

# New Gold Rainy River Mine

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January to December 2018**

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EA 05-09-02/EAIMS 13102

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Decision Statement Condition 2.3



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*Figure 1 November Sunrise over the Mill 2018*

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## Executive Summary

The 2018 Annual Compliance Report covers the reporting period from January 1st to December 31st, 2018 for the New Gold Inc. (New Gold) Rainy River Mine.

The site is located in Chapple Township, approximately 65 kilometers northwest of Fort Frances in northwestern Ontario. In October 2017 the Project transitioned from its construction phase to an operational phase.

To date Rainy River Mine is an operational open pit mine designed to produce 325,000 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 2018 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 Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency 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 5 EA 05-09-02/EAIMS 13102; and the Federal Environmental Assessment Decision Statement Condition 2.3.

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



*Figure 2 Elk in Field on HWY 617 January 4th, 2018*

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## Acronyms

ABA	Acid Based Accounting
BMA	Bear Management Area
CEAA	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
CMP	Compliance Monitoring Plan
DFO	Department of Fisheries and Oceans
DMBPP	Dust Management Best Practice Plan
EA	Environmental Assessment
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
ECA	Environmental Compliance Approval
EEM	Environmental Effects Monitoring
EMRS	East Mine Rock Stockpile
ERT	Emergency Response Team
ENDM	Ministry of Energy of Northern Development and Mines
FMP	Follow-up Monitoring Plan
LRIA	Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act
MDMER	Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulation
MNRF	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
MECP	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
MRP	Mine Rock Pond
MTCS	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
NG	New Gold
PTTW	Permit to Take Water
PWQO	Provincial Water Quality Objectives
RRM	Rainy River Mine
RRP	Rainy River Project
SAR	Species at Risk
SDS	Safety Data Sheets
TK/TLU	Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Land Use
TMA	Tailings Management Area
WMP	Water Management Pond
WMRS	West Mine Rock Stockpile
XRD	X-Ray Diffraction

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# **SECTION 1.0**

## **NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE**

### **MINE UPDATE**



*Figure 3 Open Pit Mine Summer 2018*



## 1.0 Mine Update

The Rainy River Mine (RRM) site is located 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),
- Overburden, mine rock and low-grade ore stockpiles,
- Primary crusher and process plant (completed 2018),
- Tailings management area,
- 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.

During 2018, construction continued with the completion and commissioning of Cell 3 of the Tailings Management Area.

The subsections that follow provide an overview of the activities conducted onsite during 2018.

### 1.1 Health and Safety

Health and Safety is a primary focus of the RRM. Table 1 outlines the project statistics from 2015 to 2018.

*Table 1: Rainy River Mine Safety Statistics*

<b>Description</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Lost Time Incidents	0	1	2	3
Hours Worked on Project	1,265,699	2,899,056	3,726,628	2 586 258
Site Health, Safety and Environmental Orientations completed	2500	3200	4328	2719

2018 Highlights and activities within the Health and Safety Department include;

- Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR) of 0.95 for 2018 represent a major improvement over 2.80 in 2017.
- There was 2,127,883 Lost Time Injury (LTI) Free Hours for the site.
- New fully dedicated Emergency Response Coordinator
- New fully dedicated Security Coordinator
- Underground rescue training started in 2018



*Figure 4 Occupational health sampling by maintenance wash trailers*

## 1.2 Construction

2018 marked the fourth year of construction on the RRM. During 2018 the follow projects were completed:

- TMA North Dam and Cell 2 Dam
- North Dam seepage collection pond and ditch
- TMA Cell 2 Dam Spillway
- TMA South Dam to Cell 3 Elevation
- Sediment Ponds 1 & 2
- Water Discharge Pond
- West Creek Diversion Culvert Removal Project and Marr Creek Tie-in
- Crushing of Zone 5 Aggregate for TMA
- Started the Water Treatment Train including BCR #1
- Cell 2 tailings and TMA reclaim pipelines
- Substantial completion of the TMA wildlife exclusion barrier

Construction activities in the TMA for 2019 will include the completion of Cell 3 seepage collection system and tailing pipeline, raises and/or extensions of North, West and South Dams, completion of reptile exclusion barrier on the wildlife exclusion fence, as well as completion of the Phase 1 Water Treatment Train.



*Figure 5 Exclusion fence and reptile barrier*

### 1.3 Mine Operations

Open pit operations continued in Phase 1, which progressed down to the 230 elevation. In addition, development of Phase 2 of the open pit progressed to the 300 elevation. The mine also delivered construction material(rock) to the TMA to support construction of the dams.



*Figure 6 Southern facing aerial view of the open pit mine winter 2018*

## 1.4 Human Resources

As of December 31, 2018, there were 682 employees of New Gold at RRM. In December 2017 there were 584 employees. During the year we hired 240 employees and off-boarded 142 employees for an overall increase of 98 employees. Of the 682 employees;

- 73% were hired from the Rainy River District
- 2% were hired from the Kenora District
- 15% were hired from other locations in Ontario
- 8% were hired from Provinces or Territories within Canada, other than Ontario
- 2% were hired from outside of Canada
- 26% of New Gold employees at RRM self-identified as Indigenous, with the majority from local communities or affiliations.
- 14.4% of New Gold employees at RRM 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).

In 2018 we continued our recruitment efforts in the local communities conducting career fairs and school visits.

We introduced the Line of Progression (LOP) for production employees in the Mine, Mill, Maintenance, and Construction. The LOP outlines the training requirements and compensation structure of all of our production positions. We also introduced an updated employee manual updating our employee related policies and procedures.

New training software was implemented that maintains a centralized data base for all of employee training records.

In 2019, New Gold will continue to focus on hiring from local communities and developing our team members.



*Figure 8 New Gold employee by a drill*



*Figure 7 Mill operators*



Engagement of neighbors, Indigenous communities, local municipalities and employees remained a priority for New Gold RRM in 2018. In New Gold's first full year of commercial production, tours of the site and facilities continued to be very popular. Tours were provided to the general public, business partners, school groups, neighbors, Indigenous community members and to families of employees.

New Gold RRM also distributed two newsletters throughout the local communities, mailed locally and emailed to communities outside of the local mail distribution. New Gold also participated in the Christmas Parade in Fort Frances, Literacy Day at Donald Young School, and presentations to other local schools. New Gold hosted annual Spring and Fall Ceremonies at the site; officiants were Elder Laura Horton at the Spring Ceremony and Elder Alfred Oshie at the Fall Ceremony. Both ceremonies were attended by both New Gold employees and members of local Indigenous communities.

New Gold RRM has various existing partnerships with Indigenous groups and continued to engage through Participation and implementation committee meetings, site visits, business development assistance, and participation in community events. The community team for Rainy River includes Community Coordinators, a Business Development Officer and a Commitments Supervisor.

New Gold is proud of the numerous sponsorships and donations it makes to local communities. New Gold RRM supports initiatives that focus on education, arts & culture, environment and health and wellness. In 2018, some of the sponsorships and donations by New Gold RRM included;

- Sponsorship of the Rainy Lake Concert Series;
- Support for the Emo fair grounds upgrades;
- Donations to local food banks;
- Support of new local bee yard;
- Donations to local community Pow Wows;
- Donation of speed awareness signs to the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls;
- Sponsorship of local hockey associations;
- Sponsorship of a youth summer program in the Township of Emo;
- Support to Indigenous Art Workshops;

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



*Figure 10 Alex Pollard, Rick Neilson, Ty Stafford (new bee yard)*



*Figure 9 Karen Rustige, Gerry Race, Kris Tittlemier, Jerry O'Leary (Mayor SN-NF), Claude McKenzie (New Gold H&S Manager), Paul Van Belleghem (Speed awareness signs)*

## 1.6 Environmental Update

During 2018, Rainy River Mine successfully completed first year of production. In keeping pace with site wide changes, the Environmental team continued to provide support and guidance to various operations and construction teams. In addition to providing site wide support, the team effectively met all monitoring reporting timelines and requirements.

In January, New Gold acquired a mobile bear trap, designed and approved by the MNR, to trap and transport bears. In February, the team rescued an orphaned bear cub, See Figure 11, discovered on site. The cub was treated for hypothermia by a local veterinarian then transported to a rehabilitation center in southern Ontario.



*Figure 11 Orphaned bear cub*

Critical submissions included an amendment and update of the environmental compliance construction and sewage works approvals including discharge criteria changes, spring freshet water management contingency plan, comprehensive site wide water balance and updated groundwater model, feasibility and design reports for flume and diversion dykes in the Pinewood River and PTTW amendments for dewatering aggregate operations.

In addition, an external compliance audit of the Environmental Management System was completed and a design for Phase 1 EMS/TSM implemented.

The Environmental team hosted several meetings with MNR, MECP, EMND, EC, CEAA and the Environmental Monitoring Board. Team members participated in consultation meetings with First Nations groups on ECA and Closure Plan Amendments and traditional knowledge. Selected team members participated in GIS and reclamation conferences.

In April, tasks completed included bird deterrent staking in high risk areas and submission of various applications for tree clearing in construction and infrastructure expansion areas.

Commissioning of the West Creek Diversion channel in 2017 provided a safe passage for fish to migrate through the site and into spawning grounds. During May of 2018, Environmental Team members spotted White Sucker fish spawning in several locations along the upper reaches of the West Creek Diversion channel (Figure 12).



*Figure 12 White Sucker spawning May 2018*

During July and August, New Gold Environmental group hosted Stewardship Youth Ranger groups from Atikokan and Fort Frances. Group members were involved with tree planting, identification of fish bearing waterbodies and removal of dilapidated erosion and sediment control fences.

From July to September, Environmental team members and First Nations Community members conducted several fish salvage operations from isolated ponds and pools before culverts were removed from the West Creek Diversion channel.

Reclamation of the former Tait Quarry was completed during the summer of 2018. Vegetation and trees were planted according to the reclamation plan design. This area will provide future habitat for Whip-por-will and become a part of the Whip-por-will management studies.

Team members participated in pilot plant testing on the use of biological reactors to treat tailings effluent, selected contractors and facilitated construction on the water treatment train.

The Environmental group provided continued support on the construction of the TMA wildlife exclusion fence, which was 80% completed during 2018. The remaining reptile barrier sections will be constructed during the spring of 2019.

From May to October, the Environment Department facilitated completion of the fieldwork portion for a Stage 4 archaeological study. This study was conducted over an area of cultural significance, previously identified during Stage 2 and 3 Archaeological studies. Under the Ontario Heritage Act, areas of cultural significance must be studied by a licensed archaeologist. Proposed development can proceed once the archaeologist has submitted a report to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) stating no further concerns with the area. A preliminary report was prepared and submitted to the MTCS by the consultant archaeologist performing the study, releasing the area for development. Over the summer months, First Nations community members participated in the fieldwork and toured the site. Artifacts recovered include a quartz arrowhead (Figure 13) During 2019, all artifacts recovered will be catalogued and stored until their final location is determined.



*Figure 13 Arrowhead discovered during summer excavation*

During 2018, the GIS Team continued to manage and advance the internal New Gold Rainy River Web GIS System (NGRR GIS); a distributed client/server GIS environment that provides instant access to up to date geospatial information to all New Gold employees and registered consultants (users) via web GIS and mobile applications. In 2018 the team has been working on developing an updated backend database structure and migrating critical environmental and other data to an enterprise GIS SQL Server Geodatabase on site. End users of the GIS System can now consume as well as create and update data on the server directly using future services within web GIS applications.

As a part of an continued in 2018 annual survey program, the GIS team facilitated the collection of high-resolution multispectral imagery in the spring and the fall of 2018 as well as a LiDAR topographic survey and an ultra-high-resolution aerial imagery survey of the entire site in early September 2018. This survey data was used to provide NGRR GIS users with most recent overview of the site as well as for analysis, monitoring, digitizing, modelling changes in the mine topography and updating the site hydrology network and the site road network. UAVs (drones) were also used to collect high resolution data of select target areas and used to create 3D models, flyovers and made available as ortho-imagery mosaic in NGRR GIS. The GIS team has also been working on a multitude of individual projects with the Environmental, Engineering, Mine Operations, Construction, Land Administration, Geology & Exploration and the Community teams and have continually been updating and maintaining the Land Tenure database, Infrastructure & Underground Utilities database, Site Clearing Plan, Site Layout progression model and other datasets.



*Figure 14 Enviro/GIS crew UAV selfie.*

As the Rainy River Mine advances, the Environmental Department continues to be successful in their search to find efficient and effective means for conducting required monitoring. This also includes incorporating new projects into the department's routine, to aid in future mine reclamation.

On top of the above projects being completed, the environmental team continues to monitor air quality, wildlife, water quality, waste and the environment. They inspect areas around site to ensure second containment is in place, light plants are in the appropriate directions, hazardous storage areas are being kept tidy, waste is properly segregated, dust is kept to a minimum, wildlife is unharmed, and many others. The environmental department is a support role to the entire mine site.



*Figure 15 Sampling May 2019*

## 1.7 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 RRM

Throughout 2015 to 2018 construction of dams, water diversion systems, roads, and commissioning of mining operations were advanced based on various permits and approvals granted by both the Federal and Provincial Governments.

Table 2 provides a summary of the environmental approvals related to the RRM.



*Figure 16 Bobcat kitten*

**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	7430-AYEN78	Renewed Tailings Management Area Construction	
		8101-AY8HT5	Renewed Construction Minor Takings	
		2558-AJ7HXF	Renewed Tait Quarry	
		1386-9VTP2H	Aggregate Sources (OC3, OC4, Roen)	
		7631-9VULMS	Mine Dewatering	
		8776-9W2QN3	Pinewood River	Expired November 30, 2018
		0040-9VUL6B	Tailings Management Area Construction	Expired May 8, 2018
		2133-9VUPVZ	Construction Minor Takings	Expired May 8, 2018
		3638-9VTNRM	Tait Quarry	Expired May 8, 2017
	Environmental Compliance Approval	5178-9TUPD9	Industrial Sewage	
		0412-A2LR4V	Air / Noise	Amended
		8567-9ZXG8U	Air / Noise	Superseded
		5781-9VJQ2J	Construction Phase / Tait Quarry	Expired May 8, 2018
		Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Location, Plans and Specifications Approval  <i>Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act</i>	FF-2017-03
FF-2017-02	Sediment Ponds			
FF-2017-01	West Creek Natural Channel Temporary Bypass			
FF-2016-02 FF-2016-02A	Culvert Crossing CPL15			
FF-2015-08	Culvert C15			
FF-2015-07	Pinewood River Intake / Outfall			
FF-2015-05 FF-2015-05A	Mine Rock Pond			
FF-2015-04 FF-2015-04A FF-2015-04B FF-2015-04C	TMA			
FF-2015-03 FF-2015-03A FF-2015-03B	Clark Creek Diversion			
FF-2015-02 FF-2015-02A FF-2015-02B	West Creek Diversion			
FF-2015-01	West Creek Diversion			
FF-2015-01	Temporary Culverts C2, C6, C8			
Work Permit/ Letter of Authority	FF11-2015/2016			Pinewood River Bridge Crossing
	FF6-2015/2016		East Access Road Construction Amendment	Expired May 30, 2016
<i>Public Lands Act</i>	FF2-2015/2016		East Access Road Construction	Expired May 30, 2016
<i>Endangered Species Act Permit</i>	FF-C-001-14		Permit Under 17(2)(c)	
Aggregate Resources Licence	626197		Laydown 4 Quarry	
	625851		Tait Quarry	Rehabilitated in 2018
Overlapping Forest Resource Licence Agreement	Agreement with Resolute Forest Products 2018-2019.			Expires March 31, 2019
Forest Resource Licence	553907, B12125, B12144			2018-2019
	553675, 553676, 553722, 553723, 553724, 553725		2017-2018	

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Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry		553726, 553727, 553728, 553729, 553730, B12095, B12104		
		553386, 553481, 553482, 553500, 553501, 553533, 553534, 553535, 553514, 553517, 553531, 553532, 553541, 553592, 553593, 553594, 553595, 553596, 553597, 553598, 553676, 553675, B12057, B12071, B12072, B12077, B12078, B12083, B12086, B12090, B12095		2016-2017
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry		553212, 553213, 553214, 553223, 553224, 553225, 553226, 553227, 553271, 553272, 553145, B12011, B12013, B12014, B12032, B12033, B12039, B12040, B12052, B12053		2015-2016
		553037, 553038, 553039, B12008, B12009		2014-2015
		552762		2013-2014
		219198, 218658, 219196		2018-2019
Harvest Approval/ Authority to Haul		218246, 218247, 218452, 218453, 218454, 218456, 218457, 218458, 218459, 218460, 218475, 218248, 218450		2017-2018
		217396, 217645, 217646, 217682, 217683, 217766, 217767, 217772, 217387, 217712, 217718, 217762, 217763, 217662, 217663, 217717, 217719, 217760, 217771, 217781, 217888, 217889, 217890, 217891, 217892, 217893, 217894, 217895, 218246, 218247, 218248		2016-2017
		216310, 216366, 216367, 216557, 216880, 216881, 216822, 216823, 216833, 216836, 216838, 216882, 216883, 216884, 216885, 216886, 217018, 217019, 217020, 217021		2015-2016



**Table 2: Rainy River Mine - Environmental Permits and Approvals**

		216269, 216277, 216278, 216279, 216280		2014-2015	
		215455		2013-2014	
	Land Use Permit	1134-1003167	Transmission Line		
		1134-1003203	Four Safety Platforms		
		1134-1003160	Wood Storage Site	Expired January 31, 2016	
		1134-1003161	Wood Storage Site	Expired January 31, 2016	
		1134-1003162	Wood Storage Site	Expired January 31, 2016	
		1134-1003163	Wood Storage Site	Expired February 29, 2016	
	Fish & Wildlife Collection Approvals	1134-1003164	Wood Storage Site	Expired February 29, 2016	
		1089611	Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes	Expired December 31, 2018	
		1083746	Authorization to Trap and Transfer Black Bears 2017	Expired December 31, 2016	
		1080070	Wildlife Scientific Collectors Authorization - Turtle and Snake Relocation 2018	October 31 <sup>st</sup> 2016	
		1079341		Expired April 14, 2015	
		1089610	Wildlife Scientific Collectors Permit	Expired December 31, 2018	
1085813		Expired December 31, 2017			
1081168		Expired December 30, 2016			
1088198		Authorization to Trap and Transfer Black Bears	Expired December 30, 2018		
1081093	Authorization for Wildlife Interference	Expired September 30, 2015			
1079145		Expired April 30, 2018			
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency	Federal Decision Statement issued under Section 54 of Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012	Federal EA	90+ Federal EA Commitments		
Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks	Environmental Assessment Act Section 9 Notice of Approval to proceed with the Undertaking	Provincial EA	68 Provincial Commitments		
Environment Canada	Final EA Report Commitments Registry	EA Commitments	205 Commitments		
	Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations	Reporting Procedures for MMER			
Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Energy and Mines	Closure Plan		Contains Closure Plan Commitments Registry Filed by Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (February 23, 2015)		
Ontario Ministry of Transportation	Entrance Permit	13+ approvals			
	Encroachment Permit	14+ approvals			
	Land Use	11+ approvals			
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Authorization	15-HCAA-00039	Section 35(2)		
	Letter of Advice	KE-12-0963	Road Crossings		
	Letter	15-0045	Linear Structure		

**Table 2: Rainy River Mine - Environmental Permits and Approvals**

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<b>Transport Canada</b>	Letter	15-0046	Blasting Zone	
	Clearance	ATS-15-16-00026521	Transmission Line - Aeronautic Obstruction Clearance	No lighting or marking required
	Letter	16-2664	Linear Structure	Renewal
<b>Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission</b>	Nuclear Radiation Licence	15954-1-19.0	Nuclear Radiation Device License	
<b>Ontario Energy Board</b>	Electricity Wholesaler Licence	EW-2014-0371		
<b>Municipality</b>	Occupancy Permit	N16-08	Admin Building – Process Plant Site	

**SECTION 2**  
**NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE**  
**ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL**  
**APPROVAL COMPLIANCE**  
**REPORT REQUIREMENTS**



*Figure 17 Aphrodite Fritillary on milkweed at pumphouse*

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## 2.0 Annual Environmental Approval Compliance Report Requirements

This section provides a summary of the Compliance Requirements. Information on each of the specific compliance requirements can be found in detail in Sections 3-7 of this report. When referenced, Supporting Documentation can be found in the Appendices.

This report is intended to meet both Federal and Provincial annual Environmental Assessment Compliance Reporting requirements.

### 2.1 Regulatory Background

Condition 2.3 of the Federal EA Decision Statement required that:

The Proponent shall submit to the Agency an annual report on the implementation of the conditions set out in this Decision Statement with a supporting analysis for each of the conditions for the preceding calendar year on or before March 31st, starting from the commencement of any activities in connection with the carrying out of the Designated Project. Each annual report shall describe how the Proponent has considered and incorporated the factors outlined in condition 2.1 in the implementation of the conditions set out in this Decisions Statement.

Condition 2.5 requires that the report be available on the Proponent website within 30 days of submission to the CEAA. This posting will be completed by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.

- Condition 6 of the Provincial Notice of Approval also indicated a requirement for an annual EA compliance report:
- 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 Compliance Monitoring Program required by Condition 5 of this Notice of Approval.
- Condition 6.2: The first annual Compliance Report shall be submitted to the Director, for the public record, within one year from the Start of Construction and shall cover all activities of the previous 12-month period.

Per an e-mail communication between Mr. Kyle Stanfield, New Gold RRM and Ms Sasha McLeod of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change on March 2, 2015, the timing of the Provincial EA Compliance Report was aligned with the Federal requirement and will be due on March 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

This report is intended to meet both the Federal and Provincial, annual Environmental Assessment compliance report requirements.

### 2.2 Report Content Requirements

In accordance with the Federal EA Decision Statement and the Provincial EA Notice of Approval, along with the Compliance Monitoring Program submitted by New Gold RRM in fulfillment of Condition 5 of the Provincial EA Notice of Approval, this Annual EA Compliance Report contains the following:

- Federal Decision Statement Registry (Section 3)  
This registry includes several conditions that are to be tracked. Most conditions are monitored on an continued in 2018 basis. The comprehensive table provides a summary and feedback on how the first year of the

Operations Phase met the conditions of the Decision Statement, recognizing that 2018 was a very productive year.

