (EDL1) located downstream of the McCallum Creek confluence, from EDL2 at the Loslo Creek confluence, and from Sediment Pond 2 just upstream of the Loslo Creek confluence. All discharged water met provincial and federal discharge criteria.

The water balance model was under construction by SRK in 2023, resulting in no updates being communicated. Upon verification of the 2023 data, regular updates will again be submitted to the MECP with the required monthly ECA report.

Condition 12.2

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. 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. 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.

New Gold met all requirements and commitments related to the establishment of a minimum water taking threshold from the Pinewood River, however PTTW 8776-9W2QN3 authorizing direct water taking from the Pinewood River expired on November 30, 2018. No direct water taking from the Pinewood River is permitted under Condition 3.3 subsection E of PTTW 8776-9W2QN3. There were no exceedances of maximum water taking limits by source for any of the three active PTTWs for 2023.

Prov EA Condition 13 Tailings Management and Related Climate Change Considerations

Condition 13.1

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.

The Closure Plan Amendment filed by the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines on September 14, 2020 outlines commitments related to tailings management during operations and mine closure and reclamation. These commitments include maintaining a sufficient water cover. In Q4 of 2017, the plant began pumping tailings into Cell 1 (Starter Cell) of the Tailings Management Area (TMA). The tailings are sampled within the mill before being routed to the TMA.

The TMA is monitored for bird activity by Mill Operations, Site Services, and Environment Departments. New Gold has onsite deterrents for birds in the form of bangers and handheld noise making devices. Permanent fencing with a reptile barrier was installed in 2019 and maintained through 2023.

Condition 13.2

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. 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. 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.

Section 5.6.1 of the Rainy River Mine Comprehensive Closure Plan Amendment (December 2019) outlines the Geotechnical Design Criteria for the TMA dams. It indicates that;

- the dams have been designed to meet the most severe flood and earthquake criteria, being the probable maximum flood and maximum credible earthquake in accordance with the Ontario

Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act requirements.

- The designs are supported by geotechnical investigations of sub-surface conditions conducted in 2010 by Klohn Crippen Berger and in 2011 and 2014 by AMEC.

Emergency spillways will be provided for each state of the TMA dam construction and Water Management Pond (WMP) to safely pass the probable maximum flood. Adequate freeboard will be maintained in the TMA and WMP to contain the environmental design flood corresponding to a 100-year 24-hour storm event. All spillways will be rock armored to withstand erosion impacts from these flow rates.

Prov EA Condition 14 Protection of Biodiversity and the Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring Plan

Condition 14.1

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 completed during the Environmental Assessment process, including aquatic resources, terrestrial and species at risk baselines, and further studies as deemed necessary, the Proponent shall establish a pre- construction biodiversity baseline and report on biodiversity levels within the area of the Undertaking. 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.

Version 5 of the Terrestrial Systems Monitoring Plan was submitted to the MNRF on February 3, 2016 and accepted by the MNRF in May 2016.

New Gold is currently completing monitoring as part of the Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring Plan.

During 2023 the following monitoring programs were implemented as per the relevant conditions;

Species at Risk general monitoring, Eastern Whip-Poor-Will near site monitoring, wildlife observation monitoring, fish habitat assessments in built compensation facilities, large body fish tissue monitoring in the Pinewood River and barn swallow monitoring. The Biodiversity Monitoring Plan for the Pinewood River was implemented as per ECA No. 7004-BC7KQ5. These monitoring programs are built from the baseline data collected during the EA process.

Condition 14.2 – Completed May 6th, 2016

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. The Proponent shall report on biodiversity baseline and results required in Condition 14.1 through the Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring Plan.

RRM continues to follow Version 5 of the Terrestrial Systems Monitoring Plan was submitted to the MNRF on February 3, 2016 and accepted by the MNRF in May 2016, found in Appendix B, D, H, J and N.

Prov EA Condition 15 Vegetation Clearing Plan

Condition 15.1 – Completed February 21st, 2016

Conditions Specific to Vegetation Clearing Activities Occurring Before May 1, 2015:

- A. *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.

- B. 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.*
- C. 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.*

Condition 15.2 A – Completed February 21, 2015

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).

Condition 15.2 B – Completed February 21st, 2015

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.

Condition 15.3 A – Completed February 21st, 2015 – Completed February 9th, 2015

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.

Condition 15.3 B – Completed February 21st, 2015 – Completed May 31st, 2015

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

Condition 15.4 A – Completed February 12th, 2015

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.

No complaints were received related to Vegetation Clearing Activities that occurred prior to completion on February 12, 2015.

Condition 15.5 A – Completed February 21st, 2015 – Completed February 12th, 2015 (V2); February 24th, 2015 (V3)

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).

Condition 15.6 A – Completed February 13th, 2015

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).

Condition 15.6 B – Completed February 6th, 2015

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. 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.

Condition 15.6 C – Completed February 16th, 2015

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.

Condition 15.7A

Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring for Vegetation Clearing Activities: 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 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Grubbing is not conducted unless necessary and buffers are implemented around sensitive areas.

Reclamation earthworks of the former Tait Quarry commenced in 2017 with seeding and planting occurring in 2018. The quarry which operated from 2015 to 2017 to supply material for the Highway 600 realignment underwent extensive tree clearing, blasting and rock extraction. Based on decisions made with MNRF during the Environmental Assessment process, the quarry was reclaimed to suitable Whip-poor-will habitat. Additionally, work finished in 2020 on setting up vegetation plots to mimic stockpile closure on a small scale. This included multiple tree and shrub species planted with different soil covers.

No areas were reclaimed in 2023.

Condition 15.8 – Completed February 21st, 2015

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.

Condition 15.9 – Completed February 21, 2015

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.

Condition 15.10 – Completed to date

The Proponent shall carry out the Vegetation Clearing Plan, as it may be amended by the Director.

Clearing was carried out per the Vegetation Clearing Plan.

Condition 15.11 – Completed February 21, 2015

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.

Condition 15.12 – Completed February 12th and February 24th, 2015

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.

Prov EA Condition 16 Climate Change

Condition 16.1

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:

- A. *16.1 A 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.*

In 2022, Rainy River Mine and surrounding area endured a 1:100 wet-year which tested the site water balance model and site infrastructure. In review of the wet-year, it was noted that the site water balance model did not correctly forecast the increase in site water inventory from the event. A gap analysis was completed and a full rebuild of the water balance model occurred in 2023 addressing the gaps and updated site infrastructure completed in 2022. The water balance model is being calibrated to 2023 data with updates on a monthly basis with significant weather events modelled as part of the updates.

All site infrastructure has been designed and built to manage significant weather events linked to climate change including upgrades in 2023: upgrading Loslo and Marr freshwater diversions and Open Pit freshwater diversion ditch to accommodate a 1:100 wet-year.

- B. 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. 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.*

The 2019 Closure Plan Amendment submitted to the agencies outlined the post-closure strategy of the TMA consistent with the EA commitment, outlined in 16.1 (b).

- C. 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 climate change has been incorporated into the project design.*

New Gold has submitted an ECA amendment to include a review on climate change and the site water balance. The new permit was issued in February 2020.

Additionally, monthly reports per the ECA include a site water balance memo with monthly updates. These updates include how the catchments will react to significant weather events and allow the site to make operational decisions to manage these identified risks.

- D. 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: d) The Proponent shall also include these considerations, as appropriate, in the Closure Plan or future Closure Plan amendments submitted to MNDM.

The Closure Plan for the Rainy River Mine discusses operational flexibility in regard to water demands. Through the design of the project water diversion structures and ditching around the East Mine Rock Stockpile were designed to handle extreme flooding events (1 in 100-year event). The TMA dams have been designed to meet the most severe flood and earthquake criteria, being the probable maximum flood and maximum credible earthquake in accordance with the Ontario Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act requirements.

In 2019 and 2020, diversion ditches for the Marr and Loslo Creek was constructed. Fresh non-contact water from these diversions is now diverted to the West Creek Diversion Channel. Both diversion ditches were hydroseeded in the fall of 2020.

In 2023, the above diversions were upgraded in to accommodate a 1:100 wet-year as well as an Open Pit freshwater diversion was also completed to accommodate the same wet-year.

Prov EA Condition 17 Other Permits and Approvals

Condition 17.1

The Proponent shall obtain other necessary permits and approvals including, but not limited to, those that are committed to in the Environmental Assessment.

To date, New Gold has met the requirements of this condition. A copy of the Environmental Permits and Approvals obtained to date and specifically in 2023 is included in Table 2: Summary of the environmental approvals related to the Rainy River Mine.

Prov EA Condition 18 Construction Operation and Maintenance Contracts

Condition 18.1

In carrying out the Undertaking, the Proponent shall require that its contractors, subcontractors and employees:

18.1A *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.*

All employees and contractors go through a standard site orientation, which includes Environmental, Community, Health and Safety (and other pertinent site aspects).

- 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.
- Financial / other materials may include specific clauses with contracts on standards, requirements etc., depending on the nature of the contract.
- Environmental Conditions set out in Permits also include reference to specific contract drawings that are to be adhered to by the construction contractors.
- NG RRM Environmental Department monitors Contractors to ensure construction works and mining operations are carried out in accordance with Environmental Commitments.
- Side wide bulletins are issued via email, radio communication and posting in work places. When required the bulletins discuss Environmental Commitments and approvals.

18.1B

Meet applicable regulatory standards regarding the construction, operation and maintenance of the Undertaking, including these conditions of approval.

As outlined in the response to condition 18.1(a) New Gold has taken several steps to ensure that all onsite personnel are familiar with the Environmental Conditions and Approvals for the project. To ensure that these conditions are implemented and met, as well as other permit approvals, New Gold Environmental Department has implemented a number of strategies including; Site Inspections and Audits of work tasks; incorporating Regulatory requirements in contract tenders, orientation training, operating procedures, site wide communication bulletins; installing signage around the mine site; participating in meetings amongst different departments and contractors to communicate environmental

requirements; include environmental conditions and approvals in construction execution plans.

18.1C

Obtain any necessary approvals, permits or licenses

New Gold Environmental Department is responsible for obtaining all environmental related permits, approvals and licenses for the project. In order to ensure that permits are obtained for all work fronts the department reviews contract scopes of work and participates in meetings held with mine staff and contractors. During 2023, New Gold also retained environmental consulting expertise in areas related to fisheries, wildlife and species at risk, air quality monitoring, mine reclamation, hydrometric work and water quality who assist in ensuring appropriate approvals are obtained. Since the start of construction in 2015 it is site practice that all new construction and operation activities or deviations from original designs are communicated to the Environmental Department who screen for required permits or amendments to existing permits.

Condition 19.1

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.

During 2023, design modifications and changes to support the project were communicated effectively with MECP and other relevant agencies to obtain input and ensure work was being conducted in accordance with current permits and approvals.

Table 3: Modifications and changes that are consistent with the approved EA	
Transmittal Sent to Government Agencies	Subject
2023-01-03 10:43 AM	New Gold Rainy River - Monthly Performance Report - November 2022
2023-01-12 10:22 AM	New Gold Rainy River - Overpressure Exceedance from Open Pit Blast on 2023-01-05
2023-01-16 09:47 AM	New Gold Rainy River - Updated Monthly Performance Report - October 2022

2023-01-16 12:55 PM	New Gold Rainy River - Updated Monthly Performance Report - November 2022
2023-01-18 03:50 PM	New Gold Rainy River - Proposal of Surface Water Site 29A
2023-01-23 03:25 PM	New Gold Rainy River - GHGID 1407 – ECCC Statement and CRA Notice sent on May 16, 2022
2023-01-30 11:30 AM	New Gold Rainy River - Monthly Performance Report - December 2022
2023-05-15 04:21 PM	New Gold Rainy River - Notice of South TSP Air Quality Exceedance
2023-05-15 04:32 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2023 Q1 Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Report & 2022 AARM AQ Report
2023-05-17 01:46 PM	New Gold Rainy River - Propylene Glycol Spill - 20230227
2023-05-19 12:27 PM	New Gold Rainy River - Mine Rock Pond Dam Contact Water Catchment Area Spill - 20230511
2023-05-31 09:54 AM	New Gold Rainy River - Monthly Performance Report - April 2023
2023-07-06 07:47 AM	New Gold Rainy River - Monthly Performance Report - April 2023
2023-07-13 03:11 PM	Rainy River Mine - ECA Amendment Application - BCR2 Treatment for TMA and MRP - 20230713
2023-08-08 09:03 AM	New Gold Rainy River - Monthly Performance Report - June 2023
2023-08-15 10:55 AM	New Gold Rainy River - 2023 Q2 Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Report.
2023-08-17 07:54 AM	Q2 Ambient Air Exceedances
2023-08-29 04:07 PM	New Gold Rainy River - Monthly Performance Report - July 2023
2023-08-30 10:28 AM	New Gold Rainy River - Monthly Performance Report - July 2023
2023-09-14 10:03 AM	New Gold Rainy River - 2022 Annual Compliance Report Appendix A - Rev 2
2023-09-20 05:38 PM	Documents to Review (sanitary and potable water)
2023-10-02 09:47 AM	New Gold Rainy River - Monthly Performance Report - August 2023
2023-10-06 11:44 AM	To Fulfill Section 7.1 of Endangered Species Act Permit FF-C-001-14
2023-10-20 03:01 PM	New Gold Response to MECP Comments
2023-10-26 01:23 PM	New Gold Rainy River - Monthly Performance Report - September 2023

2023-11-28 09:50 AM	EDL2 Booster Pump Spill (SAC Reference #1-4F8VLI)
2023-11-30 03:42 PM	New Gold Rainy River - Monthly Performance Report - October 2023
2023-12-27 12:07 PM	New Gold Rainy River - Monthly Performance Report - November 2023
2023-02-08 08:45 AM	Updated ESDM Model
2023-02-27 03:46 PM	Mixing System Design Upgrades
2023-03-02 04:48 PM	Air/Industrial Sewage Document Request
2023-03-03 11:52 AM	Spill Prevention and Contingency Plan Audit Follow up Items
2023-04-03 10:19 AM	Industrial Sewage Inspection Request
2023-04-20 02:42 PM	2023 Biochemical Reactor #2 Pilot Trial
2023-03-28 09:24 AM	15-HCAA-00039 Diffuser Rainy River Mine, DFO Response Following Meeting
2023-03-07 03:55 PM	New Gold - Rainy River - TMA Stage 5 Raise
2023-03-13 11:20 AM	Updated "Letter of Transmittal" and "Certification"
2023-03-14 02:47 PM	Updated "Letter of Transmittal" and "Certification"
2023-03-17 08:38 AM	TMA Stage 5 - ND U/S Advance Work
2023-03-20 02:04 PM	BCR2 Secondary Containment
2023-04-27 12:21 PM	Rainy River Mine (15-HCAA-00039), Misc updates. April 2023.
2023-03-30 11:40 AM	New Gold Rainy River - 2022 Annual Surface Water Report
2023-03-30 11:45 AM	New Gold Rainy River - 2022 Annual Ground Water Report
2023-03-30 01:26 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2022 Species at Risk Monitoring Report
2023-03-30 01:30 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2022 Annual Species at Risk Monitoring Report
2023-03-31 11:25 AM	New Gold Rainy River - 2022 TOR Mercury and Sulfate Pinewood Biological Monitoring Report
2023-03-31 12:00 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2022 Pinewood River Hydrometric Monitoring Report

2023-03-31 12:53 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2022 Annual Compliance Report
2023-03-31 01:40 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2022 Annual Compliance Declaration, Written Summary and Works Report
2023-03-31 02:16 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2022 Dam Safety Inspection Report
2023-03-31 04:26 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2022 Sewage Works Report
2023-04-12 08:11 AM	New Gold Rainy River - Notification of 2023 Discharge Commencement Dates
2023-04-19 01:40 PM	New Gold Rainy River – Marr Ditch Sediment Release to West Creek Diversion – SAC Reference #1-3DKNO1
2023-02-16 01:53 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2022 Q4 Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Report
2023-02-17 05:54 PM	New Gold Rainy River - Dustfall & TSP Notification of Exceedances November 2022
2023-04-30 02:05 PM	New Gold Rainy River -ECA Monthly Performance Report - March 2023

Condition 20.1 – Completed January 19th, 2015

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. 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. 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.

SECTION 5

NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE

COMMITMENT REGISTRY



Figure 17. Pair of Lady Slippers Summer 2023

Condition 1 to 12 Air

Condition 1

The RRM (RRM) will monitor and mitigate air emissions, particularly dust, through implementation of current industry best management practices.

The ambient air quality monitoring program continued in 2023 with monitoring of relevant air emission parameters stipulated in the Rainy River Project Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan in compliance with ECA 0412- A2LR4V condition 10.1 (a) Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan. Ambient air quality data continued to be collected at the three air quality monitoring stations located North (Gallinger Road), South (McMillan Road) and Northwest (Hwy 600) of the mine site by New Gold Environment staff. Dust emitted from RRM was also monitored at the fence line using two MetOne E-Sampler Dual Ambient Monitors.

Analytical data was provided by certified external laboratories. An independent consultant interpreted the data and prepared four quarterly reports found in Appendix E. Before submission, quarterly reports were reviewed by New Gold Environment staff.

During 2024, there were ten air quality exceedances that were attributed to mine site activities. There were two exceedances of Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) at the South Station, an exceedance of TSP and iron at the South Station, an exceedance of PM_{2.5} at the South Station, an exceedance of TSP and two exceedances of each TSP and iron at the Northwest Station.

Best management practices to mitigate dust was primarily water application. Water trucks are maintained on site to wet haul roads and light vehicle roads during non-freezing conditions. Water is applied to unpaved roads, prior to or following dust generating activities, and to primary and auxiliary crushers.

Calcium Chloride is also applied to the roads as a chemical dust suppressant when there is significant evaporation. Calcium Chloride was applied to roads on 11 days in 2023. Site traffic adheres to speed limits no higher than 60 Km/h. Roads are also regraded and maintained as necessary to reduce traffic on fine particulate matter. Site access for commercial traffic was limited to the East Access Road via Korpi, or West Access via Highway 600 to limit dust generated from traffic on gravel side roads. Production drills are equipped with dust curtains and water dispersion bars. Blasting is completed

below grade.

Primary and auxiliary aggregate crushers used chemical dust suppressant, and water dispersed by spray bars during non-freezing conditions. To decrease drop height, the stockpile height at the primary crusher is maintained at 80% or higher when possible. Dust curtains were also installed in 2022. Dust at the feed system is controlled at the source by baghouse dust collection systems. E-Sampler instruments are in place near the crusher pile and at the property line to verify dust levels and send an alarm if they are approaching MECP limits.

Condition 2

A fugitive dust best management practices plan will be prepared to identify all potential sources of fugitive dusts, outline mitigative measures that will be employed to control dust generation, and detail the inspection and recordkeeping required to demonstrate that fugitive dusts are being effectively managed.

ECA Application Submission – November 14, 2014; Fugitive Dust Best Management Plans submitted to MOECC February 4, 2016; Updated Water Use Plan for dust submitted to MOEC December 14, 2016.

An updated 2021 Fugitive Dust Best Management Practices Plan for RRM operations phase was prepared and submitted to the MECP following a dusting event in February of 2021.

This plan supersedes the 2020 updates and includes a section on the total suspended particulates (TSP) emitted from the Primary Ore Stockpile. The addition includes measures and limits to control the dust created by RRM that poses a threat to the environment and surrounding communities.

RRM activities continued to follow the 2016 plan for construction while using updated data collection forms from the 2018 plan updates. Electronic records for dust suppression methods were collected and stored during 2023.

Condition 3

Sound will be monitored during construction, operations and active closure phases consistent with Ministry of the Environment (MOE) requirements.

In July of 2023, Trinity Consultants completed an acoustic assessment on site. An Acoustic Assessment Report was prepared in a manner that satisfies the requirements of the MECP Publication NPC-300.

Condition 4

NG (NG; previously Rainy River Resources) expect that the monitoring required will include total suspended particulate (TSP) and metals on the TSP size fraction, PM10, dustfall and passive monitoring for NO2 and SO2. NG commits to conducting this monitoring which is also expected to be an approval requirement.

During 2023, ambient air quality monitoring continued at three ambient air quality stations located along the North, South and Northwest boundaries of the mine site. The 2023 ambient air quality monitoring program strictly follows the Ambient Air Monitoring Program Plan approved by MECP in 2016. Ambient air quality parameters measured included total suspended particulate (TSP), metals and metalloids, particulate matter less than 2.5 microns (PM_{2.5}), monthly total dustfall, passive nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), and sulfur dioxide (SO₂). The MECP completed two semi-annual particulate audits in June and September of 2023, where all audited instruments met requirements.

Quarterly reporting of data was compared to provincial standards during 2023 as per ECA requirements.

Condition 5

The best management plan related to fugitive dust management, source control and operational constraints required by the Provincial Environmental Compliance Approval will be provided to Environment Canada (EC) for review and will be fully implemented prior to the construction phase.

- ECA Application Submission – November 14, 2014;
- Fugitive Dust Best Management Plans submitted to MOECC February 4, 2016;

Updated Water Use Plan for dust submitted to MOEC Dec 14, 2016. Updates of the Fugitive Dust Best Management Practices Plan (FDBMPP) were sent to MECP in December 2018, April 2019, July 2020 and March 2021, in order to address gaps in RRM's effort to mitigate fugitive dust.

Condition 6 – Completed September 17th, 2014

A transboundary notification under the Canada - U.S. Air Quality Agreement will be filed prior to operation.

Condition 7

Planning measures aimed at reducing fuel and power consumption for the RRM site include the following:

2023 Results:

- Mill Vent Heating Setpoint Temps: +376 KL Propane (581 t/C02e Scope 1 Emission Reductions)
- +14 Mill L B7 Biodiesel Supply: 1160 t/C02e (Scope 1 Emission Reductions)
- Tracked Fuel Reductions in Haul Fleet Optimizations: +2 Mill L Diesel (5,918 t/C02e Scope 1 Emission Reductions)
- +392 MWh/yr LED Lighting and Controls (15.4 t/C02e Scope 2 Emissions)
- +240 MWh/yr Compressed Air (10 t/C02e Scope 2 Emissions)
- 2024 Estimates:
 - Repeat or improve on the 2023 Project Results (Scope 1, Scope 2)
 - Expand on Scope 3 quantifications.
 - Initial UG Developments HVAC Recommendations (CNG Supply alternative = +400 t/C02e reduction)
 - Additional identified Compressed Air retrofit opportunities = (+1800 MWh/yr avoidance)
 - Additional Identified LED Lighting and Controls = (+575 MWh/yr avoidance)
 - Additional Mill Heat Setback and Recovery Opportunities (+1400 KL/yr Propane avoidance)

2022 Results:

- Mill Ventilation Heating Setpoint Temps: +482 KL Propane (746 t/C02e Scope 1 Emissions)
- Tracked Haul Fleet optimization Aug-Dec: +995 KL Diesel (2,739 t/C02e Scope 1 Emissions)
- +362 MWh/yr LED Lighting and Controls (9.4 t/C02e Scope 2 Emissions)
- +240 MWh/yr Compressed Air (6.2 t/C02e Scope 2 Emissions)
 - Further UG Developments Recommended for Review
 - Additional identified Compressed Air retrofit opportunities = (+4650 MWh/yr in 2021)

2020-2021 Results:

- 4170 MWh Leach Circuit Energy Reductions
 - Project closed out and recommissioned to 2019 baseline consumption in 2021

- 266 MWh/yr project UG Compressed Air
- 354 MWh/yr project Admin LED Lighting and Controls

2021 Identified Opportunities:

- +4650 MWh/yr Compressed Air
- +410 MWh/yr LED Lighting and Controls
 - Further UG Developments Recommended for Review

2020-2021 Results:

All new equipment in 2020 is TIER 4 emission compliant. Permanent buildings for Maintenance, Warehouse etc. have been replaced with tent type structures so energy reduction associated with insulation will not be as originally expected. All other strategies remain the same.

2021 Scope 1 Identified Opportunities:

- +3,300 t/C02e/yr Fuel Avoidance projects from Open Pit Mining activities (A Production Intensity based calc)
 - Further UG Developments Recommended for Review
- +2,000 t/C02e/yr LPG Avoidance Projects (A HDD Intensity based calc on existing)
 - Further UG Developments Recommended for Review

Condition 8

Monitoring of air quality will occur during construction, operations and active closure phases per Section 13.1.1 of the Final EA Report.

Monitoring of air quality at the RRM site continued during 2023. New Gold Environmental staff continued to collect data from the two air quality sampling stations as per the Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan, and the additional recommended station.

Air Quality Monitoring Reports for each quarter of 2023 can be found in the supporting documentation Appendix E.

Condition 9

Sound mitigation measures will be used, such as selection of quieter equipment. Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats and migratory bird nesting areas surrounding high traffic areas of the mine.

Measures that were implemented during 2015 and continued into 2023 to reduce sound included:

- Specific trucks that allow exhaust to pass through the truck box rather than directly through the exhaust pipe (can muffle sound).
- Reducing size of blasts where appropriate and scheduling those blast only at 1100 hours and 1500 hours.
- Tree buffers maintained where practical.
- Annually the acoustic model is updated.

Condition 10

Should the final equipment selections determine through detailed engineering and sound level assumptions vary materially from those presented in the Environmental Assessment (EA), an updated assessment with the new information will be prepared as part of the detailed design and approvals application(s) for the RRM.

The type of equipment and equipment sound levels currently operating at New Gold are consistent with the equipment type and equipment sound levels presented in the Acoustic Assessment Reports (AAR) prepared for Environmental Assessment (EA), the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) and as part of the annual updates. An updated AAR was prepared for the 2023 operating year, and is included in the ESDM report in Appendix E.

Condition 11

The maximum charge size per delay for blasting is limited to 1,000 kg as the vibration and overpressure mitigation option. If the charge size is larger than 1,000 kg per delay, the vibration and overpressure levels emanating from RRM blasting operations will be reassessed in a detailed study to confirm that the predicted levels are within guideline limits.

For the 6 3/4 inch drill patterns the design may have 4 holes (216 kg each) blasting in close proximity (within 8 ms of each other for non-electric detonators). For the 8.5 inch, the design may have 3 holes on average blasting (320 kg each) in proximity. Therefore, our MIC can be estimated at 864-960 kg per shot.

Condition 12

NG will continue to work actively with local residents throughout the period of mine construction,

operation and active closure to further manage and reduce any disturbances due to air and sound emissions to the extent possible, as well as for other effects.

Through regular communication, New Gold has established positive relationships with neighbours who are closest to the project mine site. When neighbours have any concerns or comments, they typically contact the Community Coordinator directly, who then ensures follow-up and closeout. It is typical for New Gold to host the neighbours for a site visit and lunch; the tour and lunch were held on September 21, 2023. In 2023, there were three inquiries relating to a January 5th blast, three relating to dust from site and a public road and two other inquiries relating to property lines and well monitoring. The inquiries and complaints were amicably resolved.

Condition 13 to 22 Water Management

Condition 13

Collectively and individually, the processes and water management strategies proposed for the RRM are Best Management Practices and/or Best Available Technology Economically Achievable (BATEA), and NG has committed to the use of such processes and water management strategies in the Final EA Report. Examples of such BATEA committed to by NG:

- *Use of the in-plant SO₂/Air process for cyanide destruction and metal precipitation, as well as to extended post SO₂/Air treatment effluent aging in the TMA (TMA) and water management ponds, followed by constructed wetland treatment;*
- *Detailed plans and designs to manage potentially acid generating rock (PAG) on site, including ongoing progressive reclamation at the stockpile to limit acid generation, with drainage from this stockpile reporting to the mine rock pond, for re-use as part of the mill process water supply thereby reducing fresh water requirements. Dissolved metals associated with east mine rock stockpile drainage would ultimately report to the process plant SO₂/Air and hydroxide precipitation circuit, and then to tailings;*
- *Use of emulsion and/or emulsion blend explosives as a means of limiting ammonia residuals from the use of blasting agents at source; and*
- *Collection of site runoff and seepage as per MMER (MMER), and to maximize the use of near 100% contact water recycle for the processing plant water supply.*

During 2023 the mill continued in-plant treatment of tailings using SO₂/air in the cyanide destruction tank, where cyanide and metalocyanide complexes are oxidized to cyanate ions. The cyanate ions reacted with water to form ammonia and carbon dioxide. Free metal ions were precipitated with the addition of lime to form insoluble metal hydroxides and absorbed onto tailings particle solids, settling out of the slurry in the tailings management area. Excess SO₂ was used in the process to ensure complete stoichiometric oxidation of cyanide.

Treated tailings are continuously pumped from the mill through the tailings pipeline into the TMA. Effluent is aged in the TMA before transfer to the Water Treatment Train, consisting of a water treatment plant, biochemical reactor #1, and three nitrification cells. Treated effluent is further aged in the Water Management Pond and is discharged directly to the environment through one of three final discharge points, providing it meets water quality objectives. Effluent is sent for further treatment if necessary to reach water quality objectives. Prior to closure, a Constructed Wetland will be developed for final effluent polishing.

Identification of potentially acid generating rock (PAG) continued to be managed through chemical testing and segregation into ore stockpiles within the low grade and East Mine Rock stockpile areas, as per requirements of the Geochemical Monitoring Plan found in Appendix A.

Drainage from low grade and east mine rock PAG stockpiles continues to report into the Mine Rock Pond via a drainage ditch surrounding the East Mine Rock Stockpile area which was completed in 2019. Recycling of water from the Mine Rock Pond for re-use in the mill process water supply continued during 2023. The current drilling and blasting contractor on site, Dyno Nobel, continued to use a straight emulsion for all blasting in 2023. As per MDMER regulations, collection of site runoff and seepage was directed into on-site holding ponds. Effluent discharges to the environment from ECA compliant water retained in on-site holding ponds took place in the Spring, Summer, and Fall of 2023.

Condition 14

Surface water runoff will be diverted from entering the pit or flowing through stockpiles by ditching or other means.

During 2023, most surface water was diverted from the stockpiles and the open pit with permanent ditching and sumps. RRM built a permanent ditch that can divert a 100-year return period away from the Open Pit. West Mine Rock Stockpile has permanent ditching surrounding the periphery of the

footprint relying on Sediment Pond 3 and Sumps 1 and 2 to collect the southern and eastern portion of ditching and Sediment Ponds 1 and 2 to collect the northern and western portion ditching. Water captured in Sediment Pond 3 and Sumps 1 and 2 is pumped to Sediment Ponds 1 or 2. If it meets water quality objectives, it is discharged to either West Creek Diversion via Sediment Pond 1 or the Pinewood River via Sediment Pond 2. East Mine Rock Stockpile also has permanent ditching around the periphery of the footprint. This ditching directs all water to the Mine Rock Pond.

Condition 15

Open pit dewatering water will be contained and if necessary, treated before it is discharged to the environment.

The Open Pit used an extended ditch along its northern edge to collect surface water before it entered the footprint as well as temporary sumps within the footprint itself to stage pumps and remove localized surface water runoff and groundwater seepage. This ditch will be increased in 2023 to contain a 100-year return period. This water is directed to Sediment Pond 3 or pumped to the Mine Rock Pond or the Plant Site water management structures and used in ore processing. If it is not required, it can bypass the mill and go straight to the Tailings Management Area. It can either be used in the ore processing again or go through the Water Treatment Train and be discharged to the Pinewood River.

Condition 16

In regard to final reclamation, the open pit will be flooded at closure to create a pit lake either passively through natural groundwater entry and precipitation inputs; or by active enhanced flooding. Discussions will be held with the various government agencies to determine the optimal balance between maintaining Pinewood River flows and filling the open pit on an expedited basis.

The CPA was filed on September 15, 2020 by the ENDM and addresses this requirement.

Condition 17 – Completed 2020

Enhanced pit flooding using the West Creek source is not under consideration by NG and has been clarified in the Draft Closure Plan submitted for review, pending discussions and further direction from various government agencies.

The process for flooding the open pit at mine closure is discussed in commitment number 16. The use

of West Creek as a source to provide water for flooding the open pit is not being considered by New Gold.

Condition 18

Pit lake water quality will be monitored regularly as part of the post-closure monitoring program.

The mine is currently in an operational phase and ore is being extracted from the open pit. This commitment will be addressed at mine closure.

Condition 19

Should it be determined that future treatment is needed for stockpile runoff / seepage and overflow from the pit at closure, passive treatment options would be fully considered during the detailed design stage.

