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Violet Camsell-Blondin
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Re: Sable Waste Rock Storage Area Design Plan

Dear Mrs. Camsell-Blondin,

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (Agency) has reviewed Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation's (DDEC) Sable Waste Rock Storage Area (WRSA) Design Plan and submits the following comment for your consideration.

Reporting of Rock Types in WRSA

According to the Waste Rock and Ore Management Plan (WROMP), 95-98% of the rock at Sable Pit will be granite with 2-5% of diabase which are classified as non-Potentially Acid Generating (non-PAG). The WRSA Design Plan only considered the placement of granite rock, but does not address what process is in place should DDEC encounter additional rock types for placement in the Sable WRSA. It is unclear whether they would be required to inform the WLWB and reviewers if PAG rock was encountered and how this would be mitigated. This information is submitted as part of the Annual Water Licence and Environmental Agreement Report, however, its significance could easily be missed in such a large document.

Recommendation: DDEC clarify what process, in addition to the Annual Report, it would follow to inform regulators if additional rock types were encountered at Sable Pit.

Should you have any questions concerning these comments, the Agency is pleased to discuss these at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jaida Ohokannoak
Chairperson

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