- Provincial Notice of Approval Registry (Section 4)

With this registry, New Gold RRM committed to maintaining a Notice of Approval Registry that tabulates the conditions of the Notice of Approval and the on-going status. The Notice of Approval Registry is to be updated on a regular basis, and no less frequently than annually as part of the project follow up reporting.

- Commitments Registry (Section 5)

New Gold RRM made many commitments which were disseminated through the associated EA documentation. New Gold RRM intends to fulfil these commitments as summarized in the Commitments Registry. The registry is intended as a living document and will be amended as needed, to include other mitigation measures / commitments as identified going forward. The registry will be updated on a regular basis, and no less frequently than annually as part of the project follow up reporting.

- Follow Up Monitoring Program (FMP) Registry (Section 6)

Section 13 of the RRM EA Report / Environmental Impact Statement, describes the RRM monitoring plan and environmental management in accordance with the Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing EAs in Ontario, 2014, monitoring is:

*Used to verify the expected environmental effects of the undertaking and to determine if any additional impact management measures, or adjustments to any measures, are required. The monitoring framework should consider all phases of the proposed undertaking (for example, planning, detailed design, tendering, construction, operation, closure, decommissioning). This framework must include compliance monitoring and, where appropriate, effects monitoring.*

In accordance with *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* the purpose of the FMP is to:

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

The FMP applies to the construction, operation, active closure and decommissioning (active closure), and post-closure phases of the RRM, as appropriate. Additional reporting has been completed as required by the environmental approvals received to date; these reports have been issued to the appropriate regulatory authorities.

- Public Consultation Registry (Section 7)

New Gold has committed to providing a public consultation table as part of the Provincial Compliance Monitoring Program (Version 2 February 11, 2015).

**SECTION 3**  
**NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE**  
**COMMITMENT REGISTRY**  
**FEDERAL COMMITMENTS**



*Figure 18 Pinewood River south of open pit*

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## 2.0 General Conditions

### Condition 2.1

*The Proponent shall, throughout all phases of the Designated Project, inform its actions in meeting the conditions set in this Decision Statement by the best available information and knowledge, based on validated methods and models, undertaken by qualified individuals and apply the best available economically and technologically feasible mitigation measures.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

In 2018 RRM continued to engage the services of reputable consulting companies to provide qualified individuals for various activities, based on requirements of RRM obligations.

These activities included data collection, data analysis and report preparation for air, noise, fish tissue monitoring, biological monitoring and Species at Risk programs as well as monitoring of migratory birds, bird breeding activities and fish habitat compensation.

Data analysis and report writing for surface water, groundwater, RRM deer tissue program, as well as hydrometric data all utilized qualified experts.

A qualified professional Archaeologist was onsite to conduct Stage 4 archaeological study.

Qualified professionals were also involved in building the site water balance, sediment and erosion control work, closure plan design and reclamation activities.

All minor and major infrastructure onsite is designed and signed off by professionals as well.

On November 7, 2018, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency conducted an inspection at the mine. This allowed an opportunity for New Gold RRM to update CEAA on the mine progress.

### Condition 2.2

*Where consultation is a requirement of the conditions set out in this Decision Statement, the Proponent shall first consult Aboriginal groups on the most appropriate manner in which to engage in consultation with them.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

Consultation and engagement methods were significant discussion items throughout the EA process and in the negotiation of Impact Benefit and Participation Agreements. Active consultation and engagement with local communities continued through 2018. See section 7 for Consultation Registry.

### **Condition 2.3**

*The Proponent shall submit to the Agency an annual report on the implementation of the conditions set out in this Decision Statement with a supporting analysis for each of the conditions for the preceding calendar year on or before March 31, starting from the commencement of any activities in connection with the carrying out of the Designated Project. Each annual report shall describe how the Proponent has considered and incorporated the factors outlined in condition 2.1 in the implementation of the conditions set out in this Decision Statement.*

Status: Completed

Supporting Analysis:

The annual report was submitted to the Agency on March 31, 2018. A digital copy can be found on the New Gold Website at <http://www.newgold.com/projects/rainyriver/rainyriver-project>. The public is also welcome to visit the New Gold office in Emo Ontario to review copies of the document.

### **Condition 2.4**

*The Proponent shall, in consideration of the annual report for condition 2.3, provide documentation to the Agency indicating the results of any monitoring for conditions 3.8, 4.6, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 6.4, and 8.4. The documentation shall demonstrate whether the mitigation measures have proven effective and whether the predictions made during the environmental assessment were accurate. The documentation shall also detail any corrective actions taken by the Proponent should the mitigation measures prove not to be effective.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

Documented results can be found in the appendices. See each condition in reference to appropriate appendix for all monitoring work that was completed in 2018.

## Condition 3: Fish and Fish Habitat

### Condition 3.1.1

*The Proponent shall minimize changes caused by the Designated Project to water levels and water flows in the Pinewood River, the Minor Creek System, and the Modified Minor Creek System in such a way as to protect fish and fish habitat, by implementing mitigation measures including, but not limited to: recycling of water, for ore processing, from the TMA and ponds constructed for water management.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

In 2018, water from the open pit was directed to the Mine Rock Pond, under the authorization and subject to Conditions 3.2 through 3.5 of Permit to Take Water (PTTW) 7631-9VULMS, the WMP and TMA to assist in the milling of ore. The mine infrastructure was designed to encourage recycling of water. Water was also recycled from the Tailing Management Area Cells.

Water was withdrawn from the Pinewood River to continue to build the initial water inventory needed to start operations, under the authorization and subject to Conditions 3.2 and 3.3 of PTTW 8776-9W2QN3. It is not anticipated that there will be any discharges from the WMP to the Pinewood River until 2021, at which time water will only be discharged when Condition 5 of Environment Compliance Approval 5178-9TUPD9 is met. Prior to discharge New Gold will need to obtain a Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act Approval (LRIA) from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to construct a rock groyne, or alternative, in the Pinewood River for direct discharges from the WMP. The purpose of this groin is to; i) protect against erosion, ii) create a water mixing zone, iii) disperse water energy.

### Condition 3.1.2

*The Proponent shall minimize changes caused by the Designated Project to water levels and water flows in the Pinewood River, the Minor Creek System, and the Modified Minor Creek System in such a way as to protect fish and fish habitat, by implementing mitigation measures including, but not limited to: optimizing the timing, position and quantity of final effluent discharge between the final effluent discharge points.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

In 2018, the Tailings Management Area (TMA) Cell 2, Water Discharge Pond (WDP), Temporary Sediment Pond and Sediment Ponds 1 & 2 were commissioned, which increased the site capture of watershed drainage areas associated with the RRM. As per Condition 3.3 of Permit to Take Water (PTTW) 8776-9W2QN3, the volume of water captured by site catchments was included in the total direct taking from the Pinewood River. During the development of the Open Pit, there were construction related discharges to the environment subject to the Effluent Limits in Condition 7 of Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) 5781-9VJQ2J. The construction related discharge points were obtained

through the Environment Canada Metal Mining Effluent Notification Process, and subject to the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations.

Condition 5 of ECA 5178-9TUPD9 dictates the discharge quality criteria, timing and volume restrictions for release of effluent from the four (4) final discharge points, Constructed Wetland Final Discharge, Water Management Pond Pipeline Discharge, Sediment Pond #1 and Sediment Pond #2. To date, there have been zero discharges from the specified final discharge locations.

### **Condition 3.1.3**

*The Proponent shall minimize changes caused by the Designated Project to water levels and water flows in the Pinewood River, the Minor Creek System, and the Modified Minor Creek System in such a way as to protect fish and fish habitat, by implementing mitigation measures including, but not limited to: filling the open pit during the decommissioning and abandonment phases in a manner which meets the flow requirements in the Pinewood River while allowing the pit to be filled as expeditiously as possible to reduce any adverse environmental effects.*

Status: Not applicable in 2018.

Supporting Analysis:

The Closure Plan for the RRM outlines the close out and rehabilitation methods that will be used at the time of mine closure. With regards to the open pit, the pit walls will be reviewed by a professional engineer to insure compliance with the Ontario Mine Rehabilitation Code. Safety measures that include a berm, rock boulders and signage will be installed and then the pit will be allowed to fill naturally (rain, groundwater seeps) and from water inputs using a staged approach. This approach will involve water being taken from the Mine Rock Pond, seepage from the East Mine Rock Stockpile, and potentially runoff from the outside of the Tailings Management Area dams.

Additional water taking from the Pinewood River to enhance the rate of flooding is not currently under consideration. This option may be further evaluated during the life of the mine as additional flow data is obtained, and in consultation with regulatory agencies.

Flooding the final open pit is expected to take 60 to 75 years.

### **Condition 3.1.4**

*The Proponent shall minimize changes caused by the Designated Project to water levels and water flows in the Pinewood River, the Minor Creek System, and the Modified Minor Creek System in such a way as to protect fish and fish habitat, by implementing mitigation measures including, but not limited to: not taking water from the Pinewood River when flows are below the minimum threshold set by Ontario*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

During 2018, water was taken from the Pinewood River to supplement the site water inventory, as permitted by the MECP under PTTW 8776-9W2QN3. Water taking commenced May 8, 2018 and continued until October 30, 2018, when flows were above the minimum threshold set by the MECP

and consistent with all other permit conditions. A total of 376,588 m<sup>3</sup> of water was taken from the Pinewood River over 68 days at a rate determined by the Pinewood River flow on the specific days of taking.

### **Condition 3.2.1**

*The Proponent shall, for all effluent, comply with the MDMER, the Fisheries Act and any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: treat effluent prior to discharge to the environment.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

In 2018, effluent discharges to the environment were from; overburden and mine rock stockpile ditching and pit dewatering systems that were constructed between 2015 and 2017. Effluent was generated from water associated with overburden dumps and mine rock stockpiles, and water associated with blasting bedrock for the advancement of the Open Pit. The discharge water had not been through the mill nor had it been in contact with Potentially Acid Generating material.

In 2018, any effluent that did not meet discharge criteria was pumped to the WMP to assist in building the water inventory and will receive further treatment prior to discharge to the environment.

To maintain compliance with Environment Canada Environmental Effects Monitoring requirements and the Environmental Compliance Approval (No. 5781-9VJQ2J) issued for the project, RRM conducts semi-annual sublethal toxicity testing of its primary final effluent, water quality monitoring, sediment quality monitoring, benthic invertebrate community monitoring and fish population monitoring. For 2018, this testing was not conducted as there were only 5 effluent discharges in April 2018, and there were no further discharges on which to conduct the testing.

### **Condition 3.2.2**

*The Proponent shall, for all effluent, comply with the MDMER, the Fisheries Act and any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: treat tailings slurry to break down cyanide and precipitate heavy metals.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

Authorization to deposit tailings in the Tailings Management Area (TMA) Cell 2 was received on April 12, 2018. Before tailings slurry can be deposited in Cell 2, or any subsequent cell in the TMA, the slurry must be treated by an in-plant tailings slurry cyanide destruction (SO<sub>2</sub>/Air) treatment facility located in the process plant as permitted in Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) 5178-9TUPD9. The Water Management Pond (WMP) received effluent flow from the TMA during 2018.

Water from the TMA will be pumped to the Lime WTP for treatment of primarily the following metals and metalloids: antimony, arsenic, cadmium, cobalt, mercury, molybdenum, nickel and zinc. After the removal of metals and metalloids, the treated water is then pumped into a nitrification treatment cell, where a microbial process termed “nitrification” is performed for treatment of ammonia. The

Nitrification treatment cell uses microbial nitrification to convert the nitrogen compounds (ammonia, cyanide, cyanate, and thiocyanate) to nitrate. Some amount of manganese is also expected to be removed in the nitrification cell. Water from the nitrification treatment cell is then pumped to Biochemical Reactor #1 for nitrate and nitrite treatment through the microbial process termed “denitrification”. The outflow from the BCR #1 then reports to the WMP.

Along with the flow from the WMP (for ammonia removal) during May and September, the WDP also collects seepage from the TMA and runoff from the surrounding environment. Water collected in the WDP is then directed to BCR #2 where the metals and metalloids treatment, as well as some sulphate treatment, will occur. Sulphate will partially be treated by reduction to sulphate by sulphide producing bacteria, after which metals and metalloids polishing through binding of metals sulphides will occur. Phosphorus will also be treated in BCR #2. At that water treatment meeting criteria can be disclosed. If it does not meet the criteria, it is pumped back from the outflow basin to the WMP for another pass through the treatment train. In the future, the CWTS would be located downstream of BCR #2 and will provide polishing and redundancy in the treatment process. Eventually CWTS will replace the treatment train.

Phase 1 of the treatment train construction (nitrification cell, BCR1 and WTP) is under way and construction of BCR #2 and discharge basin 3 are scheduled for later in 2019.

### **Condition 3.2.3**

*The Proponent shall, for all effluent, comply with the MDMER, the Fisheries Act and any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: collect site contact water and seepage in ditches and divert to either the TMA or water management facilities for release via final discharge points.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

Site water generated from blasting, overburden and mine rock stockpiles, and construction related activities is collected in a site impoundment structures. The water is diverted to either the Tailings Management Area (TMA), Water Management Pond (WMP) or Mine Rock Pond (MRP) for recycling and further treatment before eventual release via final discharge points. The Water Discharge Pond, Sediment Ponds 1 and 2 were commissioned in 2018. The WMP and TMA have seepage collection systems, or drainage ditches, and water from these collection systems is either put back into the structure or the water will first be recycled in mill processing prior to discharge into the TMA.

### **Condition 3.2.4**

*The Proponent shall, for all effluent, comply with the MDMER, the Fisheries Act and any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: install and operate a water quality control structure in the constructed wetland to prevent the release of final effluent discharge not compliant with the Regulations or requirements*

Status: Not applicable for 2018.

Supporting Analysis:

Construction of the treatment train started in 2019 will be completed in 2019 and will include a pump back system should water not meet discharge criteria at the final discharge points.

### **Condition 3.2.5**

*The Proponent shall, for all effluent, comply with the MDMER, the Fisheries Act and any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: install secondary containment on pipelines that cross the West Creek Diversion Channel to prevent accidental discharge of effluent.*

Status: This commitment is now complete and can be closed

Supporting Analysis:

Pipelines associated with mill processing and tailings transportation from the plant to the Tailings Management Area were installed in 2017. A design modification was completed which included secondary containment of the pipeline that cross the West Creek Diversion channel and where the pipeline crosses West Creek. The secondary containment consists of sleeves (pipe within a pipe) made from 36" high density polyethylene (HDPE). The rest of the pipeline has a double wall thickness for protection. The entire tailings pipeline also rest into a corridor which is also lined with a fused geomembrane and is sloped to drain into the multiple sumps in case of emergency

### **Condition 3.3.1**

*The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the MDMER, any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario, and the Fisheries Act, as applicable at any time. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: line the former Clark Creek channel (under the east mine rock stockpile) with non-potentially acid generating material.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

To comply with MDMER and provincial permitting requirements, effluent and passive outflow from the Potentially Acid Generating (PAG) rock drainage and metal leaching from active areas of East Mine Rock Stockpile area was collected in the Mine Rock Pond and associated seepage collection system. In Q1 of 2018, Clark Creek channel remnant was lined with non-acid generating rock under the East Mine Rock Stockpile area.

### **Condition 3.3.2**

*The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the MDMER, any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario, and the Fisheries Act, as applicable at any time. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: sort waste rock into potentially acid generating and non-potentially acid generating rock stockpiles through the development and implementation of a detailed mine rock segregation program using criteria for determining potentially acid generating material set by Ontario.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

A Geochemical Monitoring Plan for the Construction and Operation Phases was issued in accordance with MECP ECA 5178-9TUPD9 requirements and has been implemented at the RRM site. Monitoring was continued in 2018 during 2018. See appendix A for Geochemical Monitoring Results.

### **Condition 3.3.3**

*The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the MMER, any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario, and the Fisheries Act, as applicable at any time. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: design and construct the perimeter ditching around the east mine rock stockpile and low-grade ore stockpile to accommodate a 100-year flood event.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

Designs, to construct perimeter ditching that will accommodate a 100-year flood event for the East Mine Rock Stockpile (EMRS) and 25-year flood for the West Mine Rock Stockpile, were completed in 2017 and 2018 and are planned for construction in 2018 and 2019. Permanent ditching for the southern half of the EMRS was complete during 2018 and aligns the portion of the dump that has been constructed.

### **Condition 3.3.4**

*The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the MDMER, any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario, and the Fisheries Act, as applicable at any time. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: use potentially acid generating material only for the purpose of constructing the tailing management dam, where saturated conditions can be maintained. Potentially acid generating material must not be used for any other construction purpose.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

Potentially acid generating material is either used for construction of the interior of the Tailings Management Area, for padding of the overburden areas or for use to construct roads within the open pit.

### **Condition 3.3.5**

*The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the MDMER, any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario, and the Fisheries Act, as applicable at any time. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: place an engineered cover over the east mine rock stockpile and any remaining ore stockpiles at or before the decommissioning phase. The cover should be designed to prevent infiltration of water and to limit infiltration of air during the decommissioning and abandonment phases.*



Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

An engineered cover will be placed over the east mine rock stockpile and any remaining ore stockpiles at or before the decommissioning phase as per sections 6.1 and 9.14 of the RRM Closure Plan (January 2015). During 2017 a stockpile containing potentially acid generating rock was covered with an engineered cover as per design in section 6.1 of the RRM Closure Plan. Further testing and monitoring was conducted in 2018 to assess first year of cover trial. See appendix T for the Pag cover Trial Factual Data Report.

### **Condition 3.3.6**

*The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the MDMER, any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario, and the Fisheries Act, as applicable at any time. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: cover the tailings with water and maintain the tailings in a perpetually saturated state during the decommissioning and abandonment phases.*

Status: Not applicable in 2018.

Supporting Analysis:

At the time of mine closure New Gold intends on maintaining the tailings in a perpetually saturated state during the decommissioning and abandonment phases. Further information regarding mine reclamation and decommissioning can be found in the Updated RRM Closure Plan (March 2018). This condition currently doesn't apply to the operational state of the mine.

### **Condition 3.3.7**

*The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the MDMER, any site-specific water quality requirements set by Ontario, and the Fisheries Act, as applicable at any time. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: fill the open pit, in accordance with condition 3.1.3 and 3.1.4, as rapidly as practicable during the decommissioning and abandonment phases, using all available means, including directing drainage from the east mine rock stockpile into the pit.*

Status: Not applicable in 2018.

Supporting Analysis:

During the decommissioning and abandonment phases, the open pit will fill and be managed according to the requirements specified in section 9.3 of the Rainy River Mine Closure Plan (March 2018). During the first 10 years of flooding, waters from the Mine Rock Pond will be piped into the open pit. Following this initial flooding period, seepage from the east mine rock stockpile area will be piped into the open pit. With the additional input of natural water sources (rain, ground water seeps, TMA dam runoff) it is estimated that it will take 60-75 years to flood the open pit.

### **Condition 3.3.8**

*The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the MDMER, any site-specific water quality requirements set*

*by Ontario, and the Fisheries Act, as applicable at any time. To ensure compliance, the Proponent shall implement, at a minimum, the following mitigation measures: control water quality in the open pit lake during the abandonment phase.*

Status: Not applicable in 2018.

Supporting Analysis:

This condition is not relevant to the construction and operations phases. It will be implemented during the "closing out" stage of the RRM as stipulated in the Rainy RRM Plan (March 2018), Sections 9.3 and 10.2.

### **Condition 3.4**

*The Proponent shall design and construct new road watercourse crossings for the realignment of Highway 600 to allow for fish passage in accordance with the Environmental Guide for Fish and Fish Habitat.*

Status: Complete

Supporting Analysis:

During the realignment of Highway 600 there was one water crossing required over a fish bearing watercourse located at the Pinewood River. In the fall of 2015, a clear span bridge was installed over the Pinewood River. There was no in water work required for the installation therefore no alterations to the original river channel that would impact or alter fish habitat or passage.

### **Condition 3.5**

*The Proponent shall design and construct new road watercourse crossings for the realignment of Highway 600 to meet the Highway Drainage Design Standards of the MTO.*

Status: Complete

Supporting Analysis:

During the design phase of the Highway 600 realignment routine meetings were held between New Gold Inc. (formally Rainy River Resources) and the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO). The road and its associated crossings have been designed and constructed to meet MTO standards and was completed under the MTO Construction Administration and Inspection Task Manual (CAITM) protocol. Highway 600 was turned over to the MTO in 2017.

### **Condition 3.6**

*The Proponent shall design and construct water intakes meeting standards set out in the Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Fish Screen Guideline of the DFO.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

In 2016 the Pinewood River Pumphouse and Intake was completed and operated in 2017. This facility provides water to the Water Management Pond to utilize in mill processing in the event that there is not enough fresh water in the sites recycling process.

The pump intake enters the Pinewood River and is isolated by chain link fence that is installed below the high-water mark of the Pinewood River. In order to meet DFO guidelines and continue to allow successful suction of water, a fish screen was installed over the chain link fence running from the base of the Pinewood River to the above high-water mark.

During low flow periods, the screen is periodically monitored to ensure that it remains secure and free of debris.

### **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 MDMER, by recreating fish habitat in the West Creek Diversion Channel, West Creek Pond, Stockpile Pond Diversion Channel, Stockpile Pond, Clark Creek Diversion Channel, Clark Creek Pond, and Teeple Road Pond.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

Fish habitat compensation was designed by qualified experts and was reviewed by the MNRF and the Department of DFO during the permit approval phase.

In 2016, Teeple Pond and Clark Creek Diversion channel construction concluded, and the system was commissioned that fall. In 2017 the design team conducted a review of the system and produced an Annual Monitoring Report for the DFO to meet the requirements of Fisheries Act Authorization No. 15-HCAA-00039. The review concluded substantial conformance between the as built specifications and the design criteria and that the area or replacement habitat was greater than the required 8.41ha.

Construction of the remaining offsetting habitat (West Creek Pond and Diversion Channel, Stockpile Pond and Diversion Channel, and Clark Creek Pond and Diversion Channel) was completed in July 2017. As part of fulfilling the as-constructed survey condition of the approval, an interim As-Constructed compensation measures review was conducted during 2017 and a report submitted to DFO. In 2018, monitoring was completed and indicated 7 of the targeted 9 minnow species had returned to the Clark Creek system while West Creek system had 12 minnow species return (success criteria target 9 species). This monitoring is planned to happen annually for the next 4 years.