Perimeter ditches are in function for the stockpiles. Compliant water can be discharged, and a system of pump back is in place for sedimentation ponds 1, 2 and 3, should water not be compliant. Passive treatment options will be considered at closure for Open Pit overflow with water quality objectives will not be met with the Water Treatment Plant planned to be in place and functional from 10 years post closure.

Condition 20

Ditches (and ponds as appropriate) will be established around the stockpiles to collect and manage runoff. Diversions will be sized to convey the environmental design flood. All sedimentation ponds will be designed with a retention period to meet the MMER discharge requirement for total suspended solids. The design criteria for perimeter ditching in this area (east mine rock stockpile and low grade ore stockpile) has been increased to the 100-year return period condition, as these stockpiles will contain PAG materials.

As per MDMER regulations, collection of site runoff and seepage was directed into the Water Management Pond and other on-site holding ponds. Discharges to the environment from on-site holding ponds occurred in 2021. Permanent ditch design in EMRS has been designed by qualified engineers based on 100 year storm event criteria and has been fully constructed. Permanent ditching design for WMRS has been designed by qualified engineers based on 25 year storm event. The north, west and south sides were completed in 2020 with natural topography draining

the north-east section to the open pit. In 2022, a full ditch was completed for the north-east section. The ditch was in full operation 2023.

Condition 21– Completed 2018

The retention time for sediment ponds 1 and 2 has been increased to 12 days, subject to review and acceptance by the MOECC.

Condition 22– Completed December 2017

PAG mine rock (and ore) will be managed, with drainage from the PAG mine rock and ore stockpile reporting to the mine rock pond, for re-use as part of the process plant water supply.

Condition 23 to 29 ARD

Condition 23

The deepest local till layer resting directly on bedrock contains PAG material and will be visually segregated and treated as PAG material unless otherwise determined and will be stockpiled within the east mine rock stockpile, or disposed of in a manner where acid rock drainage (ARD) potentials will be controlled. A detailed mine rock segregation program / management strategy will be developed around the distribution of non-potentially acid generating (NPAG) and PAG materials, and a program of ongoing testing to be carried out during mining operations of the mine rock being removed.

NG proposes to utilize visual and geochemical data to identify that portion of the till overlying the bedrock which requires handling as PAG material, based on the characteristics of the clasts (loose stones) contained therein. Segregation is commonly utilized and MEND 5.4.2d (MEND Manual, Volume 4, Prevention and Control) indicates that segregation is applicable where a clean separation can be made and where a disposal location is available for the PAG material - both of which apply to the RRP. This PAG till would be treated as PAG material and would be directed to the east mine rock stockpile for disposal along with PAG mine rock. NG is conducting a detailed sampling and analysis program of the overburden within the pit area. The study will be used to delineate the thickness of till over the bedrock that may contain locally derived PAG rock materials so that these materials can be segregated during operations and placed into the East Mine Rock stockpile, or otherwise maintained in a saturated condition. Periodic confirmation analysis will be conducted during the (open pit) stripping program to

ensure that the initial interpretation of the thickness of till requiring handling as PAG remains accurate. A draft mine rock and overburden management plan was submitted with the Draft Closure Plan that will be finalized and submitted with the Final Closure Plan for filing with the MNM later in 2014. It will also be provided to EC per their request. The plan will be revised during operations if necessary, to ensure it remains current and as part of future Closure Plan amendments

Monitoring was ongoing during 2023. Periodic sampling of till is ongoing during open pit stripping of till. Results have been in line with the initial interpretations. A Geochemical Monitoring Plan for the Construction and Operation Phases was issued in accordance with MECP ECA 5781-9VJQ2J and MECP ECA 5178- 9TUPD9 requirements and has been implemented at the RRM site. In 2022, till sampling has been done through drill cutting in pioneering drill patterns. Even when results came back as NAG, all till material is still treated like PAG material due to the unpredictability of the sulfur distribution in the unconsolidated material.

Condition 24

Geochemistry monitoring:

- *Runoff and seepage related to tailings and stockpiles will be monitored as per surface and groundwater monitoring.*
- *Blast hole sampling from open pit operations for mine rock segregation will be carried out throughout the open pit operations phase.*
- *Tailings samples will be collected at regular intervals during the mine operations phase and*
- *Field trials will be carried out during all or a portion of the mine construction and operations phases as required to generate data to confirm modeling results.*

A Geochemical Monitoring Plan for the Construction and Operation Phases was issued in accordance with MECP ECA 5781-9VJQ2J and MECP ECA 5178- 9TUPD9 requirements and has been implemented at the RRM site. Regular sampling of seepage from the EMRS is being conducted, along with an annual walkaround of the EMRS to identify any changes to seepage in the area. Monitoring of PAG and NAG material through blast hole and RC sampling was ongoing during 2023, and data is reviewed quarterly to ensure PAG and NAG material is being segregated properly. Tailings samples are being regularly collected as of 2023 and are being analyzed for aqueous and solid phase geochemistry. A field capping trial was commissioned in 2017. Field barrels containing mine rock and

tailings have been established to collect kinetic data under ambient climate conditions, and routine sampling of these barrels is ongoing.

Condition 25

PAG material would only be used for fill material in areas where it can be maintained in a saturated state to exclude oxygen and inhibit sulphide oxidation. These uses may include underground backfill and construction of the upstream portion of the TMA dams.

All the PAG that has been encountered during 2023 has either been stockpiled in the East Mine Rock Stockpile, used in the pit (road construction, padding in the overburden, and overburden buttressing), placed in the North Lobe In-Pit Dump or stockpiled in the Tailings Management Area and used for upstream dam construction.

Condition 26

Progressive rehabilitation of mine rock and overburden stockpiles will be undertaken where practical once the maximum height of each stockpile has been reached and/or as each lift is completed.

No progressive reclamation occurred in 2023. Progressive reclamation will continue in 2024 with revegetation efforts.

Condition 27

Encapsulation of the east mine rock stockpile under a multi-layered cover is proposed with a long-term goal of controlling ARD.

In 2017, a multi-layered cover system test plot was set up on the Northeast side of the plant to test the proposed design through multiple years. In 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, this multi-layered cover system was monitored to ensure complete encapsulation was successful and memo outlining the results in 2021 was prepared. See PAG Cover Trial Factual Data Report in Appendix C for more information. The east mine rock stockpile will be encapsulated by this same multi-layer cover system throughout operations and active closure phases.

Condition 28

As part of the geochemical characterization studies for the project, NG committed to an extended

monitoring period of kinetic cells to demonstrate and continue to evaluate the robustness of the geochemical results.

- In 2017, Kinetic cell monitoring was ongoing to support the geochemical characterization studies. As of December 31, 2023, only one waste rock humidity cell kinetic test remained active. The two (2) tailings columns were decommissioned in 2021; the last sampling was done on September 14, 2021.

In 2021, NG also reinstated its kinetic field bin trials to address recommendations by the Independent Technical Review Board (ITRB). The program is designed to simulate acid rock drainage from waste rock and consists of 8 collection bins. Seepage from these field bins continues to be collected at least monthly during the non-freezing months. Two (2) tailings field bins were commissioned in May 2023 to better understand tailings kinetic geochemistry under field conditions.

Condition 29

The run-of-mine stockpile is the temporary, working stockpile for the processing plant; the low grade ore stockpile is proposed to be depleted during the latter part of operations. As a contingency only, it is proposed that should an ore stockpile remain at closure, it will be managed similar to PAG in the East Mine Rock Stockpile with a multi-layer cover and seeded. Runoff and seepage will be directed to the open pit as part of the passive water management system.

At closure, should a ore stockpile remain, of the Rainy River Mine Closure Plan stipulates that it will be considered part of the East Mine Rock Stockpile and reclaimed in the same manner.

Condition 30 to 59 Water

Condition 30

Site runoff and seepage will be collected, managed and treated per the Provincial and MMER requirements.

- Site runoff and seepage are collected, managed, and treated as per provincial and federal requirements.
- Water Management Pond and Tailings Management Area - Ditches and finger drains direct

seepage and dam runoff to seepage collection ponds. Seepage collection ponds are pumped back to the WMP and TMA, respectively.

- West Mine Rock Stockpile - Ditches and drains direct seepage and dump runoff to Sediment Ponds #1, #2 and #3 for treatment by settling. Treated seepage and runoff in Sediment Ponds #1 and #2 that meets provincial and federal effluent limits is discharged to the environment.
- Open Pit - Sumps in catch benches, in-pit sumps and interception ditches collect runoff and seepage from the open pit which is pumped to the Mine Rock Pond or South Pond which the Mill draws from for use in ore processing.
- East Mine Rock Stockpile - Ditches and drains direct seepage and dump runoff to the Mine Rock Pond for use in ore processing.
- Process Plant Site - Ditches direct seepage and site runoff to the South and North Ponds. South and North Ponds are drawn into the Mill for use in ore processing.

Condition 31– Completed during design.

The overall site footprint and watershed capture will be minimized to the extent practical, so as to minimize the quantity of runoff and seepage requiring treatment and management.

Condition 32

West Creek Pond and West Creek diversion flows will be measured on a continuous basis using water level transducers, supported by monthly manual measurements during the winter period, when transducer results experience interference caused by ice pressure.

The West Creek Pond and Diversion were completed in 2017. A water level transducer was installed in the West Creek Pond in April 2018. A hydrometric station was established in the West Creek Diversion box culvert, the H3 hydrometric station, in September 2019. A second hydrometric station, the H4 hydrometric station, was established in the West Creek Diversion at the Haul Road 8 culvert downstream of Sediment Pond 1 discharge and where the Marr Diversion enters the West Creek Diversion.

Condition 33

The West Creek Pond will only contain natural, non-contact water. The West Creek diversion channel will be kept separate from the constructed wetland downstream of the TMA, so as not to mix the natural

creek water with excess water discharged from the TMA.

The West Creek Pond only contains non-contact water. The wetland construction will only occur near closure. At that time, appropriate measures will be implemented.

Condition 34– Completed 2017.

West Creek Diversion will be positioned far enough from the pit perimeter to ensure integrity and stability and is expected to provide like-for-like fish habitat replacement.

Condition 35

The West Creek diversion will be permanent, and there is no further consideration being given to diverting any flows from this creek into the open pit to help accelerate pit flooding at or following closure.

To date, the design of the mine is consistent with the requirements of this commitment.

Please refer to commitment number 16.

Condition 36– Completed 2016

There will be secondary containment in place for tailings and contact water pipelines at the crossing of West Creek.

In 2016, a secondary pipe and berm were installed around the Tailings and Water Management Pond Reclaim pipelines at every fish bearing waterbody crossing including West Creek. These all still remain in 2022.

Condition 37

A reliable water source for process plant operations and ancillary uses will be generated by maximizing the rate of water recycled to the process plant.

Water demands are expected to be met by capturing and reusing the effluents and contact water within the site footprint.

Roughly 75% of the water takings for the Mill were sourced from the Tailings reclaim water structure, 25% from Mine Rock Pond and the remainder from South Pond. The Process Plant operated on 100%

contact water throughout 2023.

Condition 38– completed November 30th 2018

Water will be taken from the Pinewood River for the purpose of developing an initial water inventory, only during the construction phase. NG does not intend to take water directly from the Pinewood River thereafter, except possibly for contingency purposes.

Condition 39

Water recycle will be maximized, using approximately 100% water recycle for the processing plant water supply.

Roughly 75% of the water takings for the Mill were sourced from the Tailings reclaim water structure, 25% from Mine Rock Pond and the remainder from South Pond. The Process Plant operated on 100% contact water throughout 2023.

Condition 40

Local area lakes will not be used for process water supply for the RRM.

Roughly 75% of the water takings for the Mill were sourced from the Tailings reclaim water structure, 25% from Mine Rock Pond and the remainder from South Pond. The Process Plant operated on 100% contact water throughout 2023. No local lakes or rivers were utilized to source any water.

Condition 41

All process reagents and materials, and wastes, will be handled and stored responsibly, according to supplier and safety guidance, regulatory requirements and industry best practices.

During 2023 process reagents and materials were handled and stored according to supplier and safety guidance, Regulatory requirements and industry best practices. Mechanical maintenance areas have appropriate containment for used oil and other hazardous materials associated with mechanical repairs and maintenance to heavy equipment. New Gold RRM and on-site contractors producing hazardous waste were registered with RPRA (Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority) in 2023, formerly HWIN. Certified hazardous waste transportation companies were contracted to remove hazardous

waste from designated areas. New Gold Staff inspect these designated areas to ensure appropriate storage methods were being implemented. Mill Operations stored reagents and chemicals used in ore processing either in dry storage facilities or within secondary containment areas.

All reagents shipped to site are conducted by licensed transportation companies. When products arrive on site, they are offloaded by New Gold RRM operators who are trained in Transportation of Dangerous Goods.

New materials being purchased by the company undergo a review of the Safety Data Sheets by the New Gold Health and Safety and Environmental Departments prior to being brought to site. The intent of this review is to ensure appropriate product use as well as appropriate handling and containment practices are in place.

Condition 42

Any chemical spills within the process plant / chemical storage areas will be controlled through provision of secondary containment as appropriate and will not enter the environment. Spills of potentially hazardous materials during transport, or from on-site material storage and handling facilities will be managed. Measures will be taken to prevent and clean up any hydrocarbon spills (and other spills) at source to ensure such materials do not enter surrounding waters as practical. Spills will be reported to the MOECC and other appropriate agencies per the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Protection Act.

During 2019, an MECP guidance document on environmental protection measures at chemical and waste storage facilities was implemented sitewide. Chemicals to be used in the process plant were moved into the mill, placed in covered cold storage areas or within bermed laydown areas to protect against spills to the environment. In 2020, fully covered storage facilities were built for new and used lube and oil and was continued to be used in 2023.

In 2023, 12 spills (project wide) were reported to the MECP as per requirements of the Ontario Environmental Protection Act. Letter reports communicating incident details, clean up and mitigation measures were provided to the MECP as per ECA 2290-CAVKGN permit conditions. Event details are captured in a computer program called INX INControl. Each event is provided with a unique identifier which is used to capture spill information details, clean up tasks and assign accountability to responsible individuals. This system ensures that the spill is documented and cleaned up appropriately in a timely manner and reviewed by area owners before event is closed. Information related to the spills reported to MECP can be found in the Supporting Documentation for Appendix K.

Condition 43

The TMA dams will meet strict regulatory requirements including the requirements of the Provincial Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act and will be constructed to withstand the probable maximum flood and maximum credible earthquake. A remedial action plan would be developed in consultation with appropriate government agencies in the event of dam breach.

Section 5.6.1 of the Rainy River Mine Comprehensive Closure Plan Amendment (December 2019) outlines the Geotechnical Design Criteria for the TMA dams and Water Management Pond dams (WMP). It indicates that;

- The dams are designed to meet the most severe flood and earthquake criteria, being the probable maximum flood and maximum credible earthquake, in accordance with the Ontario Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act requirements.
- The designs are supported by several geotechnical investigations of subsurface condition, the most recent of which was completed by BGC in 2021.
- Emergency spillways are provided for each stage of the TMA dams and WMP to safely pass the probable maximum flood
- Adequate freeboard is maintained in the TMA and WMP to contain the environmental design flood corresponding to a 100-year 30-day storm event and all spillways are protected against erosion
- New Gold has successfully obtained appropriate LRIA permit approvals for the construction of all onsite dams.

An Operational Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) manual was submitted to the MNRF as per conditions of the LRIA and accepted in August 2017. The OMS is updated at least annually, with the most recent version provided in Appendix L

Condition 44

Runoff and seepage from the TMA and stockpiles will be captured, monitored, and either released to the environment if applicable criteria are met and/or re-used in the process plant during operations. Cyanide and metal concentrations in the TMA seepage and all treated effluent discharges to the environment will be controlled through the use of in-plant cyanide destruction and heavy metal precipitation, augmented by extended effluent aging in the TMA ponds.

Permanent seepage collection ditches and sumps were completed around the Water Management Pond and all of the completed Tailings Management Area (TMA) with systems in place to pump the runoff and seepage back into either the Water Management Pond or the Tailings Management Area to allow for extended effluent aging. If discharge of this water is required, it will go through the Water Treatment Train process before discharging to the Pinewood River. Seepage collection systems will continue to be built along the downstream section of the TMA dam extensions. Ditches and sediment ponds have also been constructed around the East and West Mine Rock Stockpiles to capture any runoff or seepage. Runoff or seepage can be discharged from Sediment Ponds 1 and 2 located around the West Mine Rock Stockpile if required and applicable criteria are met while the ditching around East Mine Rock Stockpile directs flows to the Mine Rock Pond which is used in the ore process with an option to send directly to the TMA.

Condition 45

All active pipelines will be inspected twice per 12-hour shift and informally at other times. Should flow unexpectedly lessen or stop in a pipeline, an inspection will be immediately conducted.

The surveillance and inspections of active pipelines is outlined in each part of the Rainy River Mine Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) Manual, where relevant. The OMS was reviewed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as a part of the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act (LRIA) Approval Process for the construction of dams. A copy of the OMS can be found in the Supporting Documentation in Appendix L.

Condition 46

The exposed tailings beach will be covered at closure with a layer of overburden, with flooding of the remaining tailings with a layer of water to prevent the tailings from oxidizing over the longer term. This will ensure that the tailings pond water remains of high quality, such that it will not pose a threat to wildlife.

On September 15th 2020 an amended Closure Plan was filed by ENDM. There is no change with regards to the treatment of the tailing's treatment at closure.

Condition 47

NG commits to maintaining the deposited tailings during the post closure period in a saturated condition in perpetuity to prevent the generation of ARD. NG also commits to developing and completing a monitoring plan which evaluates the integrity of the cover system (e.g. low permeability overburden zone) and the continuous saturation of the tailings.

On September 15th 2020 an amended Closure Plan was filed by ENDM. There is no change with regards to the treatment of the tailing's treatment at closure.

Condition 48

The thickness and maintenance of water cover over the TMA will be clarified in the Closure Plan.

On September 15th 2020 an amended Closure Plan was filed by ENDM. There is no change with regards to the treatment of the tailing's treatment at closure.

Condition 49

A detailed monitoring plan will be developed as part of the Provincial closure planning process to ensure that the deposited tailings solids remain permanently saturated in the post-closure condition. This plan will include consideration of the low permeability overburden perimeter cover bordering the tailings dams to ensure that the deposited tailings beneath the perimeter overburden cover remain saturated, or alternatively that the overburden zone cover itself remains sufficiently saturated so as to prevent oxidation of the underlying tailings. The monitoring program will consist of the following principal elements:

- Establishment of a field trial to simulate the performance of the low permeability cover, with initiation during the development phase and monitoring during operations to support the closure design to ensure saturation levels in the cover and underlying tailings to confirm, or modify, design criteria;*
- Survey of the final tailings surface prior to flooding for closure, with results of the survey tied to TMA dam crest elevations and the spillway invert elevation;*
- Establishment of a water level monitoring station within the tailings pond, near to the spillway, with measurements to be taken at regular intervals.*

The first Closure Plan for the Rainy River Project was filed in 2015. A Closure Plan Amendment was

filed with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines in October 2017 as the project transitioned from its construction phase into operations and filed on September 15, 2020. Section 6.2.4 of the Closure Plan discusses the progressive reclamation strategy for the TMA that will occur much later in the mine life, as it will be actively used for tailings deposition throughout operations and allowed to flood upon closure. At the end of mine operations the plan is to allow a low permeability overburden to cover approximately 150m in width to be placed on the upstream side of the dam around two thirds of the ultimate perimeter allowing the remaining one third to be reclaimed at closure. The purpose of the overburden cover is to prevent the water cover from coming in contact with the dams and it will also limit oxygen diffusion into the uppermost portion of the tailings underneath. The overburden layer will be seeded with native seed mix and armoured with Non-Acid Generating (NAG) rock. The remaining tailings will have a permanent water cover of approximately 2 m. As the project advances through its operational phase more research and planning will be conducted on the management of tailings at closure. Additional planning will be outlined in future closure plan amendments.

Condition 50

In the event that observed water levels within the TMA pond were to decline to a level where there was a risk of the deposited tailings solids becoming partially unsaturated for extended periods, the available contingencies to mitigate that condition would be the following:

- *Periodically pump water from the Pinewood River during spring freshet, or during other high water periods, to maintain the TMA post closure water cover within an optimal zone (alternatively water could be periodically pumped to the TMA from the upper water column of the flooded open pit – pending suitable water quality);*
- *Raise the spillway invert to further increase the depth of the TMA water cover (this action would require a widening of the spillway to continue to allow for passage of the probable maximum flood); or*
- *Raising the dam crest, as well as the spillway invert to further increase the depth of the TMA water cover.*

In development of the above contingencies, trigger levels would be developed for implementation of the contingencies. the following:

- *Periodically pump water from the Pinewood River during spring freshet, or during other high water periods, to maintain the TMA post closure water cover within an optimal zone*

(alternatively water could be periodically pumped to the TMA from the upper water column of the flooded open pit – pending suitable water quality);

- *Raise the spillway invert to further increase the depth of the TMA water cover (this action would require a widening of the spillway to continue to allow for passage of the probable maximum flood); or*
- *Raising the dam crest, as well as the spillway invert to further increase the depth of the TMA water cover.*

In development of the above contingencies, trigger levels would be developed for implementation of the contingencies.

In the fall of 2017, the Rainy River Project transitioned from a construction to operational state. Currently this condition doesn't apply as the mine and Tailings Management Area (TMA) are not in a closure state. However, New Gold intends to have a 2m water cover over the tailings as discussed in the Mine Closure Plan.

Condition 51

Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to the Pinewood River aquatic system will include the following:

- *Extensive contact water recycling for process plant needs to reduce overall water demands and to minimize final effluent discharge volumes to the Pinewood River;*
- *Use of SO₂/Air treatment for cyanide destruction and heavy metal precipitation in the process plant followed by extended effluent aging in the TMA pond and in the water management pond to achieve the highest quality effluent reasonably achievable;*
- *Use of a constructed wetland system for final effluent polishing of a major portion of the discharge;*
- *Management of the site for ARD control during operations and following closure to prevent adverse water quality impacts to the Pinewood River;*
- *The DDFO (DFO) Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Guidelines will be followed as mitigation for potential fisheries effects associated with water intakes;*
- *Construction of the Pinewood River Highway 600 re-alignment crossing (bridge or culverts) in a manner that does not restrict fish passage;*

- *Maintaining current fish habitat productivity; and*
- *Implementation of an extensive monitoring plan for water quality and flow discharges, and receiving water aquatic life and habitat.*

RRM maximizes water recycling for ore processing and treats excess water for release to the environment to remain below the normal operating water level of all site dams in preparation for storm events and spring freshet. In 2023, 100% of the water use for the mill came from three sources: TMA, MRP and South Pond (pit). The RRM site water balance informs the annual site discharge target.

In 2023, RRM discharged from 3 final discharge points a total of 4,694,572 m³ to the Pinewood River. Prior to deposit in the TMA, process plant effluent and tailings pass through an in-plant slurry cyanide destruction (SO₂/Air) treatment facility. Effluent is aged in the TMA before transfer to the Water Treatment Train for treatment. Treated effluent is further aged in the WMP and is either discharged directly to the environment or sent for further treatment, dependent on water quality. Prior to closure, a Constructed Wetland will be developed for final effluent polishing at closure.

The East and West Mine Rock Stockpiles have perimeter ditching to collect seepage and runoff to contain potential ARD. A seep monitoring program has started 2021 for all stockpiles, and insitu monitoring equipment is being installed to monitor ARD potential and development in the East Mine Rock Stockpile.

The DFO Freshwater Intake End of Pipe Guidelines were implemented at RRM in 2016 during the construction of the Pinewood River pumphouse. Fish screens were also installed on all construction dewatering pumps during the construction of diversion structures and culvert installations.

The construction of the Pinewood River crossing at Highway 600 was completed in 2016 and consisted of the installation of a clear span bridge with no in water work that would restrict fish passage.

RRM has an extensive aquatic resource monitoring program which includes the Pinewood Biological Monitoring Plan to monitor direct effects to fish in the Pinewood River. Monitoring of Pinewood River water quality is conducted monthly as part of the Surface Water monitoring program. The Pinewood Hydrometric Monitoring program outlines monitoring for flow changes.

Condition 52

All final discharge points will have a point of control to immediately cease discharge. A control structure will be constructed at the discharge point of the treatment wetland to be in compliance with MMER. All

discharge locations will be regularly sampled in accordance with environmental approval requirements and will provide insight as to ongoing treatment system performance.

All final discharge points are controlled by a pump that is equipped with a calibrated flow measuring device. All final discharge points are sampled at the frequency required by MDMER and amended ECA 2290-CAVKGN during active discharge to assess compliance.

Condition 53

NG acknowledges the need to meet effluent criteria for any discharge to the environment. Excess water discharged to the environment will meet applicable Federal and Provincial guidelines for the protection of aquatic life, or other scientifically defensible alternatives, in the receiver, as well as any site-specific approval requirements.

Three approved effluent compliance points (EDL1, EDL2 and Sediment Pond 2) were active in 2023. All effluent met applicable Federal and Provincial guidelines for the protection of aquatic life, and ECA 2290-CAVKGN site-specific limits.

Condition 54

Minimize the number of final effluent compliance points as reasonable.

In 2023, there were three active effluent compliance points under amended ECA 2290-CAVKGN, ECA 7004-BC7KQ5, ECA 3855-C4E3FF and MDMER.

- Sediment Pond 2 Final Discharge Point was active for 68 days with a total discharge of 790,915m³ to the Pinewood River.
- EDL1 (Water Discharge Pipeline) Final Discharge Point was active for 93 days with a total discharge of 2,215,846 m³ to the Pinewood River.
- EDL2 Final Discharge Point was active for 84 days with a total discharge of 1,687,811 m³ to the Pinewood River.

Condition 55–Completed October 2018

NG agrees to work with the MOE to develop a mutually acceptable minimum flow threshold, below which water from the Pinewood River would not be taken to build up the initial water inventory to

support processing plant start up operations. Subject to approval(s), NG is proposing spring and open water flow thresholds of 10,000 m³/d and 5,000 m³/d, respectively, below which direct water taking from the Pinewood River downstream of McCallum Creek, would temporarily cease until river flows recover. The application of such flow restrictions would be based on day to day prorated flow data obtained from Water Survey of Canada (WSC) Station 05PC023.

Condition 56—Completed October 9th 2015; Upgraded December 2019.

The appropriateness of the use of the WSC station will be assessed as part of the operations planning, and if this station appears unsuitable, a separate dedicated flow monitoring station will be set up, either independently, or in association with the WSC.

Condition 57

Optimize the timing and positioning of final effluent discharges to the Pinewood River so as to limit the potential for adverse flow effects to the river.

Consistent with this commitment, there are four approved final effluent discharge locations per amended ECA 2290-CAVKGN. Approval for eight temporary construction final effluent discharge locations per ECA 5781-9VJQ2J expired on May 8, 2018.

Condition 58

Subject to approval(s), NG is proposing to operate the final effluent discharge from both the Constructed Wetland and the pipeline discharge from the Water Management Pond, such that a minimum 1:1 receiver to final effluent mixing ratio would be maintained in the Pinewood River, with the understanding that receiver to final effluent mixing ratios of greater than 1:1 would be the norm.

The Constructed Wetland is scheduled for construction two years prior to closure and will be used for passive water treatment in perpetuity throughout post closure phase. NG has constructed and is currently operating a water treatment train that is consistent with the discharge criteria. It discharges at the same location along the Pinewood River as will the future Constructed Wetlands. The discharge is also consistent with the commitment of discharging from both the pipeline and the treatment train at mixing ratios of 1:1 into the Pinewood River.

Condition 59

NG commits to the discharge of effluents to the Pinewood River in a manner that will achieve rapid mixing within the river. If future operational monitoring shows that effective receiver mixing is not attained, NG commits to implement additional measures to enhance mixing to a level which is mutually acceptable to the MOE and NG. Such additional measures could include the use of rock groynes placed on either side of the channel to force mid- channel mixing and use of boulder clusters to increase flow turbulence within the mixing zone.

Installation of two duckbill diffusers and riverbed armouring, effluent mixing structures (EMS), were installed in the Pinewood River at EDL1 (EMS1) in December 2019 and at EDL2 (EMS2) at the Loslo Confluence in September 2020. Improvements were completed at EMS1 in August 2020 as a result of inspections after spring 2020 discharge was completed, which were also applied to the construction of EMS2. During the spring of 2023 the internal hugger-style duckbill diffusers were replaced by flange-mount style duckbill diffusers of a similar size at both EDL1 and EDL2 to correct the problem of diffusers blowing off the pipe at the approved discharge rates.

Condition 60 to 65 Fish

Condition 60

Scheduling of RRM development activities will consider environmental aspects, such as fish spawning.

Since 2015, Rainy River Mine activities and mitigation measures previously implemented to consider environmental aspects such as fish spawning;

- No Construction activities occurred near fish bearing waterbodies.
- In 2023 no fish salvage occurred as no in-water work was required

Condition 61

A No Net Loss Plan and compensation strategy will be developed and implemented by NG to create new like for like habitats as project compensation and/or enhance existing restoration programs, to offset the RRM habitat losses.

To offset habitat loss New Gold has currently completed the following:

- Ownership and maintenance of over 1800 ha of Overall Benefit Land to compensate for the loss of Bobolink and Whip-Poor-Will habitat during construction.
- Completion of the water diversion structures and ponds to offset for the loss of fish habitat in the former Loslo Creek, Marr Creek, West Creek, Clark Creek and Teeple Drain systems. Monitoring of the Clark and Teeple systems commenced in 2017, West Creek and Stockpile systems in 2018 and proved to support fish passage. Stockpile Pond did not fill with 2019 freshet and did not activate the remaining 50% of the Stockpile Diversion after filling the pond. A geotechnical investigating revealed that a compacted clay liner is needed in the pond to stop water from seeping under the Stockpile Dam. With the reduction of Stockpile Pond NG lacks 3.5 hectares of fish habitat, this habitat will be re-created on-site along with modifications to Stockpile Pond to encourage more reliable fish passage downstream in 2024/25. West Creek system Clark Creek System and Teeple system have met the intent of DFO success criterion in 2022 and NG awaits written confirmation of this position. White Suckers were seen spawning as far up the West Creek pond and diversion systems as the lower end of the Stockpile Diversion. Northern Pike were observed in West Creek Diversion for the first time in 2022 and have moved up the system to Stockpile Diversion as of 2023.
- Reclamation of Tait Quarry was completed in summer 2018.
- The first bench of the EMRS and batch plant locations were reclaimed in 2021.

Condition 62

Except where aquatic habitat will be overprinted (and compensated for as part of DFO authorizations) for project development, a 120 m buffer zone will be maintained adjacent to rivers and creeks to the extent practical, to protect watercourses and their associated vegetated margins.

Buffer zones are maintained by reducing tree clearing, grubbing and equipment access. New Gold regulates this by; providing construction contractors with maps of buffer zones, limiting the use of equipment around water courses, ensuring BMP are followed when sediment and erosion measures should be in place and confirming this during field inspections of work areas.

Condition 63

Fish flesh and fish organ tissue samples from the Pinewood River have been analyzed for metals for walleye and northern pike in the baseline condition. A commitment has been made to continue to

monitoring metals in these two fish species after mine start-up. Should there be future evidence to show that fish are being taken from the Pinewood River on a more regular basis and prepared as a food source, NG would be pleased to work with these fishermen to collect and analyze a reasonable sampling to reflect any applied methods of food preparation.

Large body fish tissue sampling occurred in 2023 as it is meant to occur concurrent with MDMER and EEM sampling programs. New Gold has not been made aware of increased fishing in the Pinewood River and this program will occur again in 2026.

Condition 64

Fish tissue (dorsal muscle tissue and livers) sampling will include both northern pike and walleye. If contaminant concentrations increase over time, potential consumers and the applicable Provincial departments (MOE and MNR; MNR) would be informed and information related to increased health risks (if any) would be provided, as suggested.

Large body fish tissue sampling did occur in 2023 as it is meant to occur concurrent with MDMER and EEM sampling programs. Statistical comparisons of the current sampling program (2023) to baseline did not indicate increased mercury concentrations within muscle tissue of Northern Pike or Walleye. The Large Body Fish Tissue Report can be found as Appendix J. This program will occur again in 2026.

Condition 65

Specific erosion and sediment control measures and their locations will be provided in the permit application documents once detailed design is completed to avoid direct impacts to fish during the mine construction phase.

