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## SUBJECT: 2024 NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

On behalf of New Gold Inc. please find attached a copy of the 2024 Annual Compliance Report for the Rainy River Mine.

In accordance with the Federal Environmental Assessment Decision Statement Condition 2.3, Provincial Environmental Assessment Notice of Approval Condition 6 (EA 05-09-02/EAIMS 13102) and the Compliance Monitoring Program submitted by New Gold RRM in fulfillment of Condition 5 of the Provincial Environmental Assessment Notice of Approval, this Annual Environmental Assessment Compliance Report contains the following:

- Federal Decision Statement Registry
- Provincial Notice of Approval Registry
- Commitments Registry
- Follow Up Monitoring Program (FMP) Registry and
- Public Consultation Registry

Ministry's Environmental Assessment Branch (EAB) Comments	New Gold Revisions
The status of Condition 7 should indicate that New Gold has updated their Complaint Protocol in 2018, with acceptance received by MECP in 2018, rather than simply stating it was completed in February 2015 for the 2023 ACR. Please revise the status of Condition 7 to reflect this indication. Future ACRs should continue to state when the plan was updated and accepted.	The original protocol was submitted and accepted in 2015 (Rev 0 and Rev 1). In 2018, the plan was submitted to MECP and accepted by MECP to update project background, change of Rainy River Project to Rainy River Mine, and update contact information (Rev 2). In 2018, the plan was submitted to MECP and accepted by MECP to further update contact information and make revisions as per MECP comments of July 25, 2018 (Rev 3). 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.
Per Conditions 14.1 and 14.2, the status should be rewritten to clarify that the proponent is meeting the requirements of the NoA, Conditions 14.1, 14.2, and 14.3. As of now, New Gold has	Condition 14.1 and 14.2 have been updated to state that the requirements of the Monitoring Plan are being met in Appendix B, D, H, J and N.



combined Conditions 14.1 and 14.2 into a single condition (Condition 14.1) in their ACR and labeled Condition 14.3 of the NoA as Condition 14.2. Please revise Conditions 14.1 and 14.2 to clearly indicate that New Gold is meeting all requirements of Condition 14.1, 14.2, and 14.3 of the NoA in the 2023 ACR, as well as for future reports.

After review of the Provincial EA, EA File No.: EA US-09-02, EA.IMS File i·lo.:13102, dated January 28, 2015, it is found that it only contains conditions 14.1 and 14.2. There is no condition 14.3.

Once you have had the opportunity to review this information, please do not hesitate to contact Garnet Cornell (<a href="mailto:garnet.cornell@newgold.com">garnet.cornell@newgold.com</a>) or Ginger Bragg (<a href="mailto:ginger.bragg@newgold.com">ginger.bragg@newgold.com</a>) with any additional questions or information requests that you may have.

Sincerely,

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