In 2018 field research indicated 8 of the targeted 9 minnow species had returned to the system and were utilizing the constructed fish pools during periods of low water flow. This monitoring will continue for the next 3 years to ensure compliance with Fisheries Act Authorization No. 15-HCAA-00039. A copy of the Teeple Pond and Diversion Annual Monitoring Report can be found in the Supporting Documentation for this section.

### **Condition 3.8.1**

*The Proponent shall monitor water quality and quantity, and fish and fish habitat, to determine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures under conditions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.7. In doing so, the Proponent shall monitor, at a minimum: water levels and flows, with respect to minimum flow thresholds for the Pinewood River set by Ontario, during periods of water taking as authorized pursuant to the Ontario Water Resources Act.*

Status: Continued in 2018

#### Supporting Analysis

During 2015, a flow monitoring station was installed in the Pinewood River to track water level elevations and flow rates for the Pinewood River System. A flow monitoring station belonging to the Water Survey of Canada (WSC) is also located downstream of the project on the Pinewood River.

In April 2017, the Water Management Pond (WMP) was commissioned and direct water takings from the Pinewood River began to build the initial water inventory for operations start up. The water takings were in accordance with Permit to Take Water (PTTW) 8776-9W2QN3. The WMP will require monitoring for the life of the mine.

Under PTTW 8776-9W2QN3, New Gold was required to develop and submit a Biological Monitoring Plan that addresses methods for monitoring and identifying fish kills and fish stranding, and a contingency plan to address adverse effects. This monitoring plan was submitted in early 2016 and commenced upon MECP approval. The monitoring continued in 2017 and 2018.

The project has 5 additional PTTWs for the Mine Workings, Tailings Management Area (TMA), Construction Workings and Aggregate Dewatering. All water takings are monitored using calibrated flow meters and data obtained from these takings is submitted annually via the MECP online reporting protocol.

#### **Condition 3.8.2**

*The Proponent shall monitor water quality and quantity, and fish and fish habitat, to determine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures under conditions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.7. In doing so, the Proponent shall monitor, at a minimum: effluent quality as per the requirements set out in the MDMER.*

Status: Continued in 2018

#### Supporting Analysis:

During 2018, effluent discharges to the environment as defined by the MDMER were related to temporary seepage collection, overburden and rock stockpile runoff, and pit dewatering systems. Effluent was generated from storm water runoff and contact water associated when blasting bedrock for the development of infrastructure foundations and open pit development. All water was treated in sumps and tested in accordance with applicable permits and legislation from EC, MECP, and DFO. In 2018 there were 5 effluent discharges from overburden and rock stockpile, and pit dewatering sediment ponds designed to capture contact water and provide adequate treatment for total suspended solids (TSS) and un-ionized ammonia prior to discharge to the environment. These discharges occurred in April 2018. All discharge water met the water quality objectives outlined in the EC, MDMER, and the MECP Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA).

Beginning April 2018, tailings from ore reclaiming was deposited in the TMA Cell 2 for treatment. Water quality objectives and sampling requirements for the Rainy River Mine are outlined in the MDMER and MECP ECA Operations. See Appendix B for MDMER Results.

#### **Condition 3.8.3**

*The Proponent shall monitor water quality and quantity, and fish and fish habitat, to determine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures under conditions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.7. In doing so, the*

*Proponent shall monitor, at a minimum: the effectiveness of recreated fish habitat. The monitoring shall be designed in accordance with any authorizations pursuant to subsection 35(2) of the Fisheries Act and associated regulations and/or the MDMER.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

Fish habitat compensation was designed by qualified experts and was reviewed by the MNRF and the DFO during the permit approval phase.

By the end of 2017, all fish habitat had been recreated. The As-Constructed Report for Teeple Pond and Diversion Channel was completed and submitted to the DFO at the end of 2016. The second year of monitoring had been completed in 2018. A monitoring report was submitted to the DFO at the end of 2018. This monitoring will occur for the next 3 years with a report submitted annually. See Appendix N for The Offset Plan for the Fisheries Act- 2018 Annual Report.

The As-Constructed Report for West Creek Pond, Stockpile Pond, Clark Creek Pond and associated diversions was submitted to the DFO at the end of 2017. In 2018, the first year of monitoring had been completed and the monitoring report was submitted to the DFO December 2018. This 2018 monitoring will occur for the next 4 years with a report submitted annually. See Appendix O Schedule 2 MDMER Fish Habitat Compensation Plan Annual Report.

#### **Condition 3.8.4**

*The Proponent shall monitor water quality and quantity, and fish and fish habitat, to determine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures under conditions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.7. In doing so, the Proponent shall monitor, at a minimum: the effectiveness of the potentially acid generating and non-potentially acid generating rock segregation program through continued in 2018 geochemical verification of the waste rock during any period that waste rock is generated.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis

Potential acid generating and non-potentially acid generating rock is sampled and segregated per the Geochemical Monitoring Plan. See Appendix A for Geochemical Monitoring Results.

#### **Condition 3.8.5**

*The Proponent shall monitor water quality and quantity, and fish and fish habitat, to determine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures under conditions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.7. In doing so, the Proponent shall monitor, at a minimum: water quality in the open pit, pursuant to any requirements set by Ontario in the Mine Closure Plan for the Designated Project.*

Status: Not applicable in 2018.

Supporting Analysis:

This condition is currently not relevant as the mine is in its operational phase.

**Condition 3.8.6**

*The Proponent shall monitor water quality and quantity, and fish and fish habitat, to determine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures under conditions 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.7. In doing so, the Proponent shall monitor, at a minimum: the maintenance of a perpetually saturated state of the tailings, for 25 years from the start of the decommissioning phase of the Designated Project.*

Status: Not applicable in 2018.

Supporting Analysis:

This condition currently does not apply to the project as the mine was in a construction and operational phase in 2018. However, the Closure Plan for the project outlines the process in which tailings will be rehabilitated in a saturated state.

## Condition 4: Migratory Birds

### Condition 4.1.1

*The Proponent shall carry out all phases of the Designated Project in a manner that avoids harming or killing migratory birds, or disturbing, destroying or the taking of nests or eggs, with consideration of guidance provided in: Environment Canada's policy on Incidental Take of Migratory Birds in Canada.*

Status: Continued in 2018

#### Supporting Analysis

In order to educate New Gold Employees and site contractors, the RRM Environmental Team has implemented site wide notices regarding the breeding bird window and the requirements for bird sweeps in new construction areas or areas that have been inactive for periods of time. A bird sweep is a method of walking an area in a grid system to ensure that no birds are nesting on the ground or nesting in tall grass areas. The Environment department is also the primary contact for any incidents or mortalities to birds, nests or eggs on site.

In 2018, there was one incident of mortality of a Barn Swallow which was found in the Truck Shop. See Appendix C for the Fledgling Incident Report. The doors to the Truck Shop almost always remain open due to the manner of work that is performed there. The nest was well out of the way and was not discovered until a fledgling failed to return to the nest. Efforts were made to protect the bird so the parents could feed it, but this was unsuccessful. The incident was reported the MNR and EC.

In 2019 the monitoring programs will continue and the Environmental team will continue to provide education to staff and site contractors.

### Condition 4.1.2

*The Proponent shall carry out all phases of the Designated Project in a manner that avoids harming or killing migratory birds, or disturbing, destroying or the taking of nests or eggs, with consideration of guidance provided in: Environment Canada's avoidance guidelines on General Nesting Periods of Migratory Birds in Canada.*

Status: Continued in 2018

#### Supporting Analysis:

Starting in 2015 members of the RRM Environmental Team have been trained by qualified professionals on conducting bird sweeps and identifying bird species classified as Species at Risk (SAR). During 2018, 45 bird sweeps were conducted between April and August in construction areas to ensure the absence of nesting birds or species at risk prior to disturbance.

In areas where nests were found, appropriate buffers were flagged off around the perimeter of the buffer zone and the nests were monitored on a weekly basis until the nests were abandoned. Buffer zones were established based on input from consulting expertise in conjunction with discussions with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Furthermore, the clearing of vegetation was prohibited during the breeding bird window. This program will continue in 2019. See Appendix D for the 2018 Species at Risk Report.

### Condition 4.2

*The Proponent shall, at all times, implement noise reduction measures to control sound levels from machinery to avoid harassing migratory birds.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

In 2018 New Gold continued to conduct Species at Risk Monitoring which included sound level monitoring in Eastern Whip-poor-will Receptor Habitats during May and June, 2018. Monitoring results exceeded the hourly sound criteria threshold three times. Reviews of all audio recordings found exceedances were related to natural phenomena and not construction or operation activities. Copies of the letter reports issued to the MNRF are included under appendices.

#### **Condition 4.3**

*The Proponent shall install and use site lighting fixtures in a manner that reduces light pollution in the surrounding environment to avoid disturbance to nocturnal species, such as the Common Nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*).*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

New Gold is working towards installing more permanent lighting fixtures on the project to reduce the need to temporary light plants. Some temporary light plants are solar powered.

Temporary light plants are used only in areas where employees are working a night shift or if required for safety purposes. Light plants are designed so that lights can be angled toward the ground. During routine field inspections members of the Rainy River Environmental Department check lighting plants to ensure they are angled appropriately and used only when necessary. Monitoring and consideration to this condition will continue to be implemented as the project advances.

#### **Condition 4.4**

*The Proponent shall deter migratory birds from using the tailings management area.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

During the open water season of 2018, the TMA was inspected daily by mill operators for birds as well as other potential issues. The current protocol is that Mill Operators are to contact the New Gold Environmental Department if birds are identified anywhere on the active TMA. Additional inspections are conducted by the Environmental Department frequently. To date when birds have been found on the TMA best efforts to haze them away have been made using certified bird hazing techniques (flares, noise making devices). The Environmental Department is reviewing the current process to see if adjustments are necessary for 2019. .

#### **Condition 4.5**

*The Proponent shall provide comparable replacement artificial nesting structures for Barn Swallows (*Hirundo rustica*) prior to the removal of existing nesting structures.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:



At the commencement of construction in 2015, four artificial nesting structures were put in place during April, prior to the 2015 breeding season. New Gold has been monitoring the success of these nesting structures each year since 2015. Further information related to the monitoring program can be found in condition 4.8.

Following the breeding bird window in 2018, New Gold was required to remove a trailer home from the property that served as habitat for barn swallows. As the project advances additional homes and outbuildings will have to be torn down. At that time the need to develop additional artificial nesting structures will be investigated. If it is found that there is an increase in use of artificial nesting structures and competition for nesting habitat is observed, more nesting structures will be built.

#### **Condition 4.6**

*The Proponent shall monitor migratory birds, breeding activity and mortality, to evaluate the effectiveness of mitigation measures under conditions 4.1 to 4.3. If monitoring demonstrates an inconsistency with those conditions, then document how this has been rectified. Monitoring starts at construction and ceases at the end of the decommissioning phase.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

During 2018 the RRM obtained the professional assistance of Wood PLC. to conduct appropriate monitoring of migratory birds and breeding activity in addition to site activities. Studies and activities included;

- Continued in 2018 visual inspections of four artificial barn swallow nesting structures. The structures were installed on April 2015. Nesting was attempted in one structure in 2016 but did not reoccur in 2018.
- Development of a detailed Wildlife Monitoring Plan, approved MNR in May 2016, which was implemented in 2016. The plan includes Species at Risk Monitoring during the operations phase as well as post mine closure, and acoustic monitoring in areas of non Whip-poor-will presence to ensure sound decibels are within an appropriate range. See Appendix E for the RRP Early Operations Acoustic Assessment Report.
- 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.
- 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 proximity to 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 In regard to mitigation strategies that are being implemented on the project to assist in monitoring and reduce adverse effects these include.

- Acquiring of 1468 hectares of lands to provide Eastern Whip-poor-will breeding territories and 348 hectares of field habitat suitable for Bobolink breeding habitat. These offset benefit lands are to compensate for habitat lost during the construction of the mine. Monitoring the success of these areas and potential impacts to the bird species is conducted through three phases; visual monitoring, monitoring of habitat use in the offset benefit lands and monitoring or rehabilitation plans during mine closure.
- Reduction of speed limits on the project to reduce vehicle collisions with birds
- Restricting habitat displacement for mine infrastructure to periods outside the breeding bird season (May 1 to August 15).
- In order to track mortality New Gold RRM has an onsite reporting system for employees to report any road collisions with birds and wildlife.

During 2018 there was one bird mortality reported, a juvenile barn swallow found in the truck shop. (additional information related to this incident can be found in Condition 4.1.1) See Appendix S for the 2018 Wildlife Monitoring Report

#### **Condition 4.7**

*The Proponent shall monitor use of the tailings management area by migratory birds under condition 4.4 from the start of the operations phase to the end of the decommissioning phase.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

During the open water season of 2018, the TMA was inspected daily by mill operators for birds as well as other potential issues. The current protocol is that Mill Operators are to contact the New Gold Environmental Department if birds are identified anywhere on the active TMA. Additional inspections are conducted by the Environmental Department frequently. To date when birds have been found on the TMA best efforts to haze them away have been made using certified bird hazing techniques (flares, bangers, other noise making devices). The Environmental Department is reviewing the current process to see if adjustments are necessary for 2019.

#### **Condition 4.8**

*The Proponent shall monitor the effectiveness of the artificial nesting structures created for Barn Swallows (*Hirundo rustica*).*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

New Gold RRM Environmental team implemented the Bird Studies Canada Nest Watch protocol for monitoring the four artificial nesting structures located on site. Routine bi-weekly monitoring was completed between May and August 2018. There were no nesting attempts in 2018.

## 5.0 Health of Aboriginal Peoples

### Condition 5.1.1

*The Proponent shall, during the construction, operations, and decommissioning phases of the Designated Project, control exceedances of the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards and meet air quality requirements established by Ontario at the nearest human receptor by: implementing fugitive dust best management practices.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

During the construction and early operations phases, fugitive dust management practices followed the Fugitive Dust Best Management Practices Plan. Ambient air quality exceedances occurred in 2018 at the Gallinger Road ambient air quality station, were controlled by restricting light vehicle access along Gallinger Road and application of Calcium Chloride as a dust suppressant.

### Condition 5.1.2

*The Proponent shall, during the construction, operations, and decommissioning phases of the Designated Project, control exceedances of the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards and meet air quality requirements established by Ontario at the nearest human receptor by: maintaining site roadways to control silt loading.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

During 2018 site roadways were maintained to control silt loading by implementing the same measures that were utilized in 2017. This includes the application of Calcium chloride as a dust suppressant on light vehicle roads, restricting all haul traffic to designated heavy haul roads, using water as dust suppression when applicable on heavy haul roads, restricting speeds to 60 km on all site access roads and 40 km to 20 km on internal site roads, restricting commercial traffic to enter the site along East Access or Teeple Road, regular grading and placing of crush material on all site roads, restricting off-road activities, and constructing rock access roads into new areas during construction.

The Fugitive Dust Control Plan will be reviewed in and updated in 2019.

### Condition 5.1.3

*The Proponent shall, during the construction, operations, and decommissioning phases of the Designated Project, control exceedances of the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards and meet air quality requirements established by Ontario at the nearest human receptor by: using water sprays at the crusher and at active stockpiles.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

The primary crusher is equipped with a baghouse system to manage dust generated during the crushing process. At the end of 2017, a secondary water and chemical dust suppression system incorporating spray bars was also installed at the primary crusher. In 2018, water spray bars were installed during April to October at the active construction quarries.

#### **Condition 5.1.4**

*The Proponent shall, during the construction, operations, and decommissioning phases of the Designated Project, control exceedances of the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards and meet air quality requirements established by Ontario at the nearest human receptor by: using dust control equipment.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting analysis:

During the early operations phase, the same dust control equipment utilized in 2017 continued usage into 2018. This included water trucks equipped with spray bars for road dust suppression, spray bars on mobile aggregate crushers, dust control curtains on production drills and dust cyclones on development drills. The primary crusher and conveyor system utilizes baghouses and a chemical spray system to control dust. In the mill processing area dust is controlled by a system of baghouses, wet scrubbers and specialized dust control equipment.

#### **Condition 5.1.5**

*The Proponent shall, during the construction, operations, and decommissioning phases of the Designated Project, control exceedances of the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards and meet air quality requirements established by Ontario at the nearest human receptor by: using low-Sulphur diesel equipment and using pollution control equipment on mobile heavy equipment and meeting the Canadian Environmental Protection Act for the emissions from this equipment and vehicles.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

All preventative maintenance programs include a surveillance program to test emissions from mobile equipment. Pollution control equipment is installed on mobile heavy equipment that meets the Canadian Environmental Protection Act for the emissions from equipment and vehicles. Two air quality monitoring stations are also installed on site and routinely monitored to ensure there are no air quality exceedances.

#### **Condition 5.1.6**

*The Proponent shall, during the construction, operations, and decommissioning phases of the Designated Project, control exceedances of the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards and meet air quality requirements established by Ontario at the nearest human receptor by: revegetating disturbed areas in a manner that minimizes all exposed dust sources.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

In 2018, revegetating disturbed areas to minimize exposed dust sources was performed in the Tait Quarry area. Stabilization and revegetation of the quarry was completed as per regulatory requirements.

### **Condition 5.2**

*The Proponent shall monitor air quality to evaluate the effectiveness of mitigation measures under condition 5.1. Monitoring starts with construction and ceases at the commencement of the decommissioning phase.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

An ambient air quality monitoring program was continued during 2018. Two air quality sampling stations, established in May 2015, located east of the site on Gallinger Road and one to the south of the site near the beginning of the Highway 600 reroute on Tait Road.

These stations are equipped with hi-vol samplers (brush motor and mass flow controlled), PQ200 samplers, dustfall samplers, and passive sampling for SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub>.

The hi-vol samplers measure Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) and metal concentrations averaged over 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<sub>2.5</sub>) concentrations averaged over a 24-hour period. The dustfall samplers measure total dustfall deposition over a 30-day period. Passive sampling measures SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations over a 30-day period.

There were two TSP and metal exceedances measured in Q2 of 2018 at the Gallinger Station. Both were attributed to increased light vehicle traffic utilizing the road that passes directly beside the station. Mitigation measures included restricting traffic along the road and utilizing calcium chloride as a dust suppressant. See Appendix F for 2018 Air Quality Results. See Appendix I for the 2018 Exceedance Table.

### **Condition 5.2.1**

*The Proponent shall alert the Aboriginal groups in cases of exceedances of the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards and air quality requirements established by Ontario at the nearest human receptor.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

All exceedances are reported indigenous groups through a weekly reporting procedure.

### **Condition 5.3**

*The Proponent shall monitor wells located within the open pit dewatering zone of influence, used by Aboriginal groups for drinking water, for water quality and quantity. Monitoring starts with construction and ceases after the first 10 years of the decommissioning phase.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

Through the consultation phase and up to the end of 2018, New Gold has not been informed of the locations of any wells utilized by indigenous groups within the proximity of the open pit dewatering zone of influence.

In 2017, New Gold implemented a drinking well sampling program for residents surrounding the project boundary. To date there have been no issues reported to New Gold regarding wells from any of the neighboring land owners. See appendix U 2018 Offsite Groundwater Monitoring Report.

#### **Condition 5.3.1**

*The Proponent shall alert Aboriginal groups who use wells located within the open pit dewatering zone of influence for drinking water in cases of exceedance of water quality standards established by Ontario. The Proponent shall alert these Aboriginal groups as soon as possible once any exceedance is detected.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

To date New Gold has not been informed of any wells used by indigenous groups within the Open Pit zone of influence.

#### **Condition 5.4**

*The Proponent shall monitor key contaminants, including mercury, arsenic, cadmium and lead, for their concentrations in Northern Pike (*Esox lucius*) and Walleye (*Sander vitreus*) in the Pinewood River. Monitoring starts with construction and ceases 10 years after the start of the decommissioning phase.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

During September of 2018 Minnow Environmental Inc. conducted a fish tissue monitoring program at selected points along the Pinewood River, downstream of the RRM extending approximately 500 m upstream of the confluence with the Rainy River. The focus of this study was to collect tissue samples from northern pike and walleye. Fifteen individuals of each species were sacrificed for the study. Iles were collected from each fish. Muscle, liver and ovary tissue samples were collected from each fish and sent to a certified laboratory for to be analyzed for chemicals of potential concern. These include metalloids such as arsenic, boron, cadmium, cobalt, copper, chromium, iron, lead, manganese, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, selenium and zinc. This is the fourth consecutive year that New Gold has completed this study. Results obtained from the 2018 study are consistent with results from previous studies (2015, 2016 and 2017) and 2012 baseline study. Data from the 2018 study indicate that the RRM has not influenced the concentrations of metals in muscle, liver and ovary tissues of northern pike and walleye fish species.

Further studies will be conducted in 2019. A copy of the 2018 report on Fish Tissue Quality Monitoring can be found in the Supporting Documentation in Appendix G.

#### **Condition 5.4.1**

*The Proponent shall alert the Aboriginal groups in cases of exceedance of provincial, federal or international health-based criteria. The Proponent shall alert these Aboriginal groups as soon as possible once any exceedance is detected.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

All Exceedances are reported to the indigenous communities via the appropriate reporting procedures. Ex. Spill Reporting is completed and distributed weekly.

*5.5 The proponent shall consult with the Aboriginal groups on the implementation of conditions 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

During the Environmental Assessment permitting phase of the New Gold RRM, indigenous Communities were consulted regarding the project and potential impacts related to conditions 5.2 to 5.4 (air, fish, water quality). Since the approval of the EA New Gold has continued Aboriginal Community involvement by;

- Establishing Environmental Monitoring Boards in 2016. The purpose of these meetings is to ensure community members are engaged in environmental aspects of the project. Some topics that are discussed include; environmental monitoring results (ie; air quality, wildlife monitoring, deer tissue sampling programs, fish tissue sampling programs), exceedances or environmental spills, project design (tailings management, reclamation).
- Conducting on-site tours and discussing fish salvage programs, water quality sampling protocols and sampling results and other environmental monitoring requirements
- Providing email notifications to indigenous Communities regarding environmental exceedances (air, water and environmental spills)
- Inviting First Nation members to participate in fish tissue sampling programs and fish salvage programs.

## 6.0 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.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

New Gold provides access to private lands where it is safe to do so. On a regular basis, New Gold also provides site tours to community members, so they are familiar with the lands.