During 2023, the Mine is no longer in the construction phase but in the operational phase. However, erosion and sediment control measures were in limited use and no work occurred that could have affected fish bearing water ways. All work occurred within site catchments.

Condition 66 to 75 Monitoring

Condition 66

Pond dams will be inspected at a regular interval by site employees for any visible signs of concern and particularly during and after major storm events. They will also be inspected periodically by a qualified geotechnical engineer at an interval that meets regulatory requirements at a minimum.

Daily inspections were carried out by Mill Operators as per MIL-CND-SOP-0009 (targeting 2 inspections per shift).

A Dam Safety Review was conducted by SRK Consulting in 2021 which included an annual Dam Safety Inspection of the tailings and water management dams. The Dam Safety Inspection was conducted in June with the final report issued in December. The site Tailings Dam Engineer performed monthly inspections of all dam structures and additionally inspects after a major storm event (59 mm in 24 hour trigger).

Condition 67

Surface water: to be monitored during construction, operations and active closure phases, with post active closure monitoring expected to continue for a decade (or more) at reduced frequencies pending ongoing analysis of data.

Surface water was monitored monthly as per permit conditions at sites upstream and downstream of the project footprint in 2023. Results were consistent with baseline studies.

Condition 68

Proposed (subject to modification to ensure participation and data sharing is adequate to meet the expectations of Aboriginal groups) surface water sampling program would include a First Nation training component followed by a rotating schedule whereby a First Nation representative would accompany NG staff on the monthly surface water sampling program. Laboratory results will be received by NG, reviewed and submitted to the identified individuals of each participating First Nation along with a summary explanation.

Since 2015 New Gold has employed an Environmental Monitor from Big Grassy First Nation. This role includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with their community on a regular basis.

In 2019, New Gold hired a second Environmental Monitor, from Big Island First Nation. This role also includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with their community on a regular basis.

In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation or the Provincial Water Quality Objectives, New Gold does inform Aboriginal Communities via email and through communication at the Environmental Monitoring Board Meetings.

Condition 69

Sampling of sediments will take place to evaluate soil quality parameters prior to undertaking any further closure activities for any contact water ponds and drainage works (including stockpile sediment ponds) where breaching is proposed.

In 2016 a topsoil sampling program was completed which included a chemical analysis of soil to be used for closure and reclamation activities. The report identified best case topsoil harvesting locations and provided information on topsoil in Overall Benefit Lands.

In 2023, sediment sampling for reclamation was not completed. As the mine progresses through its operations stage, New Gold intends to implement further sampling programs at contact water ponds and drainage works as per the Closure Plan.

Condition 70

NG staff is willing to describe the ongoing water quality program and provide freshet data on request. The water management plan for the RRM provides for the management of all site contact waters in accordance with accepted industry standards including periods of high runoff, and sequences of high precipitation years.

No requests were made in 2023. A monthly performance report which includes site discharge and surface water quality results is submitted to the MECP area office each month.

Condition 71

There will be no sediment ponds associated with the aggregate pit(s).

There were no sediment ponds associated with the Roen Road Pit, Outcrop 3, Laydown 4, or Tait Quarry in 2020. There is one runoff pond located adjacent to Outcrop 3 that is used to capture runoff from the equipment laydown. This Outcrop has since been overprinted by construction of the East Mine Rock Stockpile. During the detailed design stage it was determined that a settling pond may be required to ensure high quality effluent from the Tait Quarry (to allow for ammonia degradation in situ and settling of suspended solids) and Provincial environmental approvals were obtained for this structure. During the operation of the quarry (2015 to 2017) groundwater was not generated and the settling pond was not required. Tait Quarry had undergone reclamation in 2018.

Condition 72 – Completed November 2015 to April 2016

Related to the transmission line:

- *Tree stumps, root mats and ground vegetation cover will be left intact to reduce the potential for surface erosion and to help maintain groundcover for plant and wildlife habitat*
- *Vegetation (shrub) screens will be left to the extent practical along the single creek crossing that exists between Beadle and Preachers Lake, near the east end of the alignment, for erosion protection, while ensuring clearance requirements for conductors*
- *No in-water work will be conducted and all poles will be placed above the high water mark*
- *Industry standard sediment interception and erosion control practices will be applied wherever appropriate / needed*
- *Should any erosion of the ground be identified at the end of the construction period (or during any intervening inspections), the exposed area would be re-seeded or otherwise stabilized to control erosion until native vegetation takes hold. If the erosion is more severe, other methods such as placement of straw matting or equivalent will be used*
- *Where required in larger quantities, construction materials will be stored a minimum distance of 200 m from any open (non- frozen) surface water, and from major access points; and*
- *Fueling and maintenance of vehicles will not occur within 50 m of surface waterbodies.*

Condition 73

As a result of the independent First Nation review of the Final Environmental Assessment report, NG committed to a joint water quality monitoring and reporting program with the area First Nations

(including Big Grassy River First Nation; BGRFN) as part of the existing monthly water quality monitoring program which is currently carried out by NG. The program will be funded by NG and form an integral part of the overall environmental management program as it relates to First Nations traditional knowledge and assurances of maintaining water quality and by extension, aquatic biota protection. The program will be developed jointly with the First Nations in lead-up to the initiation of mine construction. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

Since 2015 New Gold has employed an Environmental Monitor from Big Grassy First Nation. This role includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with their community on a regular basis.

In 2019, New Gold hired a second Environmental Monitor, from Big Island First Nation. This role includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with their community on a regular basis. In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation or the Provincial Water Quality Objectives, New Gold does inform Aboriginal Communities via email and through communication at the Environmental Monitoring Board Meetings.

Condition 74

NG has committed to provide a program of close coordination with Rainy River First Nations in support of the pre-existing First Nation Watershed Program and water quality protection. Company funding will be provided as part of the fisheries compensation program to further water quality enhancement programs for the Pinewood and similar agriculturally impacted waterways.

Since 2015 New Gold has employed an Environmental Monitor from Big Grassy First Nation. This role includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with their community on a regular basis. In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation or the Provincial Water Quality Objectives New Gold does inform Aboriginal Communities via email and through communication at the Environmental Monitoring Board Meetings. Starting in 2015 each fall, New Gold hires an independent consultant who is responsible for conducting a fish tissue sampling program in the Pinewood River downstream of the site. The purpose of the study is to assess metal accumulation in walleye and northern pike tissue which are sport fish traditional

consumed by First Nation people in the Rainy River District. New Gold has allowed opportunity for First Nation Community Members to participate in the study as well as the onsite Environmental Monitor from Big Grassy First Nation. Results from this study are communicated through the Environmental Monitoring Board.

In 2018, Rainy River First Nations and Naicatchewenin First Nation began Independent Environmental Monitoring of water and fish in the local area. This monitoring will alternate to include soil, vegetation, deer and fowl tissues. New Gold coordinates with the third party Independent Environmental Monitor in order to access the site and collect samples.

In 2019, New Gold hired a second Environmental Monitor, from Big Island First Nation. This role includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with her community on a regular basis. In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation or the Provincial Water Quality Objectives New Gold does inform Aboriginal Communities via email and through communication at the Environmental Monitoring Board Meetings. During 2023, both Environmental Monitors remain in their roles at RRM and continue to carry out the duties listed above.

Condition 75 – Completed December 2020

To help limit the exposure of potentially acid generating materials to this base drainage through the former Clark Creek channel zone, a layer of non- potentially acid generating rock will be placed in the former creek channel bed area.

Completed

During 2020, non-acid generating rock was placed into the remnant Clark Creek channel system up until the wick-drain zone at the edge of the stockpile. This wick drain zone was completed in 2020 and non-acid generating material continued to be placed up the channel to the edge of the stockpile.

Condition 76 to 81 Groundwater

Condition 76

Groundwater: to be monitored during construction, operations, and active closure phases, with post-active closure monitoring expected to continue for a decade (or more) at reduced frequencies pending ongoing data analysis.

In 2023, the RRM network of groundwater monitoring wells were monitored and sampled three times, at approximately 60-day intervals, following provincial environmental compliance approval conditions if not dry.

Condition 77

A groundwater level (flow) and quality monitoring program of regular sampling and dipping of dedicated monitoring wells will be implemented to confirm that no area wells are affected by the mine.

Furthermore, local well owners will be asked to participate in a well water quality program to monitor water quality in their wells.

In 2023, RRM groundwater monitoring wells were monitored and sampled for levels and water quality three times each when not dry. Data from 2023 was reviewed for trends to quantify the effects of dewatering and other RRM activities. The updated 3-D Groundwater Model that was developed in 2020 and was updated in 2023 as per ECA 3855-C4E3FF, has concluded that the extent of the simulated dewatering zone of influence has increased and may extend further to the west and southeast; however, it does not extend as far east and south as previously modeled.

The offsite groundwater well monitoring program was initiated in 2017. Neighboring property owners are contacted each year to confirm they wish to continue with this voluntary monitoring program. Groundwater sampling of local wells were completed in 2023.

Condition 78

If water quality or availability in local wells is compromised (by the RRM), NG is obligated to replace the system or offer water treatment systems to rectify issues related to water quality or availability shown to be caused by the mine.

As per the New Gold RRM Offsite Groundwater Monitoring Plan established in 2017, sampling of neighboring property owner wells continued in 2023. The Offsite Groundwater Monitoring Plan will continue for the life of mine. New Gold is committed to rectifying issues related to water quality or availability shown to be caused by the mine, and the Offsite Groundwater Monitoring Plan assists with determining the cause of issues related to water quality or availability in local wells.

Condition 79

If local artesian wells stop flowing (related to the RRM), NG will need to provide and install a pump to replace the artesian flow used by the homeowner.

There were no reported effects on local wells related to the RRM in 2023.

Condition 80

Several groundwater monitoring wells will be placed around the TMA and east mine rock stockpile and pond areas, as shown in Figure 13-3 of the Final EA Report. This groundwater monitoring network may be amended or expanded through the MOE approvals process. Water levels in these monitoring wells will be measured continuously with data downloaded semi-annually. Groundwater samples will be collected quarterly, as described in Section 13.6 of the Final EA Report.

Installation of additional groundwater monitoring wells (post-baseline studies) started in 2015 and was completed in 2016 in accordance with Provincial Approval requirements.

In 2023, no replacement groundwater monitoring well was installed to the existing wells system. The groundwater monitoring wells were sampled three times in 2023, if not dry.

Condition 81

Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential effects on groundwater include the following:

- *Returning captured groundwater indirectly to the Pinewood River (after treatment and testing if necessary) during the period of mine operations to minimize potential flow effects to the river, especially during naturally occurring, low flow conditions;*
- *Using in-plant SO₂/Air treatment for cyanide destruction and heavy metal precipitation to optimize the quality of groundwater seepage associated with the TMA during operations and following mine closure;*
- *Managing the site for ARD control, both during operations and following closure to prevent adverse water quality impacts to the Pinewood River, including that associated with any groundwater seepage;*
- *Accelerating open pit inflow following mine closure, to the extent practicable, balancing the need for managing water quality*
- *and maintaining Pinewood River flows over the interim period until the pit can be completely*

flooded; and

- *Implementing a monitoring plan for water levels, water quality and flow discharges, and receiving water aquatic life and habitat maintenance.*

RRM water management activities are consistent with this commitment:

- Water from mine dewatering activities is directed to the Mine Rock Pond and South Plant Site Pond for recycling or sent to the TMA to be treated to meet effluent quality regulations and released at licensed final discharge locations.
- The Mill operates a cyanide destruction unit through which all tailings pass before.
- Runoff from the Mine Rock Stockpiles is captured by perimeter ditching.
- Runoff from the PAG dump reports to the Mine Rock Pond and is used for processing in the Mill.
- As RRM is still operating, the requirements for optimizing pit inflow at mine closure are not applicable currently. Both Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring Plans were implemented in 2015 and continued through 2023.

Condition 82 to 126 Wildlife and Community

Condition 82

Monitoring of key terrestrial systems and Species at Risk (SAR) will occur during the construction and operations phase, with post closure habitat development and utilization by wildlife to continue at reduced frequencies consistent with SAR Permit requirements.

Monitoring of terrestrial systems and SAR during 2023 was compliant with environmental approvals and monitoring plan requirements. Eastern Whip-poor-will surveys were conducted on the mine site and its periphery as required. During 2015 New Gold RRM implemented a site wide wildlife monitoring program that allows employees and contractors to report any wildlife sightings on the project. Education regarding SAR is provided during site orientation. In the fall of 2016, a White-Tailed Deer Tissue monitoring program was implemented to establish a baseline for potential metal and cyanide accumulation in deer tissue. Samples are collected from hunters in the area as well as deer killed in vehicle collisions. The study continued in 2017 and 2018. During 2021 the deer tissue collection program was run again but the report was not complete in time for the 2022 ACR. However, the

updated 2021 White-Tailed Deer Tissue Monitoring Report is included in Appendix B. The SAR monitoring report is Appendix H.

Condition 83 – Completed December 11, 2014

Puffballs: NG and AMEC would be happy to receive photos and/or samples of this species and have AMEC experts identify it. If AMEC experts are unable to identify the species they will consult with staff at the Royal Ontario Museum or the Canadian Museum of Nature.

Condition 84 – Completed Summer of 2014

Rare plant surveys are proposed to be carried out along portions of the preferred transmission line corridor in late Spring / early Summer, 2014. Prior to transmission line construction, additional data collection will be undertaken for that portion of the proposed transmission line routing (Alternative A) west of Highway 71, where there is a baseline data gap for rare plants surveys. This additional data collection will be undertaken to support transmission line permitting, and would consist of the following activities, spread across a 2 km corridor (1 km on either side the transmission line): transect surveys for vegetation communities including surveys targeting the presence of rare plant species. Results will be made available to MNR once the report is complete and the report will be referred to in the Errata.

Condition 85

The principal mitigation measures that are proposed to limit short and long term adverse effects to local vegetation communities include:

- *Minimizing dust production along primary mine rock and overburden transportation routes by implementing dust suppression methods and thereby minimizing the zone of influence. Primary dust suppression methods will include road watering.*
- *Annual monitoring of dust deposition on vegetation adjacent to mine roads; and*
- *Active revegetation and encouragement of natural revegetation / recolonization of disturbed areas as part of progressive reclamation during operation and active reclamation at mine closure.*

During 2023 the principal mitigation measures used to limit adverse effects to local vegetation included the use of water as dust suppressant on major haul roads and light vehicle roads during non-freezing conditions. Calcium chloride dust suppression was sprayed onto light vehicle and haul roads in 2023. In addition, speed limits on and around site were in place. Primary and auxiliary aggregate crushers used

chemical and water suppressant dispersed by spray bars during non-freezing conditions. Commercial traffic was limited to site access along the east access or Teeple Road.

Condition 86

In regards to the transmission line:

- *Additional rare plant and breeding bird surveys to be undertaken in May and June, 2014 to identify any further potential environmental constraints that might require construction modification, such avoidance of disruption to rare plant sites (if present) through site specific habitat protection measures*
- *Undertaking transmission line construction in winter (normally December 1 to March 31) to better protect ground cover in sensitive areas where the protection of wetlands, rare plants and SAR is required, and completion of the remainder of transmission line construction in the late summer and fall, outside of the breeding bird season*
- *Vegetation removal will be reduced to the extent necessary to support construction activities and longer-term transmission line reliability (from interference with conductors and fall of adjacent hazard trees). Minimizing vegetation removal includes retaining existing low vegetation ground cover*
- *Access to the right of way (ROW) will be provided from existing infrastructure (some of which may need to be upgraded, as reasonable for personnel, material and equipment access), but no new permanent access roads are proposed. Generally, where access is poor, the ROW will be accessed along the ROW itself. Construction vehicles will not be allowed to travel through surface waters*
- *Mechanical means will be used for periodic vegetation height maintenance along the transmission line, instead of herbicides.*

Studies were completed during 2014 and the detailed design and construction plans are consistent with this commitment. Clearing of the transmission line right of way occurred in late November 2015 and the transmission line clearing was completed in April 2016. Some existing access roads required upgrading by adding road bedding material, but no new roads were constructed. Vegetation maintenance along the transmission line was done by mechanical means in 2023.

Condition 87 – Completed 2016

Scheduling of RRM development activities will consider environmental aspects. Clearing of forests

having a density of at least 10 cavity trees per hectare with a diameter at breast height greater than 25 cm will be limited to outside of the bat roosting season (April 1 to November 15) unless cleared by a bat biologist that has surveyed the trees for bat activity. Timing of the transmission line construction will be planned to avoid the breeding bird and main tourist season, as possible.

During baseline monitoring it was determined by qualified professionals that the forest type to be cleared did not qualify as bat habitat. Each year there is no tree clearing from May 1 to August 15 (breeding bird window). Clearing of the transmission line right of way was initiated in late November 2015 and completed by April 2016. Vegetation maintenance did occur in 2022 but outside of the breeding bird window and none of the vegetation would have qualified as bat habitat.

Condition 88

Wildlife awareness information will be included in regular safety and environmental inductions performed by the mine, along with SAR identification and sensitivities, permit conditions and cultural awareness. Wildlife sighting logs or information boards will be installed to notify workers of local bear, wolf or other large mammal or furbearer observations. Workers and contractors will be made aware of seasonal changes in local mammal behavior or presence in proximity to the mine. Food wastes generated on site will be managed in a manner that limits the attraction of wildlife, such as Black Bear.

In 2015 New Gold RRM incorporated wildlife awareness, avoidance and SAR information to the site orientation that is still delivered to all employees and contractors. Also during 2015 a no tolerance policy was implemented related to feeding and harassing wildlife onsite. This policy remains in effect. Regular site wide bulletins and during "tool box" talks employees are reminded about the importance of following this policy as well as reporting wildlife sightings. During 2023 New Gold RRM continued to promote the onsite wildlife reporting procedure. Documented sightings are recorded in a GIS based mapping program. The program allows visual representation on a site map in where sightings have been reported. This information is helpful in answering a number of scientific questions related to wildlife adaptation.

Condition 89

All staff and contractors will be provided with training in animal encounters as part of the site orientation process.

The site orientation program includes information regarding wildlife awareness and wildlife encounters.

Wildlife awareness information is also provided on an ongoing basis during field-based inspections of work areas, and in "tool box" meetings.

Condition 90

Road-killed animals or any other carcasses found onsite will be removed in a timely manner to limit the attraction of wildlife.

The limited number of road-killed animals / carcasses found within the RRM during 2023 were disposed of in an area of the mine site with limited to no human interaction or buried.

Condition 91

A wildlife monitoring program will record the efficacy of these avoidance measures (will evaluate the effectiveness of the methods implemented) and annual reporting to EC and the MNR will provide the information requested by the reviewer. NG will provide opportunities to Aboriginal groups to receive the annual reports.

In May 2016 the Wildlife Monitoring Plan for the RRM was accepted by the MNRF. During 2022 the following monitoring was required from the Follow up Monitoring Plan. Monthly SAR and wildlife sightings still collected as well as a site mortality list. Breeding bird and EWPW surveys were done, fish tissue and habitat studies were undertaken.

In 2023, there were no requests for annual wildlife monitoring reports, however, the annual reporting for 2022 was provided as part of the 2022 Annual Compliance Report. Links to the document were sent to the following communities on April 3, 2023: Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, and Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation.

Condition 92 – Completed May 2016

A more detailed wildlife follow-up monitoring plan will be developed through consultation with the MNR and EC. As suggested by the reviewer, additional control sites around the periphery of the mine footprint can be developed and monitored following mine construction and periodically throughout mine

operations. A draft plan will be issued to MNR and EC prior to commencement of construction. NG will provide opportunities to Aboriginal groups to participate in the development of the plan.

In February 2016 a final version of the Wildlife Monitoring Program for the project was submitted to MNR. New Gold RRM started to implement the program during 2016. Wildlife Monitoring Program Submissions to MNR are as follows; 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 (final). The plan was accepted in May 2016.

Condition 93

The use of exclusion fencing for reptiles and amphibians will be added as a mitigation measure during construction and operations. The placement of fencing will be decided upon through consultation with the MNR and EC.

In 2019 over 14 kilometers of exclusion fencing was installed along the footprint of the Tailings Management Area, Water Management Pond and Water Discharge Pond. New Gold RRM obtains a scientific research license from MNR each year which allows for the live trapping and relocation of reptiles that may be impacted by activities on site. Fencing remains up and is monitored at least once a month.

Condition 94 – Completed April 2016

In regards to the transmission line:

- *Construction crews will be advised not to interfere with or harass wildlife. No hunting or fishing by construction crews will be allowed. Disciplinary actions will be taken should either occur;*
- *Contractors will be required to handle food and food wastes in a responsible manner, and to educate workers to ensure no feeding of wildlife; and*
- *Should any nuisance wildlife be encountered which pose a risk to construction crews, the MNR will be contacted for direction.*

Condition 95

The primary mitigation strategies for limiting adverse effects to wildlife will include:

- *Preventing hunting from occurring on all lands owned by NG (required for the safety of workers; this is currently ongoing during exploration as well);*
- *Maintenance to the extent practical of a 120 m buffer zone adjacent to rivers and creeks to protect watercourses and their associated vegetated margins;*
- *Restoration of disturbed habitats at closure, including the development of habitats capable of supporting a diversity of wildlife species, including ungulates, large predators, furbearers and bats;*
- *Enforcement of speed limits along proposed mine access roads to reduce the potential for collisions with ungulates. Signs warning drivers of the possibility of wildlife encounters will be posted in areas of high wildlife activity. A log of collisions will be kept monitoring the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation and additional mitigation measures will be implemented if necessary;*
- *Inclusion of wildlife awareness information into regular safety and environmental inductions performed by the mine. Workers and contractors will be made aware of seasonal changes in local deer or large mammal behavior or presence in proximity to the mine. Workers and contractors will be made aware of seasonal changes in local mammal behavior or presence in proximity to the mine;*
- *Treatment of the tailing's slurry to levels equal to or less than 1mg/L weak acid dissociable cyanide before deposition in the TMA (which is well below the 50 mg/L weak acid dissociable cyanide threshold criteria outlined by the International Cyanide Management Code);*
- *Fencing the TMA to prevent access;*
- *Covering the exposed tailings beach at closure with a layer of overburden and flooding the remaining tailings with a layer of water to prevent the tailings from oxidizing over the longer term. This will ensure that the tailings pond waters remain of high quality, such that they will not pose a threat to wildlife. The margins of the tailings pond will develop as wetland habitat;*
- *Minimizing dust production along primary haulage routes by implementing dust suppression methods and thereby minimizing the RRM zone of influence; and*
- *Disposing of food wastes generated on site in a manner that limit the attraction of wildlife, such as Black Bear and wolves*

The following mitigation strategies applied during 2023:

Hunting did not occur on site except for required trapping of nuisance beavers. Buffer zones were maintained around fish bearing waterways and where necessary temporary erosion control products were installed. New Gold RRM has installed speed limit signs on site roads and have implemented a site wide no tolerance policy for speeding which is enforced by radar.

Wildlife crossing signs have been installed at six locations on the mine site to reduce vehicle collisions with wildlife. These locations were chosen based on the number of wildlife sightings reported in those areas. Regular bulletins regarding wildlife are emailed and posted on site. A log of collisions resulting in wildlife mortality is kept and can be found in SAR report in Appendix H. Wildlife awareness training is provided to all contractors and employees during site orientation.

Regular effluent sampling has shown WAD cyanide in tailings generally reaches the Tailings Management Area (TMA) at 1 mg/L or below. Nearly 15 kilometers of fencing was installed around the footprint of the TMA. Tailings currently remain submerged as much as possible and will be submerged and covered with overburden at closure. The RRM follows a Best Management Plan for dust suppression that was developed and approved by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change in 2016. Food waste is removed on a frequent schedule and stored only in waste bins with lids until removed.

Condition 96

Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to amphibians will include the following:

- *Development of a compact RRM site to reduce overall habitat loss and to limit potential adverse effects related to sound emissions to the extent practical,*
- *Restricting the clearing of terrestrial amphibian breeding habitats to periods outside the amphibian breeding season as directed by the MNR,*
- *Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine,*
- *Enforcement of speed limits along proposed mine access roads to reduce the potential adverse effects of increased vehicular traffic associated with the RRM. Signs warning drivers of the possibility of wildlife encounters will be posted in areas of high wildlife activity. A log of collisions will be kept to monitor the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation and additional mitigation measures will be implemented if necessary;*
- *If frog mortality on roadways is found to be a problem along mine access roads or the realigned*

Highway 600, silt fencing may be installed to prevent frogs from crossing the road and may direct them to the nearest culvert(s).

Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to amphibians will include the following:

- *Inclusion of wildlife awareness information into regular safety and environmental inductions performed by the mine. Workers and contractors should continually be made aware of seasonal changes in local wildlife behavior or presence in proximity to the mine,*
- *Treatment of tailings slurry containing cyanide and associated heavy metals from the ore leaching process in the process plant using the SO₂/Air process before being discharged to the TMA,*
- *Discharge of effluent that will result in protection of aquatic life standards in the Pinewood River so that no adverse water quality effects to amphibians are anticipated,*
- *Maintenance of generally abiotic conditions within the TMA to discourage wildlife presence, and-
Covering the exposed tailings beach at closure with a layer of overburden and flooding the remaining tailings with a layer of water to prevent the tailings from oxidizing over the longer term.*

This will ensure that the tailings pond waters remain of high quality such that they will not pose a threat to wildlife. Margins of the tailings pond will be developed into wetland habitat.

During the planning state of the project consideration into the size of the project site was taken into consideration and compaction of the site footprint was achieved as best possible. During the spring and summer clearing restrictions are in place to protect both amphibians and birds. Noise monitoring is conducted and large equipment in the open pit is maintained to reduce sound emissions. In 2015 New Gold RRM implemented and in 2023 continued site wide speed limits and a no tolerance to speeding policy which remains in effect. Wildlife crossing signs were also installed during 2016 on project roadways known for high concentrations of wildlife. Visual observations made along project roadways did not show and increase in frog mortality.

Wildlife awareness training is provided to all contractors and employees during site orientation.

Bulletins regarding wildlife awareness are made throughout the year. The SO₂ system is online and operational to treat tailings before they leave the Mill.

During 2023 all effluent discharged to the environment achieved guidelines for protection of aquatic life or better. Generally abiotic conditions exist within the TMA. Cell one and two are no longer separated from Cell three as of late 2022, the TMA is now one unseparated mass.

A wildlife exclusion fence was installed and monitored around the TMA, WMP and WDP in 2019.

Condition 97

Generally abiotic conditions will be created within the fenced TMA during operations to limit the interest of the pond to waterfowl.

Water quality is considered to be abiotic based on weekly testing results and periodic acute toxicity sampling. To the extent possible, the TMA has been cleared of trees and the area is monitored daily for birds which are hazed with bangers when present.

Condition 98

Scheduling of RRM development activities will consider environmental aspects, such as fish spawning and bird nesting seasons. Tree and woodland clearing will be restricted to periods outside of the breeding bird season (May 1 to August 15). Clearing or modification of known Trumpeter Swan breeding habitat will be restricted to outside the breeding season (March 15).

All scheduling of site activities during 2023 was in full consideration of environmental aspects and no known timing conflicts occurred.

Condition 99

A monitoring plan will be developed for Common Nighthawk and Eastern Whip-poor-will, in partnership with the MNR, EC and interested First Nation Communities including the standardized information suggested well as a mortality trigger that will be decided upon during consultation with the MNR and EC, and in consideration of conditions under the Net Benefit Permit being developed by the MNR.

ESA FF-C-001-14 dictates and outlines a monitoring plan that has been followed since 2014. The need for over 1800 hectares of Overall Benefit Land was identified which New Gold has purchased and maintained since early 2015. This permit did not dictate a mortality trigger and to date no EWPW or

BOBO have been found dead on site. The permit was developed with EC, MNRF and other stakeholders. MECP is now overseeing the ESA file for Ontario as of 2019-04-01.

Condition 100- Completed September 19th, 2014.

Breeding bird surveys are proposed to be carried out along portions of the preferred transmission line corridor in late Spring / early Summer, 2014. Prior to transmission line construction, additional data collection will be undertaken for that portion of the proposed transmission line routing (Alternative A) west of Highway 71, where there is a baseline data gap for breeding bird surveys. This additional data collection will be undertaken to support transmission line permitting and would consist of point count surveys for breeding birds between late May and early July, spread across a 2 km corridor (1 km on either side the transmission line). Results will be made available to MNR once the report is complete. NG will provide opportunities to Aboriginal groups to receive the survey results.

Condition 101

The primary mitigation strategies for limiting adverse effects to birds and habitat:

- *Inclusion of wildlife awareness information into regular safety and environmental inductions performed by the mine. Wildlife sighting logs or information boards will be installed to notify workers of local observations. Workers will be made aware of seasonal changes in local animal behavior or presence in proximity to the mine,*
- *Minimizing the level of potentially disturbing activities near any known or subsequently discovered active raptor and raven nest sites until the nest is vacated,*
- *Annual monitoring of the Bald Eagle nest in Woodland 122 to determine seasonal eagle activity at the nest site which will guide RRM activities occurring in proximity to the nest. Should eagles continue to use the nest site and raise offspring, work will be adjusted appropriately to reduce adverse effects to the breeding success of the local pair,*
- *Maintenance of a safe distance between RRM activities and the nest as well as maintenance of landscape buffer areas (preferably forested or natural) between the activity and nest trees. To avoid disturbing nesting Bald Eagles, no buffer is necessary around nest sites outside of the breeding season once the juvenile eagles are known to have vacated the defined significant wildlife habitat.*
- *Limiting less typical activities in proximity to the nest site during the nest building and breeding season. The local eagle pair appears tolerant of agricultural activities and road grading.*

- *Environmental induction programs and ongoing environmental updates provided to workers will make them aware of Bald Eagle nesting activities prior to the commencement of new or irregular activities in proximity to an active eagle nest (within 500 m), and having them observe proper protocol in order to avoid disturbance during these activities;*
- *Restriction of tree and woodland clearing to periods outside of the breeding bird season which extends between May 1 and August 15;*
- *Protection of suitable breeding habitat as a result of the provision of compensatory habitat for species protected under the Endangered Species Act;*
- *Restoration of disturbed habitats at closure to habitats capable of supporting a diversity of wildlife species;*
- *Implementation of sound abatement strategies;*
- *Enforcement of speed limits along proposed mine access roads to reduce the potential adverse effects of increased vehicular traffic associated with the RRP. Signs warning drivers of the possibility of wildlife encounters will be posted in areas of high wildlife activity. A log of collisions will be kept to monitor the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation and additional mitigation measures will be implemented if necessary*

Since the start of construction in 2015 New Gold has been implementing a no tree cutting policy during the breeding bird window. The project has also installed speed limit signs on project roads and has implemented a radar system for speeding. In the summer of 2016 wildlife crossing signs were installed at six locations on the project site to help reduce the potential for vehicle collisions with wildlife. Monitoring logs of reported wildlife collisions have been kept although there is room to improve on the reporting strategy as not all small animals (squirrels) are reported. By the end of 2017 there were two reported Bald Eagle's nests more than a kilometer from the infrastructure footprint of the mine but none within that footprint. No new nests were discovered in 2023.

Acoustic modeling is done annually in an effort to see what sound abatement may be necessary. No additional abatement has been deemed necessary. The rehabilitation plan for Tait Quarry involves creating suitable Whip-Poor-Will habitat. The site was fully rehabilitated by Summer 2018. During the baseline studies for the Rainy River Mine no known Trumpeter Swan breeding habitat was identified in areas where clearing was necessary. Trumpeter Swans were seen in 2021 to have raised 3 Cygnets in and around Sediment Pond 1. Sediment Pond 1 captures water from the overburden dump only and is of sufficient quality to be discharged directly to the environment.

In 2015 New Gold ramped up the waste management program by obtaining bins with lids and in some cases locking mechanisms. Lids on garbage disposal bins have been effective in deterring birds however there have been some bear encounters. The Environmental Department has been actively working with the MNRF Bear Technician in Fort Frances to find effective methods to reduce black bear encounters. During 2022 there was a marked decrease in instances of bears being attracted to waste compared to the previous year and this downward trend continues in 2023. In 2020 two problem bears were relocated which may have been a factor in the decrease. In 2023, five Environmental Department members remain certified to trap and transport black bears. Carcasses from wildlife killed on roads is removed and disposed of in approved locations within the project boundary where people do not frequent, or the carcasses are buried. Acute toxicity testing of tailings effluent within the TMA supports abiotic conditions.

Condition 102- Completed April 2016

With regards to the transmission line:

- *Additional rare plant and breeding bird surveys to be undertaken in May and June 2014 to identify any further potential environmental constraints that might require construction modification, such avoidance of disruption to rare plant sites (if present) through site specific habitat protection measures,*
- *Tree clearing to take place outside of the breeding bird nesting season, defined as the period from May 1 to July 31,*
- *Undertaking transmission line construction in winter (normally December 1 to March 31) to better protect ground cover in sensitive areas where the protection of wetlands, rare plants and SAR is required, and completion of the remainder of transmission line construction in the late summer and fall, outside of the breeding bird season,*
- *Direct impacts to raptor nesting areas will be avoided. There are currently no stick nests on or near the proposed ROW. Should any stick nests be identified during construction, the area will be avoided until a qualified avian biologist can be contacted for direction,*
- *Conductor wire separation distances will be sufficiently far apart to preclude larger avian species, particularly raptors which frequently use hydro pole for perching or nesting, from electrocution by contacting two conductor wires simultaneously,*
- *Construction crews will be advised not to interfere with or harass wildlife. No hunting or fishing*

by construction crews will be allowed. Disciplinary actions will be taken should either occur, and

- *Contractors will be required to handle food and food wastes in a responsible manner, and to educate workers to ensure no feeding of wildlife.*

Condition 103

The site will be rendered suitable for other compatible land uses and functions after the mine has closed and the land has been reclaimed. NG will encourage and, as practical, actively restore the RRM site to productive, naturalized vegetation communities on cessation of mining capable of supporting a diversity of wildlife species. RRM revegetation efforts at closure will include providing suitable habitat for SAR species, most notably whip-poor-will, and other species of interest, if practical.

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Condition 104

The RRM footprint has been altered through consultation with the MNR in order to further avoid known whip-poor-will territories where feasible, including maintenance of forest buffers between RRM components and whip-poor-will nesting and foraging habitat where practical. Provide compensatory whip-poor-will habitat that protects known territories and other identified suitable habitat. Where feasible, manage site lighting fixtures to reduce excess light production near whip-poor-will foraging areas, in order to minimize disturbing these nocturnal birds (with all appropriate health and safety issues considered).

The RRM owns and monitors over 1800 ha of Overall Benefit Land in accordance with the Provincial ESA permit ESA FF-C-001-14 since the start of construction. Site environmental inspections address location and use of light plants as possible while maintaining site safety aspects.

Condition 105

NG will implement a monitoring plan for Eastern Whip-poor-will populations and nesting in proximity to the proposed mine and transmission line sites, within compensatory habitat areas.

Continue funding external research programs in collaboration with the MNR in order to further our understanding of this poorly studied species, as part of a larger overall benefits compensation package required by the Endangered Species Act permit.

A monitoring plan was developed in 2015 and implemented as required during 2023 in accordance with ESA FF-C-001-14. New Gold retains trained biologists to conduct monitoring as per permit conditions. A draft of the EWPW Management plan was submitted to the MNR in early 2019. As of 2019-04-01 the MECP is now the driving ministry for SAR and the ESA. After further discussion with MECP and assessment of data collected to date by qualified biologist, any physical alteration of EWPW OB land was not required during 2023. Monitoring will continue as per Species at Risk Report in Appendix H of the ESA permit; habitat management will be conducted once MECP have approved the HMP and as construction timelines and the breeding bird window allow.

Condition 106

NG will implement a monitoring plan for Bobolink populations and nesting in proximity to the proposed mine site within compensatory habitat areas, and in appropriate control areas - developed through consultation with the MNR. Acquire and protect compensatory open country breeding bird habitat suitable for Bobolink breeding at a ratio of 1:1 for open-country habitat removed for RRM development.

Overall Benefit Land has been provided in accordance with the Provincial ESA permit ESA FF-C-001-14 and the monitoring plan therein has been followed since 2015.

Condition 107

NG will identify Barn Swallow nesting colonies prior to mine construction. Establish zones where Barn Swallow colonization is desired, tolerated or not wanted. Create artificial nesting structures to encourage recolonization or new colonization by Barn Swallows in areas where farm structures are removed. Implement a monitoring plan for Barn Swallow populations in proximity to the proposed mine and transmission line sites and in appropriate control areas.

Four artificial nesting structures were put in place in April 2015, prior to the 2015 breeding season. During 2023, no nesting attempts were made on any structure.

Condition 108

Where feasible, RRM lighting fixtures will be directed in such a fashion as to reduce excess production of light to the surrounding environment (for Common Nighthawk and Short-eared Owl).

RRM site lighting fixtures are commonly used in areas close to the main process plant or on site infrastructure. Visual inspections of these areas are performed on a regular basis to ensure lighting fixtures are targeting work areas.

Condition 109

Monitoring of key terrestrial systems and SAR: during the construction and operations phase, with post closure habitat development and utilization by wildlife to continue at reduced frequencies consistent with SAR Permit requirements

The SAR permit No. FF-C-001-14 for the project was issued in November 2014 and the following spring SAR monitoring commenced in accordance with the permit. SAR monitoring has occurred annually between 2015 and 2018, the MNR have received four annual monitoring reports. 2023 efforts were focused on EWPW near site surveys and developing an EWPWHMP with the MECP. Forest management in EWPW OB lands will be done after approval from MECP. A voluntary additional round of surveys in 2022 was done to attempt better targeting of locations that would benefit from management.

Condition 110

Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to Eastern Whip-poor-will will include the following:

- *Provision of compensatory whip poor-will habitat that protects known territories and other identified suitable habitat,*
- *Restricting the clearing of habitats to periods outside the breeding bird season which occurs from May 1 to August 15,*
- *Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine,*

- *Where feasible, management of site lighting fixtures to reduce excess light production near whip-poor-will foraging areas so as to minimize disturbing these nocturnal birds (with all appropriate health and safety issues considered), Maintenance of forest buffers between RRM components and whip poor-will nesting and foraging habitat where practical,*
- *Management of dust through dust suppression activities (best,management practices),*
- *Enforcement of speed limits along mine-controlled roads to reduce the potential adverse effects of increased vehicular traffic associated with the RRM. Signs warning drivers of the possibility of wildlife encounters will be posted in areas of high wildlife activity. A log of collisions will be kept to monitor the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation and additional mitigation measures will be implemented if necessary.*

Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to Eastern Whip-poor-will will include the following:

- *Environmental induction of RRM personnel, including SAR, identification and sensitivities, and knowledge of Endangered Species Act permit conditions,*
- *Implementation of a monitoring plan for Eastern Whip-poor-will populations and nesting in proximity to the proposed mine and transmission line sites, within compensatory habitat areas and in appropriate control areas, and*
- *Continue funding external research programs in collaboration with the MNR in order to further our understanding of this poorly studied species, as part of a larger overall benefits*
- *compensation package required by the Endangered Species Act permit.*

These measures have been implemented since 2015 and continued to date. New Gold RRM did fund a separate / independent research program as a requirement and in accordance with the ESA permit during 2014 and remains open to further research studies should the opportunity arise.

Condition 111

The primary mitigation strategies for limiting adverse effects to Bobolink will include:

- *Restricting the development of open country habitats to periods outside the breeding bird season which occurs from May 1 to July 31,*
- *Acquiring and protecting compensatory open country breeding bird habitat suitable for Bobolink breeding at a ratio of 1:1 for open-country habitat removed for RRM development,*
- *Enforcement of speed limits along mine controlled roads to reduce the potential adverse effects of increased vehicular traffic associated with the RRM. Signs warning drivers of the possibility of*

wildlife encounters will be posted in areas of high wildlife activity. A log of collisions will be kept to monitor the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation and additional mitigation measures will be implemented if necessary,

- *Environmental induction of RRM personnel, including SAR identification and sensitivities and knowledge of Endangered Species Act permit conditions,*
- *Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine,*
- *Restoration of disturbed habitats at mine closure or encouraging development of habitats capable of supporting Bobolink and other open country species, and*
- *Implementation of a monitoring plan for Bobolink populations and nesting in proximity to the proposed mine site within compensatory habitat areas, and in appropriate control areas.*

Since the start of construction (2015) New Gold RRM has implemented the mitigation strategies listed in this commitment on site.

Condition 112

Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to Barn Swallows will include the following:

- *Identification of Barn Swallow nesting colonies prior to mine construction,*
- *Restricting habitat displacement for mine infrastructure to periods outside the breeding bird season which occurs from May 1 to August 15,*
- *Creation of artificial nesting structures to encourage recolonization or new colonization by Barn Swallows in areas where farm structures are removed,*
- *Restoration of disturbed habitats at closure or encouraging development of habitats capable of providing suitable Barn Swallow foraging habitat, Sound abatement strategies will be implemented to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine,*
- *Establishment of zones where Barn Swallow colonization is desired, tolerated or not wanted. These measures may be necessary to prevent colonization in areas of high human or vehicular activity that would put swallows and swallow breeding success at risk or where order and cleanliness are desired. In this case, discouraging tactics may be implemented to discourage colonization. Conversely, protection may be provided to swallows nesting in other locations where their presence is encouraged and does not cause problems to mine operations,*

- *Enforcement of speed limits along mine controlled roads to reduce potential adverse effects of increased vehicular traffic associated with the RRM. Signs warning drivers of the possibility of wildlife encounters will be posted in areas of high wildlife activity. A log of collisions will be kept to monitor the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation and additional mitigation measures will be implemented if necessary, and*
- *Implementation of a monitoring plan for Barn Swallow populations in proximity to the proposed mine and transmission line sites and in appropriate control areas.*

The RRM began to monitoring barn swallows within the project prior to the construction phase (pre 2015) and implemented four artificial nesting structures in 2015, prior to the breeding season to offset the removal of existing farm structures. Monitoring of the success of the nesting structures has been completed over the past 8 years. 2016 was the first year that nesting attempts occurred in any of the structures, all structures went unused in 2017 and 2018. During 2019 two nesting attempts were made and one nest had two eggs laid in it. The eggs were later found to be missing and assumed to have been eaten by a predator. For 2023 no nesting attempts were made. As the mine operations continue the need to establish zones where barn swallow colonization is desired, tolerated or not wanted will be taken into consideration as well as the need to provide additional nesting structures.

Condition 113

Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to all species of Special Concern and Provincially rare species will include the following:

- *Restriction of principal habitat displacement for mine infrastructure to periods outside the breeding bird season which MNR has indicated occurs from May 1 to August 15,*
- *Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine,*
- *Where feasible, RRM lighting fixtures will be directed in such a fashion as to reduce excess production of light to the surrounding environment,*
- *Establishment of zones where Black-billed Magpie colonization is desired, tolerated, or not wanted. These measures may be necessary to prevent colonization in areas of high human vehicular activity that could put magpie and magpie breeding success at risk. Discouraging tactics may be implemented to discourage colonization. Conversely, protection may be provided to magpies nesting in other locations where their presence is encouraged and does not cause*

problems to mine operations,

- *Enforcement of speed limits along mine controlled roads to reduce the potential for adverse effects of increased vehicular traffic associated with the RRM. Signs warning drivers of the possibility of wildlife,*
- *Inclusion of wildlife awareness information into regular safety inductions performed by the mine.*
- *Workers will be made aware of seasonal changes in wildlife behavior or presence in proximity to the mine,*
- *Treatment of tailings slurry containing cyanide and associated heavy metals in the process plant using the SO₂/Air process before being discharged to the TMA, and*
- *Restoration of disturbed habitats at closure including the development of habitats capable of supporting a diversity of wildlife species, including Species of Special Concern and rare species.*

Since the start of construction New Gold RRM has been implementing a no tree clearing policy during the breeding bird season. RRM has also implemented sound abatement strategies through planning tree clearing in available areas of mine infrastructure, purchasing new equipment constructed with muffler systems and implementing preventative maintenance programs to ensure all equipment is operating adequately. In 2015 speed limit signs were posted on project roads and security was equipped with radar detection equipment. During the summer of 2016 wildlife crossing signs were installed at six locations to warn drivers of the possibility of wildlife encounters. Currently Black-billed Magpie are found throughout the mine site with no colonization in high vehicular activity or areas of concern. Currently there are no mitigation measures necessary. These measures have been implemented since 2015 as part of general orientation. Seasonal changes in wildlife behavior are communicated via bulletins and toolbox talks. Tailings have been treated as required since 2017-09-14. Progressive reclamation working towards closure is on-going, at the end of 2023 an approximate 126.9 ha of mine site is considered reclaimed.

Condition 114 – Completed November to April 2016

Timing of the transmission line construction will be planned to avoid the breeding bird and main tourist season, as possible.

Condition 115

Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Land Use (TK/TLU) data has been widely collected for the RRM,

including from the closest communities of BGRFN, Rainy River First Nations and Naicatchewenin First Nation. All TK/TLU sessions were community driven, meaning that the method of data collection was community specific. The majority of the data has been broad and overreaching, which NG will continue to respect as it serves as the basis for Aboriginal Persons unique relationship to the land. TK/TLU collection will continue; information collected will be appropriately considered for construction, operation and closure phases. For example, NG will further investigate the historical travel corridor and incorporate appropriately any new information that may become available. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

No additional TK/TLU was provided in 2023.

Condition 116- Completed prior to January 15th 2015

NG will share results of the TK/TLU data sessions in a non- public First Nations forum(s). (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

Condition 117

NG has an open invitation for First Nations, the MNO and regional stakeholders to participate in all baseline and environmental monitoring programs, including Whip-poor-will, where appropriate and to share monitoring results. NG will continue to advise of the opportunity at public forums in order to encourage anyone who's interested to participate. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

As part of negotiated Agreements, New Gold funds two full time positions of Environmental Monitors from two First Nations. The role includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with their community on a regular basis. In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation or the Provincial Water Quality Objectives, New Gold does inform Indigenous Communities via email and through communication at the Environmental Monitoring Board Meetings. New Gold developed Environmental Monitoring Boards with Indigenous agreement holders as a method of communicating on permit applications and onsite environmental activities.

During the completion of baseline studies as part of the Environmental Assessment Permitting Process, New Gold retained the assistance of volunteers from a number of communities to participate in data

collection. In 2015 and 2016 community members from Big Grassy participated in fisheries research projects.

Condition 118

Additional information related to Lake Sturgeon and the Rainy River First Nations management program as requested, was added to the Final EA Report. NG has committed to a program of close coordination with Rainy River First Nations in support of the pre-existing First Nation Watershed Program and water quality protection. Company funding will be provided as part of the fisheries compensation program to further water quality enhancement programs for the Pinewood and similar agriculturally-impacted waterways.

In 2017 the RRM Environmental Manager met with the Rainy River Stewardship Committee on a few occasions to discuss potential programs, however the Committee didn't pursue the option. New Gold also requested First Nation participation in the annual Fish Tissue Sampling Program in the Pinewood River (Fall 2017 and 2018) however aside from the onsite First Nation Environmental Monitor there was no additional participation. In 2019 NG had identified candidates to participate in the program, however the efforts were not successful as the candidate did not attend a first aid course and could not join the sampling. In 2020, 2021, and 2022, the COVID 19 pandemic prevented any further efforts. In 2023, as part of the regulated fisheries work, the site contractor responsible for this work partnered with a local Indigenous Community to complete the required work.

Condition 119 – Completed March 3rd, 2014

NG will reach out to the Seven Generations Education Institute and/or the MNR to obtain any additional information on baseline health of animals and fish. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

Condition 120

Aboriginal People will play an active role in the development of the mine Closure Plan, including development of the monitoring and mitigation programs. While the Closure Plan will be completed prior to construction, NG will consult on significant revisions periodically during operations to ensure incorporation of TK and best management practices. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

New Gold provided information on planned administrative updates, application and status of the update

at EMB meetings held in 2023 on February 28, March 13, June 14, July 24, September 28, and December 6. A copy of the 2019 CPA was provided on July 25th to an MNO member and a Naicatchewenin member on November 6th.

Condition 121

Monitoring programs targeted at ungulates (moose, deer) will be coordinated with local Aboriginal people. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

The Deer Tissue Monitoring Program was initiated in the Fall of 2016 and continued during 2017, 2018 and 2021. The intent of the project is to collect tissue samples to monitor for metal and cyanide accumulation. In 2016 Aboriginal Communities were consulted with regarding the program. Additional information related to monitoring programs and results are shared with Aboriginal Communities through Environmental Monitoring Boards. The Monitoring Boards are regular meetings organized by New Gold as an opportunity to provide project updates and environmental monitoring and sampling information. The Deer Tissue program will be run again in 2024 unless a need for increased frequency becomes apparent.

Condition 122- Completed October 1st, 2014

NG would be pleased to assemble a map showing the locations of the closest First Nation community water supply intakes on receipt of the locations/coordinates. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

Condition 123

While the Draft EA has shown no impacts to Aboriginal or non- Aboriginal people's health, any new information that has a potential to impact health will be provided to Aboriginal people. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013). Further, NG has committed to analyses ungulate organ meats voluntarily submitted to them by local hunters, with the results of any such analysis made available to local residents and Aboriginal communities.

No new information was obtained or new impacts predicted during 2023 related to the RRM that could affect the health of Aboriginal people. The Deer Tissue Monitoring Program was run in 2021 which is the fourth monitoring year of the program. The report was not complete at time of printing but was available upon request in 2023. The updated White-Tailed Deer Tissue Monitoring Report is included in

Appendix B of this document. New Gold would still welcome any submission of tissue for analysis and now holds a database with which to compare samples against.

Condition 124 – Duplicate of Condition 145

NG will work with Aboriginal groups to ensure employee overall well-being. Programs to highlight the dangers of drug use combined with drug testing will be implemented. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

Two Indigenous Community Coordinators have been employed by New Gold to act as a liaison to employees and are available to meet with employees. New Gold provides employee benefits and employee assistance programs to all staff and their families. New Gold also has seasonal ceremonies. Tobacco offering stations are available at the mine site. The roundhouse on site was used for the Spring and Fall ceremonies held on April 20 and October 4, 2023.

Condition 125

As a best practice and acting as a responsible neighbor, NG will notify local stakeholders of project activities as appropriate.

There were several tours/site visits in 2023 including public tours and site neighbours' tour. New Gold distributed two newsletters in 2023; newsletters are distributed throughout the Rainy River district via a mail drop; those outside of the mail drop area are emailed an electronic version. Blast notifications are provided for any blasts that occur outside of the usual blast times or there is a change in schedule or considered to be at a location that may impact neighbours. New Gold continues to meet or contact with the local township to discuss possible uses of waste created at the mine.

Public Tours: July 8, 2023; Aug 12, 2023 (2); Sept 16, 2023. Neighbours Tour: Sept 21, 2023.

Newsletters: June 21, 2023; Dec 21, 2023. Township meetings/communications: January 24, 2023; April 25, 2023; May 16, 2023; July 24, 2023; October 24, 2023

Condition 126

NG has and will continue to actively engage the MNR and local outfitters including those that hold the Bear Management Areas that will be affected by the RRM.

During 2023 one member of the New Gold Environmental Department completed the Problem Black Bear Management Course provided by MNR. The total number of staff trained during 2023 was 5.

New Gold again obtained an Authorization to Trap and Relocate Black Bears. No bears were required to be relocated in 2023. Regular discussions occur with the individual who holds the Bear Management Area in which the mine resides.

Condition 127 to 139 Community

Condition 127- Completed January 2015

NG will calculate the area of forest land that will be removed from the total forest land within BGRFN territory, utilizing public sources and provide this information to the First Nation on delineation of the traditional territory by the BGRFN.

Condition 128- Completed September 2014; updated December 2019

NG is consulting with First Nations and the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) on the Draft Closure Plan provided on March 19, 2014. NG has provided resources to these communities to undertake independent review the Draft document. Results of the independent review process will be used to help the Company develop any further commitments and/or mitigations to reduce potential impacts to Aboriginal and treaty rights. This process is expected to be completed concurrent with the conclusion of the EA process.

Condition 129

NG is open to discussing closure objectives in relation to the results of the Traditional Knowledge / Traditional Land Use (TK / TLU) study.

New Gold remains committed to providing access. No specific comments received in 2023.

Condition 130

NG is supportive of the further development of mitigation measures in relation to traditional hunting (and plant gathering), which could potentially involve:

- *Continuing to involve BGRFN members in the development of adaptive management techniques related to closure planning, including the rehabilitation of habitat for wildlife; and*
- *Restoring access to RRM lands following mine closure to the extent that such access is safe / possible.*

New Gold has a Participation Agreement with BGFN that takes this commitment into consideration. The agreement was signed in January 2015.

Condition 131

NG has committed to provide members of the BGRFN, Big Island First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation and Métis represented by the MNO Region 1 Consultation Committee, the ability to access certain lands that NG is able to make available for gathering of wild medicines, berries or other vegetation. Access will be coordinated with the Aboriginal communities.

NG remains committed to providing access to all areas of the site that are safe to do so. No access was requested relating to the gathering of wild medicines, berries or other vegetation.

Condition 132

NG has committed to ensure that Aboriginal communities (including BGRFN, Big Island First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation and Métis represented by the MNO Region 1 Consultation Committee) have the ability to access the site for cultural and ceremonial purposes so that local Aboriginal people can undertake ceremonies at different times of the year to show respect for the land and its spiritual aspects. This will ensure that young people can participate in ceremonies and learn from elders and ceremonialists. Teaching through the generations will therefore be maintained.

New Gold remains committed to the opportunity for ceremony. New Gold hosts two ceremonies each year, one in Spring and one in Fall.

- Spring Ceremony – April 20, 2023
- Fall Ceremony – October 4, 2023

Condition 133- Completed April 2016

A detailed Fire Response Plan will be developed (Final EA Report, Section 8.2). This document will be made available for MNR review prior to construction initiation.

Condition 134

NG will engage with local stakeholders as appropriate to provide notification of project activities and to mitigate potential impacts as practical.

The 2023 newsletters were distributed on June 21, 2023 and December 21, 2023. An open house was held during the Emo Fair on August 18, 2023 at the NG Emo office. New Gold also participated in local career fairs and held hiring blitzes.

Career fairs were held:

- February 9, 2023 – Fort Frances
- February 16, 2023 – Town of Rainy River
- March 13, 2023 – Seine River FN
- April 18, 2023 – Rainy River First Nations
- May 24, 2023 – Couchiching FN
- May 25, 2023 – Fort Frances High School
- May 29, 2023 – Big Grassy FN
- November 17, 2023 – Naicatchewenin FN

Hiring blitzes (at NG Emo office):

June 1, 2023; June 26, 2023; Oct 10, 2023

Condition 135 - Completed Fall 2015

Related to the transmission line: Compensation will be provided for merchantable timber value where applicable;

- *Maintain transmission line set back distances of not less than 100 m from area lakes to provide effective visual screening from open waters;*
- *Landscape screening to minimize the contrast in landscape character; for example by leaving shrub cover vegetation that will not affect the conductors (i.e., the wire) in the ROW at creek crossings; and Minimizing land use conflicts and concerns by consulting with other users and stakeholders (i.e., Aboriginal peoples, hunters, trappers, outdoor recreationalists) to identify and implement other means of conflict resolution.*

Condition 136

NG will implement a hiring policy that encourages employment of local workers, including members of human environment regional study area First Nations and Métis communities. Where feasible, goods and services will be procured from local and regional suppliers as well as suppliers that can further demonstrate Aboriginal employee content. Provide on the job Common Core training to assist local

workers to develop mining-specific skills, and implement career training and development opportunities for employees once hired. NG will provide continuous, on the job safety training.

In 2015, NG implemented a Human Resource Strategy that focused on local employment which continued through 2023. As of December 31, 2023, 70.3% of New Gold employees were from the human environment regional study area. Local and Indigenous content is a consideration in all RFP's issued.

Training and development is provided to all operations employees to ensure legislated requirements are met.

New Gold RRP maintains the position of a business development officer who is available on staff to support local businesses in providing goods and services to the project. A career development officer is also employed by New Gold to ensure employees receive training and development as required.

Condition 137

NG will continue to engage with potentially affected stakeholders as the project develops, including those local and regional businesses which may provide accommodation facilities for the RRM workforce.

NG continues to send out newsletters and engage with local stakeholders. NG and its' contractors continue to engage with local businesses for accommodation as post-construction activities continue.

2023 Newsletter distributions: June 21 and Dec 21

2023 Meetings/presentations with Chambers of Commerce:

- March 14; June 19 (2); Sept 27; Oct 25

Condition 138- Completed August 11th 2017

Fish habitat compensation will be provided onsite related to the Federal Fisheries Act. A portion of this compensation habitat, notably the Clark Creek, Clark Creek pond and Teeple pond, could potentially be provided to licensed bait fishermen.

Condition 139- Completed January 9th , 2015

NG respects BGRFN's Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, and is working with the community to develop a collective agreement that will include mutually acceptable means for mitigation of accepted impacts.

Condition 140 to 166 Safety and Health

Condition 140

Where NG has control, commercially reasonable efforts will be made to work with Resolute, MNR and local loggers to facilitate the use of merchantable timber by local mills, in recognition of the importance of mills to the local economy.

Since 2015 the project footprint has been cleared under permits and authorizations granted from the MNRF. The most recent TMA extension logging activities occurred between January and March of 2022.

Condition 141

NG will make reasonable efforts to accommodate Resolute in providing access through NG lands to Crown lands over which Resolute has an interest provided that the access does not interfere with mine construction or operation; that the access does not put the safety and security of NG or Resolute personnel or property at risk; and subject to the prior execution of any land access agreement(s) which NG deems appropriate.

Since 2015 the project footprint has been cleared under permits and authorizations granted from the MNRF. The most recent TMA extension logging activities occurred between January and March of 2022.

Condition 142

As the mine approaches the end of mine life, NG will implement strategies to transition the workforce to buffer the effects of job losses, as well as an Adjustment Committee.

In 2021, HR worked on identifying initiatives to begin programs to help with transitioning the workforce. Work has begun on identifying succession plans, employee development plans, training initiatives and other work to support our employees. This work continued in 2023.

Condition 143

The health and safety of workers will be ensured by meeting applicable occupational health and safety

legislation standards, as well as utilizing other best management practices for industrial hygiene hazard control as appropriate.

New Gold RRM strives to meet or exceed the Health and Safety Regulatory requirements. New Gold RRM provides and ensures that all workers have the necessary personal protection equipment (PPE) to protect against industrial hygiene exposures. Silica, Lead and Mercury awareness programs were developed to protect workers against exposure risks and establish medical surveillance protocols for the exposed workers. The safety department also ensures that workers receive appropriate training with regards to PPE.

Condition 144 – Duplicate of condition 123

While the Draft EA has shown no impacts to Aboriginal or non- Aboriginal people's health, any new information that has a potential to impact health will be provided to Aboriginal groups. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013). NG has committed to analyses ungulate organ meats voluntarily submitted to them by local hunters, with the results of any such analysis made available to local residents and Aboriginal communities.

Condition 145 – Duplicate of condition 124

NG will work with Aboriginal groups to ensure employee overall well-being. Programs to highlight the dangers of drug use combined with drug testing will be implemented. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

In 2023, there were two Indigenous Community Coordinators employed by New Gold to act as a liaison to employees and are available to meet with employees. New Gold provides employee benefits and employee assistance programs to all staff and their families. New Gold also has seasonal ceremonies at the round house at site (members of local Indigenous communities are invited to participate) and established tobacco offering stations at the mine site. Additionally, ceremonies have been provided to employees by request though none were requested in 2023.

Condition 146

A blasting plan will be developed describing all proposed blasting operations at the RRM site. All personnel who handle explosives will have appropriate training; all other individuals will be restricted from access.

In 2023 RRM continued to follow the developed blasting plans which were consistent with this commitment. All personnel who handle explosives have the appropriate training. A locked fence with signage restricts access to the explosives mixing and storage areas.

Condition 147

Recognizing that safety of workers is paramount, NG will attempt to reduce light pollution as possible.

New Gold ensure night shift inspections are conducted and include laydowns and work areas. Light plants and general lighting are evaluated to ensure worker safety and to minimize associated pollution and impact on wildlife. In addition, all supervisors are trained in our reporting system (INX), such that nonconformances can be reported and addressed in a timely fashion.

Condition 148

The RRM has been designed to meet all applicable fire protection system requirements and codes. Regular fire drills will occur to ensure that all workers are familiar with fire response procedures, as dictated within the environmental management system. All workers and visitors on site will receive an orientation which includes fire reporting and response procedures.

All personnel on site receive a site orientation. The site has acquired a fire truck and an ambulance. An Emergency Response Team has been created and employee members have received training on how to respond to fires and other potential onsite emergencies. In order to prepare for major events, mock exercises are conducted (tabletop or actual) involving a fire scenarios. Training is setup every Tuesday out of the firehall for the Emergency Response Team member which includes fire truck operation, firefighting, and walk-through scenarios for the site.

Condition 149

Should it be determined in the future that additional fire break is required, appropriate approvals will be obtained from the MNR.

The need for an additional fire break was not identified in 2023.

Condition 150

NG will ensure that safe access to properties is maintained during the construction and operation phases of the project. Once detailed plans are progressed, NG would welcome the opportunity to discuss further.

The site has a fully functional gate system at our main entrance on Korpi access for the mine as well as the TMA entrance. Gates were also installed at our Camp property on Atkinson Road. Entrances and site are monitored by surveillance cameras with night vision capacity and security perform regular rounds. Gates and perimeters are patrolled regularly by security.

Condition 151

Any infrastructure, such as hydro services, that require relocation will be completed as expediently as possible, to minimize disruption to local users. It is currently envisioned that the disruption will only occur during the switchover from the existing to the (at that time) newly built line.

During 2023, there was no expansion of or changes to the electrical services for RRM.

Condition 152 – Completed in 2017.

The re-aligned Highway 600 will be constructed by NG to MTO standards so that NG can pursue transfer of the road to the Province after construction.

Condition 153 – Completed in 2017.

NG has had extensive consultations with the MTO in Thunder Bay related to the RRM highway planning and will continue to discuss issues related to the Highway 600 re-alignment, and associated maintenance and safety issues with MTO, the Township of Chapple, Stratton, the Rainy River Valley Safety Coalition, school bus operators, utility companies and emergency response groups.

Condition 154 – Completed in 2016

A new East Access Road will connect Highway 71 with Roen Road by means of Korpi Road, to provide access for the general public, including to properties on Marr Road and for users of Crown land north of the site.

Condition 155

NG will schedule the delivery of major equipment at off peak times where practical and ensuring that heavy loads are sized appropriately and transported only on highways that have sufficient load capacities while observing half-load seasonal restrictions.

All inbound equipment that is oversized, follows all provincial ministry of transportation regulations.

Condition 156

Only licensed suppliers and carriers will be selected for the supply and transport of hazardous materials to the RRM site. When suppliers are selected, Rainy River will share supplier handling and transport information with the MNO.

Has been implemented. Only licensed suppliers and carriers were selected for the supply and transport of hazardous materials to the RRM. In 2023 the MNO Regional Councillor was emailed an annual update on the supply and transport of cyanide.

Condition 157

Drivers will be required to meet all applicable regulatory training requirements, be trained in spill response procedures for the materials they transport and carry the appropriate Material Safety Data Sheets.

Drivers for materials arriving on site must meet MTO requirements to operate commercial vehicles. All SDS sheets are available online on RR intranet for materials transported on site.

Condition 158

Vehicles transporting materials to site will be required to maintain a supply of basic emergency response equipment, including communication equipment, first aid materials and a fire extinguisher, where appropriate.

Remains compliant. All vehicles transporting materials to site must meet the MTO and CVOR requirements. To obtain operating licenses

Condition 159

Notification and/or reporting of any vehicular accidents and spills will follow Provincial (Ministry of the Environment) and other applicable requirements.

During 2023, there were no offsite incidents of vehicular accidents causing reportable spills. Each incident where a vehicle left the road was monitored during the vehicle removal for any spills.

Condition 160 – Completed April 2016

With regards to controlling adverse traffic effects during transmission line construction:

- *Ensuring that NG employees and contractors / subcontractors adhere to posted speed limits and practical speed limits along the ROW;*
- *Contractors and their subcontractors will be required to have properly and seasonally maintained equipment; and*
- *Maintain regular communications with the Township of Chapple, the MTO and Ontario Provincial Police representatives, to monitor and mitigate traffic effects.*

Condition 161 - Completed 2021

NG will monitor regional housing supply, particularly in the Chapple, Emo, and Fort Frances markets during the planning and operation phase of the RRM and in advance of each wave of new operations employment. Engage in regular discussions with Municipal planning officials in these communities to understand the anticipated evolution of their resale and new-home markets, and the extent to which each community desires growth or does not. NG will continue to work with hoteliers and town officials, to help avoid possible construction employment demands that would negatively affect accommodation capacity needed to support the tourist season.