### 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.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

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 2018 there was no need to manage vegetation along the transmission line.

### Condition 6.3.1

*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: 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.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

During 2018, native seeds and plant species were used in areas where re-vegetation occurred. Preliminary earthworks also took place to establish the area of the vegetation test plots. These plots will be used to test different plant and tree species with an array of surface treatments. Consultation began in 2018 with First Nation communities to determine the different plant species that could be used at closure for medicinal and traditional purposes. The vegetation test plots are scheduled to be completed in 2019 with monitoring commencing shortly after.

### 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.*



Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

During construction activities, organic rich material was separated and stockpiled in designated areas for use in revegetation and other reclamation activities. In 2017 and 2018 organic rich material was salvaged during development of areas within the East Mine Rock Stockpile, West Mine Rock Stockpile, Mine Rock Pond dam footprint, open pit water collection sumps, Tailing Management Area dam footprints and clay borrow pit areas.

#### **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.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

In the early stages of the RRM the largest construction undertaking that has seen the most reclamation is the creation of three manmade 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, Clark Creek and Teeple Diversions commenced in 2015 with commissioning commencing 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 regard to habitat restoration, the 2018 reports indicate the following; Teeple, West Creek, Clark Creek ponds and diversions constructed habitat remains stable and in place. Shorelines and graded offset features are stable, and riparian vegetation cover and plantings have achieved moderate to good coverage and have reached the targeted 80% success criteria. This monitoring of these systems will continue annually until 2022. See Appendix N The Offset Plan for the Fisheries Act-2018 Report and Appendix O Schedule 2 MDMER Fish Habitat Compensation Plan.

#### **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.*

Status: This condition is not applicable in 2018.

Supporting Analysis:

This condition is not relevant to the current early 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.*

Status Update: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

6.1 Through negotiated agreements and in the Rainy River Project Indigenous Consultation Plan, New Gold has engaged Indigenous groups on accessing New Gold property.

6.4 Updates on habitat restoration and the success of revegetation efforts are provided during site tours and at Environmental Monitoring Board meetings.

6.5 Not applicable during the operations phase.

## 7.0 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.*

Status Update: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

Culturally significant sites were avoided in 2018.

### **Condition 7.1.2**

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

Status Update: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

No culturally significant sites were identified in 2018.

### **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.*

Status Update: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

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 MECP on February 9, 2015. In 2018, revisions were made to the document name, contact information and updates made in response to MECP comments. The current version of the Indigenous Consultation Plan was issued to MECP on July 30, 2018.

### **Condition 7.1.4**

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

Status Update: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

No burial sites were discovered in 2018.

### **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.*

Status Update: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

New Gold had archaeologists on site to excavate archaeological sites as per Provincial Standards and Guidelines. The archaeologists currently hold the artifacts and will make arrangements to transfer the artifacts to appropriate facilities upon consultation with indigenous people.

**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.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

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 2018.

**Condition 7.2**

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

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

No additional cultural sites were identified in 2018. Throughout the Environmental Assessment process, New Gold had engaged indigenous groups on previously identified cultural sites.

## 8.0 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.*

Status: Continued in 2018

#### Supporting Analysis

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 2018;

- 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.
- 45 bird sweeps occurred in 2018 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 include; deterrent cannons, netting over uninstalled pipes, culverts and openings, and 10,000+ stakes with reflective tape were installed to deter birds from future work areas.
- No tree clearing occurred during the breeding bird window (April to August).

### 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.*

Status: Continued in 2018

#### Supporting Analysis:

The commissioning of the Teeple Diversion system commenced in 2016 followed by the commissioning of West Creek Diversion and Clark Creek Diversion in mid-2017. During the construction of the Teeple and Clark Pond turtle basking areas were developed using rocks and trees. Since the start of construction New Gold has obtained an annual Wildlife Scientific Collectors Authorization (License No. 1089610) from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry which allows for the live trapping and relocation of turtles and snakes that are found in areas where they will be impacted by construction activities. During 2018 the license was not utilized. New Gold will apply for the license in 2019.

Monitoring of the success of the diversion structures and fish habitat compensation will be monitored over the next four years as part of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Authorization. In an event

that maintenance activities are required, this condition will be reviewed for appropriate mitigation strategies.

**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.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

SAR are considered in all aspects of Mine activities and an assessment of SAR and their habitats in relation to the RRM can be found in the 2018 SAR report (See IPT-0054 Rev C).

Since the early construction stages of the diversions, New Gold has retained qualified biologists to conduct fish salvage programs in the creeks and wetlands that would be altered as part of the diversion design. A component of the salvage program was to identify species found. To date no SAR species have been identified during salvages.

Monitoring of the success of the diversion structures and fish habitat compensation will be monitored over the next four years as part of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Authorization. In an event that maintenance activities are required, this condition will be reviewed for appropriate mitigation strategies.

**Condition 8.1.4**

*The proponent shall, in implementing condition 3.7, take measures to avoid or lessen adverse effects: on current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes by Aboriginal peoples.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

The construction of fish habitat compensation to offset the impact of the TMA started in 2015 and was completed in 2017. 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 growing 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 Indigenous 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.

Monitoring of the success of the diversion structures and fish habitat compensation will be monitored over the next five years as part of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Authorization. In an event that maintenance activities are required this condition will be reviewed for appropriate mitigation strategies. See Appendix N The Offset Plan for the Fisheries Act-2018 Report and Appendix O Schedule 2 MDMER Fish Habitat Compensation Plan.

**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.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

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

Monitoring of the success of the diversion structures and fish habitat compensation will be monitored over the next five years as part of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Authorization. In an event that maintenance activities are required this condition will be reviewed for appropriate mitigation strategies.

**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).*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

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 waste water that could be a potential source of contamination. No acid generating rock was used in the creation of rock features.

Monitoring of the success of the diversion structures and fish habitat compensation will be monitored over the next five 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 8.2**

*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.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

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 MNRF in 2013 and 2014 it was decided that the Tait Quarry would be reclaimed to whip-poor-will habitat similar to that found in the gravel pit. 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.

A consulting firm was retained by New Gold to design the reclamation plan which involves; ensuring the site is safe by sloping rock faces and banks to a minimum 2: 1 slope, leaving the pit floor as a pond, applying a topsoil, clay, organics mixture to areas where vegetation will be planted, planting trees and seeding with native species. Suitable plant species and habitat creation has been designed to mirror other areas known to be Eastern Whip Poor-Will habitat within the project boundary. In late fall of 2017 the earthworks component began and in summer of 2018 the vegetation component of the Tait Quarry reclamation plan was completed.

New Gold RRM considered Species at Risk and the potential for habitat creation in site restoration activities to date, in accordance with their Provincial Endangered Species Act permit.

Species at Risk monitoring was conducted in 2017 and the annual report was submitted to MNRF in January 2018 to fulfill condition numbers 7.2 and 7.3 of ESA FF-C-001-14.

### **Condition 8.3**

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

Status: Closed

Supporting Analysis:

Prior to project development the MNRF 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 had the potential to be impacted by the project. Based on this information to offset the loss of habitat, 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 habitat.

### **Condition 8.4**

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

Status: Continued in 2018

The RRM owns and monitors over 1800 ha of overall benefit land and are following the monitoring plan described in the 2018 SAR report. See Appendix D for the 2018 Species at Risk Report

### **Condition 8.5.1**

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

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

In late fall of 2018, a 14 km wildlife exclusion fence was erected that encompasses the footprint of the TMA and WMP. This fence includes 8 km of reptile barrier, the remaining 6 km of reptile barrier will be completed in spring of 2019.

### **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, constructed wetland, overburden pile, west mine rock pile and sediment ponds 1 and 2.*

Status: Continued in 2018



Supporting Analysis:

8.5.2.1 – Tailings Management Area

In late fall of 2018 a 14 km wildlife exclusion fence was erected that encompasses the footprint of the TMA and WMP. This fence includes 8 km of reptile barrier, the remaining 6 km of reptile barrier will be installed in spring of 2019. No Snapping turtles were observed in the TMA in 2018.

8.5.2.2- Water Management Pond

In late fall of 2018 a 14 km wildlife exclusion fence was erected that encompasses the footprint of the TMA and WMP. This fence includes 8 km of reptile barrier, the remaining 6 km of reptile barrier will be installed in spring of 2019. No Snapping turtles were observed in the WMP in 2018.

8.5.2.3 - Water Discharge Pond

The WDP was completed in late fall 2018, no snapping turtles were observed during its construction. The WDP did not receive any mine effluent during 2018 and is not expected to during 2019, only surface run off has reported to the WDP. The WDP will be monitored for snapping turtles and if any are observed, efforts will be made to remove and exclude them before discharge of effluent to the pond.

8.5.2.4 – Constructed Wetland: Not constructed in 2018, differed to 2020-2021.

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 silt fence was installed that will direct them away from the area. No snapping turtles were observed in or around the overburden stockpile in 2018.

8.5.2.6 - West Mine Rock Pile

Ditching around the area was complete in 2018. This ditching is built with steep banks to ensure turtles do not enter the stockpile area. No turtles were observed in the area in the 2018.

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 will be discouraged from burrowing into them or climbing over them.

## 9.0 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.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

In the event of an accident or malfunction with the potential to cause adverse environmental effects, New Gold RRM 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.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

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:*

*9.1.3.1 The measures that were taken to mitigate the effects of the occurrence;*

*9.1.3.2 If an emergency response plan was implemented, details concerning its implementation;*

*9.1.3.3 Changes made to avoid a subsequent occurrence of the accident or malfunction.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

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#5178-9TUPD9 condition 11(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# 5178-9TUPD9 condition 11(4).

A copy of the Site Wide Spill Reporting Procedure (ENV-SOP-0001) and the Environmental Department Reporting Procedure (ENV-SOP-0002) can be found in Appendix H.

## 10.0 Implementation Schedule

### Condition 10.1

*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.*

Status: Complete

Supporting Analysis: This condition was completed on February 3, 2015.

### 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.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

An updated Implementation Schedule was included in the 2017 Annual Compliance Report that was submitted March 29, 2018.

Next due date for Implementation Schedule submission is March 31, 2020

### 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.*

Status: Continued in 2018

Supporting Analysis:

An updated Implementation Schedule was provided to CEAA on September 8, 2017. There has been no changes for 2018.



# **SECTION 4**

## **NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE**

### **COMMITEMENT REGISTRY**

#### **PROVINCIAL COMMITMENTS**



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Condition/ Tracking #	Description	Status 2018	Date Completed
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 documentations to the Ministry or has submitted required information in the requested format by the Ministry.	Continued in 2018
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, 2019.	March 31, 2019
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.	These numbers have been added to the 2018 annual report.	Continued in 2018 Annually
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 2018 Annual Compliance Report is made available on the company's 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.	Continued in 2018
4.1	The Proponent shall post the Errata document dated December 15, 2014 on the Proponent's project website. The Proponent shall update the Summary of the Environmental Assessment Report to reflect the addition of the Errata and to itemize what sections of the Environmental Assessment Report have been impacted by it and shall post the updated Summary on the website. The Proponent shall update the Table of Contents of the Environmental Assessment Report to reflect that the Errata is included as part of Volume 2 of the Environmental Assessment Report and shall post the updated Table of Contents on the website.	The EA with the addition of the Errata document was posted on November 12, 2015. Following the commissioning of the RRM the company's website was updated. There was a delay in the re-posting of this document which was rectified on March 23, 2018.	November 12, 2015
5.1	The Proponent shall prepare and submit to the Director, for the public record, an Environmental Assessment Compliance Monitoring Program (CMP).	Completed	February 9, 2015

Condition/ Tracking #	Description	Status 2018	Date Completed
5.2	The CMP shall be submitted 30 days before the start of construction or such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.	Completed	February 9, 2015
5.3	The CMP shall describe how the Proponent will monitor its fulfilment of: 1) the provisions of the Environmental Assessment pertaining to mitigation measures, public consultation, and additional studies and work to be carried out; 2) all other commitments made by the Proponent during the Environmental Assessment process including the Commitments Registry as contained in the Errata dated December 15, 2014; and 3) the conditions included in this Notice of Approval.	Completed	February 9, 2015
5.4	The CMP must contain an implementation schedule for construction, operations and closure, as well as monitoring during construction, operations and closure.	A Compliance Monitoring Plan for the Rainy River Project was submitted to MOECC on February 9, 2015. No revisions have been submitted to date. Through the submission of the Annual Compliance Report to the MECP and CEAA New Gold provides the results of onsite monitoring as outlines in the Plan.	February 9, 2015
5.5	When the Proponent submits the CMP to the Director, the Proponent shall append a statement indicating that the CMP is intended to fulfil condition 5 of this Notice of Approval.	Completed	February 9, 2015
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 2018 there were no requests for New Gold to amend the Compliance Monitoring Plan	Continued in 2018
5.7	The Proponent shall carry out the CMP, as it may be amended by the Director.	During 2018 there were no requests made for New Gold to amend the Compliance Monitoring Plan.	Continued in 2018



Condition/ Tracking #	Description	Status 2018	Date Completed
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 2018.	Continued in 2018
6.1	The Proponent shall prepare an annual Compliance Report which describes its compliance with the conditions of approval set out in this Notice of Approval, and which describes the results of the Proponent's Environmental Assessment CMP required by Condition 5 of this Notice of Approval.	This table forms part of the 2018 Annual Compliance Report and describes compliance with the conditions of the approval. Information related to the Follow Up Monitoring Plan can be found in Appendix S.	Continued in 2018
6.2	The first annual Compliance Report shall be submitted to the Director, for the public record, within one year from the Start of Construction and shall cover all activities of the previous 12 month period.	The First Annual Compliance Report covered the period from the start of construction to December 31, 2015 and was submitted on March 31, 2016. The 2016 Compliance Report was submitted on March 31, 2017 and the 2017 Compliance Report was submitted on March 31, 2018. The 2018 Compliance Report was submitted March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2019.	Complete March 31, 2019
6.3	Subsequent Compliance Reports shall be submitted to the Director, for the public record, on or before the anniversary of the Start of Construction each year thereafter. Each Compliance Report shall cover all activities of the previous 12 month period.	In 2015 a decision was made between the Agency and New Gold Representative Kyle Stanfield that the Annual Compliance Reports would cover the period from January to December and that the report would be submitted March of the following year. In 2015 the report covered the period from the start of construction (February) to December 2015 and was submitted March 31, 2016; In 2016 the report covered January to December 2016 and the report was submitted March 31, 2017. The 2017 report covers the period from January to December 2017 and was submitted on March 31, 2018. The 2018 report covers the period from January to December 2018 and was submitted on March 31, 2019.	Completed annually on March 31.
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	The terms of this condition are understood and not applicable to the 2018 report.	Continued in 2018

Condition/ Tracking #	Description	Status 2018	Date Completed
	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.		
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.	Continued in 2018
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 in compliance with this condition and is willing to share associated documentation as requested by the Ministry.	Continued in 2018
7.1	The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Complaint Protocol that sets out how it will deal with and respond to inquiries and complaints received during the design, construction and operation of the Undertaking.	A Complaint Protocol was implemented in February 2015 at the start of construction and remains in effect.	February 2, 2015
7.2	The Proponent shall submit the Complaint Protocol to the Director, for the public record, 30 days before the Start of Construction or such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.	A Complaint Protocol was submitted on February 2, 2015.	February 2, 2015
7.3	The Director may require the Proponent to amend the Complaint Protocol at any time. If an amendment is required, the Director will notify the Proponent in writing of the required amendment and the date by which the Proponent must complete the amendment and submit it to the Director.	During 2018 there were no requests made to New Gold to amend the Complaint Protocol.	Continued in 2018
7.4	The Proponent shall carry out the Complaint Protocol, as it may be amended by the Director.	There were 10 complaints reported in 2018. The majority of these complaints (6) were due traffic and dust. Other complaints were due to vibration, land use and employee behavior.	Continued in 2018

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8.1	<p>The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Community Communications Plan that sets forth:</p> <p>a) How the Proponent plans to disseminate information to interested persons;</p> <p>b) How interested persons will be notified and kept informed about Site operations; and</p> <p>c) 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.</p>	The Community Communications Plan was completed February 9, 2015.	February 9, 2015
8.2	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.	A Community Communications Plan was submitted on February 9, 2015.	Completed February 9, 2015
8.3	The Proponent shall implement the Community Communications Plan during construction, operations and closure of the Undertaking.	Implemented in 2018.	Continued in 2018
9.1	<p>The Proponent shall prepare and implement an Aboriginal Consultation Plan that sets forth:</p> <p>a) 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;</p> <p>b) How the Proponent will fulfill all commitments made to Aboriginal communities during the Environmental Assessment process, including continued in 2018 consultation during the design and implementation of the Undertaking;</p> <p>c) A Notification Protocol for how the Proponent will inform Aboriginal communities if archaeological</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>A draft plan was submitted on January 21, 2015. Following up on the communication on February 13 2015, New Gold RRM noted that the MOECC had no additional comments on the Aboriginal Consultation Plan stipulated in Condition 9 of the Provincial EA decision for the RRM. A copy of the plan was provided.</p>	January 21, 2015

Condition/ Tracking #	Description	Status 2018	Date Completed
	<p>resources or Aboriginal remains are encountered during construction;</p> <p>d) How the Proponent will issue notices and updates on key steps in the design and implementation of the Undertaking.</p>		
9.2	<p>The Proponent shall submit the Aboriginal Consultation Plan to the Director and the Aboriginal communities that were notified of the Undertaking during the Environmental Assessment process 30 days before the Start of Construction or by such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.</p>	<p>The Aboriginal Consultation Plan was submitted February 9, 2015.</p>	<p>February 9, 2015</p>
9.3	<p>The Proponent shall implement the Aboriginal Consultation Plan during construction, operations and closure of the Undertaking.</p>	<p>Implemented in 2018.</p>	<p>Continued in 2018</p>
9.4	<p>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.</p>	<p>During 2018, all communities were regularly informed of project activities through Joint Implementation Committees (JIC) and Environmental Monitoring Boards (EMB). Each of the communities has representation in the JICs and EMBs. Meetings take place quarterly at minimum, unless otherwise agreed. Information on permit applications is provided at the EMBs. A consultant provided ECA updates to the EMBs at Q1 meetings. Community meetings on the Closure Plan Amendment 2017 took place at Big Island and Naicatchewenin and Rainy River First Nations in March 2018. A hand delivered letter (or emailed by request) summarizing the changes to the Closure Plan was distributed to the communities in July 2018. MNO requested a presentation on the Closure Plan; this is still being coordinated between NG and MNO. Updated management plans were distributed to all communities on August 14, 2018. Weekly spill reports are emailed to all communities; monthly employment opportunities are emailed to all communities; and several site tours were provided to community members. Site access for cultural practices is provided by request; no requests were made in 2018. Tobacco offering stations (3) are available on site for employee use.</p>	<p>Continued in 2018</p>

Condition/ Tracking #	Description	Status 2018	Date Completed
10.1	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.	During 2018, no new areas were identified, within or surrounding the RRM ESA boundary, that require a Stage 1 and 2 archaeological assessment.	February 3, 2015
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 uncovered during construction of the TMA dams or sedimentary ponds 1 & 2 in 2018.  During 2018, two areas previously identified as DfKm-2 (Campbell 2) and DfKm-4 (Campbell 1), were subject to a Stage 4 archaeological assessment. These areas are in the operational footprint of the West Mine Rock Stockpile. Artifacts recovered include quartz debitage, projectile points and scrapers.	Continued in 2018
10.3	Archaeological resources that require removal will be transferred to a public institution selected through consultation with local First Nations and Métis represented by the Métis Nation of Ontario Region 1 Consultation Committee, in consultation with MTCS. An MTCS collection transfer form will be completed by the surrendering licensee and the institution accepting the materials. Collection shall be curated to current standards.	A Stage 4 archaeological Field Study was completed during the spring and into early fall. Cataloguing and analyses of any significant findings is scheduled for completion in 2019. Consultation with local First Nations and Metis Nation of Ontario Region 1 will occur once the final report has been prepared and filed with the MTCS.	Continued in 2018
11.1	Prior to the construction of the proposed demolition landfill (or any other landfill) within the Site's property boundary, the Proponent shall obtain any necessary Environmental Assessment Act approvals and Environmental Protection Act approvals. In addition, prior to construction of the proposed demolition landfill (or any other landfill), the Proponent shall provide appropriate financial assurance to the Ministry's satisfaction, unless by then the appropriate cost has already been accounted for and provided to the MNDM as part of Closure Plan requirements under the Mining Act	There is no landfill within the boundary of the RRM.	Continued in 2018

Condition/ Tracking #	Description	Status 2018	Date Completed
12.1	<p>As a minimum, the Proponent shall meet all requirements and commitments related to mine water discharges to the Pinewood River as agreed to by the Ministry during the EA process, or as revised through approvals by the Ministry. These requirements and commitments are found throughout the EA and include, but are not limited to, those set out in the July 17, 2014 memo by the Ministry's surface water specialist regarding the "Rainy River Gold Project: Effluent Criteria Discussion and Water Taking Thresholds" which appears in Section 4 of the Ministry Review of the EA.</p> <p>Further, as part of its application for the Environmental Compliance Approval(s) (ECA) required for the Undertaking, the proponent shall identify, through memo or other means acceptable to the ECA Director, how the proponent's proposed water management process will satisfy the technical requirements and other surface water quality commitments stated in the EA.</p>	<p>New Gold RRM has implemented a water sampling programs that meets the requirements of the MECP Environmental Compliance Approvals and the Federal Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulation. During 2018, effluent was discharged indirectly to the Pinewood River from temporary sediment ponds constructed in the periphery of the open pit and overburden stockpile collection sumps. Water in these systems was treated for ammonia and suspended solids. Heavy metal concentrations have not been a concern at this time. During the Environmental Compliance Approval(s) application process (2015) a Water Management Plan was submitted to MECP, and an updated Water Management Plan draft was submitted to the MECP in March 2018.</p>	Continued in 2018
12.2	<p>The Proponent shall meet all requirements and commitments related to the establishment of a minimum water taking threshold from the Pinewood River as agreed to by the Ministry during the EA process, or as revised through approvals by the Ministry. 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 Section 4 of the Ministry Review of the EA.</p> <p>Further, as part of its application for the Permit(s) to Take Water (PTTW) required for the Undertaking, the proponent shall identify, through memo or other</p>	<p>New Gold is committed to meeting all requirements and commitments related to the establishment of a minimum water taking threshold from the Pinewood River. Condition 3.3, sub-sections A and B, of the six (6) Permits to Take Water (PTTW) issued to New Gold restricts the total site water taking to a percentage of the Pinewood River daily flow rate. The total site water taking is restricted to not more than 20% of the daily flow rate in the Pinewood River during the period of March 1 to July 31, and to an amount of not more than 15% during the period of August 1 to November 30. Condition 3.3 sub-sections C and D of PTTW 8776-9W2QN3 for taking of water from the Pinewood River further restricts the direct taking of water from the Pinewood with a minimum water taking threshold. During the period of March 1 to July 31, the calculated flow of the Pinewood River must remain above 10,000m<sup>3</sup> after pumping, and above 5,000m<sup>3</sup> during the period of August 1 to November 30. No direct water taking from the Pinewood River is permitted under Condition 3.3 subsection E of</p>	Continued in 2018