To alleviate pressures on regional housing supply and hoteliers, during 2021 NG has:

- Introduced a travel allowance and new rotations to those outside of the local area and offered camp facilities to ensure costs are kept down on regional housing
- Currently rent 3 houses and a 16 apartment building in EMO for employees.
- Continued to contract a local Indigenous business to provide a 400+ person accommodation facility for construction workers who are contracted by New Gold. The accommodation facility is located on Atkinson Road in Chapple Township. Atkinson Road is located 1.5km south of the

junction of Barwick Road and Highway 600 (or approximately 5 km south of the open pit). The accommodation facility was built by Onikaajigan Construction, a partnership between Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation and Saulteaux Consulting and Engineering. It was owned and operated by Onikaajigan Construction.

New Gold purchased the camp in Q4 of 2019 and outsources the operation of the camp to Anoki (a partnership between Naicatchewenin First Nation and Saulteaux Consulting and Engineering, Sodexo and Morris Group). The camp was downsized to house a maximum of 376 occupants. Any overflow requirements for NG contractors are directed to local motel/hotels.

Condition 162 – Policy completed April 14th 2015

Develop suitable policies and initiatives to encourage carpooling amongst employees, with the aim of reducing commuter-related traffic and reducing the individual burden of commuting. NG may explore alternate accommodation strategies to support its employees.

Completed on April 14, 2015. A number of former local residents have come forward to request copies of the reports which New Gold provided. During 2023, Newgold provided buses for transport employees to site from Fort Frances, Emo, Rainy River, Barwick and Stratton.

Condition 163

NG will continue to discuss the RRM and potential additional demands that could be placed on the services of regional Municipalities. NG will continue to support government-led initiatives that support social sustainability during all project phases. NG will work with local service agencies to gather information about social issues or service capacity issues so that they may be addressed in a collaborative manner. NG will maintain communications with local and regional service providers to monitor and work collaboratively to address any Project-related changes that may be experienced.

New Gold continues to reduce strain on the local medical system by employing a Nurse Practitioner on site that is available to all employees.

Condition 164

Potential health risks associated with the consumption of ungulate organ meats will be mitigated through the voluntary submission of organ meats by local hunters for analysis. Results of any such

analysis would be made available to local residents and Aboriginal communities.

In 2016 New Gold implemented a deer tissue monitoring program to establish baseline data of metal and cyanide accumulation in deer tissue for the population found within the project boundary and the Rainy River District. Requests for participation in the study were mailed out to Aboriginal Communities as well as posted in public spaces throughout the District. In 2016, 37 tissue and organ samples were obtained from area hunters as well as deer carcasses from motor vehicle accidents. In 2017, 36 samples were submitted, in 2018, 29 samples were submitted, in 2021 15 samples.

The samples were sent to a certified lab to be analyzed for metal and cyanide accumulation. It is important to note that all of the contaminants which were tested for can be produced by mining operations but can also occur naturally in the environment and can be introduced by other human activities. The study is planned to be active again in 2024, 2027, 2030, 2033 and 2036 or as requested/needed. Continuing to develop this data set will strengthen any decision made based on submissions and monitoring plans through life of mine and post closure.

Condition 165- Completed October 2015

NG has committed to undertaking a mitigation program related to cultural heritage landscapes and built heritage resources consisting of an illustrated history of the study area.

Condition 166

Emergency response procedures will be established as part of the environmental management system. After any incident, a review will be conducted to ensure that the required design changes and procedures and appropriate monitoring measures are in place to ensure that incident will not be repeated.

A dedicated Emergency Response Coordinator is in place to put more emphasis on ER preparedness. In addition, New Gold has an underground emergency response team. All incidents are entered and tracked with a safety software program (INX InControl) by assigning action items to individuals and identifying root causes.

Condition 167 to 180 Community and Environment

Condition 167

NG has committed to ensure that First Nations (including Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy River First Nation, Big Island First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, and Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation) and Métis community members have the:

- *Ability to access the site for cultural and ceremonial purposes, so that local Aboriginal people can undertake ceremonies at different times of the year to show respect for the land and its spiritual aspects. All NG staff will undergo cultural awareness training. Temporary contractors will undergo an awareness program as part of the regular induction program when working at the mine (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013). This will ensure that people that work at the site are aware of indigenous culture and values, and are respectful of the principles and values of the Ojibwe people.*
- *This mitigation has been identified as a result of the Draft EA independent First Nation review and agreed to by NG. NG will follow up directly with the BGRFN regarding any additional mitigation and accommodation measures.*

New Gold RR is committed to providing access to the site for cultural and ceremony purposes. All New Gold RR staff and contractors undergo Cultural Awareness training as part of the site induction. Additionally, New Gold has a Participation Agreement with BGRFN which addresses additional mitigation and accommodation measures.

Condition 168

NG is fully agreeable to work with local Aboriginal peoples on an ongoing basis to monitor metal concentrations in country foods (notably fish muscle and liver tissues, and White-tailed Deer liver tissue; and other wildlife tissues as appropriate). A commitment to work with local Aboriginal groups to sample White-tail Deer liver tissues [and other wildlife tissues as committed to herein] for metals analysis has been made. This analysis could be expanded to include testing for additional metals. NG will work with local Aboriginal hunters to determine the most effective path forward on this topic.

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Results from the 2023 Fish Tissue Monitoring Program indicated that there has been no accumulation of metals in the tissue and organs of northern pike and walleye in the Pinewood River as a result of mining operations. A copy of the 2023 Fish Tissue Quality Monitoring Report can be found in Appendix J. Large body fish tissue samples of these species will be collected again in 2026.

Condition 169

NG will conduct a risk assessment of the potential long-term exposure of fish and wildlife to accumulated metals within the constructed wetland. Such a study will be carried out within one to two years prior to mine closure (or earlier during the project operations phase), and if a meaningful risk is determined to exist the risk will be mitigated as part of overall mine closure by removing and disposing the contaminated sediments to the bottom of the pit lake. This could readily be accomplished by a small dredging operation.

This commitment is currently not applicable to the current stage of the mine. The constructed wetland is planned for construction two years before closure for passive water treatment for perpetuity during post-closure phase.

This risk assessment will take place after the constructed wetland is commissioned and fully operational.

Condition 170 – Completed September 11th, 2013.

Unterman McPhail will prepare a complete description of the evaluation process for resources identified of cultural heritage value or interest in a memo format.

Condition 171

At closure, NG will undertake an evaluation of any remaining cultural heritage resources / structures located on NG property in consultation with a qualified professional, and also incorporating any

liability/public safety concerns.

Not applicable to 2023.

Condition 172

A range of conservation approaches will be considered in the recommended Cultural Heritage Assessment Report / Cultural Heritage Documentation Reports for Sites #11 and #13 as suggested by MTCS.

Site #11 was demolished in 2015 as it was deemed to be hazardous as it was not structurally fit. Unique features, such as blacksmith hardware, were removed and are currently in storage. As part of the development of the Richardson Trail, NG intends to highlight the settlement history through artifacts such as the hardware. Prior to the demolition, NG had contacted a representative of the Chapple Heritage Committee to ensure there were no other considerations. Site #13 remains in situ.

Condition 173 – Completed April 14th, 2015.

NG will provide follow-up documentation related to Cultural Heritage Assessment Report / Cultural Heritage Documentation Reports to the following local museums and archives:

- *Chapple Museum;*
- *Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre (Manitou Mounds);*
- *Rainy River District Women’s Institute Museum; and*
- *Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre.*

Condition 174 – Completed 2015-2017

Monitoring would occur for the following durations:

- *Archaeology: construction phase*
- *Built heritage: construction phase*

Condition 175 – Completed April 2016

With regards to protection of cultural heritage values during transmission line construction:

- *Should human remains be identified during construction, all work in the vicinity of the discovery will be suspended immediately, and notification will be made to the Ontario Provincial Police, or*

local police, who will conduct a site investigation and contact the district coroner. Notification must also be made to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and the Registrar of Cemeteries, Ministry of Government Services.

- Should cultural heritage resources (archaeological or historical materials or features) be identified during construction or operations, all activity in the vicinity of the find will be suspended and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport archaeologist be contacted. This condition provides for the potential for deeply buried sites not typically identified; and*
- In addition, NG will continue to engage Aboriginal people (including Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy River First Nation, Big Island First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation and Métis community members) about the transmission line construction and will respond should additional culturally significant areas be identified that could be impacted by the construction.*

Condition 176 – Completed December 29th, 2014

Related to transmission line, construction will be supervised by a qualified archaeologist at identified areas of high archaeological potential. Regular, ongoing discussions with stakeholders, Aboriginal people and local communities will help to monitor any effects to the socio- cultural environment and identify mutually satisfactory ways to mitigate negative or enhance positive effects. A formal complaints procedure will be established to provide stakeholders and Aboriginal peoples a voice during the construction, operation and decommissioning phase of the transmission line project. A response protocol will also be established to ensure that follow up occurs.

Condition 177

A targeted site investigation will be conducted at the end of mine life to identify soils that may have been affected by hydrocarbons or chemicals in specific areas (e.g. truck refuelling area). Soil materials found to exceed the appropriate clean up criteria for hydrocarbons will be remediated according to government requirements. If there is reason to suspect an area of soil has been affected by chemicals other than hydrocarbons, soil samples will be collected and tested. If the applicable regulatory requirements are exceeded, an appropriate method of disposal will be sought in consultation with the relevant authorities.

This condition will be applied at the time of mine closure and reclamation.

Condition 178

Document and respond to comments, issues or concerns.

An External Feedback and Complaint Protocol was issued in follow up to the Provincial EA approval with a completion date of February 2, 2015 and continues to be implemented in 2023. Revisions were made to the External Feedback and Complaint Protocol in June 2023 to update contact information and the addition of Section 3.2 to reflect current practice of reviewing/assessing external feedback and use of INX software to escalate response to complaints as needed. The current version of the External Feedback and Complaint Protocol was issued to MECP in July 2023 and accepted in August 2023.

Condition 179 – Completed

NG made 13 significant commitments (Tables 3-4 and 14-2) arising from the independent technical review of the Draft EA Report (Version 1) on behalf of Aboriginal groups which will be fulfilled.

These commitments were all met as described in this registry, or through negotiated agreements (non-public).

Condition 180 – Completed January 9th, 2015

BGRFN undertook a second independent review of the Draft EA Report provided to the NG on October 18, 2013. The review concluded that additional work with the community was required and NG has committed to continuing the close engagement with the community in support of the RRM development.

Condition 181 to 185 Safety and Health

Condition 181

Environmental monitoring will be conducted in accordance with standard practice and regulatory requirements, including any site- specific environmental approvals.

Since the start of construction New Gold has had environmental personnel assigned to environmental monitoring to satisfy Regulatory requirements and Permit Approvals. During 2016 and 2017 several of these monitoring protocols were written into Operational Policies or Plans for the Environmental

Department. Water, wildlife, air and land monitoring are addressed throughout the Annual Compliance Report. Part of the implementation of the Environmental Management System (EMS) includes discipline specific management plans for all commitments and permits.

Condition 182

Operational procedures to minimize the potential of accidents or malfunctions will be incorporated into the environmental management system. Penalties will be imposed for operational violations.

Risk assessments are completed in each area to identify potential safety or environmental hazards. Procedures are developed from the risk assessment to minimize/eliminate the likelihood and consequences of the hazards.

Condition 183

Procedures will be regularly reviewed as part of the environmental management system.

The RRM has policies and procedures in place that are regularly reviewed as part of our Document Control process.

Condition 184

The emergency response plan included in the environmental management system will address the primary hazardous materials on site including procedures for spill response on the trucking route to the RRM site.

The emergency response plan included in the RRM EMS addresses the primary hazardous materials onsite and spill response. Subplans were created for the primary risks and are reviewed annually.

Condition 185

All chemicals used at the site will have a Material Safety Data Sheet, in order to comply with the best practices in the industry for health and safety, and to provide relevant regulatory standards for the safe use of these materials.

The Material Safety Data Sheets are provided to New Gold RRM users and are accessible from the online site wide MSDS registry. Within this system, regular review and updates to the MSDS are

required by the department which owns each chemical. This aspect is included as part of the RRM Health and Safety WHMIS Program. WHMIS training is ongoing.

Condition 186 to 193 Monitoring Systems

Condition 186

Monitoring details will be developed through ongoing stakeholder consultation during the EA process, and through conditions placed on regulatory instruments such as permits, authorizations and approvals, issued by the Federal and Provincial regulatory agencies.

In 2020 NG was successful in transitioning most of its monitoring requirements in house and this continued in 2023. Third party reviews of reports still occur to ensure quality assurance.

Condition 187

A Follow up Monitoring Program (FMP) is provided in Section 13 of the Final EA Report, which subject to modification through the EA review process, will be implemented by NG in the manner and schedule identified, to:

- *Verify the accuracy of the environmental assessment of a designated project; and*
- *Determine the effectiveness of any mitigation measures.*

The Follow Up Monitoring Plan (FMP) for the Rainy River Project/Mine is designed around three central principles of environmental protection; Do not harm culture, respect for Aboriginal culture and values; continuous improvement and compliance with all environmental approvals and authorizations. The FMP applies to all stages of the project and the principles of the plan have been incorporated into the regular routine of how New Gold conducts business. Key components of the FMP have been incorporated into the Environmental Monitoring System (EMS) that New Gold has developed. The monitoring components are also tracked through our regulatory requirements and commitments for the project. New Gold tracks compliance with respect to reporting and obligations within permits and approvals using a computer program called Intalex, where assigned employees are responsible for tracking performance against these commitments and conditions. These obligations will continue to be distributed to responsible departments through the continued development of the Environmental Management System (EMS).

Since May 2016 (when the FMP was approved by MNR) the FMP has been adhered to and overall the environmental assessment has proven accurate and no major needs for mitigation measures save the addition of the Water Treatment Train and the delay of the Constructed Wetland until two years prior to closure.

Condition 188

Subject to acceptance in writing of the FMP by the Federal and Provincial governments, monitoring results will be provided to the parties involved in the FMP annually during the construction and operation phases of the RRM.

To date New Gold has provided all required monitoring information to appropriate Government Agencies as required or as requested.

Condition 189

A list of FMP commitments made during the EA process will be maintained by NG, indicating where appropriate:

- *The nature of the commitment;*
- *To whom, or to what group or agency the commitment was made, if specific;*
- *Whether the commitment is related to the EA process alone;*
- *Whether the commitment is addressed or linked to a regulatory instrument, such as a regulation or environmental approval;*
- *Any applicable timeline if any;*
- *The status of the commitment; and*
- *Additional actions required to fulfil the commitment*

This registry addresses these conditions.

Condition 190

Environmental aspects and potential impacts of the project will be managed within an environmental management system which integrates environmental performance with overall project management.

The management of environmental aspects and impacts is achieved through the Environmental Risk Management Process.

This process supports the identification and management of any significant environmental aspects that may impact the RRM Environmental Management System, associated operations or relevant stakeholders.

Condition 191

Implementation and maintenance of the environmental management system will be driven by the NG commitment to ongoing compliance with the environmental requirements. Worker awareness of this commitment and requirements related to their work will be communicated through formal programs such as project orientation, job training or contractor packages.

Formal training programs, through Training and Awareness requirements, new employee orientation and contractor packages focus on Rainy River Mine's commitment to ongoing environmental compliance.

Condition 192

Periodic management reviews will be completed to consider changing circumstances which could affect the continued suitability and adequacy of the monitoring plans, and to support continual improvement in overall effectiveness.

Each department reviews their custom Management Plans which include Regulatory tasks and actions and completes annual Status Reports. As part of the EMS, periodic management reviews will be conducted to ensure continuous improvement.

Condition 193

NG proposes to amend the Closure Plan periodically as more information becomes available and as required by the Ontario Mining Act.

Comprehensive Closure Plan Amendment was submitted to MNDM on 26 Oct 2017. This amendment was necessary as the mine transitioned from construction to operations. Updates have been provided to the current closure plan. New Gold submitted a response to the Government Agencies' second set of comments in December 2019 and was filed by ENDM on September 15th, 2020.

Condition 194 to 205 Community

Condition 194 – Completed April 2017.

NG is proposing to work with Aboriginal groups including Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy River First Nation, Big Island First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation and Métis community members to provide access to alternative private lands for the purposes of supporting TLU on such lands; and potentially providing compensation or incentives through collaborative agreements between the Aboriginal groups and NG. Access will be coordinated with the Aboriginal groups.

NG has negotiated agreements with Rainy River First Nations (October 10, 2014), Naicatchewenin First Nation (October 10, 2014), Big Grassy First Nation (January 9, 2015) the Metis Nation of Ontario (November 25, 2014), Big Island First Nation (October 31, 2016), Ojibways of Onigaming (May 24, 2017) and Naotkamegwanning First Nation (April 19, 2017).

Condition 195

NG will communicate with Aboriginal groups including Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy River First Nation, Big Island First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation and Métis community members on traditional teachings and ceremony.

NG hosts two annual ceremonies at site. All NG employees undertake Indigenous engagement (cultural awareness) session as part of onboarding. During 2023 the following ceremonies were held onsite:

- Spring Ceremony – April 20
- Fall Ceremony – October 4

Condition 196 – Completed January 9th, 2015

NG will review the Big Grassy River First Nation Traditional Knowledge / Traditional Land Use study and discuss accommodations of the cultural heritage sites identified.

Condition 197 – Completed April 2016

Related to transmission line construction, environmental monitoring will include (but will not be limited to) inspection of:

- *ROW to ensure excessive vegetation clearing is not conducted;*
- *Appropriateness of equipment choice and maintenance of equipment to minimize environmental impacts;*
- *Effectiveness of erosion control measures where applicable;*
- *Construction activities and equipment operation, including refueling exercises;*
- *Waste management, including wood waste from clearing and domestic wastes;*
- *Monitoring of remedial actions associated with malfunctions and accidents (if any); and*
- *Any requirements contained in environmental approvals and permits required to construct the transmission line.*

At a minimum, weekly inspections by a qualified person will occur of worksites and related areas, during clearing of the ROW and construction of the transmission line. Contractors will be required to have properly trained personnel to provide guidance to construction teams in the absence of the qualified environmental persons. The results of the inspections will be documented and follow-up actions, if any, delineated. Completion of follow-up actions will be confirmed during subsequent inspections. Inspection frequency will be increased should the need be identified. The duration of post-construction inspections will depend on the results of the construction inspection. At a minimum, periodic aerial inspection will occur for environmental aspects during operation, coincident with other aerial surveys.

Condition 198

NG will continue to communicate closely with First Nations and the MNO regarding the Project. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).

NG has several Participation Agreements / Impact Benefit Agreements in place which identify ongoing communication protocols: FFCS (with Seine River, Lac La Croix, Couchiching and Mitaanjigamiing First Nations) - March 22, 2012 Rainy River First Nations/Naicatchewenin First Nation - Oct 10, 2014 Big Grassy River First Nation - Jan 9, 2015 Metis Nation of Ontario - Nov 25, 2014 Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing First Nation - October 31, 2017 Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation - May 24, 2017 Naotkamegwanning First Nation - April 19, 2017 Animakee Wa Zhing #37 First Nation - Feb 13, 2018 In addition, NG provides regular updates through newsletters, public presentations and individual

meetings and emails with community representatives.

Condition 199

NG is committed to working closely with the MNO. NG has provided resources to the MNO to undertake traditional studies as well as technical reviews of both the Draft EA as well as the Draft Closure Plan. NG will continue to support the MNO as part of the EA process and as mine operations begin.

New Gold has a participation agreement with the MNO (Nov 25/2014) and continues with regular engagement with NG Rainy River.

Condition 200

NG is committed to working closely with the area First Nations and the MNO. NG has provided resources to Aboriginal Groups to undertake traditional studies as well as technical reviews of both the Draft EA as well as the Draft Closure Plan. NG will continue to support First Nations as part of the EA process and as mine operations begin.

NG actively engages all Indigenous groups about the Rainy River Mine, through newsletters, face to face meetings, site tours, business opportunities and job postings. Condition 9 of the EA approval is being fulfilled, although the level of engagement is directed by the communities.

Condition 201

NG will commit to clearing of flammable debris within a minimum 30 m buffer area.

In 2016 the MNRF expressed concerns regarding the proximity of slash piles to standing timber as well as the size of piles. New Gold worked with the Ministry to ensure that piles were relocated and either chipped or burnt in a controlled manner. New Gold feels that they have received appropriate guidance from the Ministry to confirm that they are meeting the conditions of this commitment.

Condition 202

NG is committed to continuing to engage potentially affected stakeholders as development and operation of the RRM progresses. Local municipalities will be engaged specifically with regards to contingency and emergency response procedures, prior to construction start. MNR coordination will be

undertaken as appropriate.

New Gold has agreements with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley. The New Gold Health and Safety team has regular communication with Chapple Emergency Response.

Condition 203

NG is committed to further discussions with potentially affected Aboriginal groups with respect to development of a protocol for the preservation of artifacts. Where practical and reasonable, artifacts that require removal will be transferred to a public institution selected through consultation with local First Nations and Métis represented by the MNO Region 1 Consultation Committee, in consultation with the MTCS. A MTCS collection transfer form will be completed by the surrendering licensee and the institution accepting the materials. Collection shall be curated to current standards.

NG will work with local Indigenous groups on the transfer of artifacts. No artifacts were transferred from the archaeologist during 2023.

Condition 204 – Completed August 11th, 2017

NG will develop an accommodation with local trapline holders that meets the needs of both the proponent and the trappers.

Condition 205

NG will enhance components of the Richardson Trail and mitigate the impacts in collaboration with local landowners.

NG will initiate this commitment during the operations phase of the development, as it will be much safer to access particular areas at that time. No development of the Richardson trail took place in 2023.

SECTION 6

NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE

FOLLOW UP MONITORING PLAN REGISTRY



Figure 18. Flow measurement equipment Winter 2023

Follow Up Monitoring Plan

Condition 13.1

RRR expects that it will be responsible to carry out the FMP (Follow Up Monitoring Plan); and further, that the involved Federal and Provincial agencies and authorities will have a review and monitoring role regarding the implementation of the FMP by RRR and will require RRR to take corrective action for non-compliance as appropriate. Local Aboriginal groups are considered by RRM to be involved parties for the purposes of the FMP, and accordingly, local First Nations and Métis will be provided the results of the FMP.

Highlights of the Follow Up Monitoring Plan submitted in Section 13 of the Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Rainy River Project have been included in this Compliance Report. The Follow Up Monitoring Plan was originally provided with New Gold's Environmental Assessment to the MECP for review and input by government agencies. New Gold has involved government agencies and Aboriginal groups in the implementation of their monitoring programs and results.

New Gold RRM continues to meet with Environmental Monitoring Boards which are attended by local Aboriginal Groups and discuss ongoing environmental monitoring, research programs and results. Popular topics of discussion include; water quality, wildlife and air quality. New Gold RRM continues to provide onsite tours for government agencies, Community members and employee's families to discuss mining operations, ore process and environmental monitoring.

New Gold involved the MNRF on the creation and implementation of the Rainy River Project's Terrestrial Monitoring Plan (Finalized in 2016) The Environmental Department provides the MECP with monthly updates on water quality sampling and project updates related to water taking, construction and water quality. Additional reports associated with the monitoring programs outlined in the Follow Up Monitoring Plan have been shared with the appropriate government agencies (i.e.; Air Quality Monitoring and Acoustic Monitoring (MECP)) and are included as supplemental information with this report and are included in Appendix E.

Condition 13.2.2

For fugitive dust from roads, stockpiles and open pit operations, RRM will assess the effectiveness of planned dust control measures both visually by plume assessment, and using dust fall jars and high-volume samplers for total particulate and PM_{2.5}. Dust fall samples will be collected monthly during the non-winter period for the construction, operation and active reclamation project phases. Select filter samples will be assessed for metals (full metal scan and including mercury, arsenic, cadmium and lead). Two monitoring stations will be set up at the approximate property boundary locations shown in Figure 13-1 subject to power availability and location specific constraints. Equipment siting, operations, auditing and reporting will follow all appropriate MOE requirements as provided in the Operations Manual for Air Quality Monitoring in Ontario (MOE 2008).

The Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program continued during 2023. Data was collected from three air quality sampling stations: one to the North of the site on Gallinger Road, one to the South of the site near the beginning of the Highway 600 reroute on McMillan Road and a third station Northwest of the tailings along Highway 600. These stations are equipped with hi- volume samplers (brush motor and mass flow controlled), PQ200 samplers, and dustfall jars. The North and South Stations also include passive sampling for Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) and Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂). The hi-volume samplers measure Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) and metal concentrations averaged over a 24-hour period. The metals and metalloids analyzed include arsenic (As), cadmium (Cd), chromium (Cr), cobalt (Co), copper (Cu), iron (Fe), lead (Pb), manganese (Mn), nickel (Ni), selenium (Se), vanadium (V), and zinc (Zn). The PQ200 samplers measure Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM_{2.5}) concentrations averaged over a 24-hour period. The dustfall samplers measure total deposition over a 30-day period. SO₂ and NO₂ concentrations are averaged over a 30-day period. There were three TSP exceedances, three TSP and iron exceedances, and one PM_{2.5} exceedance that were attributed to mine activity in 2023.

Condition 13.3.2

Subject to consultation and support from area residents and the regulatory agencies, RRR plans to measure sound levels at (or near) residences positioned around the RRM site (Figure 13- 1). These would include:

- *One residence to the south of the mine site in Black Hawk;*
- *One residence to the east of the mine site on Gallinger Road;*
- *One residence to the southeast of the mine site on south Gallinger Road;*

- *One residence to the west of the mine site in Dearlock; and*
- *One residence to the northwest of the mine site on Highway 600.*

A dedicated remote monitoring system may be used to provide a real time access system. All sound monitors measurements are to be taken at each measurement location. Hourly Leq, L10, L90 and Lmax will be recorded. Audio samples based on trigger levels will also be recorded. Trigger levels, with automated alerts will be developed for addressing exceedances. will conform to MOENPC-103 measurement protocols. As per MOE protocols, sound level measurements are to be taken at each measurement location.

A noise audit was completed by Trinity Consultants in July of 2023. Noise measurements were collected in accordance with MECP Publication NPC-103. The overall noise impact at sensitive points of reception, including the five residences specified above, was predicted during worst-case operating scenarios. The noise impacts were assessed for compliance with the MECP sound level limits. The 2023 Acoustic Assessment Report is included in Appendix E.

Condition 13.4.2

In addition, RRR will carry out the following geochemical monitoring program:

- *As part of the ongoing mine rock management plan, collect and analyze blast hole and RC drill cuttings for analysis of total inorganic carbon and total Sulphur, using a Leco furnace, as a means of segregating PAG and NPAG materials for optimal management of PAG mine rock;*
- *Submit a subset of Leco furnace analyzed samples, collected as part of the ongoing mine rock management plan, for acid base accounting static testing and metals analysis;*
- *Collect and analyze mill composite tailings samples, on an approximate monthly basis, for acid base accounting static testing and metals analysis; and*
- *Conduct additional geochemical testing on an as required basis to provide further information on Project specific aspects, such as any conditions of note evolving out of developing trend analyses.*

A Geochemical Monitoring Plan for the Construction and Operation Phases was issued in accordance with MECP ECA 5781-9VJQ2J and MECP ECA 5178- 9TUPD9 requirements and was implemented in 2016.

Monitoring continued through 2023 and included analyzing blast hole and RC drill cuttings using a Leco furnace and submission of a subset for ABA and metals analysis, per the commitment.

Condition 13.5.2

Collect and analyze samples, and measure rates of flow, as appropriate, from site discharges, and runoff and seepage collection facilities, at the start of their respective operations, including:

13.5.2A

- *TMA discharges to the Pinewood River both directly by pipeline discharge and through the constructed wetland;*
- *Sedimentation Pond #1 and #2 discharges to West Creek;*
- *Aggregate operation(s), discharges (if any);*
- *Sewage effluent discharge; and*
- *Runoff and seepage collected from site operations areas (TMA, overburden and mine rock stockpiles, plant site area and haul roads) in accordance with MMER and Environmental Compliance*
- *Approval requirements.*

New Gold cannot discharge from the TMA directly as stated in this condition. A monitoring program was put in place during 2015 and remains active. During 2023, surface water was monitored on and off site as per the Surface Water monitoring program.

All effluent discharges in 2023 met the provincial and federal discharge requirements apart from Sediment Pond 2 on April 28 and EDL1/EDL2 on May 31, 2023. Both occurrences were within the 10-20% error margin of the measurement instruments.

13.5.2B

For each of the above, where there is a discharge to a receiver (West Creek or Pinewood River) monitor on a monthly basis (commencing at least three months before the first anticipated discharge / release) the quality of waters upstream and downstream of discharge and runoff / seepage releases at proposed monitoring locations shown in Figure 13-2, inclusive of three stations on West Creek and five stations on the Pinewood River (including Pinewood River baseline monitoring stations SW10, SW3 and SW15. The two current baseline monitoring stations on the Rainy River (SW16 and SW17) would

also be maintained for monthly monitoring. Quarterly samples from selected water quality sampling stations will be collected for trace analysis of total and methyl mercury in discussion with the MOE.

The receiver monitoring was conducted on a monthly and quarterly basis as per the commitment. All samples collected from the receivers met the environmental approval requirements. In 2023, total and methyl mercury samples were collected during the open water period in the Pinewood River upstream and downstream of the site. See the 2023 Annual Surface Water Monitoring Report in Appendix O and the 2022 Annual Pinewood River Biological, Sulphate and Methyl Mercury Monitoring Report in Appendix N for more information.

13.5.2C

Monitor flows as shown in Figure 13-2 commencing as soon as construction is completed on the West Creek pond and the West Creek diversion at:

- *West Creek at the West Creek pond outflow*
- *West Creek diversion; and*
- *Pinewood River at Highway 617 (Water Survey of Canada Station WSC 05PC023).*

Construction of the West Creek Diversion (WCD) was completed in 2017, however dry conditions that persisted through 2017 and 2018 were not conducive to installation of water level transducers in the absence of water flow. A water level transducer was installed in the West Creek Pond in April 2018. A hydrometric station was installed in the WCD within the Box Culvert in September 2019, referred to as New Gold RRM H3 Hydrometric Station. In fall of 2020, a second hydrometric station was installed in the WCD downstream of the Sediment Pond 1 final discharge point and the confluence of the Marr Creek Diversion to further monitor the WCD.

The WSC 05PC023 hydrometric station remains active, however New Gold installed a dedicated hydrometric station upstream on the Pinewood River in late 2015 to supplement this data source and continued to monitor the station through 2019. In December 2019, this hydrometric station was upgraded per the RRM Hydrometric Monitoring Plan. It is now referred to as New Gold RRM H1 Hydrometric Station (formerly Site 19). In August 2020, the H1 Hydrometric Station was rehabilitated to correct an issue with the concrete canvas installed to stabilize the river cross-section.

In September 2019, a hydrometric station was installed upstream of the RRM in the arch culvert that passes under Heatwole Road, off of Teeple Road. This location is referred to as New Gold RRM H2

Hydrometric Station.

13.5.2D

As data availability permits, develop annual updated statistical flow estimates for local watercourses based on flow data derived through monitoring, with such estimates to include:

- *Monthly averages*
- *Annual averages*
- *Extreme low flow statistics corresponding to 2, 5, 10 and 20 year return period conditions; and*
- *Extreme high flow statistics corresponding to 2, 5, 10 and 20 year return period conditions.*

In-stream measurements were on going during 2023 in the Pinewood River at the H1 (formerly Site 19), the H2 hydrometric station upstream of site and the H3 hydrometric station in the West Creek Diversion. Continued in-stream flow monitoring is planned for 2024.

13.5.2E

Carry out an environmental effect monitoring (EEM) program in accordance with the Metal Mining Guidance Document for Aquatic Environmental Effects Monitoring (EC 2012d) to assess the character and quality of aquatic resources at the following locations:

- *West Creek diversion; and*
- *Pinewood River upstream and downstream of the RRM site area.*

In 2023 RRM completed the EEM Phase 3 interpretive report attach in Appendix M.