Condition/ Tracking #	Description	Status 2018	Date Completed
	means acceptable to the PTTW Director, how the proponent's proposed water management process will satisfy the water taking commitments stated in the EA.	PTTW 8776-9W2QN3. There were no exceedances of the minimum direct water taking threshold, or maximum water taking limits by source for any of the six PTTWs for 2018. PTTW 8776-9W2QN3 expired on November 30, 2018.	
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 draft closure plan amendment submitted to the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (October 2017) 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 water from the tailings are sampled routinely. In the fall of 2017 Cell 1 was monitored for bird activity. New Gold has onsite deterrents for birds in the form of bangers and hand-held noise making devices. In Q4 of 2018 a dusting event occurred at the TMA that lasted several days. As a corrective action, New Gold has rehydrated, that is covered with water, Cell 1 and will apply a polymer over exposed beach in Cell 2. Moving forward, a polymer will be applied on exposed beach that are not active every year after spring freshet, when condition allow. The Environmental Department is currently reviewing larger, self-sufficient deterrent systems to ward off birds and animals. Permanent fencing was installed in 2018 with completion of the reptile barrier planned for spring 2019 once the frost is out.	Continued in 2018
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	Section 5.6.1 of the RRM Comprehensive Closure Plan Amendment (October 2017) 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	Continued in 2018

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	<p>details to the Ministry on how actions required by this condition have been considered in the project design, operations and the Closure Plan.</p>	<p>pass the probably 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.</p>	
14.1	<p>The Proponent shall assess and utilize best practices to protect the biodiversity of existing species within the area of the Undertaking. Building on the baseline studies 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.</p> <p>The Proponent shall as part of the Compliance Reports required under Condition 6, or otherwise specified in writing by the Director, provide details to the Ministry on how the requirements set out in this condition are being met.</p>	<p>Version 5 of the Terrestrial Systems Monitoring Plan was submitted to the MNRF on February 3, 2016 and accepted by the MNRF in May 2016. New Gold is continually monitoring as part of the Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring Plan. During 2018 the following monitoring programs were implemented; Species at Risk monitoring for Bobolink and Eastern Whip-poor-will, Avian community morning point count surveys, wildlife observation monitoring, bat monitoring, deer and fish tissue sampling to assess metal accumulation in organ and muscle tissue and barn swallow monitoring. The Biodiversity Monitoring Plan for the Pinewood River was implemented as per ECA No. 5781-9VJQ2J Condition 10(5) and ECA No. 5178-9TUPD9 Condition 8(7). These annual monitoring programs are built from baseline data collected during the EA process.</p>	March 20, 2019
14.2	<p>In addition to fulfilling all commitments with regard to rehabilitating wildlife habitat and terrestrial systems, the Proponent shall consult with MNRF on the development of a monitoring plan for terrestrial systems and habitat. The Proponent shall prepare the monitoring plan before the start of construction and shall provide a draft plan to MNRF for review before the plan is finalized. The Proponent shall carry out the plan during construction, operation and closure of the Undertaking. The purpose of the monitoring plan is to verify the accuracy of the predictions the Proponent made during the EA about the Undertaking's impacts on wildlife and habitat and to monitor the effectiveness of rehabilitation efforts for wildlife habitat and terrestrial environments.</p>	<p>Version 5 of the Terrestrial Systems Monitoring Plan was accepted by the MNRF in May of 2016.</p> <p>The 2018 Wildlife Monitoring Report was part of the supporting documentation in the 2018 Annual Compliance Report (ACR). A link to the 2018 ACR was sent to the Environmental Monitoring Board members on April 15, 2019 and to the JIC members on April 16, 2019.</p> <p>The 2018 Wildlife Monitoring Report was submitted to MNRF on June 20, 2019.</p>	May 6, 2016



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	The Proponent shall report on biodiversity baseline and results required in Condition 14.1 through the Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring Plan.		
15.1 A	<p>Conditions Specific to Vegetation Clearing Activities Occurring Before May 1, 2015:</p> <p>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.</p>	A vegetation clearing plan was prepared and implemented prior to the commencement of construction. The plan consists of clearing areas that coincide with the progression of construction and approvals from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.	February 21, 2015
15.1 B	<p>Conditions Specific to Vegetation Clearing Activities Occurring Before May 1, 2015:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Prior to the start of construction a Vegetation Clearing Plan was provide to appropriate government agencies, and clearing permits were obtained from the MNRF.</p> <p>Consultation on the Vegetation Clearing Plan commenced in late 2014 and early 2015.</p>	February 21, 2015
15.1 C	<p>Conditions Specific to Vegetation Clearing Activities Occurring Before May 1, 2015:</p> <p>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.</p>	The Vegetation Clearing Plan was originally posted on the New Gold Rainy River Project website on February 21, 2015. In the fall of 2017 the company website underwent some layout changes when the project transitioned to a mine. At that time the Clearing Plan was unintentionally removed from the website. The plan was reposted on March 23, 2018.	March 23, 2018

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15.2 A	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 MNR (when applicable). Clearing was continued in 2018 during 2018 excluding the period of the breeding bird window.	Continued in 2018
15.2 B	The Proponent shall prepare an implementation schedule for all the vegetation clearing activities that are intended to occur on the Site before May 1, 2015.	Completed	February 21, 2015
15.3 A	Compliance Reporting for Vegetation Clearing Activities: In relation to vegetation clearing activities that occur on the Site before May 1, 2015, the Proponent shall prepare a Vegetation Clearing Compliance Report which describes and provides evidence of the Proponent's compliance with Condition 15 of this Notice of Approval.	Completed  New Gold RRM submitted the updated RRM Vegetation Clearing Plan for Initial Clearing Prior to May 1, 2015, as required by the conditions of the Provincial EA Approval Notice.	February 9, 2015
15.3 B	Compliance Reporting for Vegetation Clearing Activities: The Proponent shall submit the Vegetation Clearing Compliance report to the Director within 30 days of completing the Vegetation Clearing Activities	Completed	May 31, 2015
15.4 A	Complaint Protocol for Vegetation Clearing Activities: The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Vegetation Clearing Complaint Protocol that sets out how the Proponent will address inquiries and complaints received during any Vegetation Clearing Activities.	An External Feedback Protocol was completed February 2, 2015. In addition, New Gold implemented a complaints protocol in February 2015 for any site activity or concern. No complaints were received related to Vegetation Clearing Activities in 2018.	Continued in 2018

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15.5 A	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).	Completed.  The Vegetation Plan was posted to the New Gold website (accessible to the public) on February 12, 2015. Revision 2 was posted on February 24, 2015.  Aboriginal communities were notified on January 19, 2015.	February 12, 2015 (V2); February 24, 2015 (V3)
15.6 A	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).	Completed  An additional notification was provided on March 20, 2015 for new areas not included in the initial notification.	February 13 <sup>th</sup> 2015
15.6 B	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.	An Aboriginal Blessing Ceremony was carried out on February 6, 2015 attended by several of the 16 Aboriginal communities. The event was a follow-up to the RRM updated vegetation clearing schedule sent to Aboriginal communities in January 2015.	January 2015 & February 6, 2015

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15.6 C	<p>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.</p>	Completed.	February 16, 2015
15.7 A	<p>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.</p>	<p>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 MNRF. Grubbing is not conducted unless necessary and buffers are implemented around sensitive areas.</p> <p>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 will be reclaimed to suitable whip-poor-will habitat. A memorandum outlining the reclamation strategy can be found in Appendix D 2018 SAR Report. Work will commence in 2019 on setting up vegetation plots to mimic stockpile closure on a small scale. This will include multiple tree and shrub species planted with assorted grasses and fertilizers. As the mine advances into operations, the opportunity to reclaim more land will be possible.</p>	Continued in 2018
15.8	<p>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.</p>	Completed	February 21, 2015

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15.9	The Director may require the Proponent to amend aspects of the Vegetation Clearing Plan at any time. Should an amendment be required, the Director will notify the Proponent, in writing, of the required amendment and of the date by which the Proponent must complete the amendment and submit it to the Director.	Not requested in 2018.	Continued in 2018
15.10	The Proponent shall carry out the Vegetation Clearing Plan, as it may be amended by the Director.	Implemented in 2018	Continued in 2018
15.11	The Proponent shall make documentation pertaining to the Vegetation Clearing Plan available to the Ministry or designate upon request, in a timely manner, when so requested by the Ministry.	No requests were made during 2018.	Continued in 2018
15.12	In addition to fulfilling the Vegetation Clearing Plan conditions above, the Proponent shall also mention its Vegetation Clearing Activities, as relevant, in other materials it produces to fulfill the other conditions required by this Notice of Approval.	Complete. The Vegetation Clearing Plan was posted on New Gold's website February 12, 2015 and with a subsequent revision (Revision 3) posted on February 24, 2015. The clearing plan was unintentionally removed from the company website during maintenance that was conducted in the winter of 2017. The plan was uploaded back to the New Gold RRM page on March 25, 2018.	February 12, 2015 and February 24, 2015.
16.1 A	<p>The Proponent shall ensure that the need for the Undertaking is capable of adapting to climate change during the construction, operation and closure phases of the Undertaking, and to that end the Proponent shall:</p> <p>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.</p>	In 2018 Sediment Ponds 1 and 2 were completed. Perimeter ditches on both waste dumps were completed. In addition, a contingency water management plan was developed to address spring freshet.	Continued in 2018

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16.1 B	The Proponent shall ensure that the need for the Undertaking is capable of adapting to climate change during the construction, operation and closure phases of the Undertaking, and to that end the Proponent shall: 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 filed Closure Plan (2015) and draft Closure Plan Amendment (October 2017) outline the post-closure strategy of the TMA which includes a 2m water cover over the tailings. As the project advances through the operations further amendments to the closure plan will be necessary and will allow for opportunities to review climate change scenarios at closure.	Continued in 2018
16.1 C	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: 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 on April 30, 2018, to include a review on climate change and the site water balance.	Continued in 2018
16.1 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 RRM discusses operational flexibility in regard to water demands. The design, 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.	Continued in 2018

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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 2018 by New Gold have been included in the Annual Compliance Report in Table 2 Section 2 Regulatory Update.	Continued in 2018
18.1 A	In carrying out the Undertaking, the Proponent shall require that its contractors, subcontractors and employees: a) Fulfil the commitments made by the Proponent in the Environmental Assessment process, including those made in the Environmental Assessment and in the Proponent's responses to comments received during the formal Environmental Assessment comment periods.	<p>All employees and contractors go through a standard site orientation, which includes Environmental, community, health and safety and other pertinent site aspects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contractors are required to attend an environmental kick off meeting prior to start of work. Purpose of the meeting is to review commitments and permit requirements applicable to the Scope of Work. There are also statements in contracts that require the contractor to adhere to all applicable permits and site environmental procedures.</li> <li>• Financial / other materials may include specific clauses with contracts on standards, requirements etc., depending on the nature of the contract.</li> <li>• Environmental Conditions set out in Permits also include reference to specific contract drawings that are to be adhered to by the construction contractors</li> <li>• NG RRM Environmental Department monitors Contractors to ensure construction works and mining operations are carried out in accordance with Environmental Commitments</li> <li>• Site wide bulletins are issued via email, radio communication and posting in work places. When required the bulletins discuss environmental commitments and approvals.</li> </ul>	Continued in 2018
18.1 B	In carrying out the Undertaking, the Proponent shall require that its contractors, subcontractors and employees: b) 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 or 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	Continued in 2018

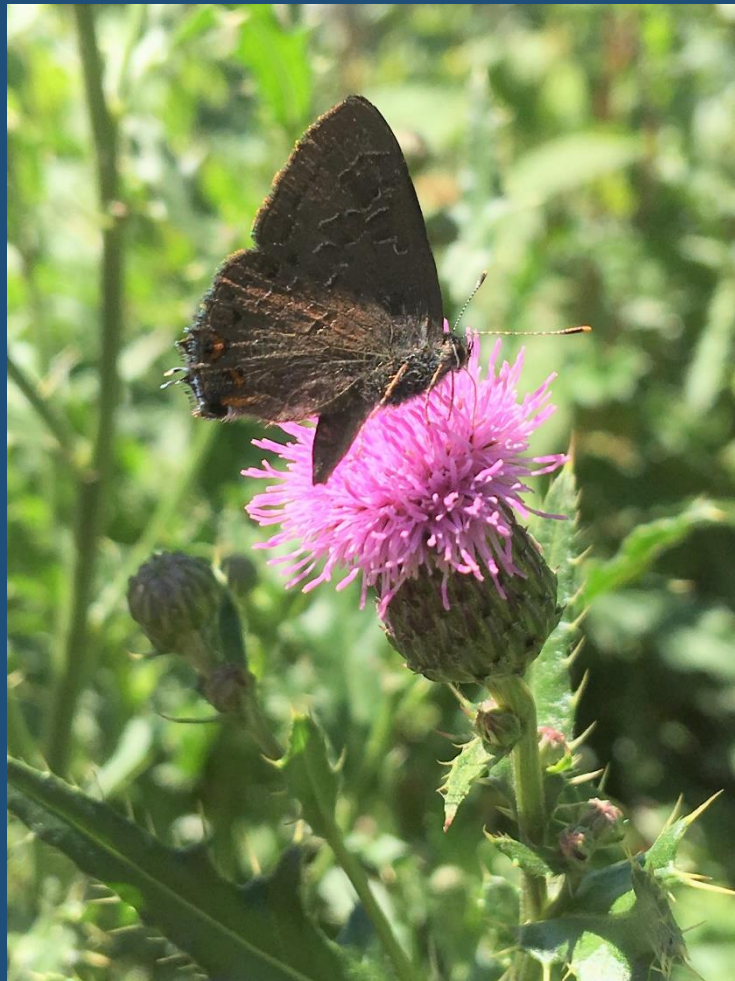
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		conditions and approvals in construction execution plans.	
18.1 C	In carrying out the Undertaking, the Proponent shall require that its contractors, subcontractors and employees: c) Obtain any necessary approvals, permits or licenses	New Gold Environmental 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 2018 New Gold also retained environmental consulting expertise in areas related to fisheries, wildlife and species at risk, air quality monitoring, mine reclamation 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.	Continued in 2018
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.	The RRM believes that during 2018, design modifications and changes to support the project were communicated effectively with MECP to obtain input and ensure work was being conducted in accordance with current permits and approvals. In 2018, the following amendments, applications and memos were submitted to MECP; Permit to take Water 0040-9VUL6B for Construction of Tailings Management Area Renewal (January 2018), Permit to take Water 2133-9VUPVZ for Construction Minor Takings Renewal (January 2018), ESDM Report Executive Summary (January 2018), Acoustic Summary Report for Early Operations (January 2018), Permit to take Water #7631-9VULMS for Pit Dewatering Condition Removal Request (February 2018), Permit to take Water 7631-9VULMS for Pit Dewatering Amendment (February 2018), Tailings Pipeline Corridor As-Built Drawings (February 2018), 2017 Annual Compliance Report (February 2018), Comprehensive Site Water Balance Interim Update (March 2018), Update of Groundwater Model (March 2018), Water Management Plan Draft (March 2018), Potential Effects of Effluent Discharge to Pinewood (March 2018), Request for Permit Update (April 2018), Feasibility and Design Reports for a Flume and Divider Dyke (April 2018), Permit to take Water 1386-9VTP2H for Dewatering of Aggregate Operations Amendment (May 2018), Cell 2 Freshwater	Continued in 2018



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		<p>Abatement Plan Supplemental (May 2018), Clarifications and Responses to ECA Amendment Application (July 2018), Rationale for Proposed Revisions to ECA Effluent Limits (July 2018), Notice of Modification - Mine Rock Pond (July 2018), Phased Implementation of Water Treatment Train (July 2019), Notification of Commencement of Work - Water Discharge Pond (August 2018) Permit to take Water 8776-9W2QN3 for Industrial Water Supply Renewal Application (August 2018), 2017 Annual Compliance Report Revision (August 2018), 2017 Annual Compliance Report - Revised (September 2018), Onsite Sewage Holding Tanks (September 2018), Sewage Holding Tank Request (October 2018), Sewage Holding Tanks Request - Underground Operations (December 2018). See Appendix E for RRP Early Operations Acoustic Assessment Report.</p>	
20.1	<p>30 days prior to construction, or as per another timeline as may be identified in writing by the Director, the Proponent shall provide notification of the Proponent's intention to proceed with construction. 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.</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Notification was submitted on January 29, 2015. During the fall of 2017 the mine entered its operations phase.</p>	January 29, 2015.

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**SECTION 5**  
**NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE**  
**COMMITMENT REGISTRY**



*Figure 20 Striped hairstreak on thistle at Pinewood*

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1	<p>The RRM will monitor and mitigate air emissions, particularly dust, through implementation of current industry best management practices.</p>	<p>Air quality monitoring program continued with monitoring of relevant air emissions parameters dictated in Rainy River Project Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan per ECA 04172-A2LR4V condition 10.1 (a) Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan. Data was collected at the two air quality monitoring stations located east and south-east of the project site by New Gold Environment staff. Data analysis, interpretation and quarterly reporting was performed by external laboratories and consultants.</p> <p>During 2018, there were two exceedances of total suspended particulates (TSP) and metallic iron concentrations measured in March and May at the Gallinger Road station. (See Appendix I for 2018 Exceedance Table.) Gallinger Road passes by the air quality station. Wind direction and road dust from light vehicle were defined as the probable causes of both exceedances. Mitigation measures included restricting road access for light vehicles, watering and application of Calcium Chloride on road surface.</p> <p>Fugitive Dust Best Management Practices Plan (BMP) for operations was updated and submitted to MECP for review in February and June of 2018. Best management practices include the use of water as dust suppressant on major haul roads and application of calcium chloride on major light vehicle routes during non-freezing conditions. In addition, speed limits on and around site were controlled. Baghouses and other dust suppression equipment were used at the processing plant and crusher. Drills used in the open pit were equipped with dust curtains and water dispersion during operations. Primary and auxiliary aggregate crushers used chemical and water dispersed by spray bars during non-freezing conditions. Commercial traffic was limited to site access along the east access or Teeple Road.</p>	<p>Air Quality Stations installed May 2015</p> <p>Monitoring is continued in 2018 for life of mine.</p>

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2	<p>Dust Management Plan</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>An updated Fugitive dust best management practices plan for RRM operations phase was prepared as per ECA #0412-A2LR4V in February 2018. The updated plan identifies fugitive emission sources, composition and characterization of particulate emissions, fugitive dust control for each source, implementation and operation plus inspection and maintenance procedures. The updated plan was submitted on February 26, 2018 to MECP for review and approval. RRM construction activities also adopted the updated version of the plan. Both paper and electronic records were maintained during the 6 months of 2018. See appendix J for Dust Management Results.</p> <p>The Fugitive Dust Control Plan will be reviewed and updated in 2019 to better reflect current conditions.</p>	<p>ECA Application Submission – November 14, 2014;</p> <p>Fugitive Dust Best Management Plans submitted to MOECC February 4, 2016;</p> <p>Updated Water Use Plan for dust submitted to MOEC December 14, 2016.</p>
3	<p>Sound will be monitored during construction, operations and active closure phases consistent with Ministry of the Environment (MOE) requirements</p>	<p>During the first week of May and June of 2018, noise monitoring was conducted at two different Species at Risk habitat areas, located due north and south of the RRM open pit and TMA area. Monitoring determined if the sound levels from the RRM operations activities exceeded the sound level threshold of 50 dBA. This means 50 decibell A-Weighted sound level averaged over one hour (50 dBA<sub>Leq</sub> determined through standard MECP NPC 103 monitoring procedures.) Three sound level exceedances were documented. All were attributed to natural occurrences such as bird/insect noise and thunderstorm activity.</p> <p>Additional sound monitoring was not conducted during 2018. An audit is planned for 2019. See Appendix I for 2018 Exceedance Table</p>	<p>Continued in 2018</p>
4	<p>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 NO<sub>2</sub> and</p>	<p>Ambient air quality monitoring occurs at two air quality stations located along the eastern and southern boundaries of the mine site. The ambient air quality monitoring program strictly follows the Ambient Air Monitoring Program Plan that was reviewed and approved by MECP in 2016. Since the installation of the</p>	<p>Ambient Air Quality Plan submitted February 2016 and approved by MOECC in</p>

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	SO2. NG commits to conducting this monitoring which is also expected to be an approval requirement.	stations, MECP inspections occurred in 2015 and 2016. These inspections revealed no significant deficiencies.  During 2018 the MECP did not conduct inspections of either ambient air quality monitoring station.	November 2016.
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.	During 2018 the Fugitive Dust Best Management Practices Plan (FDBMPP) for operations was updated and submitted to the MECP for review in February of 2018. At the request of the MECP, the plan was resubmitted for review in June of 2018. An Air Inspection conducted by the MECP during November and December of 2018 stated that more effort to mitigate fugitive dust was required and asked for an updated FDBMPP in April of 2019.	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.  Continued in 2018.
6	A transboundary notification under the Canada - U.S. Air Quality Agreement will be filed prior to operation.	This notification was filed on September 17, 2014.	Completed September 17, 2014
7	Planning measures aimed at reducing fuel and power consumption for the RRM site include the following:  • Using larger, more fuel efficient trucks for material transport;  • Using optimum insulation in buildings to reduce heat loss and heat recovery from equipment where practical	Implemented in 2018	Continued in 2018

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintaining site equipment and vehicles in good working order through regular preventative maintenance.</li> </ul>		
8	Monitoring of air quality will occur during construction, operations and active closure phases per Section 13.1.1 of the Final EA Report.	<p>Monitoring of air quality at the RRM site continued during 2018. New Gold Environmental staff collected raw data from the two air quality sampling stations as per the Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan. Stations are located to the south of the Site near the beginning of the Highway 600, and one to the east of the site along Gallinger Road.</p> <p>During 2018, there were two exceedances of total suspended particulates (TSP) and metallic iron concentrations measured in March and May at the Gallinger Road station. (See Appendix I for 2018 Exceedance Table) Gallinger Road passes by the air quality station. Wind direction and road dust from light vehicle were defined as the probable causes of both exceedances. Mitigation measures included restricting road access for light vehicles, watering and application of Calcium Chloride on road surface.</p> <p>Air Quality Monitoring Reports for each quarter of 2018 can be found in Appendix F.</p>	Continued in 2018
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.	<p>Measures that were implemented during 2015 and continued into 2018 to reduce sound included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Specific trucks that allow exhaust to pass through the truck box rather than directly through the exhaust pipe (muffles sound);</li> <li>- Reducing size of blasts where appropriate and scheduling those blast only at 1100 and 1500;</li> <li>- Tree buffers maintained where practical;</li> </ul>	Continued in 2018



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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.	<p>During the fall of 2018 the MECP conducted a review of the updated Acoustic Assessment Report (AAR) for early operations (January 2018). Inspection notes discussed that the site is operating at or near the noise limits set out in Ministry Publication NPC-300. To assess compliance with the report RRM has agreed to conduct an acoustic audit in Q2 of 2019 to verify the results of the updated AAR.</p> <p>See Appendix E for the RRP Early Operation Acoustic Assessment Report.</p>	Continued in 2018
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.	<p>There are three holes (199kg each) planned for the 5.5 to 6 ¾ inch drill pattern that will detonate in close proximity(8m) of each other.</p> <p>On 9 inch, the design is to have 2 holes on average going off (330kg each) in close proximity.</p> <p>Therefore, our average MIC can be estimated at 597-660kg per shot.</p>	Continued in 2018
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.	<p>Through regular communication, New Gold has established positive relationships with neighbors who are closest to the project mine site. When neighbors have any concerns or comments, they contact the Community Coordinator or Community Supervisor directly, who then ensure follow-up and closeout. In 2018, neighbors joined the New Gold team for a site visit and lunch at the accommodation facility. New Gold continues to communicate with Emcon and the Township of Chapple regarding dust management issues when advised by local neighbors of dust concerns. In September, one neighbor commented on noise and vibration from one blast. No exceedances were recorded, which was communicated back to the neighbor.</p>	Continued in 2018

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13	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of the in-plant SO<sub>2</sub>/Air process for cyanide destruction and metal precipitation, as well as to extended post SO<sub>2</sub>/Air treatment effluent aging in the TMA (TMA) and water management ponds, followed by constructed wetland treatment;</li> <li>• Detailed plans and designs to manage potentially acid generating rock (PAG) on site, including continued in 2018 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 SO<sub>2</sub>/Air and hydroxide precipitation circuit, and then to tailings;</li> <li>• Use of emulsion and/or emulsion blend explosives as a means of limiting ammonia residuals from the use of blasting agents at source; and</li> <li>• Collection of site runoff and seepage as per MDMER (MDMER), and to maximize the</li> </ul>	<p>During 2018 the mill continued in plant treatment of tailings using SO<sub>2</sub>/air in the cyanide destruction tank, where cyanide and metalocyanide complexes are oxidized to cyanate ion. The cyanate ion reacted with water to form ammonia and carbon dioxide. Free metal ions were precipitated with the addition of lime to form insoluble metalhydroxides and absorbed onto tailings particle solids, settling out of the slurry in the tailing's management area. Excess SO<sub>2</sub> was used in the process to ensure complete stoichiometric oxidation of cyanide. In 2018, construction of the Tailings Management Area (TMA) Cells 2 and 3 was completed. Treated tailings are continuously pumped from the mill through the tailings pipeline into TMA. The water discharge pond was also completed during fall of 2018. Construction of the water treatment plant begun in 2018 and is scheduled for completion in 2019. Construction of the wetlands is scheduled for 2022 with completion in 2024.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Progression reclamation begin with the Tait Quarry area and will continue as discussed in the Rainy River Closure Plan Amendment (January 2019), which is undergoing final review.</p> <p>Drainage from low grade and east mine rock PAG stockpiles reported into the Mine Rock Pond in 2018. Construction of a drainage ditch surrounding the East Mine Rock Stockpile area commenced in the fall of 2018. Ditch construction is scheduled for completion in spring of 2019. The former Clark Creek was filled with nonacid generating rock (NAG) to provide a conduit for water movement from East Mine Rock Stockpile into the Mine Rock Pond. Recycling of water from the Mine Rock</p>	Continued in 2018

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	<p>use of near 100% contact water recycle for the processing plant water supply.</p>	<p>Pond for re-use in the mill process water supply continued during 2018.</p> <p>The current drilling and blasting contractor on site, Dyno Nobel, continued to use a straight emulsion for all blasting in 2018.</p> <p>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 was minimized during 2018 due to lack of available water for processing.</p>	
14	<p>Surface water runoff will be diverted from entering the pit or flowing through stockpiles by ditching or other means.</p>	<p>During 2018, surface water was diverted from the stockpiles and the open pit with a combination of permanent and temporary ditching and sumps. With the completion of Temporary Sediment Pond, Sediment Ponds 1 and 2, and Sumps 1A and 1B, West Mine Rock Stockpile has had a portion of permanent ditching completed and temporary ditches rerouted to drain to these structures. East Mine Rock Stockpile has had the southern portion of the permanent ditching completed with temporary internal water management systems sending all water to the Mine Rock Pond. The northern portion of the permanent ditching is scheduled to be completed Q1 2019. The open pit has expanded in the general north direction with a temporary north ditch developed to collect surface water from the West Creek remnant channel. The water is pumped to the Plant Site water management structures and used in ore processing. Temporary sumps are still in use for staging pumps to remove localized surface water runoff within the open pit footprint. This water is pumped to In Pit Sumps 4, 5, and 6. If discharge is planned, water is sampled per ECA and MDMER requirements and treated for suspended solids and ammonia if necessary. If no discharge is planned, these sumps reroute the water to Mine Rock Pond for ore processing.</p>	Continued in 2018

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15	Open pit dewatering water will be contained and if necessary, treated before it is discharged to the environment.	The open pit has expanded in the general north direction with a temporary north ditch developed to collect surface water from the West Creek remnant channel. The water is pumped to the Plant Site water management structures and used in ore processing. Temporary sumps are still in use inside the open pit for staging pumps to remove localized surface water runoff and groundwater seepage within the open pit footprint. This water is pumped to In Pit Sumps 4, 5, and 6. If discharge is planned, water is sampled per ECA and MDMER requirements and treated for suspended solids and ammonia if necessary. If no discharge is planned, these sumps reroute the water to Mine Rock Pond for ore processing	Continued in 2018
16	In regards 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.	In October 2018 a draft closure plan amendment was submitted to the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines for the RRM. The reason for the amendment was to address the transition of the mine from its construction phase to its operational phase. Section 9.3.1 discusses the staged approach to flooding the open pit at closure which is expected to take between 60 to 75 years. Water inputs will include water from the Mine Rock Pond, seeps from beneath the East Mine Rock stockpile and potential water runoff from the TMA dams. Additional inputs will be from natural sources (ie; rain, snow, groundwater).	Continued in 2018
17	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.	Continued in 2018
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.	Continued in 2018
19	Should it be determined that future treatment is needed for stockpile	Pump back systems have been installed for Sediment pond 1 and 2. Interim ditch collects	Continued in 2018

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	runoff / seepage and overflow from the pit at closure, passive treatment options would be fully considered during the detailed design stage.	water and a water treatment system is being constructed.	
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 MDMER 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.	<p>Permanent ditch design in EMRS has been designed by qualified engineers based on 100 years storm event criteria. It has been constructed up to 2.2km in southern and half of eastern side of EMRS. The construction of the ditch at EMRS will continue into 2019 Q1.</p> <p>Permanent ditch design for WMRS is still being designed by qualified engineers based on a 25 year storm event. It has been budgeted and planned to be constructed in 2019 Q2-Q4.</p>	Continued in 2018
21	The retention time for sediment ponds 1 and 2 has been increased to 12 days, subject to review and acceptance by the MOECC.	Design of structures in accordance with this commitment was initiated during 2015 or as refined through the Provincial environmental approval process. During 2016, temporary ponds were constructed to capture runoff from small overburden piles which continues to be used in 2017. The construction of the permanent Sediment Ponds 1 and 2 was completed and commissioned in 2018.	Continued in 2018
22	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.	The Mine Rock Pond (MRP) was commissioned in December of 2017 and is being operated as per commitments.	Continued in 2018

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23	<p>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 continued in 2018 testing to be carried out during mining operations of the mine rock being removed.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>A Geochemical Monitoring Plan for the Construction and Operation Phases was issued in accordance with MECP ECA 5178-9TUPD9 requirements and has been implemented at the RRM site.</p> <p>Monitoring was continued in 2018 during 2018.</p> <p>Periodic sampling of till is continued in 2018 during open pit stripping of till. Results have been in line with the initial interpretations. Additional testing on 13 samples to better understand the material including ABA, NAG testing with leachate analysis, whole rock analysis, and semi-quantitative XRD is being conducted.</p>	Continued in 2018

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	<p>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.</p>		
24	<p>Geochemistry monitoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Runoff and seepage related to tailings and stockpiles will be monitored as per surface and groundwater monitoring;</li> <li>• Blast hole sampling from open pit operations for mine rock segregation will be carried out throughout the open pit operations phase;</li> <li>• Tailings samples will be collected at regular intervals during the mine operations phase; and</li> <li>• Field trials will be carried out during all or a portion of the mine construction and operations phases as required to generate data need to confirm modeling results.</li> </ul>	<p>A Geochemical Monitoring Plan for the Construction and Operation Phases was issued in accordance with MOECC ECA 5178-9TUPD9 requirements and has been implemented at the RRM site. Monitoring was continued in 2018 during 2017.</p> <p>A field capping trial was commissioned in 2017.</p>	Continued in 2018

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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 2018 has either been stockpiled in the East Mine Rock Stockpile, used in the pit (for road building and padding in the overburden), stockpiled in the Tailings Management Area or used for upstream dam wall construction.	Continued in 2018
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.	During 2018, mine rock and overburden piles did not require rehabilitation. Some rehabilitation in the form of shaping and compaction occurred at the topsoil salvage piles in the Water Management Pond area and the Mine Rock Pond area. Moving further into operations, wherever reasonable, areas will continue to be rehabilitated, re-seeded and used for future reclamation. A mine rock cover treatment system was set up and monitored in 2018 with a vegetation cover test plot planned to be set up in 2019.	Continued in 2018
27	Encapsulation of the east mine rock stockpile under a multi-layered cover is proposed with a long term goal of controlling ARD.	In October 2017 New Gold submitted an amended Mine Closure Plan for the RRM to the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines. The Encapsulation of the East Mine Rock Stockpile under a multi cover is detailed in section 6.2.5. The process is scheduled to begin once the first lift/level of the stockpile is in place. Also in 2017, a multi-cover system test plot was set up on the northeast side of the plant to test the proposed design through multiple years. In 2018, this multi cover system was monitored to ensure complete encapsulation was successful.	Continued in 2018
28	As part of the geochemical characterization studies for the project, NG committed to an extended monitoring period of kinetic cells to both demonstrate and continue to evaluate the robustness of the geochemical results.	In 2017 Kinetic cell monitoring was continued in 2018 as required to support the geochemical characterization studies. As of December 31, 2017 the following kinetic tests remained active: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 laboratory kinetic tests continued in 2018 from previous years</li> <li>- 3 waste rock humidity cells</li> <li>- 2 tailings humidity cells</li> <li>- 2 tailings columns</li> </ul> The 17 laboratory tests that were commissioned in 2017 were decommissioned in 2018	Continued in 2018



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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 the low grade ore stock remain, section 9.15 of the Rainy River Project Closure Plan (January 2015) stipulates that "it will be considered part of the East Mine Rock Stockpile and reclaimed in the same manner.	Continued in 2018
30	Site runoff and seepage will be collected, managed and treated per the Provincial and MDMER requirements.	Completed as required during 2018 in accordance with Provincial approvals (including ECA 5871-9VJQ2J and 5178-9TUPD9) and the MDMER. Surface water was monitored on and off site as per the Surface Water monitoring program. In 2018, there were no exceedances based on the Provincial or MDMER requirements.	Continued in 2018
31	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.	This commitment was incorporated into the design of the RRM.	Completed during design
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 and commissioned in June 2017. A water level transducer was installed in the West Creek Pond in April 2018. Continuing dry weather conditions through the summer and fall of 2018, and the removal of culverts along the West Creek Diversion prevented the establishment of a hydrometric station. One manual flow measurement was conducted in summer 2018 before the flow reduced to near zero due to dry conditions. A revised flow monitoring plan for the West Creek Diversion was presented in the 2018 update of the Rainy River Hydrometric Monitoring Plan and will be implemented when flows allow.	Continued in 2018

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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.	In the process of designing a system so non-contact water remains non-contact water from entering TMA and all other areas. Controls will be in place to keep clean water clean. West creek diversion is a large factor in keeping non-contact water away from the site.	Continued in 2018
34	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.	The West Creek Diversion was completed and commissioned during 2017. It was designed and constructed to meet the requirements of this commitment including the implementation of fish habitat features.	Completed 2017
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 project is consistent with the requirements of this commitment. Please refer to commitment number 16	Continued in 2018
36	There will be secondary containment in place for tailings and contact water pipelines at the crossing of West Creek.	In 2016 tailings pipelines crossing West Creek to handle the transportation of tailings and water were double lined.	Completed 2016
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.	Majority of water will be taken from the Mine Rock Pond and dewatering of TMA, recycled to the process plant and excess treated through the WTP and stored in the WMP. The Operational Environmental Compliance Approval # 5178 9TUPD9 outlines the water recycled system for the project.	Continued in 2018

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38	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.	In 2018, water was taken from the Pinewood River to supplement the site water inventory in the Water Management Pond. The water taking commenced on May 8, 2018 and continued through October 30, 2018, dependent on minimum threshold flows in the Pinewood River and other Permit to Take Water conditions. A total of 376,588 m <sup>3</sup> was taken from the Pinewood River during 2018 to supplement the site water inventory. As 2018 was a very dry year, it may be necessary to take water from the Pinewood River in the future if the total site water inventory is insufficient for processing ore. The taking of water from the Pinewood River after the initial water inventory volume was met is on a contingency basis.	Continued in 2018
39	Water recycle will be maximized, using approximately 100% water recycle for the processing plant water supply.	Majority of water will be taken from the Mine Rock Pond and dewatering of TMA, recycled to the process plant and excess treated through the WTP and stored in the WMP. The Operational Environmental Compliance Approval # 5178 9TUPD9 outlines the water recycled system for the project.	Continued in 2018
40	Local area lakes will not be used for process water supply for the RRM.	The RRM was designed to not require the need for process water supply to be taken from area lakes. This commitment was in compliance during 2018.	Continued in 2018
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.	<p>During 2018 process reagents and materials were handled and stored according to supplier and safety guidance, regulatory requirements and industry best practices.</p> <p>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 HWIN. Certified hazardous waste transportation companies were contracted to remove hazardous waste from designated areas.</p> <p>New Gold Staff inspect these designated areas to ensure appropriate storage methods were being implemented.</p>	Continued in 2018

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		<p>Mill Operations stored reagents and chemicals used in ore processing either in dry storage facilities or within secondary containment areas.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
42	<p>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.</p>	<p>Chemicals to be used in the process plant are stored indoors, within covered cold storage areas and beamed laydown areas to protect against spills to the environment. In 2018, 17 spills were reported to the MECP as per requirements of the Ontario Environmental Protection Act. (See Appendix I for exceedance table) Regulatory letter reports contained clean up details and mitigation measures to ensure the spill does not reoccur. Internally New Gold uses a computer program called InControl to capture spill information, clean up tasks and assign accountability to responsible individuals. This system insures that the spill is documented and cleaned up appropriately in a timely manner.</p>	Continued in 2018
43	<p>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</p>	<p>Section 5.6.1 of the RRM Comprehensive Closure Plan Amendment (October 2017) outlines the Geotechnical Design Criteria for the TMA dams and Water Management Pond dams (WMP). It indicates that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the dams have been designed to meet the most severe flood and earthquake criteria</li> </ul>	Continued in 2018

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	<p>consultation with appropriate government agencies in the event of dam breach.</p>	<p>being the probable maximum flood and maximum credible earthquake in accordance with the Ontario Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The designs were supported by geotechnical investigations of subsurface conditions conducted by Klohn Crippen Berger (2010) and AMEC (2011, 2012, 2013)</li> <li>- Emergency spillways will be provided for each stage of the TMA dams and WMP to safely pass the probable max flood</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- all spillways will be rock armoured to withstand erosion from the flow rate</li> <li>- New Gold has successfully obtained appropriate LRIA permit approvals for the construction of all onsite dams.</li> <li>- An Operational Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) manual was submitted to the MNRF as per conditions of the LRIA and accepted in August 2017. A copy of the OMS can be found in the Supporting Documentation for Appendix Q</li> </ul>	
44	<p>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.</p>	<p>Detailed design during 2018 was consistent with this commitment. 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. Seepage collection systems will continue to be built along the downstream section of the TMA dam extensions.</p>	Continued in 2018

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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 Section 7.1 of the RRM Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) for Manual Water Management Structures (WMS) dated August 2017. 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. Should flow unexpectedly lessen or stop in a pipeline, a special inspection will be carried out immediately as outlined in Section 7.2 of the OMS Manual for WMS. A copy of the OMS can be found in Appendix Q.	Continued in 2018
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.	The original mine closure plan filed in 2015 and the draft amendment submitted in October 2017 outline that at the end of the operations phase a low permeability overburden cover will be placed on the upstream side of the dam around approximately two thirds of the perimeter. The remaining one third of the length being reclaimed at closure. The cover will be seeded and armoured with nonacid generating rock. The remaining exposed tailings will have a permanent water cover of approximately 2m.	Continued in 2018
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.	The original mine closure plan filed in 2015 and the draft amendment submitted in October 2017 outline that at the end of the operations phase a low permeability overburden cover will be placed on the upstream side of the dam around approximately two thirds of the perimeter. The remaining one third of the length being reclaimed at closure. The cover will be seeded and armoured with nonacid generating rock. The remaining exposed tailings will have a permanent water cover of approximately 2m. Once this work is completed New Gold can focus on meeting the monitoring requirements of this commitment.	Continued in 2018
48	The thickness and maintenance of water cover over the TMA will be clarified in the Closure Plan.	The original mine closure plan filed in 2015 and the draft amendment submitted in October 2017 discuss a 2m water cover over the tailings at closure.	Continued in 2018

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49	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Establishment of a water level monitoring station within the tailings pond, near to the spillway, with measurements to be taken at regular intervals;</li> </ul>	<p>The first Closure Plan for the Rainy River Project was filed in 2015. A Closure Plan Amendment (draft) was filed with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines in October 2017 as the project transitioned from its construction phase into operations. It is important to note that the depositing of tailings in the TMA is in its early stages starting in September 2017. 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 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 2m. 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.</p>	Continued in 2018

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50	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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);</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Raising the dam crest, as well as the spillway invert to further increase the depth of the TMA water cover.</li> </ul> <p>In development of the above contingencies, trigger levels would be developed for implementation of the contingencies.</p>	<p>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.</p>	Continued in 2018
51	<p>Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to the Pinewood River aquatic system will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extensive contact water recycling for process plant needs to reduce overall water demands and to minimize final effluent</li> </ul>	<p>There were zero discharges from the Water Management Pond (WMP) to the Pinewood River in 2017. Authorization to deposit tailings in the Tailings Management Area (TMA) Starter Cell was received September 28, 2017 and deposition stopped on April 18, 2018. Authorization to deposit tailings in the TMA Cell 2 was received April 12, 2018 and is continued in 2018. Prior to deposit in the TMA, process plant effluent passes through an in-</p>	Continued in 2018



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	<p>discharge volumes to the Pinewood River;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of SO<sub>2</sub>/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;</li> <li>• Use of a constructed wetland system for final effluent polishing of a major portion of the discharge;</li> <li>• Management of the site for ARD control during operations and following closure to prevent adverse water quality impacts to the Pinewood River;</li> <li>• The DFO (DFO) Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Guidelines will be followed as mitigation for potential fisheries effects associated with water intakes;</li> <li>• Construction of the Pinewood River Highway 600 re-alignment crossing (bridge or culverts) in a manner that does not restrict fish passage;</li> <li>• Maintaining current fish habitat productivity; and</li> <li>• Implementation of an extensive monitoring plan for water quality and flow discharges, and receiving water aquatic life and habitat.</li> </ul>	<p>plant slurry cyanide destruction (SO<sub>2</sub>/AIR) treatment facility. Effluent is aged in the TMA and Water Management Pond for an extended period prior to supplemental treatment from the WMP effluent treatment plant and the Constructed Wetlands. The WMP effluent treatment plant is in the construction phase, to be completed 2019. A pilot test of the Constructed Wetlands will be constructed in 2024.</p> <p>Management of site for ARD control during operations and following closure to prevent adverse water quality impacts to the Pinewood River; The Mine Rock Pond was constructed and commissioned in 2017. Construction of Sediment Ponds 1 and 2, and the East Mine Rock Stockpile perimeter ditching began in summer 2018.</p> <p>The DFO Freshwater Intake End of Pipe Guidelines were implemented in 2016 during the construction of the Pinewood River. 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. On-going monitoring under the Pinewood Biological Monitoring Plan for direct effects to fish was implemented in 2015. 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. Receiving water aquatic life and habitat are monitored under the Pinewood Biological Monitoring Plan for direct effects to fish.</p>	