There is a confirmed effects on the benthic community based on consecutive differences in the Bray-Curtis Index for the EDL2 discharge. Similarly, there are a number of confirmed effects comparing both Brook Stickleback and Central Mudminnow at EDL2 associated sites with their respective reference areas. Considering that EDL2 is no longer considered the primary discharge for assessment during the biological component of the EEM program, next steps in this instance will be discussed with ECCC leading up to the preparation of the Phase 4 Study Design.

13.5.2F

Except as provided for in Item E, above, carry out commencing one year after the date of commercial production and at three year intervals thereafter, fish habitat and fisheries assessments, including

sediment and benthos investigations for:

- *West Creek;*
- *Clark Creek (upstream of the east mine rock stockpile); and*
- *Pinewood River.*

In 2023 RRM completed the EEM Phase 3 interpretive report attach in Appendix M.

There is a confirmed effects on the benthic community based on consecutive differences in the Bray-Curtis Index for the EDL2 discharge. Similarly, there are a number of confirmed effects comparing both Brook Stickleback and Central Mudminnow at EDL2 associated sites with their respective reference areas. Considering that EDL2 is no longer considered the primary discharge for assessment during the biological component of the EEM program, next steps in this instance will be discussed with ECCC leading up to the preparation of the Phase 4 Study Design.

13.5.2G

Monitor contaminants of potential concern in fish tissues from game fish harvested from the Pinewood River coincident with monitoring carried out pursuant to Item F, above.

Large body fish tissue monitoring occurred in 2023 and no increase in contaminates has been identified in the target large body species, (Walleye and Pike)

13.5.2H

As a component of the RRM stormwater management plan, collect and analyze late winter snowpack samples for pH and metals to help determine the effects of dust fall accumulated within the snowpack during spring melt.

In March of 2023, snowpack samples were collected at 6 locations around the mine site and analyzed for pH and metals at a certified laboratory.

Condition 13.6.2

RRR will carry out groundwater system monitoring as per the following:

- *Collect and analyze samples, and measure pumping rates for mine water from the open pit and underground transferred to the mine rock pond (or to the TMA during construction);*
- *Establish a groundwater well (piezometer) network around the open pit area to monitor*

groundwater levels throughout the area on a continuous basis using water level transducers, with transducer downloads to be completed twice per year, commencing at least six months prior to the start of pumping, all as shown in Figure 13-3;

- *Collect groundwater samples from the groundwater well / piezometer network quarterly except where prevented by freezing conditions, and analyze the samples for applicable parameters as provided for in Provincial approvals; and*
- *Review groundwater monitoring data annually and update the groundwater model on three year intervals, with the first such update to be based on data obtained from the first three full years of pumping; and with the model updates to be completed within nine months of the end of the data collection period.*

Internal monitoring samples are collected and analyzed for the Mine Rock Pond (MRP). A record of the volume pumped from the open pit, and future underground operation, is generated daily during water movement from the mine to the MRP or the Mill.

A groundwater well monitoring program was established that extends around the mine footprint; sampling began in early 2016. Selected piezometers/wells include water level transducers, with downloads completed quarterly in conjunction with sample collection and manual water level measurements.

Groundwater well samples were collected from the piezometer / well network three times in 2023, however some wells were not sampled as they were dry or inaccessible for safety reasons.

The groundwater samples were analyzed for the Provincial Environmental Compliance Approval parameters, and the data was reviewed in 2023. The 3-D groundwater model was updated in 2023. The next groundwater model update will be in 2026.

Condition 13.7.1 – Completed May 25th, 2016

A wildlife monitoring plan will be implemented to ensure that effects on wildlife are properly mitigated. FMP monitoring will be based where possible, on standard survey protocols used during baseline studies so that any changes in local mammal, area- sensitive breeding bird or amphibian populations may be detected.

Condition 13.7.2

Methods for determining adverse RRM-induced effects on mammals following the implementation of

proposed mitigation measures will include:

- *Bat acoustic monitoring at representative locations;*
- *Aerial helicopter survey in late winter to document numbers and distributions of White-tailed Deer, Moose and Wolves at locations representing suitable habitat directly adjacent to the RRM site; and control sites. Such surveys to be conducted during the first winter of the construction phase, the winter following the completion of construction, and at three year intervals thereafter until the end of the active mine reclamation phase;*
- *Working with any Aboriginal hunters to document White-tailed Deer, Moose, Wolf and Black Bear harvesting activities in the RRM site area;*
- *Implementation of a wildlife log (including collisions) of general mammal observations made by employees on the RRM site including White-tailed Deer, Moose, Black Bear and any other larger furbearers; and*
- *Monitoring of Black Bear activity related to waste disposal (if applicable) and general site activities.*

Bat acoustic monitoring occurred in 2020 and will occur again on a three cycle in 2023. The aerial surveys did take place in 2020, but snow pack was not sufficient to make them of use and MNRF has agreed any data RRM would collect with not be valid or of use the MNRF thus making the requirement unnecessary and will not be undertaken by RRM again.

No hunting is allowed on the RRM site as it has been deemed unsafe to do so. New Gold RRM implemented a wildlife log at the site during 2015 and continued documenting wildlife sightings and interactions through 2023.

In 2016 the Environmental Department started tracking sightings in a GIS database. The wildlife logs for 2023 include documented Black Bear activity and a mortality log. New Gold has 5 staff that received training from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on how to live trap and transport problem Black Bears under an authorization from MNRF. In 2023 no bears required relocation.

Condition 13.7.3

Methods for determining adverse effects to breeding birds following the implementation of proposed mitigation measures will include:

- *Targeted point count surveys for diurnal SAR including Golden-winged Warbler, Barn Swallow and Bobolink and for woodland area-sensitive breeding birds in suitable habitat. Point counts will be based on standardized survey protocols described for the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas Guide for Participants (OBBA 2001) so as to be consistent with baselines study methodology (Section 5.2.12),*
- *Incidental data collection for SAR and Provincially rare species which are currently present at lower abundance including: Canada Warbler, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Short-eared Owl, American Pelican, Bald Eagle and Black-billed Magpie,*
- *Targeted twilight surveys for Eastern Whip-poor-will in suitable habitat. Whip-poor-will monitoring efforts will follow standardized survey protocols as outlined in the whip-poor-will Roadside Survey Participant's Guide (BSC 2012).*
- *Concurrent data collection for Common Nighthawk to be undertaken during targeted Eastern Whip-poor-will surveys as described above as no standardized survey protocols have been developed specifically for this species;*
- *Annual monitoring of active Bald Eagle nests which occur in close proximity the RRM site. Monitoring will attempt to establish fledging success;*
- *Implementation of a wildlife log of general breeding bird observations at the RRM site by employees (focused on raptors and raptor nests, and SAR species); and*
- *Any additional monitoring defined in ESA permits.*

Near site EWPW surveys were undertaken in 2023 as per New Gold's ESA permit.

To support the monitoring of bird species onsite, the Environmental Department implemented a site wide protocol for reporting wildlife in 2015. Through this system the following SAR bird sightings were reported in 2023; 19 bobolink, 6 barn swallow, 10 eagle, 32 pelicans, 30 Banks Swallows. Education and awareness of the reporting procedure and onsite Species at Risk is conducted through new employee/contractor orientation and site wide publications. The two known eagles' nest near (>1 kilometer) the project boundary are monitored each year through visual observation.

Condition 13.7.4

Effects on amphibians after implementation of proposed mitigation measures will include:

- *Implementation of a wildlife log of general amphibian observations by employees.*

Leopard and Green frogs are a common sight on the mine site especially in compensation and offset habitats built as per DFO requirements. Spring peeper and wood frogs are a rare sight.

Condition 13.8.2

This section considers the potential for traffic accidents on public roads related to the construction and operation of the RRM. Roads of specific interest are:

- *Highways 71 and 11, west of Fort Frances and south of Kenora;*
- *Highway 600;*
- *Teepie Road west of Highway 71; and*
- *East Access Road.*

Methods for assessing traffic accidents along public roads will include:

- *Monitoring road surface conditions for the identified roads of interest during the winter months and working with the MTO (MTO) and the local municipalities, to ensure that roads are properly cleared, salted and sanded, as appropriate to maintain safe driving conditions;*
- *Maintaining a record of any accidents involving RRR employees and contractors related to the RRM; and*
- *Maintaining a record of any near misses related to potential traffic accidents along the roads of interest involving RRR employees and contractors related to the RRM.*

New Gold employees and on-site contractors are required to report all near misses and traffic accidents immediately to the New Gold Health and Safety Department. A record documenting system is in place. In some instances, drug and alcohol testing may be required and can be conducted on site by trained staff. New Gold has a zero-tolerance policy in place for any employees or contractors caught driving while using a cell phone. There are also policies in place to control speeding on site. Radar warning speed signs have been installed on the East Access Road to remind drivers of excessive speeds. Rainy River Security will also perform radar speed checks. Employees /contractors caught travelling at excessive speeds or employees/contractors who's unsafe driving behaviors have been reported are spoken to by Rainy River site security and supervision. Repeat infractions or significant one-time events may lead to the employee/contractor's loss of site driving privileges including the use of New Gold parking areas. New Gold vehicles are now identified with their unit numbers on the side and back

of each unit for easy identification.

Security conducts road inspections on site each night shift. These inspections include Teeple Road, East Access Road and Highway 600. If hazards are identified on roads owned and maintained by New Gold, they are addressed by an onsite construction team. Hazards identified on municipal or public roads are reported to the appropriate authority (Municipality or MTO). Reports of road hazards are communicated during morning management meetings.

Condition 13.9.2

To assess potential changes to TLU that could potentially derive from implementation of the RRM, RRR will carry out, or provide financial support for, the following activities:

- *Subject to any terms of agreement with the local First Nations and Métis, periodically update Traditional Knowledge (TK) studies conducted for the RRM beginning five years after mine operations initiate, to determine if there have been any changes to resource harvesting patterns by local Aboriginal peoples as a result of the RRM, and the reasons for any such changes*
- *Conduct reviews at five-year intervals, of the activities of a subset of RRR Aboriginal employees (representative cross section) to determine the effects of employment on their traditional activities*
- *Confirm any expected changes in the availability of fisheries and wildlife resources to local harvesters, based on data derived from biological monitoring programs.*

No updates were conducted in 2023.

In 2024 - We are planning Information sessions in the communities to determine if there have been any changes to resource harvesting patterns.

Confirm any expected change in the availability of fisheries and wildlife resources to local harvesters.

We are looking at generating a survey for our local Indigenous employees.

Condition 13.10.2

RRR will carry out the following monitoring program to ensure the protection of cultural heritage resources

- *Maintain a record of all cultural heritage resources known to occur in the vicinity of planned RRM developments, such that intrusion or damage to such resources can be avoided during*

construction, recognizing and respecting confidentiality limitations

- *Maintain an active dialogue with local residents and Aboriginal group representatives, having knowledge of specific areas prior to and during major construction activities, to provide guidance to supervisory staff on the likely or possible occurrence of as yet undocumented cultural heritage sites*
- *Enlist the services of a trained archaeologist during the conduct of major construction works to support RRR as needed, where there is a reasonable potential for encountering as yet undocumented cultural heritage sites*
- *Enlist the services of Elders or other cultural advisors in the event that cultural heritage resources are encountered (in addition to meeting all Regulatory requirements)*
- *Conduct a post-construction assessment of the state of known cultural heritage sites in the vicinity of RRM activities / structures to confirm the integrity of such resources.*

NG engaged qualified Archaeologists and Built Heritage Specialists to record all resources prior to construction commencing. NG continues to actively engage local residents and Indigenous groups through meetings and visits.

Northwest Archaeological Assessments under the guidance of qualified archaeologist Andrew Hinshelwood, completed analysis and cataloguing of artifacts discovered during the 2018 Stage 4 excavation on the southwestern edge of the mine site. Preliminary reports for both excavation sites plus the final report for the smaller excavation site were submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) - Archaeological Programs Unit, for review and acceptance into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. NG agrees to enlist the services of Elders should new Cultural Heritage resources be discovered.

NG contracted post construction assessment of known Cultural Heritage sites in 2018; reporting was completed in 2019. Original post construction assessment report was submitted on May 2/2019 to MTCS; revised report was submitted on Aug 16/2019. Updated photos were taken of the resources in 2023.

Condition 13.11.2

RRR will carry out the following monitoring program to ensure the documentation of cultural heritage landscapes and built heritage resources as appropriate:

- *Develop an initial record of all cultural heritage landscapes and built heritage resources known*

to occur near the planned RRM developments, such that intrusion or damage to such resources can be documented; and

- *Conduct a post-construction assessment of the state of known cultural heritage landscapes and built heritage resources in the vicinity of RRM activities /structures to confirm the status of such resources.*

The initial record was completed by Untermann and McPhail. Untermann and McPhail began a post-construction assessment of the state of known cultural heritage resources in 2018 and was completed in 2019 and submitted to MTCS. Updated photos were taken of the relevant resources in 2023 and available in Appendix P.

Condition 13.12.2

Traffic flow on local roads with more limited capacity is of greater interest, notably:

- *Highway 600;*
- *Teeple Road west of Highway 71; and*
- *The East Access Road.*

The intent is to document that these local roads are able to continue to function adequately, and within safe limits for both project and local traffic. Methods for measuring traffic use along local roads will include:

- *Periodic traffic count surveys using automated traffic counters;*
- *Employee surveys to determine transport routes to and from the mine site; and*
- *Ongoing discussions with MTO and the Township of Chapple to support additional traffic volume monitoring studies if appropriate.*

The Ontario Provincial Police request that New Gold share any traffic complaints with them. New Gold continues to monitor traffic and work closely with the Township of Chapple to address any concerns. The East Access Road (Korpi Road) is the primary route of traffic to the mine site, greatly reducing traffic on Teeple Rd/Hwy 600. New Gold also provides bus transportation for employees to/from Fort Frances and Emo. RRM also has a community complaint hotline to bring issues to the site's attention.

Condition 13.13.2

Methods for documenting accommodations use in association with the RRM will include conducting

contractor and employee surveys to determine:

- *Community or nearest community of local residence;*
- *Type of residence (rental or ownership);*
- *Type of accommodation (existing or new);*
- *Type of occupancy (single, shared or family); and*
- *Whether or not the employee / contractor is an existing local resident, or new to the area.*

New Gold Rainy River employee population can be divided into residential, drive in drive out (DIDO) and fly in fly out (FIFO). Approximately 75% of our employees live within a 100km radius of the mine site. DIDO employees account for 12% of our employees, FIFO employees account for 13% with the other New Gold provides accommodation for contractors on the site and employees who qualify for camp accommodations. New Gold Rainy River has a Relocation Policy and provides that option to potential employees if they prefer to move to the local area.

Condition 13.14 A

It is anticipated the environmental management system will consider the following areas as significant environmental aspects of the RRM (although they may not be represented by individual management plans depending on the final environmental management system framework):

- *Recycling and waste reduction program;*
- *Mine rock (PAG / NPAG) management;*
- *Water management;*
- *General waste management;*
- *Hazardous materials management;*
- *Fuel handling and storage;*
- *Fugitive dust management;*
- *Sound management;*
- *Wildlife management;*
- *Traffic management;*
- *Cultural awareness;*
- *Heritage management;*
- *Emergency response; and*
- *Response to malfunctions and accidents.*

The management of environmental aspects and impacts is achieved through the Environmental Risk Management Process.

The EMS design framework consists of various stand-alone Management Plans as well as subsets to core Management Plans.

Condition 13.14 B

Environmental management system maintenance and effectiveness will be monitored through a variety of programs, such as:

- *Formal and informal audits;*
- *Environmental monitoring;*
- *Non-conformance incidents, status of corrective actions; and*
- *Stakeholder feedback.*

Periodic management reviews will be completed to consider changing circumstances which could affect the continued suitability and adequacy of the plans, and to support continual improvement in overall effectiveness.

The RRM EMS maintenance and effectiveness will be monitored through audits, environmental monitoring, non-conformance incidents, status of corrective actions and stakeholder feedback. As well as through the completion of Performance Assessments and Status Reports for each EMS Management Plan. Periodic management reviews will support continuous improvement. An onsite external audit of the RRM EMS was conducted November 20th to 24th, 2023.

SECTION 7

NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE

PUBLIC CONSULTATION REGISTRY



Figure 19. New Gold's Fall Ceremony held at the on-site Roundhouse

Table 4. Record of Consultation for 2023

Date	Record No.	Consultation Type	Topics	Notes on Implementation	Stakeholders	Focus
1/4/2023	4128	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	An individual dropped by the Emo Office inquiring about employment opportunities at New Gold.	The local resident left a copy of his resume that was sent to HR.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
1/5/2023	4095	E-mail	Science North sent a report summarizing the participation in schools and community events NG helped support throughout the Rainy River District.	Overall, there were 749 students engaged in mining-related school programming, 28 educator kits distributed to teachers to continue mining and geology programming in classrooms and entertained 258 visitors at community events.	Science North	Public and Aboriginal
1/5/2023	4129	Meeting	New Gold is a member of the Rainy River District Truth and Reconciliation Committee; the committee was meeting to plan for the Truth & Reconciliation event that will be held in September.	More meetings will be held prior to plan the event.	Rainy River District Truth and Reconciliation Committee	Aboriginal
1/5/2023	4590	External Feedback	A site neighbour inquired about a blast that had occurred on Jan 5, 2023 at 3pm. The neighbour advised that the vibration was significant and requested further information.	New Gold advised the neighbour that the blast was near the top of the pit which made it more noticeable than usual. The neighbour was satisfied with the information.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
1/6/2023	4591	External Feedback	A site neighbour inquired about a blast that had occurred on January 5, 2023 at 3pm. The neighbour advised that the vibration was felt and also had a question regarding her well.	New Gold went to the neighbour's house and discussed the concerns. The neighbour was satisfied with the explanation and the information relating to the well.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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1/6/2023	4592	External Feedback	A site neighbour inquired about a blast that had occurred on Jan 5, 2023 at 3pm. The neighbour advised that the vibration was significant and requested further information.	New Gold addressed the neighbour's concerns and provided the data collected from the vibration monitors. The analysis determined the vibration was not at a level that would cause damage. New Gold offered to have a monitor installed on the property.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
1/10/2023	4096	E-mail	New Gold emailed EMB meeting minutes of November 8, 2022 to JIC members, as already shared with EMB members.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
1/10/2023	4097	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the weeks of Dec 5 - 11, Dec 12 - 18, Dec 19 - Dec 25, and Dec 26 2022 - Jan 1 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
1/13/2023	4080	Presentation	New Gold's geology department provided a presentation to the 4th grade	The teacher of the class thanked New Gold for providing	Robert Moore School	Public

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			class on geology and mining.	the presentation.		
1/16/2023	4098	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts along with details on some of the positions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
1/20/2023	4101	Presentation	New Gold provided information to the business class about mining and career opportunities in mining.	There were 18 students in the class.	Fort Frances High School	Public
1/20/2023	4100	E-mail	The school board reached out to enquire about a arranging a tour and information session in the spring, geared towards staff.	The board would like to better understand skilled trades and apprenticeships so better support can be provided to the students. New Gold would work with the board to set up a tour near the end of May.	Rainy River District School Board	Public
1/23/2023	4130	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Naotkamegwanning.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
1/24/2023	4102	Meeting	New Gold and Chapple had a check-in meeting; New Gold had some chairs to donate to Chapple; Chapple agreed to pick them. New Gold provided information on a	New Gold and Chapple will have quarterly check-in meetings throughout 2023.	Township of Chapple	Public

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			waste tracking program that would be implemented to reduce waste at the mine. Chapple was interested in mulch available at the NG garage at Seven Bends.			
1/24/2023	4131	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Big Island.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
1/26/2023	4103	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the weeks of Jan 2 - 8, Jan 9-15 and Jan 16-22, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
1/30/2023	4105	Phone Call	New Gold had a phone call with an RRHS teacher to discuss a few items. New Gold agreed to provide a presentation at the RRHS about trades including a RRHS graduate currently employed at NG to share their experience. The presentation will be scheduled in late March.	New Gold agreed to look at the possibility of donating used tools from the mine; New Gold also provided the link for RRHS to submit a Community Investment Application.	Rainy River High School	Public
1/30/2023	4104	Mass Mailout	New Gold mailed the RRP 2022 Newsletter Issue 2 to the following communities: Rainy River, Fort Frances (includes Couchiching, Nigigoonsiminikaaning, Mitaanjigamiing, Lac La Croix, Sunset Country Métis), Devlin (includes Naicatchewenin),	The recipients of the digital copy were also sent a link to a Quick Poll on topics of interest for future newsletters and access to previous editions of the	Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooneyaa Wa-	Public and Aboriginal

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			<p>Emo (includes Rainy River First Nations), Barwick, Stratton, Pinewood, Sleeman (includes Big Grassy, Big Island), Nestor Falls (includes Onigaming), Mine Centre (includes Seine River), and Pawitik (includes Whitefish Bay, Northwest Angle 37 and Sioux Narrows). A digital version was also posted on the New Gold website. A digital copy of the newsletter was emailed to all communities, including those that lay outside of the local mail distribution (those communities include: Buffalo Point, Rat Portage (Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum) and Northwest Angle 33).</p>	<p>newsletter.</p>	<p>Bitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation</p>	
1/31/2023	4108	E-mail	<p>The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of Jan 23 - 29, 2023.</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>	<p>Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation</p>	<p>Public and Aboriginal</p>
1/31/2023	4107	E-mail	<p>New Gold emailed some JIC members and advised them of the upcoming external verification of TSM and also asked if they would be willing to participate in the verification and speak with the auditor.</p>	<p>The JIC member advised they would participate and provided contact details to share with the auditor.</p>	<p>Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation</p>	<p>Aboriginal</p>

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1/31/2023	4106	Text	New Gold contacted a business partner and advised them of the upcoming external verification of TSM and asked if they would be willing to participate in the verification and speak with the auditor.	The business partner advised they would participate and provided contact details to share with the auditor.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2/1/2023	4133	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with AWZFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
2/1/2023	4109	Phone Call	New Gold called some site neighbours and advised them of the upcoming external verification of TSM and also asked if they would be willing to participate in the verification and speak with the auditor.	The neighbours advised they would participate and provided contact details to share with the auditor.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint), Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
2/1/2023	4132	Phone Call	West Rainy River Youth Grant discussion re: funding for 2023 and restructure of Grant, discussion Rainy River Recreation Centre financial support for revamping Gym.	The NG community investment committee will review the Community Investment Application once received, provide review and work with the Grant committee and follow-up on any actions.	Town of Rainy River	Public
2/2/2023	4111	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for December 2022 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways	Aboriginal

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					of Onigaming First Nation	
2/2/2023	4110	E-mail	New Gold provided Chapple with contact information for the recycling items agreed to at the quarterly check-in info meeting.	No further action required.	Township of Chapple	Public
2/3/2023	4112	E-mail	New Gold distributed a list of amendments and authorizations that NG intends to apply for in 2023 to all EMB members. They included: --Notice of Material Change (to Ministry of Mines for Stage 6 Dam Raise, annual approval until TMA dam height is at final elevation); --Schedule 2 Compensation Plan Amendment (to Environment Canada and DFO to add additional compensation habitat); --Endangered Species Act Permit Amendment (to move ESA boundary north of the TMA); and --Lakes & Rivers Improvement Act Authorization (to construct freshwater diversions north of the TMA).	NG advised that these will be discussed further during EMB meetings as information is available; any questions were invited.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2/6/2023	4113	E-mail	New Gold forwarded to all JIC members a list of amendments and authorizations that NG intends to apply for in 2023 as previously distributed to all EMB members. They included: --Notice of Material Change (to Ministry of Mines for Stage 6 Dam Raise, annual approval until TMA dam height is at final elevation); --Schedule 2 Compensation Plan Amendment (to Environment Canada and DFO to add additional compensation habitat); --Endangered Species Act Permit Amendment (to move ESA boundary north of the TMA); and --Lakes & Rivers Improvement	2/6/2023	4113	E-mail

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			Act Authorization (to construct freshwater diversions north of the TMA).			
2/6/2023	4134	E-mail	New Gold distributed a poster to promote an upcoming employment blitz to be held on February 9, 2023 at the United Native Friendship Centre.	New Gold was targeting the hiring of haulage miners.	United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong	Public and Aboriginal
2/8/2023	4116	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of Jan 30 - Feb 05, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2/9/2023	4135	Open House	New Gold held a career fair and hiring blitz at the UNFC in Fort Frances.	There were several participants; interviews were held at the event.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public and Aboriginal
2/9/2023	4136	Meeting	New Gold held their regular JIC meeting with RRFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2/10/2023	4117	Community Event	New Gold was invited to the annual Rainy River District 4-H Association Awards Night and Banquet held at the Stratton Hall.	New Gold attended the banquet as a sponsor of a steer in 2022 and provided door prize items for the event. There were approximately 200 people in attendance.	Rainy River District 4-H Association	Public
2/13/2023	4118	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big	Public and

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			opportunities to community contacts along with details on the positions for posting.		Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2/13/2023	4593	External Feedback	A local resident near the mine site had a complaint over the level of dust coming from the mine.	New Gold followed up with the neighbour and provided information on steps the mine was taking to mitigate dust. The neighbour agreed to participate in a air quality and dust monitoring program coordinated by the Enviro and Health & Safety departments.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
2/14/2023	4119	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of Feb 06 - 12, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation,	Public and Aboriginal

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					Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
2/15/2023	4120	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts along with details on the positions for posting.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2/15/2023	4138	Meeting	New Gold and RRFN met to bring the newest RRFN JIC member up to date on current HR policies.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2/16/2023	4121	Open House	New Gold held a career fair and hiring blitz at the Legion in Rainy River.	There were 17 participants; interviews were done at this hiring blitz.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
2/16/2023	4122	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for January 2023 that summarized employment and		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of	Aboriginal

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			business aspects.		Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
2/17/2023	4140	Other	New Gold visited the Emo Public Library to install the 2nd computer and monitor. The donation was provided through the Community Investment Program (2022); New Gold provided support to the Library by donating 2 computers and monitors. This was the last computer to be installed.		Emo Public Library	Public
2/21/2023	4142	E-mail	New Gold agreed to sponsor the Earth Rangers School Assembly program for local area schools.	Earth Rangers would provide and supply the programming at local schools in upcoming months.	Earth Rangers	Public
2/21/2023	4141	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	An individual dropped by the Emo Office inquiring about employment opportunities at New Gold.	The local resident left a copy of his cover letter and resume that was sent to HR.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
2/22/2023	4144	Meeting	New Gold held their regular JIC meeting with Naicatchewenin.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2/22/2023	4123	Phone Call	Site neighbours were notified (by phone call or email) of a blast planned on February 23, 2023, 3pm that was expected to be larger than typical due to the location and the charge.	The neighbours appreciated the notice. There were no complaints called in.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
2/23/2023	4145	E-mail	New Gold received feedback from a neighbour regarding the blast notification sent on	New Gold will document any concerns received	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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			February 22, 2023.	from the neighbour regarding the blast referenced in the notification. There were no concerns after the blast.		
2/23/2023	4124	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department for the weeks of Dec 19 - 25, 2022, Dec 26 2022 - Jan 1 2023, Jan 2 - 8 2023, Jan 9 - 15 2023, Jan 16 - 22 2023 and Jan 23 - 29 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2/24/2023	4125	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of Feb 13 - 19, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First	Public and Aboriginal

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					Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
2/28/2023	4146	E-mail	New Gold emailed the approved November 3, 2022 meeting minutes to all invited.	The meeting minutes were approved at the February 28, 2023 meeting. No further action required.	Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
2/28/2023	4147	Meeting	"New Gold hosted a teleconference EMB meeting. The following topics were discussed:			
2/28/2023	4148	Phone Call	New Gold required maintenance of a seismograph monitor located on the property of a site neighbour. New Gold contacted the site neighbour to advise the contractor would be coming to service monitor on March 1, 2023.	The site neighbour had no issues with the property access for the maintenance.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
2/28/2023	4149	Meeting	New Gold's GM and Naotkamegwaning's Chief and Band Manager met for a leadership meeting.	Confidential meeting minutes taken.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
3/1/2023	4594	External Feedback	A site neighbour had some questions relating to property owned that is adjacent to mine property.	The property line information was clarified with the neighbour and New Gold shared the short-term and long-term plans for the area.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
3/1/2023	4150	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	A community member dropped in to discuss a few items including: information on cyanide handling; a site map for potential hunting access; and an HR matter. The items were brought forth to the department superintendent who was out of the office at the time.	The NG superintendent emailed responses the same date and further detailed information on March 3rd. No further details were requested.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
3/1/2023	4127	E-mail	New Gold emailed JIC and EMB members links to access the PTTW amendment for Open Pit and Underground Mine Dewatering that was recently submitted to the MECP.	New Gold invited any questions the members may have.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First	Aboriginal

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					Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
3/1/2023	4126	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of Feb 20 - 26, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
3/1/2023	4151	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts along with details on the positions for posting.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum	Public and Aboriginal

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					First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
3/2/2023	4153	E-mail	New Gold received a request for a site tour from the FFHS business class.	New Gold and the teacher will work together to find a date that would accommodate for both parties.	Fort Frances High School	Public
3/3/2023	4155	E-mail	New Gold confirmed a tour date with FFHS business class.	A site tour will be provided on May 12, 2023.	Fort Frances High School	Public
3/3/2023	4154	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department for the weeks of February 6 - 12, 2023; February 13 - 19, 2023; and February 20 - 26, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
3/6/2023	4156	E-mail	Seine River FN asked if NG would participate in their upcoming career fair.	The career fair was planned for March 13, 2023; NG advised they would participate.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
3/7/2023	4157	Meeting	New Gold had scheduled an EMB meeting with RRFN and NFN. No one called in.	RRFN and NFN will be joining the larger EMB; the communities have agreed to disband this separate committee and join the other EMB. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2023.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

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3/7/2023	4158	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of February 27 - March 05, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
3/7/2023	4159	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current summer student opportunities to community contacts along with details on the positions for posting.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
3/8/2023	4161	Meeting	New Gold met with NFN to discuss the future of	NFN advised they will work with	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal

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			exploration at NG as there is currently no plan for exploration in 2023.	other First Nations to gain support for any future exploration plans on behalf of NG for approval of exploration permits.		
3/9/2023	4198	Meeting	A consultant for New Gold met with Chief and council to aid in completion of an agreement evaluation.	No follow up required.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/9/2023	4162	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for February 2023 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
3/9/2023	4165	E-mail	New Gold emailed the postings for the summer student opportunities.		United Native Friendship Centre, Shooneyaa Wa-Biitong, Rainy River District School Board	Public and Aboriginal
3/10/2023	4166	E-mail	New Gold received an invitation from the Fort Frances Confederation College campus to meet with the president of Confederation College and participate in a career fair.	The events would be scheduled in June; the invitation was shared with the HR department.	Confederation College	Public
3/13/2023	4172	Community Event	New Gold participated in a career fair at the community.	There were few participants.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
3/13/2023	4167	Meeting	New Gold held an EMB meeting; this meeting included the addition of RRFN and Naicatchewenin EMB members.	Update on the following permits was provided: Air/Noise ECA Amendment; Closure plan	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee	Aboriginal

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				<p>(updating with changes: open pit shell and mine rock stockpiles are smaller than previously indicated in closure plan); fish habitat (in early stages of engineering); TMA stage 5 dam raise. New permits that may be applied for: Water diversions around TMA. Application put in for additional dewatering wells around open pit due to seepage. A site tour was requested to see work on site; to be planned in Q2. An EMB member requested a hard copy of the closure plan to review. This was printed for the EMB member in July.</p>	<p>Wa Zhing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation</p>	
3/13/2023	4169	E-mail	<p>New Gold emailed a summary of wildlife sightings in 2022 as per a request from MNO.</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>	<p>Métis Nation of Ontario</p>	<p>Aboriginal</p>
3/13/2023	4171	Community Event	<p>New Gold presented a cheque in support for the Make a Splash Park project.</p>	<p>The splash park would be constructed in Fort Frances.</p>		<p>Public</p>
3/13/2023	4170	E-mail	<p>The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of March 06 - 12, 2023.</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>	<p>Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First</p>	<p>Public and Aboriginal</p>