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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 MDMER. All discharge locations will be regularly sampled in accordance with environmental approval requirements and will provide insight as to continued in 2019 treatment system performance.	<p>The operational detailed design for the RRM is consistent with this commitment. There are currently nine temporary discharge points for surface water effluent that report to the Pinewood River, including one that was not constructed and 5 that were not in use in 2018. There were only 5 discharges from temporary discharge points in 2018. The discharges from these temporary discharge points are batch, not constant discharges, and are measured with flow meters. Water quality is sampled before and then again during every discharge and assessed against Provincial and Federal water quality requirements.</p> <p>Construction of the Constructed Wetlands is scheduled to begin in 2022 and will be completed in 2024.</p>	Continued in 2018
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.	There were 5 discharges from temporary discharge locations in 2018. All effluent met the environmental approval requirements.	Continued in 2018
54	Minimize the number of final effluent compliance points as reasonable.	Through 2018, there were nine approved effluent compliance points. Of the nine, one was not constructed, 5 were not utilized and the remaining 3 were only used a total of 5 times combined. None of the discharge points represent a constant discharge. It was necessary for the 3 effluent compliance points that were used to remain active in the early operations phase as a contingency plan, used to manage spring freshet as discharge criteria was met. During the Operational Phase, the current design requires four final discharge points; Sediment Pond 1 Discharge, Sediment Pond 2 Discharge, Water Management Pond Pipeline Discharge, and the Constructed Wetland Discharge points. In 2018, Sediment Ponds 1 and 2 were constructed however no discharges occurred. The Water Management Pond Pipeline Discharge line is also the	Continued in 2018

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		Pinewood Water Taking line, which was still in use for water taking in 2018, so no discharges occurred.	
55	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 m <sup>3</sup> /d and 5,000 m <sup>3</sup> /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.	Thresholds have been agreed to through the Provincial environmental approvals process, including Permit to Take Water (PTTW) 8776-9W2QN3.	Completed
56	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.	A dedicated station was established on the Pinewood River on October 9, 2015 in consultation with the MOECC. In 2018, the Updated Hydrometric Monitoring Plan for the Pinewood River was submitted to the MECP, which recommends the development of two new hydrometric stations as well as upgrading of the existing hydrometric station.	Completed October 9, 2015.
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.	In 2018, there were nine final effluent discharge locations obtained through the Environmental Canada Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent notification process. These discharges are included under the Permits to Take Water from the MECP to regulate the volume of water. Water quality is measured at the discharge for both Federal and Provincial regulation limits.	Continued in 2018

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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 Provincial ECA 5178-9TUPD9 received from the MECP is consistent with this commitment. The constructed wetland is scheduled for construction in 2022 and be completed in 2024. In 2018 there were no discharges from the Water Management Pond.	Continued in 2018
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	Discharging effluent to the Pinewood River via Water Management Pond Discharge Pipeline was not required in 2018. A rock groyne, and potential alternatives, have been identified and New Gold will be required to obtain appropriate permit approvals (LRIA) prior to installation, planned for Summer 2019.	Continued in 2018
60	Scheduling of RRM development activities will consider environmental aspects, such as fish spawning.	<p>During the early operating stage of the RRM activities and mitigation measures previously implemented to consider environmental aspects such as fish spawning;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- construction activities near fish bearing waterbodies were scheduled outside of the fish spawning window. Fish salvage was conducted whenever construction activities affected fish bearing waters.</li> <li>- Culverts were removed along the West Creek Diversion during August to October, well outside of fish spawning windows as identified by the MNR through the LRIA permit process</li> <li>- Ambient air quality monitoring continued with data collected from Gallinger and Highway 600</li> </ul>	Continued in 2018

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		<p>stations to ensure there was no impact to air quality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Water and dust suppressants as approved by the MECP were used to control dust on roads, excavating in the open pit and aggregate extraction to minimize impacts to air quality.</li> <li>- As in previous years, New Gold hired an Sediment Erosion Control expert to implement erosion control mitigation measures on site in order to reduce/eliminate sediment from entering water courses within the mine boundary</li> <li>- Vegetation buffers were left around creeks and water courses to protect aquatic life by preventing sediment runoff from high traffic roads and late stage construction activities.</li> <li>- Construction activities such as infilling Clark Creek Channel with clean nonacid generating rock continued, during the winter to lesson impacts on the environment.</li> </ul>	
61	<p>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.</p>	<p>To offset habitat loss New Gold has currently completed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ownership and maintenance of over 1800 ha of overall benefit land to compensate for the loss of Boblink and Whip-Poor-Will habitat during construction;</li> <li>- Completion of the water diversion structures and ponds to offset for the loss of fish habitat in the former West Creek, Clark Creek and Teeple Drain systems. Monitoring of the Clark and Teeple systems commenced in 2017 and proved to support fish passage. Stockpile pond is expected to fill with 2019 freshet and activate the remaining 50% of the Stockpile diversion after filling the pond. West Creek pond and diversion allowed for suitable fish passage by the spring of 2018. White Suckers were seen spawning as far up the pond and diversion systems as the lower end of the Stockpile diversion;</li> <li>- Reclamation of Tait Quarry was completed in summer of 2018.</li> </ul>	Continued in 2018

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62	<p>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.</p>	<p>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, using flagging tape to flag off 'no entry' areas, limiting the use of equipment around water courses, conducting field inspections of work areas.</p>	Continued in 2018
63	<p>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.</p>	<p>The 2018, the RRM fish tissue quality monitoring program was conducted between September 10 and 14th in the Pinewood River downstream of the RRM. Fish were collected using fill nets and hoop nets. A total of 15 northern pike and 15 walleye of edible size were retained. Samples of the fish muscle tissue, liver and ovaries were removed and sent to a certified laboratory to be analyzed for metal accumulation. Chemical data collected was compared to previous data collected in 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2012 (baseline). The 2018 results indicated that tissue samples contained metal concentrations below human consumption benchmarks and were within the range of baseline (2012) concentrations. Tissue samples from six large northern pike and two large walleye revealed elevated levels of mercury concentrations. However, did not exceed the maximum acceptable concentration of mercury established by Health Canada. It is important to note that the accumulation of mercury in larger predatory fish tissue is common in northwestern Ontario. A copy of the 2018 Fish Quality Monitoring Report can be found in Appendix G.</p>	Continued in 2018

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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.	Fish tissue sampling of northern pike and walleye in the Pinewood River has been conducted in the fall of 2012 (baseline), 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. Statistical analysis of tissue chemical concentrations compared among the sampling period show no upward trends. The study will continue to be conducted annually and information shared with appropriate government authorities. Additional information regarding the sample results can be found in commitment number 63. A copy of the 2018 Fish Tissue Quality Monitoring Report can be found in Appendix G.	Continued in 2018
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 2018 erosion and Sediment Control measures were provided in the permit applications for all major infrastructure works including TMA Cell 2 and 3, Sediment Ponds 1 & 2 and Water Discharge Pond. Each permit application, filed under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act (LRIA) and Environmental Protection Act, contains a sediment and erosion plan for each project/works that is incorporated as a condition of the work permit approval under the section entitled "Further Submittals and Approval Conditions".	Complete, continued in 2018
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 inspection of the dams have been performed by the TMA operators (2 inspections per shift). The annual Dam Safety Inspection was carried out by Wood (Engineer of Record) for all dams on October 4, 2018.	Continued in 2018
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 continued in 2018 analysis of data	Surface water was monitored on a monthly basis per permit conditions at sites upstream and downstream of the project footprint in 2018. Results were consistent with baseline studies.	Continued in 2018

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68	<p>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.</p>	<p>When the project was operated by Rainy River Resources, there once was a formal water sampling program with all the communities, where staff demonstrated how to take water samples and explained what the sample results meant. In 2017 the Environmental Manager met with the Rainy River Stewardship committee a few times to discuss potential programs, but the Stewardship Committee didn't pursue the option. 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.</p> <p>In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal and Diamond 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.</p>	Continued in 2018
69	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>In 2018 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.</p>	Continued in 2018
70	<p>NG staff is willing to describe the continued in 2018 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</p>	<p>No requests were made in 2018. A summary of water sampling data from monthly surface water sampling and water discharges are provided to the MECP office each month.</p>	Continued in 2018



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	high runoff, and sequences of high precipitation years.		
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 2018. There is one runoff pond located adjacent to Outcrop 3 that is used to capture runoff from the equipment laydown. 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 has underwent reclamation in 2018.	Continued in 2018
72	<p>Related to the transmission line:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• No in-water work will be conducted and all poles will be placed above the high water mark</li> <li>• Industry standard sediment interception and erosion control practices will be applied wherever appropriate / needed</li> <li>• Should any erosion of the ground be identified at the end of the construction period (or during any intervening inspections), the</li> </ul>	Clearing of the transmission line right of way was initiated during November 2015 with construction completed in April 2016. To ensure that all of the commitments are understood and followed, New Gold RRM conducted routine inspections and attended weekly construction meetings with the contractor. Transmission line clearing was completed April 2016. No clearing, has occurred on the transmission line since that time.	Completed November 2015 to April 2016.

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	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Fueling and maintenance of vehicles will not occur within 50 m of surface waterbodies.</li> </ul>		
73	<p>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).</p>	<p>In addition to the 2017 completion, an Environmental Monitor from Big Island First Nations is to start in 2019. New Gold is looking at a First Nations Environmental Trainee to help build capacity.</p>	Continued in 2018

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74	<p>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.</p>	<p>When the project was operated by Rainy River Resources, there once was a formal water sampling program with all the communities, where staff demonstrated how to take water samples and explained what the sample results meant. In 2017 the Environmental Manager met with the Rainy River Stewardship committee a few times to discuss potential programs, but the Stewardship Committee didn't pursue the option. 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.</p> <p>In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal and Diamond 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.</p> <p>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 traditionally 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. To date there has been no programs brought forward to New Gold for fisheries compensation in the Pinewood or other impacted waterways. A copy of the 2017 Fish Tissue Quality Monitoring Report can be found in Appendix G..</p>	Continued in 2018

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75	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.	During 2018, non-acid generating rock was placed into the remnant Clark Creek channel ditch before East Mine Rock Stockpile advanced. This plan will continue through 2019 as the stockpile expands. The Mine Rock Pond was also commissioned, and the closure of Clark Creek channel occurred.	Continued in 2018
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 continued in 2018 analysis of data.	Groundwater wells were monitored throughout 2018, four times each, if not frozen, dry or in need of repair.	Continued in 2018
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.	Site Groundwater wells were monitored for levels and water quality four times each, when not frozen, damaged or dry, in 2018. Data from 2018 was reviewed for trends to quantify effects of dewatering and other RRM activities. The Offsite Groundwater Well Monitoring Program was initiated in 2017. Neighboring property owners were contacted and asked to participate in the voluntary monitoring program. The initial background data was collected for ten local wells. Background data collection continued in 2018, with nine local wells sampled.	Continued in 2018
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.	An Off-Site Groundwater Monitoring Plan has been drafted and the gathering of background information for neighboring wells continued in 2018. Eleven neighboring property owners determined to be in the Zone of Influence (see map in plan) agreed to participate, however only nine well sampled were collected. The Off-site 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 Off-Site Groundwater Monitoring Plan assists with determining the cause of issues related to water quality or availability in local wells.	Continued in 2018

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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 2018.	Continued in 2018
80	A number of 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.	<p>Installation of additional groundwater monitoring wells (post baseline studies) started in 2015 and was completed in 2016 in accordance with Provincial Approval requirements.</p> <p>In 2018, two replacement groundwater monitoring wells were installed adjacent to existing wells that could no longer be sampled, and five groundwater monitoring wells were repaired. Two new shallow wells were also installed as recommended to improve monitoring. The groundwater monitoring wells were sampled four times in 2018, if not frozen, dry or in need of repair.</p>	Continued in 2018
81	<p>Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential effects on groundwater include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Using in-plant SO<sub>2</sub>/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;</li> <li>• 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;</li> </ul>	<p>The continued operation and construction of the RRM specific to the water management is consistent with this commitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water from dewatering activities is sent to the Water Management Pond, or treated, to meet effluent quality regulations and released at licensed discharge locations. The Mill is in operation, utilizing the cyanide destruction unit. ARD is being managed in the PAG dump as committed to. Runoff from the PAG dump during 2018 reported to the Mine Rock Pond and was used for processing in the Mill. RRM is still operating, therefore the requirements for optimizing pit inflow at mine closure are not applicable at this time. Both Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring Plans were implemented in 2015 and continued through 2018.</li> </ul>	Continued in 2018

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Implementing a monitoring plan for water levels, water quality and flow discharges, and receiving water aquatic life and habitat maintenance.</li> </ul>		
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 2018 was compliant with environmental approvals and monitoring plan requirements. 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 a deer killed in vehicle collision. The study continued in 2017 and 2018. A summary of the 2017 study results can be found under commitment number 168. A copy of the 2017 White Tailed Deer Tissue Sampling Report can be found in Appendix P.	Continued in 2018
83	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.	Samples were submitted to the Royal Ontario Museum and confirmed as common species. This information was provided to the resident as of December 11, 2014. No further samples have been provided or discovered.	Continued in 2018
84	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	Surveys were completed during 2014 and a report issued. The report was referred to in the issued Errata for the EIS / EA Report. September 19, 2014	Completed Summer 2014

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	<p>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.</p>		
85	<p>The principal mitigation measures that are proposed to limit short and long term adverse effects to local vegetation communities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Annual monitoring of dust deposition on vegetation adjacent to mine roads; and</li> <li>• Active revegetation and encouragement of natural revegetation / recolonization of disturbed areas as part of progressive reclamation during operation and active reclamation at mine closure.</li> </ul>	<p>Principal mitigation measures used to limit adverse effects to local vegetation communities included using water trucks equipped with spray bars to water along primary mine rock and overburden transportation routes. Calcium Chloride, an MECP approved chemical used for suppression of road dust, was applied along major access roads and plant site roads. Revegetation along disturbed areas in Tait Quarry formed part of progressive reclamation in 2018.</p>	Continued in 2018

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86	<p>In regards to the transmission line:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Mechanical means will be used for periodic vegetation height</li> </ul>	<p>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.</p> <p>No vegetation maintenance along the transmission line was required in 2018.</p>	Continued in 2018



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	maintenance along the transmission line, instead of herbicides.		
87	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.	Continued in 2018
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 2018 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 real time where sightings have been reported. This information is helpful in answering a number of scientific questions related to wildlife adaptation.	Continued in 2018

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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 continued in 2018 basis during field-based inspections of construction areas, and in "tool box" morning meetings	Continued in 2018
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 2018 were disposed of in an area of the site with limited to no human interaction or buried. In some scenarios samples may be taken for scientific studies.	Continued in 2018
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 2018 aspects of the program that were implemented include a white tailed deer tissue sampling program to establish a baseline of accumulated metals and cyanide in organ tissue. Also implemented was migratory bird point count surveys and it was the third year of the bat monitoring program. Thus far all studies called for within the Monitoring Plan indicate the RRM has little impact on the local wildlife, as expected. A copy of the reports can be found in Appendix S.	Wildlife Monitoring Program submissions to MNRF;  Vers. 1 January 15, 2015 Ver. 2 April 20, 2015 Vers. July 15, 2015 Vers. 4 July 30, 2015 Version 5 February 2016
92	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 MNRF. New Gold RRM started to implement the program during 2016. Wildlife Monitoring Program Submissions to MNRF 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.	Continued in 2018

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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 2018 nearly 15 kilometers of exclusion fencing was installed along the footprint of the Tailings Management Area. New Gold RRM obtains a scientific collectors permit from MNR each year which allows for the live trapping and relocation of reptiles and amphibians that may be impacted by activities on site.	Continued in 2018
94	<p>In regards to the transmission line:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Should any nuisance wildlife be encountered which pose a risk to construction crews, the MNR will be contacted for direction.</li> </ul>	Construction of the transmission line was initiated in late 2015 and completed in April 2016. All Environmental permits, approvals and commitments related to the transmission line contract were communicated to the contractor during an environmental kick off meeting in November 2015. During the construction of the transmission line New Gold's RRM Environmental department conducted regular inspections of the site to ensure these commitments were being followed. Construction Completed April 2016	Completed April 2016
95	<p>The primary mitigation strategies for limiting adverse effects to wildlife will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preventing hunting from occurring on all lands owned by NG (required for the safety of workers; this is currently continued in 2018 during exploration as well);</li> <li>• Maintenance to the extent practical of a 120 m buffer zone adjacent to rivers and creeks to protect watercourses and their associated vegetated margins;</li> <li>• Restoration of disturbed habitats at closure, including the development of habitats capable of supporting a diversity of wildlife</li> </ul>	<p>The following mitigation strategies were applied during 2018;</p> <p>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 project roads and have implemented a site wide no tolerance policy for speeding which is enforced by radar.</p> <p>Wildlife crossing signs have been installed at six locations on the project site in an attempt to reduce vehicle collisions with wildlife. These locations were chosen based on the volume of wildlife sightings reported in those areas. Regular bulletins regarding wildlife are emailed and posted on site. A log of collisions resulting</p>	Continued in 2018

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	<p>species, including ungulates, large predators, furbearers and bats;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforcement of speed limits along proposed mine access roads to</li> </ul> <p>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</p> <p>mitigation measures will be implemented if necessary;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Treatment of the tailing's slurry to levels equal to or less than 1 mg/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);</li> <li>• Fencing the TMA to prevent access;</li> <li>• Covering the exposed tailings beach at closure with a layer of overburden and flooding the remaining tailings with a layer of</li> </ul>	<p>in wildlife mortality log is kept and submitted in Appendix L.</p> <p>Wildlife awareness training is provided to all contractors and employees during site orientation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The RRM follows a Best Management Plan for dust suppression that was developed and approved by the MECP in 2016. Food waste is removed on a frequent schedule and stored only in waste bins with lids until removed.</p>	

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	<p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimizing dust production along primary haulage routes by implementing dust suppression methods and thereby minimizing the RRM zone of influence; and</li> <li>• Disposing of food wastes generated on site in a manner that limit the attraction of wildlife, such as Black Bear and wolves.</li> </ul>		
96	<p>Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to amphibians will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Restricting the clearing of terrestrial amphibian breeding habitats to periods outside the amphibian breeding season as directed by the MNR;</li> <li>• Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine;</li> <li>• Enforcement of speed limits along proposed mine access roads to reduce the potential adverse effects of increased vehicular traffic</li> </ul>	<p>During the planning stage of the project, the size of the project site was taken into consideration and a compact design 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 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 an increase in frog mortality.</p> <p>Wildlife awareness training is provided to all contractors and employees during site orientation. Bulletins regarding wildlife awareness are made throughout the year.</p> <p>The SO2 system is online and operational to treat tailings before they leave the Mill. During 2017 no effluent from the Mill process was discharged to the environment. Generally, abiotic conditions exist within the TMA. Cell 1</p>	Continued in 2018

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	<p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If frog mortality on roadways is found to be a problem along mine access roads or the re aligned Highway 600, silt fencing may be installed to prevent frogs from crossing the road and may direct them to the nearest culvert(s);</li> </ul> <p>Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to amphibians will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Treatment of tailings slurry containing cyanide and associated heavy metals from the ore leaching process in the process plant using the SO<sub>2</sub>/Air process before being discharged to the TMA;</li> <li>• Discharge of effluent that will result in protection of aquatic life standards in the Pinewood River so that no adverse water quality</li> </ul>	<p>reached capacity during 2018 and exposed tailings will be covered in 2019. Cell 2 was active during the bulk of 2018 and therefore plans have not been made to cover it yet.</p> <p>A wildlife exclusion fence was installed around the TMA and the reptile barrier will be finished in 2019 weather permitting.</p>	

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	<p>effects to amphibians are anticipated;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance of generally abiotic conditions within the TMA to discourage wildlife presence; and</li> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>		
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.	Continued in 2018
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 to August 15).	All scheduling of site activities during 2018 was in full consideration of environmental aspects and no known timing conflicts occurred.	Continued in 2018

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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.	In accordance with ESA FF-C-001-14 a monitoring plan is under way for EWPW with the goal of implementing a management plan in 2020 with support from MNR. EWPW and Common Nighthawk are like species and the management plan will benefit both species. Indigenous communities are playing a role in the progressive reclamation that will be dictated by the management plan.	Continued in 2018
100	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.	Completed. September 19, 2014	Completed September 19 <sup>th</sup> 2014
101	The primary mitigation strategies for limiting adverse effects to birds and habitat:  • Inclusion of wildlife awareness information into regular safety and	The following mitigation strategies for limiting adverse effects on birds and habitat were implemented during 2018; Inclusion of wildlife awareness information in site wide health and safety bulletins and employee orientation has been implemented since 2015. Wildlife logs have been placed in lunch rooms and a site wide protocol is in place to report wildlife	Continued in 2018



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	<p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimizing the level of potentially disturbing activities near any known or subsequently discovered active raptor and raven nest sites until the nest is vacated;</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<p>sightings to the security department via radio communication or online with the GIS wildlife viewer. Bear awareness training was also provided to interested staff in 2018. In 2016 an eagle's nest was discovered in the north west portion of the property in an area of overall benefit land (no construction). There is the second nest that has been documented on site. Both of these nests are also in areas that will not be subject to tree clearing. Annual monitoring of these nest found them both to have been active and at least one juvenile is known to have been produced in association with the nest in the south. There is a healthy population of Bald Eagles in the area, at one time more than 10 were seen feeding on a deer carcass that had been removed from a road way.</p>	

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102	<p>In regards to the transmission line:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Tree clearing to take place outside of the breeding bird nesting season, defined as the period from May 1 to July 31;</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Conductor wire separation distances will be sufficiently far apart to</li> </ul>	<p>Construction of the transmission line was initiated in late 2015 and completed in April 2016, to ensure no impact to birds and limited impact to understory vegetation.</p> <p>Prior to and during the construction period no sticks nests were identified.</p> <p>A vegetation and breeding bird survey was conducted by qualified biologists during 2014 and no rare plants were identified in the construction area.</p> <p>The separation of conductor wires was reviewed during the design of the hydro line to ensure spacing distance was adequate. - Completed April 2016</p>	Completed April 2016.