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					Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
3/13/2023	4168	E-mail	New Gold provided an annual update regarding the current supply and transport of cyanide.	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
3/14/2023	4174	Meeting	New Gold's GM and Big Grassy's Director of Operations held a leadership meeting.	The Director of Operations was new to the position and planned to read more of the IBA to increase familiarity with the document.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
3/14/2023	4173	Meeting	New Gold participated in a planning meeting for Spring Fever Days at the Emo Chamber of Commerce meeting.	New Gold will participate with a free draw for a gift basket. Planned for April 14, 2023.	Emo Chamber of Commerce	Public
3/20/2023	4177	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts along with details on the positions for posting.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum	Public and Aboriginal

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					First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
3/20/2023	4176	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of March 13 - 19, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
3/20/2023	4178	E-mail	MNO emailed a question regarding the summary of wildlife sightings for 2022 and asked for past data on frogs.	The historical information was summarized and sent to MNO along with the context that these sightings as reported by employees to Enviro or Health & Security then entered into a database.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
3/23/2023	4180	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with MNO.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
3/24/2023	4181	E-mail	New Gold emailed a "save the date" invite for the Spring Ceremony planned for April 20, 2023, at the site roundhouse.	A poster with more information would be provided shortly.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,	Aboriginal

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					Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
3/27/2023	4183	Presentation	New Gold gave a presentation to RRHS students on apprenticeship programs and summer student opportunities.	There were approximately 20 participants.	Rainy River High School	Public
3/27/2023	4182	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department for the weeks of February 27 - March 05, 2023; March 06 - 12, 2023; March 13 - 19, 2023 and March 20 - 26, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
3/28/2023	4186	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Big Grassy.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
3/28/2023	4184	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of March 20 - 26, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee	Public and Aboriginal

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					Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
3/29/2023	4187	E-mail	New Gold emailed an invitation to the Spring Ceremony on April 20, 2023 at the roundhouse at the mine site.	The invitation was sent to EMB, JIC members and Indigenous leadership.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
3/29/2023	4188	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts along with details on the positions for posting.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooneyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation,	Public and Aboriginal

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					Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
4/3/2023	4190	E-mail	New Gold emailed JIC and EMB members the link to the 2022 Annual Compliance Report.	New Gold invited any questions the members may have.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/3/2023	4191	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts along with details on the positions for posting.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First	Public and Aboriginal

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					Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
4/3/2023	4193	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered a letter to the Township of Chapple to advise of an upcoming change to the blasting schedule.	No comments were received from Chapple.	Township of Chapple	Public
4/3/2023	4194	Letter	New Gold mailed the results of the off-site groundwater monitoring to participating neighbours.	No feedback was received from the neighbours. There were 12 participants.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
4/3/2023	4192	E-mail	New Gold shared a link to an Indigenous Internship Program being provided by the Ontario government.	The link was shared with community contacts.	Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
4/4/2023	4195	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of March 27 - April 02, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoosiminikaaning	Public and Aboriginal

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					First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
4/6/2023	4196	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts along with details on the positions for posting.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
4/6/2023	4202	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold visited the community and dropped off job postings, call out posters for catering services and newsletters.	No follow up required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
4/6/2023	4203	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold visited the community and dropped off job postings, call out posters	No follow up required.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal

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			for catering services and newsletters.			
4/6/2023	4200	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold visited the community and dropped off job postings, call out posters for catering services and newsletters.	No follow up required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
4/6/2023	4201	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold visited the community and dropped off job postings, call out posters for catering services and newsletters.	No follow up required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/6/2023	4199	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold visited the community and dropped off job postings, call out posters for catering services and newsletters.	No follow up required.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
4/11/2023	4204	Meeting	New Gold's CEO and Naicatchewenin Chief met for a leadership meeting.	Various topics were discussed; no follow up required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
4/11/2023	4207	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of April 03 - 09, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
4/11/2023	4206	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with a job description.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-	Public and Aboriginal

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					<p>Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation</p>	
4/11/2023	4205	E-mail	New Gold emailed a call out poster for catering services.	No follow up required.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
4/12/2023	4209	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for March 2023 that summarized employment and business aspects.		<p>Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation</p>	Aboriginal
4/12/2023	4595	External Feedback	A local resident near the mine site had a complaint over the level of dust coming from traffic on a local road.	The road the neighbour resides on does not have restricted access and New Gold has limited need to use it. The neighbour was asked to share further details for	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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				investigation. The neighbour agreed to participate in the air quality and dust monitoring program coordinated by the Enviro and Health & Safety departments.		
4/12/2023	4208	E-mail	New Gold emailed invitations to the upcoming Spring Ceremony.	The invitation was sent to EMB, JIC members and Indigenous leadership.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/13/2023	4210	E-mail	New Gold invited Indigenous leadership to a join them for fishing and shore lunch at a local lake.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
4/14/2023	4213	Community Event	New Gold participated in Spring Fever Days.	New Gold sponsored the Emo Family Fun	Township of Emo	Public and Aboriginal

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				Area and held a draw for a gift basket.		nal
4/14/2023	4211	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold visited the community and dropped off job postings, newsletters and call out posters for catering services, Fire Keepers and Elders for Ceremony.	One name was provided for Fire Keeper. No follow up required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
4/14/2023	4212	E-mail	New Gold emailed communities to advise that mine tours would soon be available.	The community reps were asked to advise if they were aware of interest in site tours.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
4/17/2023	4214	Site Visit	New Gold provided a cultural Fire Pit teaching to local students from Grades 7/8. Mine ops and geology provided presentations on mining in their departments.	No follow up required.	Sturgeon Creek School	Public and Aboriginal
4/17/2023	4215	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of April 10 - 16, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
4/17/2023	4218	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Big Island.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken. A tour of the TMA was provided after the meeting.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
4/17/2023	4339	Site Visit	New Gold provided a tour of the TMA for Big Island JIC members.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

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4/17/2023	4216	Meeting	New Gold held their bi-monthly JIC meeting with Naicatchewenin.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
4/17/2023	4217	Letter	New Gold mailed site neighbours an amended blast schedule along with the results of a general interest survey completed during site neighbour visits of April 12th.		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
4/18/2023	4219	Community Event	New Gold attended a career fair in the RRFN community.	Chief and Council thanked NG for participating in the career fair.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
4/18/2023	4220	Phone Call	New Gold contacted a property neighbour to request access to a potential alternative sampling point in the river.	New Gold contacted the property owner; they allowed access and requested that the NG employee accessing the property confirm when access is complete and that the gate is left closed.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
4/19/2023	4223	E-mail	New Gold provided instructions on the online application process as requested by a local community member.	No follow up required.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
4/19/2023	4225	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with Naotkamegwanning.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
4/19/2023	4224	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
4/19/2023	4222	Meeting	New Gold offered tobacco to community Elders to give teachings at Spring Ceremony.	The Elders accepted the tobacco and expressed appreciation for the respect of traditional ways.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
4/19/2023	4221	E-mail	New Gold reviewed the youth grant application draft for 2023.	New Gold will continue to jointly support the fund with the town and township that supports youth innovation.	Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson	Public
4/20/2023	4226	E-mail	New Gold provided requested information to landowners		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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			with property near the mine site. The 2022 ECA Annual Surface Water Report was included.		footprint)	
4/20/2023	4340	Ceremony	New Gold hosted Spring Ceremony at the Roundhouse. The officiant was an Elder from Big Island.	There were approximately 40 participants.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
4/21/2023	4227	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
4/25/2023	4228	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of April 17 - 23, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple,	Public and Aboriginal

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					Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
4/25/2023	4231	E-mail	New Gold cancelled the Q1 2023 Shenston landfill recycle program meeting as there were no items to offer at this time.	New Gold reminded Chapple of the items still available requiring pick up (mulch and belting).	Township of Chapple	Public
4/26/2023	4232	Meeting	New Gold met with RRFN to further discuss topics brought up at the JIC meeting held on April 19th.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
4/27/2023	4233	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
4/29/2023	4234	E-mail	A journalist from a television news organization requested responses to questions regarding industrial pollution in mining.	The Corporate office was provided the journalist's contact information to follow up with.		Public
5/1/2023	4235	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of April 24 - 30, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First	Public and Aboriginal

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5/2/2023	4596	External Feedback	A local resident near the mine site heard about the monitoring program on air quality and dust and wished to participate.	The neighbour was added as a participant in the program.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
5/2/2023	4236	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	A representative of the Pineview Mennonite Christian Day School dropped by the New Gold Emo Office requesting a mine tour.	A follow-up email was sent with New Gold Contact information; the school will provide potential dates for the tour.	Pineview Mennonite Christian Day School	Public
5/3/2023	4237	E-mail	New Gold requested to be added to the agenda of the FFCS Chiefs monthly meeting in June to provide the Beyond Rainy River presentation.	The FFCS accommodated the request; the presentation is expected to last between 45 minutes and 1 hour.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	Aboriginal
5/4/2023	4238	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	Dance Township Community Association representative dropped in at New Gold to request donation of items for Silent Auction.	A few items were provided for the silent auction.		Public
5/4/2023	4239	E-mail	A local landowner requested information on the precious metal content on their property.	New Gold advised the landowner that they would need to conduct exploration to find out. If the landowner provides the PIN#	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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				of the property, NG could determine if they had any relevant information if available.		
5/5/2023	4240	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for April 2023 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
5/8/2023	4242	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River	Public and Aboriginal

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					First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
5/8/2023	4241	Phone Call	New Gold called site neighbours to advise them that air sampling would be delayed due to equipment malfunction.		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
5/9/2023	4244	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of May 1 - 7, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
5/9/2023	4243	Information Kiosk	New Gold participated in the two-day Soaring Youth Indigenous Empowerment Gathering.	The focus of the conference was to promote empowerment of Indigenous youth.		Aboriginal
5/10/2023	4245	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooneyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First	Public and Aboriginal

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					Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
5/11/2023	4246	Information Kiosk	New Gold sponsored and participated in the Indspire event in Edmonton.	The Indspire awards recognize the achievements of Indigenous leaders.		Aboriginal
5/11/2023	4247	E-mail	New Gold responded to an invitation from the Township of Chapple to discuss future possibilities of working together.	New Gold advised they would be happy to meet; potential dates will be provided for consideration. The meeting was arranged for July 6, 2023.	Township of Chapple	Public
5/15/2023	4249	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold community coordinators travelled to communities to assist community members with resumes and job applications as needed.	There was no participation; a different plan will be developed to increase awareness and appreciation.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
5/15/2023	4248	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of May 8 - 14, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First	Public and Aboriginal

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					Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
5/15/2023	4250	Meeting	New Gold had scheduled a teleconference meeting with the Advisory committee.	No participants called in; the meeting will be rescheduled (June 8th).	Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
5/16/2023	4253	E-mail	New Gold met with the Township of Chapple to determine if they had use for scrap mill screens.	NG would deliver to a location at the Shenston landfill where Chapple can arrange pickup from there.	Township of Chapple	Public
5/18/2023	4255	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department for the month of April 2023 and the weeks of May 1 - 14, 2023.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
5/18/2023	4254	Letter	New Gold received an invitation to attend the 908 Rainy Lake Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron Annual Ceremonial Review on June 7.	New Gold attended the event.	908 Rainy Lake Royal Canadian Air Cadets	Public
5/19/2023	4256	Community Event	New Gold volunteered and attended the annual RRFN fish fry.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
5/19/2023	4257	Site Visit	Fort Frances High School Business Class participated in a mine tour.	There were 20 participants for the tour.	Fort Frances High School	Public
5/23/2023	4259	E-mail	New Gold emailed information and a poster to create awareness of the hiring blitz being held at the Emo office.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,	Public and Aboriginal

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					Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shoonyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
5/23/2023	4260	Meeting	New Gold participated in the RRFN Pow wow planning committee.	The link to community investment application was provided. New Gold would ask employees to volunteer at the pow wow.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
5/23/2023	4258	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shoonyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin	Public and Aboriginal

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					First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
5/24/2023	4262	Open House	New Gold participated in a career fair in Couchiching.	Approximately 65 people attended the NG booth.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
5/25/2023	4265	E-mail	A site neighbour requested photos of the neighbours tour taken in October 2022.	New Gold emailed the neighbour photos as per the request.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
5/25/2023	4264	Site Visit	The New Gold Enviro department provided a site tour of the mine and TMA for MNRF.	There were 16 participants.	Ministry of Northern Development Mines Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	Public
5/25/2023	4263	Open House	New Gold participated in a career symposium at FFHS.	Approximately 165 students attended the NG booth.	Fort Frances High School	Public
5/26/2023	4266	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for a local school.	There were 16 participants.	Pineview Mennonite Christian Day School	Public
5/29/2023	4268	Meeting	New Gold met with BGFN to discuss setting up a mine tour for community members.		Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
5/29/2023	4267	Open House	New Gold participated in a career fair in Big Grassy.	Approximately 40 people attended the NG booth.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
5/30/2023	4272	Text	New Gold requested assistance from the Regional Councillor in creating content for trivia questions and Teaching Tuesdays as part of employee engagement in cultural knowledge.	A meeting was set up for a discussion to be held.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
5/30/2023	4269	Meeting	New Gold introduced the new COO to the Chief of Naicatchewenin.	Discussion was held on the IBA; NFN requested a site tour.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
5/30/2023	4274	E-mail	New Gold requested information from Big Grassy needed to better organize a future site tour.		Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
5/30/2023	4270	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of May 15-21 and May 22-28, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee	Public and Aboriginal

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					Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
5/30/2023	4275	Meeting	New Gold's GM and Big Island's Band Manager met for a leadership meeting.	Various topics were discussed; no follow up required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
5/30/2023	4271	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
5/31/2023	4277	Meeting	New Gold had scheduled a meeting with JIC members to review the final draft of the annual report.	WFB participants did not call in; the final draft was distributed.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
5/31/2023	4276	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

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6/1/2023	4279	Community Event	New Gold sponsored the Earth Rangers school assembly program for 10 district schools.	New Gold representation also attended the programs.	Earth Rangers, Rainy River District School Board	Public and Aboriginal
6/1/2023	4278	Open House	New Gold hosted a hiring blitz for haul truck drivers.	Approximately 40 interviews were given.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public and Aboriginal
6/5/2023	4285	E-mail	New Gold invited the Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls mayors and council to the first Beyond Rainy River presentation and thanked them for hosting the upcoming presentation in the community. Further information was provided regarding the presentation.	The presentation was arranged for June 20th.	Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls	Aboriginal
6/5/2023	4284	E-mail	New Gold invited Onigaming to a Beyond Rainy River presentation being held at the Sioux Narrows Community Centre. Further information was provided regarding the presentation.	The presentation was arranged for June 20th.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
6/5/2023	4280	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of May 29 - June 4, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
6/5/2023	4283	E-mail	New Gold invited Big Island to a Beyond Rainy River presentation being held in Big Grassy. Further information was provided regarding the	The presentation was arranged for June 20th.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

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			presentation.			
6/5/2023	4282	E-mail	New Gold thanked Big Grassy for hosting the upcoming Beyond Rainy River presentation in the community. Further information was provided regarding the presentation.	The presentation was arranged for June 20th.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
6/6/2023	4289	E-mail	New Gold invited the Regional Councillor of MNO to participate in a Beyond Rainy River presentation; details were provided regarding the presentation.	New Gold asked if the meeting could be held via Teams to accommodate as many participants as possible. MNO requested more details on the presentation; New Gold shared the available information about the Beyond Rainy River project, created to help mitigate the social aspects of closure and to listen to MNO's input. MNO declined to participate.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
6/6/2023	4287	E-mail	New Gold invited Naotkamegwaning Chief and council members to a Beyond Rainy River presentation being held at the Sioux Narrows Community Centre. Further information was provided regarding the presentation.	The presentation was arranged for June 20th.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
6/6/2023	4286	E-mail	New Gold invited Animakee Wa Zhing #37 FN Chief and council members to a Beyond Rainy River presentation being held at the Sioux Narrows Community Centre. Further information was provided regarding the presentation.	The presentation was arranged for June 20th. AWZFN emailed June 11th to notify New Gold that they were unable to participate due to another commitment on the date scheduled. New Gold and AWZFN agreed to hold the presentation on	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

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				July 19, 2023.		
6/6/2023	4288	E-mail	New Gold invited the NWA 33 Chief to a Beyond Rainy River presentation being held at the Sioux Narrows Community Centre. Further information was provided regarding the presentation.	The presentation was arranged for June 20th. New Gold asked the Chief to share the invitation with council members.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation	Aboriginal
6/7/2023	4294	Site Visit	New Gold was asked to organize a site tour for Big Island students.	New Gold organized the tour for June 8th, unfortunately Big Island cancelled the tour request.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
6/7/2023	4291	E-mail	New Gold invited community leadership to participate in a presentation of the Beyond Rainy River project.	The meeting was scheduled for June 19th.	United Native Friendship Centre, Town of Fort Frances, Seven Generations Education Institute, Confederation College, Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce, Rainy River District School Board, Rainy River Future Development Corporation, Township of Alberton	Public and Aboriginal
6/7/2023	4292	E-mail	New Gold invited community leadership to participate in a presentation of the Beyond Rainy River project.	The meeting was scheduled for June 19th.	Township of LaVallee, Township of Lake of the Woods, Thunder Bay - Rainy River, Township of Emo, Township of Morley, Township of Chapple, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Emo Chamber of Commerce	Public
6/7/2023	4293	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Executive Director/Chiefs Coordinator to follow up with the previously booked meeting time with the FFCS Chiefs.	New Gold asked if the meeting quorum could be confirmed; the quorum was confirmed, and the meeting date set for June 19, 2023.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	Aboriginal
6/8/2023	4301	E-mail	New Gold received a site tour request from Seine River.	New Gold emailed the contact for the request details needed to confirm the site tour date.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
6/8/2023	4299	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big	Public and

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			job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
6/8/2023	4298	Meeting	New Gold had scheduled a teleconference meeting with the Advisory committee.	No participants called in; the meeting will be rescheduled (late July).	Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
6/8/2023	4297	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for May 2023 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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6/8/2023	4295	E-mail	New Gold emailed an invitation to an EMB meeting on June 14th. A copy of the agenda and the last meeting minutes of March 13, 2023 was included.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
6/8/2023	4296	E-mail	New Gold emailed an invitation to an EMB meeting on June 20th. A copy of the agenda and the last meeting minutes of January 13, 2022 was included.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
6/12/2023	4302	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of June 5 - 11, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
6/13/2023	4342	Presentation	Empowerment presentation at Riverview School for High School Students	Brianne Jenner, hockey player, was the presenter.	Rainy River High School	Public and Aboriginal
6/14/2023	4343	Meeting	New Gold hosted a teleconference EMB meeting. The following topics were discussed: -Status of permit applications: ---Air/Noise ECA amendment - Approved ---Closure Plan amendment - Under review	An EMB member requested a copy of the PTTW, 2019 Closure Plan Amendment report, Pinewood Biological Report, and the Tailings Management	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of	Aboriginal

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			<p>---Offset Compensation Plan - engineering work being done; currently under review/approval process with DFO</p> <p>---PTTW - Open pit dewatering - Under review</p> <p>---Industrial sewage works ECA amendment (BCR2 to treat TMA) - NG drafting amendment</p> <p>-Spill reports - questions were asked about the discharge exceedances from 2022 - there were phosphorous and zinc exceedances due to a mis-discharge from site facility. Procedure was amended to mitigate further risk.</p>	policy. The information was emailed July 25, 2023.	Onigaming First Nation	
6/14/2023	4304	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with MNO.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
6/15/2023	4307	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
6/15/2023	4306	E-mail	New Gold distributed PNP packages summarizing upcoming RFPs that may be		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of	Aboriginal

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			issued over the next year.		Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
6/19/2023	4308	E-mail	New Gold emailed information and poster on the upcoming hiring blitz / career fair to promote in the local area and communities.	The event was scheduled for June 26th.	Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
6/19/2023	4335	Presentation	New Gold held the first Beyond Rainy River presentation at the monthly FFCS Chiefs meeting.	The presentation was about looking ahead to social closure and how the mine and communities could work together to mitigate the effects. The Chiefs from RRFN and	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

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				Couchiching were unable to attend; another meeting will be arranged with each community.		
6/19/2023	4337	Presentation	New Gold held the first Beyond Rainy River presentation for municipal leadership in the Emo and Rainy River areas.	The presentation was about looking ahead to social closure and how the mine and communities could work together to mitigate the effects.	Township of LaVallee, Township of Lake of the Woods, Township of Emo, Township of Morley, Township of Chapple, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Emo Chamber of Commerce	Public
6/19/2023	4309	E-mail	New Gold emailed the 2022 Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Report.	No comments or questions were received.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
6/19/2023	4336	Presentation	New Gold held the first Beyond Rainy River presentation for leadership of the FF area.	The presentation was about looking ahead to social closure and how the mine and communities could work together to mitigate the effects.	United Native Friendship Centre, Town of Fort Frances, Seven Generations Education Institute, Confederation College, Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce, Rainy River District School Board, Rainy River Future Development Corporation, Township of Alberton	Aboriginal
6/19/2023	4310	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly	Confidential	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal

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			JIC meeting with Big Grassy along with the biannual IBA review.	meeting minutes were taken.		nal
6/20/2023	4312	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Chief to ask if they would like New Gold to travel to the community to make a presentation to the youth about the process of applying for jobs, opportunities at the mine, as well as information on education programs and bursaries relating to the mining industry.	The Chief confirmed a date on July 11th at the local school and requested that internships and apprenticeships also be discussed. New Gold provided a poster to promote the presentation.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
6/20/2023	4313	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of June 12 - 18, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
6/20/2023	4333	Presentation	New Gold held the first Beyond Rainy River presentation in Big Grassy. Big Grassy and Big Island members were invited.	The presentation was about looking ahead to social closure and how the mine and communities could work together to mitigate the effects. Big Island was unable to attend; a virtual presentation will be set up for a later date.	Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

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6/20/2023	4334	Presentation	New Gold invited representation from the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls, Naotkamegwanning FN, Animakee Wa Zhing #37 FN, Onigaming and Northwest Angle 33 FN to the first Beyond Rainy River presentation hosted in Sioux Narrows.	The presentation was about looking ahead to social closure and how the mine and communities could work together to mitigate the effects. Animakee Wa Zhing #37 FN was unable to participate and requested a virtual presentation at a later date.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
6/21/2023	4316	Mass Mailout	New Gold mailed the RRP 2023 Newsletter Issue 1 to the following communities: Rainy River, Fort Frances (includes Couchiching, Nigigoonsiminikaaning, Mitaanjigamiing, Lac La Croix, Sunset Country Métis), Devlin (includes Naicatchewenin), Emo (includes Rainy River First Nations), Barwick, Stratton, Pinewood, Sleeman (includes Big Grassy, Big Island), Nestor Falls (includes Onigaming), Mine Centre (includes Seine River), and Pawitik (includes Whitefish Bay, Northwest Angle 37 and Sioux Narrows). A digital version was also posted on the New Gold website. A digital copy of the newsletter was emailed to all communities, including those that lay outside of the local mail distribution (those communities include: Buffalo Point, Rat Portage (Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum) and Northwest Angle 33).	The recipients of the digital copy were also sent a link to a Quick Poll on topics of interest for future newsletters and access to previous editions of the newsletter.	Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
6/23/2023	4318	E-mail	New Gold was requested to provide a site tour for the OYEP Mink Lake camp.	New Gold offered to provide a site tour on August 23, 2023.	Outland Youth Employment Program	Aboriginal
6/23/2023	4319	E-mail	New Gold contacted site neighbours to advise them	The neighbours were invited to	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project)	Public

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			that the dust and air sampling program that the neighbours agreed to participate in would be starting on June 26, 2023 and would be completed in 30 days. The program was initiated due to complaints of excess dust in the area.	ask any questions and advised that the results of the testing program would be shared.	footprint)	
6/23/2023	4320	Phone Call	New Gold phoned several local residents that had expressed interest in going on a public tour to invite them on an upcoming site tour.	The public tour was scheduled for July 8, 2023. 23 individuals were contacted by phone or email.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public and Aboriginal
6/26/2023	4345	Community Event	New Gold hosted a Hiring Blitz to meet new potential candidates for various available positions.		Individual - GP	Public and Aboriginal
6/27/2023	4347	E-mail	New Gold emailed Big Grassy to follow up on a tour request.	New Gold asked for potential dates that would work as well as how many are interested. Big Grassy advised that they would let New Gold know after the next Elders meeting.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
6/27/2023	4346	E-mail	New Gold emailed the RRFN JIC member to follow up on a tour request.	New Gold asked for potential dates that would work for RRFN as well as how many are interested. RRFN advised they would likely arrange a tour for the summer students once they were hired and an additional tour for Council. RRFN would provide dates once known.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
6/27/2023	4597	External Feedback	A local resident had questions regarding New Gold's well monitoring program.	New Gold provided the requested information to the neighbour.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
6/27/2023	4325	Meeting	New Gold held their bi-monthly JIC meeting with	Confidential meeting minutes	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal

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			Naicatchewenin.	were taken.		
6/27/2023	4323	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of June 19 - 25, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
6/27/2023	4321	E-mail	The Spill Reporting for the period of May 15 - June 25th was distributed by the Environmental department.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
6/27/2023	4324	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,	Public and Aboriginal

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					Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
6/28/2023	4326	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken. The RRFN JIC member was asked to review list of COIs along with the COI Identification procedure.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
6/29/2023	4328	E-mail	New Gold's CEO extended a formal invitation to area Indigenous leadership to join him and the Board of Directors for a fishing trip on Lake of the Woods.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
6/29/2023	4327	Site Visit	New Gold gave a site tour to a group of Wabigoon Elders.	There were approximately 20 participants.	Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation	Aboriginal
7/4/2023	4598	External Feedback	A local resident contacted New Gold to let them know		Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public

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			how appreciated the newsletter is and the positive effect the mine has had on the Rainy River District.			
7/4/2023	4330	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of June 26 - July 02, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
7/4/2023	4331	E-mail	New Gold emailed recently updated management plans to MECP for review and input in accordance with Conditions 7, 8 and 9 under the provincial Environmental Assessment.	The Project Officer of the MECP confirmed receipt of the updated plans.	Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks	Public
7/6/2023	4349	Meeting	New Gold was invited by the Township for a meet and greet with the Reeve and council members.	Topics discussed were MPAC tax assessment, environmental practices and future mine closure. The reeve and council would like to have a site tour and will discuss at the next council meeting then request a date.	Township of Chapple	Public
7/6/2023	4338	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,	Public and Aboriginal

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7/8/2023	4350	Site Visit	New Gold hosted a site tour for the public.	There were 30 participants.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
7/10/2023	4351	E-mail	New Gold emailed a summary report of the past 3 Independent Tailing Review Board (ITRB) meetings.	The reports were distributed to all JIC and EMB members. Questions were invited.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
7/10/2023	4352	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of July 03 - July 09, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First	Public and Aboriginal

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					Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
7/11/2023	4354	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for June 2023 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
7/11/2023	4356	Presentation	New Gold provided an employment presentation for youth and all community members; a poster was provided by New Gold to promote the event.	The presentation included information on apprenticeships and summer student opportunities.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
7/12/2023	4357	E-mail	The updated HR strategy was distributed to all JIC members.	NG invited feedback from all JIC members.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First	Aboriginal

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					Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
7/13/2023	4358	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
7/13/2023	4360	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department for the weeks of June 26 - July 02 and July 03 - 09, 2023.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of	Public and Aboriginal

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					Onigaming First Nation	
7/13/2023	4361	E-mail	New Gold printed a copy of the Closure Plan Amendment report and made it available for pick up at the Emo office.		Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
7/13/2023	4359	E-mail	Big Grassy advised that they had no questions or comments regarding the HR strategy.	The updated HR strategy had been emailed on July 12, 2023.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
7/17/2023	4365	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with AON.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
7/17/2023	4364	E-mail	New Gold received the final reporting of the Earth Rangers school assembly program.		Earth Rangers	Public and Aboriginal
7/17/2023	4363	E-mail	New Gold emailed JIC and EMB members to request their feedback on the water reporting section of the 2022 Environmental Report.	A link to the document was provided and the specific pages attached within the email.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
7/18/2023	4366	E-mail	The EMB member for MNO advised that they did not have any specific comments on the reporting of water management.	New Gold had requested feedback on the water reporting on July 17, 2023.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
7/18/2023	4353	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of July 10 - July 16, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of	Public and Aboriginal

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					Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
7/19/2023	4368	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN.	RRFN indicated they had no comments or revisions for the recently updated HR strategy.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
7/19/2023	4369	E-mail	AWZFN reached out to NG to cancel the Beyond Rainy River presentation scheduled for July 19, 2023.	The virtual meeting will be rescheduled at a later date.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
7/20/2023	4370	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
7/21/2023	4371	Hand Delivery	New Gold delivered the 2022 annual report on project payback to a JIC member.	The JIC member picked up the report from the NG Emo office.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
7/24/2023	4373	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of July 17 - July 23, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,	Public and Aboriginal

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					<p>Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation</p>	
7/24/2023	4372	E-mail	<p>New Gold received feedback from the MNO JIC member on the annual water reporting, as requested by email on July 17, 2023.</p>	<p>The JIC member requested that the reporting should include that the MNO also has a relationship with NG.</p>	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
7/24/2023	4375	Meeting	<p>New Gold hosted a teleconference Advisory Committee and Enviro sub-committee meeting. The following topics were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Permits received: Stage 5 dam lift for TMA -Permits applied for but not yet approved: CP Amendment (admin changes) working on ENDM comments; PTTW amendment for open pit dewatering wells -Permits applied for since last meeting: Amendment for Industrial Sewage Works ECA to allow BCR2 to treat TMA water directly - need a change to the project description per the ECA -Other updates: No movement on ESA amendment, need to finalize Eastern WPW habitat management plan before further pursuing; Going through engineering for 		<p>Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation</p>	Aboriginal

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			compensation plan for offset fish habitat; Started and ceased discharge into the Pinewood; Water treatment started up in mid-May. -All confirmed that spill reports continue to be received.			
7/24/2023	4374	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Township of Chapple re: new items for review in the Shenston Recycle Program.	Chapple advised the items could be reused and arranged pickup with the warehouse. The regular quarterly meeting was cancelled as there were no other items for consideration.	Township of Chapple	Public
7/25/2023	4376	E-mail	New Gold emailed copies of the PTTW, 2019 Closure Plan Amendment report, Pinewood Biological Report, and the Tailings Management policy as per a request of an EMB member.		Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
7/25/2023	4378	E-mail	New Gold emailed the meeting minutes from the EMB meeting to all invitees. The meeting was held on June 14, 2023. The meeting minutes were also forwarded to all JIC members.	All questions and comments were invited and would be shared with the Enviro team.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
7/26/2023	4379	Hand Delivery	New Gold delivered the 2022 annual report on project payback to a JIC member.	The JIC member picked up the report from the NG Emo office.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
7/27/2023	4380	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooneyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,	Public and Aboriginal

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					Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
7/31/2023	4381	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of July 24 - July 30, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
7/31/2023	4383	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department for the weeks of July 10-16, July 17-23, and July 24-30, 2023.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,	Public and Aboriginal

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					Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
8/3/2023	4384	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
8/10/2023	4386	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First	Public and Aboriginal

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					Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
8/12/2023	4387	Site Visit	New Gold held two public tours of the mine site.	There were 60 participants. Positive feedback was received from both groups with positive comments regarding the tour and the newsletter. The one person shares the newsletter with friends that live out of town.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
8/18/2023	4389	Open House	New Gold hosted an open house during the Emo Fair to allow public an opportunity to meet team members and learn more about the mine. The event was advertised in the local newspaper and radio station.	There were interactive booths and activities for kids. Approximately 100 people attended the event. Participants provided feedback re: areas of interest at the mine.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public and Aboriginal
8/21/2023	4390	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Reports for the weeks of July 31 - Aug 06, Aug 07 - Aug 13, and Aug 14 - Aug 20, 2023, were distributed .	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of	Public and Aboriginal

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					Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
8/22/2023	4393	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for July 2023 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
8/22/2023	4392	E-mail	New Gold received a request from a community member regarding access for hunting purposes.	New Gold responded to the request.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
8/22/2023	4391	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,	Public and Aboriginal

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					Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
8/23/2023	4395	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for approximately 25 youths.		Ontario Youth Employment Program	Public and Aboriginal
8/24/2023	4398	Meeting	New Gold met with an AON JIC member to discuss communications strategy.	No further action required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
8/24/2023	4397	Community Event	New Gold attended a BBQ for low income and homeless; approximately 40 people served.		Individual - GP	Public and Aboriginal
8/24/2023	4396	E-mail	The Weekly Spill Report was distributed by the Environmental department for the weeks of July 31 - Aug 6; August 7 - 13; and August 14 - 20, 2023.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
8/28/2023	4399	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of August 21 - 27, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation,	Public and Aboriginal

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					Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
8/30/2023	4401	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold travelled to Naotkamegwaning for a casual visit; no one was available to talk with them.		Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
8/31/2023	4402	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
8/31/2023	4403	Community Event	New Gold participated in the Overdose Awareness Walk in Couchiching; multiple communities were involved (approximately 200 people).		Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/5/2023	4406	Workshop	New Gold attended a 3-day Culture Camp held at Assabaska Park. There were approximately 120		Big Grassy First Nation	Public and Aboriginal

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			participants.			
9/5/2023	4404	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of August 28 - September 03, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/6/2023	4407	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooneyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/7/2023	4410	E-mail	CN shared information with	New Gold shared		Public

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			New Gold to promote Rail Safety Week upcoming Sept 18 - 24, 2023.	the information with supervisors to share with crews. CN rail police also went to the Emo office to take a photo with management for their railway safety campaign.		and Aboriginal
9/7/2023	4408	Phone Call	A site neighbour contacted New Gold to request access to clear brush along a shared fence line.	The request was shared with site services to address the neighbour's request.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
9/7/2023	4409	Phone Call	New Gold received a phone call from a neighbour that was calling to advise of brush burning to take place on their property adjacent to New Gold property.	New Gold shared the information with other departments and thanked the neighbour for sharing the information.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
9/11/2023	4413	E-mail	New Gold emailed Mitaanjigamiing to follow up on a tour request.	New Gold contacted Mitaanjigamiing to follow-up on a tour request. New Gold advised there was a tour already planned for Chief and Council members (for FFCS communities) and would be happy to work with Mitaanjigamiing to coordinate a site tour for community members. New Gold would need to know potential dates and the number of community members interested.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
9/11/2023	4411	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of September 04 - 10, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of	Public and Aboriginal

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					Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
9/11/2023	4412	Meeting	New Gold held their regular JIC meeting with Naicatchewenin. The meeting had been originally scheduled for August 23rd but was moved to accommodate schedules.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
9/12/2023	4416	E-mail	New Gold emailed invitations to the upcoming Fall Ceremony.	The invitations were sent to EMB, JIC members and Indigenous leadership.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
9/12/2023	4414	E-mail	A local resident asked how NG handles any artifacts that are discovered.	New Gold provided a response explaining how	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public

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				areas were deemed culturally significant or heritage and current policies in place.		
9/13/2023	4417	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/13/2023	4418	E-mail	New Gold asked EMB members to participate in a corporate survey to improve ESG reporting.	The survey would be distributed in a week.	Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
9/13/2023	4423	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for August 2023 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,	Aboriginal

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					Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
9/15/2023	4420	E-mail	New Gold received a request from the general public for site access for hunting purposes.	New Gold responded to the request.	Individual - GP	Public
9/16/2023	4421	Site Visit	New Gold hosted a site tour for the public.	There were 20 participants.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
9/18/2023	4422	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of September 11 - 17, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/18/2023	4424	E-mail	New Gold distributed a link to a survey provided to EMB members and site neighbours.	The survey will help New Gold improve the ESG reporting.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint), Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,	Public and Aboriginal

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					Northern Community Development Services, Fort Frances High School, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Emo, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
9/18/2023	4425	Site Visit	New Gold provided a tour for FFCS Chiefs.		Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
9/20/2023	4431	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with MNO.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
9/20/2023	4428	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
9/20/2023	4433	Site Visit	A site tour was provided for a small group from NWA 37 followed by Geology talk.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
9/21/2023	4438	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold dropped into the community; visited the Band Office and the Community Care Program. A site tour was discussed along with the Truth & Reconciliation powwow.	New Gold offered to help at the powwow on September 28th.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
9/21/2023	4435	Site Visit	New Gold provided a tour of the mine site for the site neighbours.	The number of neighbours who participated in the tour was 22.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
9/21/2023	4434	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,	Public and Aboriginal

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					Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
9/21/2023	4437	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with BGFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were held.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
9/21/2023	4439	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold dropped in the community to discuss planning a site tour.	The tour date was tentatively set for Oct 25 and a sign-up sheet was left.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
9/25/2023	4440	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of Sept 18 - 24, 2023.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/25/2023	4441	Community Event	New Gold attended Fort Frances and Nanicoast Flag Raising Ceremonies.		Town of Fort Frances, Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/26/2023	4444	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with AON in the community.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
9/26/2023	4443	E-mail	Neighbours that participated in the Neighbours Site Tour on September 21st emailed the tour organizer to express thanks and advised they were		Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public

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			impressed by the progress of the mine.			
9/27/2023	4447	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold dropped in for a visit; discussion held on setting up a tour. A sign-in sheet was left by New Gold.		Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
9/27/2023	4445	Community Event	Annual Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce Business Awards event was held in Fort Frances at La Place Rendez Vous. New Gold sponsored the 16+ Employee Award.		Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce	Public and Aboriginal
9/27/2023	4449	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold dropped in at the community to talk about fall ceremony, tour set up and upcoming Truth & Reconciliation events.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
9/27/2023	4450	Community Event	New Gold attended and volunteered to do the registration at the Truth & Reconciliation powwow held in Couchiching.		Big Grassy First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/27/2023	4448	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold dropped in for a visit; the upcoming Fall Ceremony was brought up as well as a discussion held on setting up a tour. A sign-in sheet was left by New Gold.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
9/28/2023	4451	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum	Public and Aboriginal

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					First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
9/28/2023	4454	E-mail	New Gold invited local Leadership, EMB and JIC members to the Fall Ceremony and requested the invitation be extended to community members.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
9/28/2023	4455	Meeting	<p>New Gold hosted a teleconference EMB meeting. The following topics were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Status of permit applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ---Air/Noise ECA amendment - Approved ---Closure Plan amendment - Under review ---Offset Compensation Plan - currently under review/approval process with DFO (will share once approved) ---PTTW - Open pit dewatering - Under review/approval process with regulators ---Industrial sewage works ECA amendment (BCR2 to treat TMA) - Pilot project completed to demonstrate efficacy of TMA water treatment using only BCR#2. Results compiled and preparing ECA Amendment documentation. ---Endangered Species 	New Gold will email a copy of the management policy along with the completed minutes.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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			Amendment - NG actively following permit; NG is working on a plan for Whip-poor-will habitat management with MECP and continues to follow monitoring schedule with existing habitat. -Spill reports - No issues or questions.			
9/29/2023	4457	Community Event	New Gold participated in the Truth and Reconciliation walk, followed by fish fry, hosted in Couchiching.		Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/29/2023	4456	Community Event	RRFN Orange Shirt Day Awareness Presentation and Walk was held at the POW WOW grounds. Local Community Members, Schools and Elders attended the event.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
10/2/2023	4458	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of September 25 - October 1, 2023.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/2/2023	4477	E-mail	New Gold was planning a hiring blitz and advised a community member that has been coming in looking for a job of the date and time of the event.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
10/4/2023	4464	Meeting	New Gold met with AWZFN for a quarterly JIC meeting. The last meeting was held Feb		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

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			2, 2023; other meetings were cancelled due to AWZFN election and scheduling conflicts. The next meeting will be scheduled in January 2024.			
10/4/2023	4466	Community Investment	Local Air Cadets group requested New Gold's assistance providing transportation for Cadets to attend Remembrance Day Ceremonies. New Gold coordinated with a local contractor to provide transportation and a driver.		908 Rainy Lake Royal Canadian Air Cadets	Public
10/4/2023	4463	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions. A poster for an upcoming hiring blitz was also sent.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/4/2023	4478	Ceremony	New Gold hosted Fall Ceremony at the Roundhouse. The officiant was an Elder from RRFN.	There were approximately 25 participants.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
10/5/2023	4469	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold dropped off hard copies of the Stage 1 and 4 archaeological assessments		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

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			along with the contact information of the archaeologist that had performed the work. NG had agreed to provide the information at a JIC meeting held Oct 4, 2023.			
10/5/2023	4467	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold stopped in at the community to discuss an invoice related issue.	New Gold was able to discuss with the appropriate person. No follow up required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
10/5/2023	4471	E-mail	Naotkamegwanning advised New Gold that they are unavailable for the proposed leadership meeting date.	New Gold will provide another date/time for consideration.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
10/6/2023	4472	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill reports (Aug 21 - Oct 1, 2023).		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/10/2023	4481	Open House	A hiring blitz was held at the Emo Office for entry level positions.	There were approximately 45 people interviewed.	Individual - GP	Public and Aboriginal
10/10/2023	4474	E-mail	New Gold emailed an invitation to the next EMB meeting on December 6, 2023.	New Gold attached the minutes from the September 28th meeting, the proposed December 6th agenda and the current Tailings	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First	Aboriginal

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				Storage Facilities Management Policy.	Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
10/10/2023	4483	E-mail	New Gold received an invitation for a Career Fair in Naicatchewenin on November 17, 2023.	New Gold will attend the event.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
10/10/2023	4475	E-mail	New Gold emailed a copy of the EMB meeting minutes of September 28th along with the current Tailings Storage Facilities Management Policy, as also distributed to EMB members.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
10/10/2023	4479	E-mail	New Gold sent out alternate date change for leadership meeting; Naotkamegwanning unable to make the scheduled date.		Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
10/10/2023	4473	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of Oct 02 - 08, 2023.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/10/2023	4480	E-mail	New Gold forwarded the last EMB meeting minutes and the current TMA policy to JIC members.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,	Aboriginal

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					Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
10/11/2023	4484	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/12/2023	4486	E-mail	Onigaming member asking for hunting access on specific areas of the mine footprint.	The information was provided to the requestor.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
10/12/2023	4485	Community Event	New Gold attended the Gizhewaadiziwin Access Centre 25th Anniversary event. There were speakers, a feast and drum group.		Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/13/2023	4487	Site Visit	A tour scheduled for a local High School was cancelled due to mechanical issues with tour bus. Tour was not able to be rescheduled, as tours are cancelled for the season. School contact was advised and New Gold offered a presentation to the students to share information about	A presentation will be scheduled if requested.	Fort Frances High School	Public

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			the mine and career opportunities in mining.			
10/17/2023	4488	E-mail	New Gold contacted residents regarding the Offsite Groundwater Testing program list to confirm participation for 2023. Residents were offered to receive a call from New Gold's Hydrogeologist to review results. 16 residents contacted, 15 to participate, 9 requested review of results	New Gold will follow-up with neighbours once results are received to arrange call with New Gold's Hydrogeologist.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
10/18/2023	4493	E-mail	New Gold emailed the current employment opportunities along with some of the job descriptions.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Bitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/18/2023	4492	E-mail	The weekly incident report was distributed for the week of October 9 - 15, 2023.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee	Public and Aboriginal

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					Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
10/18/2023	4496	E-mail	New Gold forwarded the last EMB meeting minutes and the current TMA policy to EMB members.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
10/18/2023	4490	E-mail	The results of the one-month air quality sampling program was provided to neighbours participating in the program. Since there was no significant dust event during the sampling period, New Gold offered to conduct an AQ test when a dust event occurs. The neighbour would call the Community Department and the Community Department would contact with the Health & Safety and Environment Departments to conduct testing.		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public and Aboriginal
10/18/2023	4491	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Naotkamegwanning.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
10/19/2023	4500	Meeting	Leadership meeting held in Big Island between the GM and Band Manager.	New Gold will coordinate a leadership meeting between NG President and Chief.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
10/19/2023	4497	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for September 2023 that		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First	Aboriginal

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			summarized employment and business aspects.		Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
10/19/2023	4499	Meeting	Big Grassy Leadership meeting between Director of operations and the GM of New Gold.	No actions required.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
10/19/2023	4498	Presentation	New Gold called Cornerstone Christian school to advise a request for a tour cannot be provided due to age of students. New Gold offered to provide a presentation to the students at the school with a focus on mining and rocks & minerals.	New Gold will follow up with Geology to present & discuss dates provided by the school.	Cornerstone Christian School	Public
10/23/2023	4505	Text	Big Island/Big Grassy tour- Big Island advised that some members were unable to participate in the mine tour due to a family member passing. Big Island would let NG know if the full tour will be cancelled.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
10/23/2023	4504	E-mail	New Gold emailed Naotkamegwanning a letter summarizing exploration communications and permit activities as per the community's request.		Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
10/23/2023	4501	Ceremony	Agency One held the fall ceremony at Seven Oaks, there were 2 Chiefs in attendance and approximately 24 people from different communities. They sang 5 songs, feasted the		Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal

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			grounds and did a giveaway ceremony.			
10/23/2023	4502	Ceremony	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation has purchased land to build a hotel and other businesses. New Gold attended their groundbreaking ceremony.		Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
10/23/2023	4506	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for 19 students; HR and Enviro presented to students.		Rainy River High School	Public and Aboriginal
10/23/2023	4503	E-mail	New Gold agreed to sponsor ice time at the Emo Arena for local youth.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
10/24/2023	4511	E-mail	The Rainy River District Municipal Association requested a Presentation from New Gold at the upcoming RRDMA AGM - January 13th.	New Gold confirmed they would participate.	Rainy River District Municipal Association	Public
10/24/2023	4512	E-mail	Weekly Spill Reports as distributed by the Environmental Department (Oct 2 - 22, 2023).	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/24/2023	4509	E-mail	A site neighbour emailed the Community Department to provide updated contact information and asked to be included in the 2024 Neighbour Tour. Contact information was updated on the Neighbour distribution list.	n/a	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
10/24/2023	4508	E-mail	The quarterly meeting		Township of Chapple	Public

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			between the Township of Chapple and New Gold to review items that New Gold may have for the Shenston Landfill Program was cancelled. No items are available for this quarter.			
10/25/2023	4518	E-mail	New Gold followed up with Naotkamegwanning regarding a proposed leadership date.		Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
10/25/2023	4515	E-mail	New Gold received an invitation to attend the Emo Chamber of Commerce meeting on October 31st. The focus of the meeting will be planning for the annual Holly Daze event.		Emo Chamber of Commerce	Public
10/25/2023	4514	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly incident report (October 16 - 22, 2023).		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/25/2023	4520	Site Visit	New Gold invited community members from Big Island, Big Grassy, Naicatchewenin, Naotkamegwanning and AWZFN for a site tour.	Six community members participated in the site tour; HR and Enviro did presentations.	Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
10/25/2023	4516	E-mail	New Gold received a request for a meeting with senior executives of Confederation College during a visit scheduled at the Fort Frances	New Gold met with Confederation College on November 1,	Confederation College	Public

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			Campus Nov 1-3rd.	2023.		
10/25/2023	4513	E-mail	New Gold emailed all JIC members the draft meeting minutes of the JIC meeting held on October 18, 2023.	The minutes will be reviewed at the November 2, 2023, follow up JIC meeting. This is earlier than is typical, however, an election is coming up in the community that may affect JIC membership.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
10/25/2023	4521	E-mail	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation requested a resume and cover letter workshop in the month of November.	New Gold will create a poster and coordinate a date.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
10/25/2023	4517	E-mail	New Gold emailed a summary and poster of the current employment opportunities.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/26/2023	4522	Community Event	New Gold attended a Fall Ceremony in Rainy River First Nation and helped with the fish station and bear hide.		Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
10/27/2023	4523	E-mail	Dust Fall Sampling results were emailed to two neighbours that participated		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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			in the program. No elevated levels reported during the sampling period. Plan of action will be to call in to the Emo Community Office when a dust event occurs to conduct last minute sampling to provide further data for analysis.			
10/30/2023	4524	Phone Call	New Gold returned a phone message received about a lands concern. Information was gathered and shared with corporate lands to collect the information.	New Gold will share the information with the enquirer when the information has been collected.	Individual - GP	Public
10/31/2023	4526	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	A resident that owns property close to the mine dropped by the Emo Office to request a mine tour and asked questions regarding the current operations. A New Gold Senior Geologist was at the Emo Office and answered questions. Contact information was provided to add to the tour list for 2024. A follow-up email was sent to the resident with the Community Coordinator contact information.	New Gold will contact resident when tours are planned in 2024.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
10/31/2023	4527	Presentation	New Gold provided a presentation to approximately 50 students at the Cornerstone Christian School in Emo. The students learned about the mine and the presenter shared information on the mining process and rock formations.	The teacher thanked New Gold and provided feedback, advising the content of the presentation was perfect for the grades 4 and 5 class, a little difficult for grades 1-3 but all kids were engaged.	Cornerstone Christian School	Public
10/31/2023	4525	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of October 23 - 29, 2023.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation,	Public and Aboriginal

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					Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
11/1/2023	4528	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
11/1/2023	4545	Meeting	New Gold met with reps from Confederation College.		Confederation College	Public
11/2/2023	4531	Meeting	New Gold and Naotkamegwaning met to follow-up on agreed upon actions ahead of the upcoming election in Naotkamegwaning.	Confidential minutes were taken.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
11/2/2023	4532	E-mail	New Gold distributed the		Naotkamegwaning	Aboriginal

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			2022 Annual JIC report as approved by JIC members.		First Nation	nal
11/2/2023	4530	Phone Call	New Gold contacted a site neighbour regarding the results of the Dust Fall Sampling conducted. No elevated readings were received during the testing period. The neighbour was advised to contact the Community Office when a significant dust event occurs and further testing will be conducted for analysis.	NG will arrange further testing if/when a call is received.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
11/6/2023	4536	E-mail	New Gold provided alternate dates for a reschedule of the cancelled Oct 26th meeting.	New Gold will send out a new date once a date is agreed upon.	Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
11/6/2023	4533	E-mail	New Gold sent an invitation for a virtual meeting for a Leadership meeting to be held on an agreed upon date of December 5, 2023.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
11/6/2023	4534	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for October 2023 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
11/6/2023	4535	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of Oct 30 - Nov 5, 2023.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,	Public and Aboriginal

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					Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
11/6/2023	4537	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with the Community Care Program team, dropped off the Closure Plan Amendment with the EMB member.		Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
11/7/2023	4539	E-mail	The Rainy River District Municipal Association Executive have scheduled their Annual General Meeting for Saturday, January 13, 2024 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 99 in Emo Ontario. They would like to extend an invitation to New Gold to attend and speak to the district delegates. It is hoped that New Gold could provide a presentation 30 minutes in length and then follow up with 15 minutes for questions.	New Gold will attend the event and provide a presentation.	Rainy River District Municipal Association	Public
11/7/2023	4540	Phone Call	The Environment Department commenced a trace dye study on the discharge plume delineation in the Pinewood River. The study will occur from November 7 – Nov 10th and will evaluate the flow of water discharge from the mine. A local site neighbour with property along the Pinewood River was contacted to be advised of the activity.		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
11/7/2023	4538	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold will work with Tribal Health on a presentation and workshop to	New Gold will follow up with organizations and	Fort Frances Tribal Area Health Services	Aboriginal

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			deliver in First Nation Communities, once their mental health worker is hired. The workshop will help with job ready skills and self-love. One of the barriers Ontario workers mention, is their clients don't feel educated or worthy enough to apply for a job. The workshops will help empower people and help them gain confidence to have an interview.	community workers.		
11/8/2023	4547	Ceremony	New Gold attended RRFN groundbreaking ceremony for the new water treatment plant.	There were approximately 20 people in attendance.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
11/8/2023	4542	E-mail	A local High School requested a Presentation to their Manufacturing Students. More information was requested on the content for the Presentation and potential dates.	The presentation will be coordinated once further details are provided.	Rainy River High School	Public
11/8/2023	4541	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways	Public and Aboriginal

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					of Onigaming First Nation	
11/8/2023	4548	Ceremony	New Gold attended RRFN's Indigenous Veteran's Day Ceremony. Youth from the district were also invited.	There were approximately 70 people in attendance.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
11/11/2023	4550	Community Event	New Gold coordinated transportation for the 908 Rainy Lake Royal Canadian Air Cadets Squadron to attend Remembrance Day Services and met with the Cadets prior to the Remembrance Day Services.		908 Rainy Lake Royal Canadian Air Cadets	Public
11/11/2023	4551	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold had an impromptu meeting with a representative of the Fort Frances Kiwanis Club at the Remembrance Day Services in Fort Frances. The representative thanked New Gold for assistance with an upcoming Christmas Event.		Kiwanis Club of Fort Frances	Public
11/11/2023	4549	Community Event	New Gold participated at local Remembrance Day Services held throughout the Region.		Town of Stratton, Town of Fort Frances, Village of Barwick, Township of Emo, Township of Chapple, Town of Rainy River	Public
11/13/2023	4553	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of November 06 - 12, 2023.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
11/13/2023	4552	Drop-in Visit/Casual	4-H members stopped in to invite New Gold to an	The supper will be held November	Rainy River District 4-H Association	Public

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		Meeting	upcoming dinner in appreciation of New Gold's purchase of a steer at the Emo Fair in August. The 4-H members also gave New Gold a plaque and a thank you card for purchasing their steer at the Emo Fair in August.	25, 2023.		
11/15/2023	4555	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
11/15/2023	4556	Phone Call	New Gold contacted Seven Gens to set up a meeting to discuss potential apprenticeship training options for New Gold employees.	New Gold will follow up as necessary.	Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
11/16/2023	4557	Meeting	New Gold and Naicatchewenin had their regular JIC meeting.	Confidential minutes of the meeting were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
11/17/2023	4559	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	Two individuals dropped by the Emo Office inquiring about employment opportunities.	New Gold provided information on how to apply.	Individual - GP	Public

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11/17/2023	4558	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	A local resident dropped by the Emo Office inquiring about employment opportunities at the mine.	Information was provided on accessing website and several available jobs were printed out.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
11/17/2023	4560	Community Event	New Gold attended a career fair in Northwest Bay. There were 4 booths with approximately 30 people in attendance.	New Gold will assist members once they apply online.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
11/21/2023	4562	Postal Mail	New Gold received a thank you card from Riverside Foundation for Healthcare for sponsorship of their Annual Fundraising Gala. \$50,000 was raised to support local Health care for surgical equipment.		Riverside Foundation for Health Care	Public
11/21/2023	4561	E-mail	The weekly incident report was distributed for the week of November 13 - 19, 2023.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
11/22/2023	4565	Meeting	New Gold held their regular JIC meeting with RRFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
11/22/2023	4564	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United	Public and Aboriginal

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11/23/2023	4566	E-mail	New Gold was to attend a Resume Workshop; it was cancelled by Onigaming as no one signed up.	New Gold will coordinate with Onigaming on rescheduling the workshop when there is participation.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
11/25/2023	4567	Community Event	New Gold attended the 4-H dinner, as previously invited.		Rainy River District 4-H Association	Public
11/27/2023	4570	Meeting	New Gold hosted a teleconference FFCS AC/Enviro sub-committee meeting. The following topics were discussed: -Permits received: None. Permits applied for but not yet approved: CP Amendment (administrative changes); PTTW Amendment for open pit dewatering wells; Amendment for Industrial Sewage Works ECA to allow BCR2 to treat TMA and MRP water directly. Update on the Stage 5 TMA dam raise (construction completed on the 2m raise): Letter of conformance required from the Engineer of Record, expect by the end of year. Permits that will be applied		Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal

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			for: Stage 6 dam raise (1m) construction in 2024, expect to apply end of 2023/early 2024; Amendment to the ECA sewage works, apply for in mid-2024, amendment would allow increase of overall discharge and overall site treatment as identified in a recently completed water balance model and would reduce the need for some future dam raises; LRIA approval for diffuser needed in the river as related to the ECA sewage works amendment; and a LRIA application as NG continues to work through the engineering of the additional fish habitat at the lower west creek diversion. Other updates: discharge into Pinewood River commenced mid-April and concluded November 24th when the Pinewood River froze over. During dry periods, discharge was paused.			
11/27/2023	4569	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with AON.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
11/27/2023	4568	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	A local area person stopped in the Emo office to find out more about the employment process and the status of their application.	The person was assisted.	Individual - GP	Public
11/27/2023	4571	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of November 20 - 26, 2023.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of	Public and Aboriginal

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					Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
11/28/2023	4573	Phone Call	New Gold spoke with Director of training to coordinate a meeting regarding offering local schooling options for apprentices.	New Gold will follow up as needed to book the meeting if there is opportunity to do so.	Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
11/29/2023	4574	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
11/29/2023	4575	Community Event	New Gold attended a Community Information session in Big Grassy. There were approximately 10-12 information booths about the different programs and services in community and partnerships with other	New Gold will follow up with any community members as needed.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal

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			agencies. New Gold spoke with approximately 40 community members and gave business cards and career page links to approximately 20 members.			
11/30/2023	4576	E-mail	New Gold emailed weekly spill reports as distributed by the Environmental Department (weeks of Oct 23-29; Oct 30-Nov 5; Nov 6-12; Nov 13-19; Nov 20-26, 2023).	Questions regarding any incidents were invited.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
11/30/2023	4578	Community Event	New Gold entered a float and participated in the Rainy River Christmas Parade.		Town of Rainy River	Public
11/30/2023	4577	E-mail	The resume workshop for Onigaming was rescheduled for Dec 14th. New Gold sent a poster for distribution.	New Gold will attend the event on the rescheduled date.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
12/1/2023	4579	Community Event	New Gold entered a float and participated in the Emo Holly Daze Parade.		Township of Emo	Public
12/4/2023	4580	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of November 27 - December 03, 2023.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing	Public and Aboriginal

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					First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
12/5/2023	4584	E-mail	MNO emailed New Gold regarding spills reported in the weekly spill reports distributed on November 30, 2023.	The Environment Manager emailed the information as requested by MNO; the exceedances were also discussed further at the EMB (December 6, 2023).	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
12/5/2023	4581	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Big Grassy.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
12/5/2023	4583	Hand Delivery	New Gold delivered Christmas baskets to local communities.		Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
12/5/2023	4582	Meeting	New Gold and AWZFN held their regular leadership meeting.	The meeting was held virtually; confidential notes were taken.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
12/6/2023	4332	Meeting	New Gold hosted a teleconference EMB meeting. The following topics were discussed: Closure Plan Amendment: Update included changes in open pit shell and mine rock stockpile sizing upon closure; comments received from the Ministry of Mines; NG to respond before end of year. Offset Compensation Plan - Continuing to work with engineering on 3.5ha of fish habitat at the remnant Loslo Creek and West Creek Diversion confluence. DFO have reviewed the memo; overall concept will be distributed to EMB members		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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			<p>for review. Engineering should be completed Jan or Feb of 2024.</p> <p>PTTW - Open Pit Dewatering: Increasing the amount of dewatering wells along the southern extent of the Open pit to reduce seepage rates (currently under review/approval process with regulators)</p> <p>Industrial Sewage Works ECA Amendment - BCR#2 to treat TMA water: Completed a pilot project to show efficacy of TMA water treatment using only BCR#2. Results compiled and preparing ECA Amendment documentation. Currently in review with regulators.</p> <p>Endangered Species Habitat Management Plan per ECA Permit: NG is actively following the permit. NG is working on a plan for Whip-poor-will habitat management with MECP. Continue to follow monitoring schedule with existing habitat. Currently in review with regulators.</p> <p>Stage 6 Dam Raise: Details will be submitted end of 2023/beginning of 2024. Waiting for additional information from engineers. Raise will be 1m to built in 2024. Currently with NG/not submitted.</p> <p>Industrial Sewage Works ECA Amendment: Water balance model rebuild identified changes needed on site. Changes to water treatment plan to be able to discharge 130,000 cubic meters per day, and treat 60,000 cubic meters per day, with no changes in effluent or dilution. Permit planned for submission mid-2024.</p> <p>Application for LRIA from MNRF: Initiating screening</p>			

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			process for additional diffusers in the Pinewood River and Loslo Pond. Engineering work still to be reviewed by NG's environmental department (not submitted). Review of Spill Reports and Exceedances: All were reviewed and questions answered.			
12/6/2023	4585	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
12/6/2023	4588	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with MNO.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
12/6/2023	4589	E-mail	New Gold emailed a summary report of the most recent Independent Tailing Review Board report (#17).	The report was distributed to all JIC and EMB members. Questions were invited.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation,	Public and Aboriginal

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					Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
12/6/2023	4600	Hand Delivery	New Gold Community Department delivered cookies and Happy Holidays card to area communities as well as making connections for a planned empowerment workshop by New Gold.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
12/7/2023	4603	E-mail	New Gold emailed weekly spill reports as distributed by the Environmental Department (week of November 27 - December 3, 2023).	Questions regarding any incidents were invited.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
12/7/2023	4602	Drop-in Visit/Casual	New Gold Community Department delivered cookies		Township of Lavallee, Town of Fort Frances,	Public

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		Meeting	and Happy Holidays card to Municipalities as a thank you for support in 2023.		Township of Emo, Township of Morley, Township of Chapple, Town of Rainy River, Township of Alberton	
12/11/2023	4604	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for November 2023 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
12/11/2023	4605	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of December 04 - 10, 2023.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
12/11/2023	4606	Hand Delivery	New Gold delivered posters to local schools and		Crossroads Public School, Sturgeon Creek	Public and

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			businesses to promote free weekly open skating in Emo hosted by New Gold.		School, Donald Young School, Cornerstone Christian School	Aboriginal
12/13/2023	4610	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	Christmas Cookies and Holiday Greeting Card were delivered by New Gold's Community Team to site neighbours.		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public and Aboriginal
12/13/2023	4608	E-mail	New Gold emailed information of the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
12/13/2023	4609	Community Investment	In 2023 New Gold provided financial contributions through donations and sponsorship to over 50 local non-profit and charitable organizations.		Rainy River District Truth and Reconciliation Committee, Emo Food Bank, Rainy River Westend Food Bank, Riverside Foundation for Health Care, Ducks Unlimited, Rainy River District 4-H Association, Town of Rainy River, Rainy River First Nations, Rainy River Valley Agricultural Society	Public and Aboriginal
12/14/2023	4611	Community	New Gold volunteered by		Emo Knox United Church	Public

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		Event	assisting a local church group in assembling Christmas dinners for local seniors.			
12/14/2023	4348	Meeting	New Gold attended the Industry Advisory Group meeting.	Agenda items included a presentation from the Lake of the Woods Fishery and member updates.	International Joint Commission Industry Advisory Group	Public
12/14/2023	4613	Workshop	New Gold participated in a Resume Workshop; There were unfortunately no participants. New Gold made a connection with the community Ontario Works Worker and discussed New Gold's planned empowerment workshop.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
12/14/2023	4612	E-mail	New Gold distributed PNP packages summarizing upcoming RFPs that may be issued over the next year.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
12/18/2023	4614	Other	New Gold organized a lunch with AON's Chief.	AON texted that the Chief was unable to meet and would like to reschedule in the New Year.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
12/19/2023	4616	Other	New Gold organized a lunch with RRFN's Chief and Council.	RRFN cancelled the planned get together.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
12/21/2023	4617	Mass Mailout	New Gold mailed the RRP 2023 Newsletter Issue 2 to the following communities: Rainy River, Fort Frances (includes Couchiching, Nigigoonsiminikaaning, Mitaanjigamiing, Lac La Croix, Sunset Country Métis), Devlin (includes Naicatchewenin),	n/a	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United	Public and Aboriginal

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			<p>Emo (includes Rainy River First Nations), Barwick, Stratton, Pinewood, Sleeman (includes Big Grassy, Big Island), Nestor Falls (includes Onigaming), Mine Centre (includes Seine River), and Pawitik (includes Whitefish Bay, Northwest Angle 37 and Sioux Narrows). A digital version was also posted on the New Gold website. A digital copy of the newsletter was emailed to all communities, including those that lay outside of the local mail distribution (those communities include: Buffalo Point, Rat Portage (Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum) and Northwest Angle 33).</p>		<p>Native Friendship Centre, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation</p>	
12/21/2023	4618	E-mail	<p>New Gold emailed weekly spill reports as distributed by the Environmental Department (weeks of December 4 -10 and December 11 -17, 2023).</p>	<p>Questions regarding any incidents were invited.</p>	<p>Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation</p>	<p>Public and Aboriginal</p>

SECTION 8

NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE

CONCLUSION



Figure 20. Sunset over the Round House Winter 2023.

Conclusion

This Environmental Compliance Report was prepared by New Gold Inc. Rainy River Mine. The quality of information and conclusions are based on:

- i) Information available at the time of preparation, and
- ii) The assumptions, conditions and qualifications set forth in this document.

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