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	<p>preclude larger avian species, particularly raptors which frequently</p> <p>use hydro pole for perching or nesting, from electrocution by contacting two conductor wires simultaneously;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Contractors will be required to handle food and food wastes in a responsible manner, and to educate workers to ensure no feeding of wildlife.</li> </ul>		
103	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	Continued in 2018

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104	<p>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, so as to minimize disturbing these nocturnal birds (with all appropriate health and safety issues considered).</p>	<p>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 necessary while maintaining site safety aspects.</p>	Continued in 2018
105	<p>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.</p>	<p>A monitoring plan was developed in 2015 and implemented as required during 2018 in accordance with ESA FF-C-001-14. New Gold retains trained biologists to conduct annual monitoring.</p> <p>New Gold RRM intends to fund a study to investigate EWPW forage species in hopes of using that information to inform future management strategies during 2019.</p> <p>A draft of the EWPW Management plan will be submitted to the MNRF in early 2019, and implementation of that plan will begin in 2020 if possible.</p>	Continued in 2018

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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.	Over all benefit land has been provided in accordance with the Provincial ESA permit ESA FF-C-001-14 and the monitoring plan therein has followed since 2015. New Gold retains trained biologists to conduct the monitoring on an annual basis.	Continued in 2018
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 2018, the artificial structures were monitored however there were no nesting attempts. In 2016, two nesting attempts were made in one structure, but no eggs were ever laid.	Continued in 2018
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 were commonly used in areas close to the main process plant or in construction areas. Visual inspections in these areas were performed when light plants were in use. Issues, such as lighting fixtures oriented at improper angles, were documented in InControl, a computer tracking program used to record environmental and safety concerns. Light plant issues not addressed in a timely manner were shut down and removed from site at the area owner's expense.	Continued in 2018

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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 since 2015 and the MNRF have received four annual monitoring reports. As the project advances opportunities for habitat development post closure will be examined.	2018 Annual SAR Monitoring Report submitted to MNRF January 15, 2019
110	<p>Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to Eastern Whip-poor-will will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of compensatory whippoor-will habitat that protects known territories and other identified suitable habitat;</li> <li>• Restricting the clearing of habitats to periods outside the breeding bird season which occurs from May 1 to August 15;</li> <li>• Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine;</li> <li>• 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);</li> <li>• Maintenance of forest buffers between RRM components and whippoor-will nesting and foraging habitat where practical;</li> <li>• Management of dust through dust suppression activities (best management practices);</li> <li>• Enforcement of speed limits along mine-controlled roads to reduce the potential adverse</li> </ul>	<p>These measures have been implemented since 2015 and continued to date.</p> <p>These measures were implemented during 2018. New Gold RRM will fund a separate / independent research program as a requirement and in accordance with the ESA permit.</p>	Continued in 2018

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	<p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to Eastern Whip-poor-will will include the following:</li> <li>• Environmental induction of RRM personnel, including SAR identification and sensitivities, and knowledge of Endangered Species Act permit conditions;</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>		
111	<p>The primary mitigation strategies for limiting adverse effects to Bobolink will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restricting the development of open country habitats to periods outside the breeding bird season which occurs from May 1 to July</li> </ul>	<p>Since the start of construction (2015) New Gold RRM has implemented the mitigation strategies listed in this commitment on site.</p>	<p>Continued in 2018</p>

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	<p>31;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Environmental induction of RRM personnel, including SAR identification and sensitivities and knowledge of Endangered Species Act permit conditions;</li> <li>• Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine;</li> <li>• Restoration of disturbed habitats at mine closure or encouraging development of habitats capable of supporting Bobolink and other open country species; and</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>		



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112	<p>Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to Barn Swallows will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of Barn Swallow nesting colonies prior to mine construction;</li> <li>• Restricting habitat displacement for mine infrastructure to periods outside the breeding bird season which occurs from May 1 to August 15;</li> <li>• Creation of artificial nesting structures to encourage recolonization or new colonization by Barn Swallows in areas where farm structures are removed;</li> <li>• Restoration of disturbed habitats at closure or encouraging development of habitats capable of providing suitable Barn Swallow foraging habitat;</li> <li>• Sound abatement strategies will be implemented to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine;</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<p>The RRM began 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 four years. 2016 was the first year that nesting attempts occurred in any of the structures. During regular operation of the Truck Shop the doors are often open, regrettably a pair of barn swallows nested in the Truck Shop and one juvenile Barn swallow was found dead. The juvenile Barn swallow had tried to fledge from the nest with little success and attempts were made to save it. This was reported to MNR and EC. Best management practices are used to keep birds from nesting in all undesired areas and when a nest is discovered the area receives an appropriate buffer zone until it is found to be abandoned. This nest was not found until after the fledgling was discovered and not in the way of operations.</p> <p>The RRM began 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 four years. 2016 was the first year that nesting attempts were made in any of the structures. In 2018 there were no nesting attempts. As the project advances toward operations 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.</p>	Continued in 2018

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	<p>encouraged and does not cause problems to mine operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 monitoring the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation and additional mitigation measures will be implemented if necessary; and</li> <li>• Implementation of a monitoring plan for Barn Swallow populations in proximity to the proposed mine and transmission line sites and in appropriate control areas.</li> </ul>		
113	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine;</li> <li>• Where feasible, RRM lighting fixtures will be directed in such a fashion as to reduce excess production of light to the surrounding environment.</li> </ul>	<p>Since the start of construction New Gold RRM has been implementing a no tree clearing policy during the breeding bird season. The project has also implemented sound abatement strategies through planning tree clearing to consist only in areas of mine infrastructure, purchasing new equipment constructed with muffler systems and implementing preventative maintenance programs to ensure all equipment is operating adequately.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>These measures have been implemented since 2015 as part of general orientation. Seasonal changes in wildlife behavior are</p>	Continued in 2018

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p>communicated via bulletins and tool box talks. Tailings have been treated as required since 2017-09-14.</p> <p>Progressive reclamation working towards closure is on-going, at the end of 2018 an approximate 180 ha of mine site is considered reclaimed.</p>	

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114	Timing of the transmission line construction will be planned to avoid the breeding bird and main tourist season, as possible.	Clearing and construction of the transmission line right of way was initiated between November 2015 and April 2016 to avoid the breeding bird season and main tourist season.	Completed November 2015 to April 2016.
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).	New Gold met with Elders and representatives of two communities in 2018 (Animakee Wa Zhing #37 First Nation and Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing) and gathered Traditional Knowledge for use in helping select plants and trees to plant in vegetation trial plots that will be planted in spring 2019. The information gathered from TK and trial plots will be used for reclamation as needed now and mine closure.	Continued in 2018
116	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).	TK/TLU data is owned by individuals and communities. NG has shared available data as requested within specific communities.	Completed Prior to January 15, 2015 as part of Environmental Assessment Consultation

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117	<p>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).</p>	<p>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. Since the second year of construction New Gold has also employed a community member from Big Grassy as an Environmental Monitor (full-time) within the Environmental Department. Job duties of this position include; air quality, water quality and wildlife sampling and monitoring, participating in on site reclamation projects and reporting on site findings to their community.</p> <p>In addition New Gold has developed Environmental Monitoring Boards as a method of communicating on site environmental activities and research studies to the public.</p>	Continued in 2018
118	<p>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.</p>	<p>In 2018 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) however aside from the onsite First Nation Environmental Monitor there was no additional participation.</p>	Continued in 2018
119	<p>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).</p>	Completed as of March 3, 2014.	March 3, 2014.

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120	<p>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).</p>	<p>The Aboriginal Communities participated in a joint technical review of the Closure Plan and have planned participated in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment.</p>	<p>Completed August 2014.</p>
121	<p>Monitoring programs targeted at ungulates (moose, deer) will be coordinated with local Aboriginal people. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).</p>	<p>The Deer Tissue Monitoring Program was initiated in the Fall of 2016 and continued during 2017 and 2018. 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 implementation of the Monitoring Boards commenced in 2016 and became more regularly attended in 2017 and 2018.</p>	<p>Continued in 2018</p>
122	<p>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).</p>	<p>Water supply intake locations known were included on map provided by New Gold Rainy River Project (October 1, 2014).</p>	<p>Completed October 1, 2014.</p>

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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 2018 related to the RRM that could affect the health of Indigenous people. The Deer Tissue Monitoring Program was run in 2018 which is the third year of the program. Copies of the 2016 and 2017 Deer Tissue Monitoring Report have been made available to all stakeholders and in 2019 the 2018 report will be distributed.	Continued in 2018
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).	An Indigenous Community Coordinator has been employed by New Gold to act as a liaison to employees and is 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 public ceremonies, established tobacco offering stations and provides an employee assistance program as part of the benefits provided to all employees. Additionally, ceremonies have been provided to employees by request.	Continued in 2018
125	As a best practice and acting as a responsible neighbor, NG will notify local stakeholders of project activities as appropriate.	New Gold provided a site tour to the neighbors. Additionally, in 2018, there were five public tours and two newsletters distributed district wide.  Neighbors Tour - August 22, 2018  Public Tours - July 26, 2018 (2), August 2, 2018 (2), August 7, 2018  Newsletter distribution - July 27, 2018 and December 20 <sup>th</sup> 2018  Blast notification is also provided for any blasts that occur outside of the usual blast times or if the blast is considered to be at a location that may impact the neighbors.	Continued in 2018

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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 2018 one member of the New Gold Environmental Department completed the Problem Black Bear Management Course provided by MNR. This brings the total number of staff trained to three. New Gold then obtained an Authorization to Trap and Relocate Black Bears. Regular discussions occur with the individual who holds the Bear Management Area in which the mine resides. .	Continued in 2018
127	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.	New Gold had extensive discussions with Big Grassy River First Nation (BGRFN) regarding traditional territory. A Participation Agreement was signed in January 2015. New Gold also provided the clearing plan to BGRFN on February 13, 2015.	Completed January 2015
128	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.	Nine First Nations and the MNO confirmed participation in the Draft Closure Plan technical review. The results of these independent technical reviews were submitted to New Gold in September 2014, with detailed responses provided and revisions made to the Closure Plan submitted in 2015 as appropriate based on the comments received. The Closure Plan was accepted as filed by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines on February 23, 2015, shortly after positive decisions on both the Federal and Provincial EAs.	Completed September 2014. Closure Plan filed February 23, 2015.
129	NG is open to discussing closure objectives in relation to the results of the Traditional Knowledge / Traditional Land Use (TK / TLU) study.	The Environment department met with Elders and representatives of two communities in 2018 (Animakee Wa Zhing #37 First Nation and Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing) and gathered Traditional Knowledge for use in helping select plants and trees to plant in vegetation trial plots that will be planted in spring 2019. The information gathered from TK and trial plots will be used for reclamation as needed now and during mine closure.	Continued in 2018



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130	<p>NG is supportive of the further development of mitigation measures in relation to traditional hunting (and plant gathering), which could potentially involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to involve BGRFN members in the development of adaptive management techniques related to closure planning, including the rehabilitation of habitat for wildlife; and</li> <li>• Restoring access to RRM lands following mine closure to the extent that such access is safe / possible.</li> </ul>	<p>New Gold has a Participation Agreement with BGRFN that takes this commitment into consideration.</p>	Continued in 2018
131	<p>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.</p>	<p>NG remains committed to providing access to all areas of the site that are safe to do so. In 2018, Indigenous communities accessed a designated ceremonial area on Gallinger Road; access to other areas was allowed when it was safe to do so and with site personnel present. Several site tours were provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Archaeology site tour - September 19, 2018</li> <li>Whitefish Bay site tour - September 6, 2018</li> <li>Naicatchewenin FN site tour - August 23, 2018</li> <li>Big Grassy FN site tour - August 13, 2018</li> <li>RRFN/Naicatchewenin FN site tour - July 26, 2018</li> <li>AON site tour - July 17, 2018</li> <li>Whitefish Bay school tour - June 6, 2018</li> <li>Big Grassy high school site tour - May 30, 2018</li> <li>RRFN site tour - January 17, 2018</li> </ul>	Continued in 2018
132	<p>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</p>	<p>New Gold remains committed to the opportunity for ceremony. New Gold hosts two ceremonies in 2018, one in Spring and one in Fall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spring Ceremony - May 23, 2018</li> <li>Fall Ceremony - October 3, 2018</li> </ul>	Continued in 2018

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	<p>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.</p>		
133	<p>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.</p>	<p>A detailed Fire Response Plan was developed in 2015. In 2016 the plan was reviewed. New Gold employees under the direction of the Health and Safety Department have established an Emergency First Response Team. Members of the team have been trained to use the onsite fire truck and fire suppression equipment.</p>	Completed April 2016
134	<p>134. NG will engage with local stakeholders as appropriate to provide notification of project activities and to mitigate potential impacts as practical.</p>	<p>NG sent out two newsletters in 2018, hosted public tours, participated in local events and provided presentations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newsletters: July 27, 2018 and December 20, 2018</li> <li>• Public Tours: July 26, 2018, August 2, 2018, and August 7, 2018</li> <li>• Archaeology Tour: September 19, 2018</li> <li>• Presentation and Site Tour: Minnesota Minerals Coordinating Committee, July 20, 2018</li> <li>• Baibombeh School Site Tour: June 6, 2018</li> <li>• Rainy River High School Site Tour: May 30, 2018</li> <li>• MP-Thunder Bay/Rainy River Tour - May 16, 2018</li> <li>• Engineers (LOTW chapter) Tour - May 12, 2018</li> <li>• Presentation and Site Tour: Sturgeon Creek School October 23, 2018</li> <li>• Presentation: St. Francis School September 27, 2018</li> <li>• Presentation - AKRC Mining Conference February 13, 2018</li> <li>• Advisory Services Site Tour: November 1, 2018</li> </ul>	Continued in 2018

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation: Mikinaak Onigaming Public School October 30, 2018</li> </ul>	
135	<p>Related to the transmission line:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compensation will be provided for merchantable timber value where applicable;</li> <li>• Maintain transmission line set back distances of not less than 100 m from area lakes to provide effective visual screening from open waters;</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p>NG proactively placed newspaper advertisements to advise recreational users of construction activities along the transmission line during the hunting season in 2015, as well as engaged with the Clearwater Association.</p>	<p>Commitment completed 2015</p>

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136	<p>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.</p>	<p>In 2015, NG implemented a Human Resource Strategy that focused on local employment which continued through 2018. As of December 31, 2018, 73% of New Gold employees were from the human environment regional study area. Local and Indigenous content is a consideration in all RFP's issued.</p> <p>Training and development is provided to all operations employees to ensure legislated requirements are met.</p> <p>Since 2015, 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.</p>	Continued in 2018
137	<p>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.</p>	<p>NG continues to send out newsletters and engage with local stakeholders. Using external facilities (such as a local contractor's construction on the accommodation facility), NG and its' contractors continue to engage with local businesses for accommodation as post-construction activities continue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newsletters - distributed July 27, 2018 and December 20, 2018</li> <li>• Local Ec Dev &amp; business interest tours or meetings: January 17, 2018, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2018, September 27, 2018, October 22, 2018, November 1<sup>th</sup> 2018</li> <li>• Entrepreneur workshop: August 20, 2018</li> <li>• Industry Advisory Group meetings: May 24, 2018, October 31, 2018</li> </ul>	Continued in 2018
138	<p>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</p>	<p>NG completed an agreement with a local bait harvester on August 11· 2017.</p>	Continued in 2018

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139	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.	NG and BGRFN signed a participation agreement on January 9, 2015.	Commitment completed January 9, 2015.
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. In 2018 local logging companies were hired to remove timber from site.	Continued in 2018
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.	Authorizations granted from the MNRF. In 2017 a local logging company was hired to remove merchantable timber to support project development	Continued in 2018
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.	Not applicable during 2018 (Construction Phase and start of Operations Phase).	Continued in 2018
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. The safety department also ensures that workers receive appropriate training in regard to PPE.	Continued in 2018

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144	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.	No new information was obtained, or new impacts predicted during 2018 related to the RRM, that could affect the health of Indigenous or non-Indigenous people.	Continued in 2018
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).	An Indigenous Community Coordinator has been employed by New Gold to act as a liaison to employees and is 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 public ceremonies, established tobacco offering stations and provides an employee assistance program as part of the benefits provided to all employees. Additionally, ceremonies have been provided to employees by request.	Continued in 2018
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.	New Gold Rainy River developed blasting plans in 2018 that followed 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.	Continued in 2018
147	Recognizing that safety of workers is paramount, NG will attempt to reduce light pollution as possible.	New Gold ensures night shift inspections are conducted and include laydowns and work areas. Light plants and general lighting is evaluated to ensure worker safety and to minimize associated pollution and impact on wildlife.	Continued in 2018

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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.	<p>All personnel on site receive a site orientation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In order to prepare for major events, two fire drills and one major spill table top exercise were held in 2018.</p>	Continued in 2018
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 2018.	Continued in 2018
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.	<p>During the construction phase of the project (2015-2017) New Gold used signage, gates and on-site security as a means of ensuring staff, contractors, visitors and public land owners were navigating the mine site and construction work zones appropriately and safely. Additional conversations with adjacent public land owners have remained continued in 2018 when necessary to ensure safety.</p> <p>To date public access has been maintained on the Marr Road via Korpi Road and signs have been installed to direct traffic accordingly. During Q4 of 2017 the Rainy River Project transitioned into an operational state. At that time a gate house was installed at the main entrance to the site and security personnel stop all vehicles to ensure the driver and passengers have appropriate identification to be on site. Additionally, security staff are responsible for patrolling the site.</p>	Continued in 2018
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.	<p>During the construction of the mine the two key projects that directly impacted the public were the installation of the hydro line and the realignment/construction of Highway 600. Both of these projects were completed in 2016.</p> <p>New Gold has always been committed to informing the public of the projects potential impacts by providing project updates through</p>	Continued in 2018

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		public open houses, meetings, advertisements and newsletters.	
152	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.	This approach was taken during 2016. Construction of re-aligned Highway 600 was completed in 2016 and officially turned over to the MTO in 2017.	Completed 2017
153	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.	In 2016, NG had extensive discussions with the MTO, Township of Morley, Township of Chapple and Hydro One regarding Highway 600. The re-aligned Highway 600 was opened to the public on December 23, 2015. An agreement was signed with the Township of Chapple on March 24, 2016. An agreement was signed with the Township of Morley on Feb 17, 2016.  Ownership of the new portion of Highway 600 was turned over to MTO in 2017.	Completed 2017
154	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.	Construction of the East Access Road (Korpi Road) was completed and opened to the general public in 2016.	Completed 2016
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.	The majority of large-scale equipment for the open pit and mechanical components for the mine were shipped to the site in 2016 and all load transport requirements and restrictions were met. As the mine continues to operate New Gold will continue to hire experienced transportation hauling companies to deliver equipment and products to the site.	Continued in 2018
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. Information was shared with the MNRF by the RRM in compliance with this condition during 2016.	Continued in 2018



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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 of licensed suppliers are required to be trained and carry the licenses, permits, documentation and signage as required.	Continued in 2018
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.	All vehicles travelling onsite are required to have a spill kit, first aid kit, fire extinguisher and radio. New Gold has also provided an onsite emergency response trailer containing equipment and supplies for handling hazardous spills to the environment. In 2015 an Emergency Response Team comprised of New Gold employees was established. Since 2015 the Team has obtained training on operating fire suppression, driving the fire truck and using emergency spill containment equipment.	Continued in 2018
159	Notification and/or reporting of any vehicular accidents and spills will follow Provincial (Ministry of the Environment) and other applicable requirements.	During 2017, there were no incidents of vehicular accidents causing spills. Each incident where a vehicle left the road was monitored during the vehicle removal for any spills.	Continued in 2018
160	<p>With regards to controlling adverse traffic effects during transmission line construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring that NG employees and contractors / subcontractors adhere to posted speed limits and practical speed limits along the ROW;</li> <li>• Contractors and their subcontractors will be required to have properly and seasonally maintained equipment; and</li> <li>• Maintain regular communications with the Township of Chapple, the MTO and Ontario Provincial Police representatives, to monitor and mitigate traffic effects.</li> </ul>	Construction of the transmission line was completed between November 2015 and April 2016. There were no traffic impacts or accidents during completion.	Completed April 2016.

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161	<p>NG will monitor regional housing supply, particularly in the Chapple, Emo, and Fort Frances markets during the planning and construction 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.</p>	<p>To alleviate pressures on regional housing supply and hoteliers, during 2018 NG has:</p> <p>1) 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 Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation and Saulteaux Consulting and Engineering. It is owned and operated by Onikaajigan Construction. New Gold exclusively leases the camp facility for the purpose of housing out of town construction workers.</p> <p>2) committed to local employment</p> <p>Previous to 2018</p> <p>3) worked with local developers to construct new accommodation (an apartment facility) in the Township of Emo</p> <p>4) with the completion of a number of contracts relating to construction, a number of private rental facilities became available to the general market towards the end of 2017.</p>	Continued in 2018
162	<p>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.</p>	<p>Completed on April 14, 2015. A number of former local residents have come forward to request copies of the reports which NG provided.</p> <p>During 2018, buses were used to transport employees to site from Fort Frances, Emo, Rainy River, Barwick and Stratton.</p>	Completed April 14, 2015.

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163	<p>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 with 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.</p>	<p>In 2018, New Gold contributed financially to the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board.</p> <p>Also, NG is reducing strain on the local medical system by employing a Nurse Practitioner on site that is available to all employees.</p>	Continued in 2018
164	<p>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.</p>	<p>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. 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 continued in 2018 and is planned to run again in 2021, 2024, 2027, 2030, 2033 and 2036 or as requested/needed.</p> <p>A copy of the 2017 White Tailed Deer Tissue Sampling Report can be found in Appendix P. The 2018 report will be available in the spring of 2019.</p>	Continued in 2018

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165	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.	An illustrated settlement history of the study area was completed by Dan Morisseau in 2015. The completion date was October 23, 2015.	Completed October 2015.
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 was hired in October 2018 to put more emphasis on ER preparedness.	Continued in 2018
167	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	New Gold RRM is committed to providing access to the site for cultural and ceremony purposes.	Continued in 2018

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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>All New Gold RRM staff and contractors undergo Cultural Awareness training as part of the site induction.</p> <p>Additionally, New Gold has a Participation Agreement with BGRFN which addresses additional mitigation and accommodation measures.</p>	
168	<p>NG is fully agreeable to work with local Aboriginal peoples on an continued in 2018 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.</p>	<p>In 2016 New Gold implemented a deer tissue monitoring program to establish baseline data of metal and cyanide accumulation in deer tissue 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 2017 36 tissue and organ samples were obtained from area hunters as well as deer carcasses from motor vehicle accidents. 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. Many of the contaminants were considered to be at negligible or low levels within most of the 37 samples tested, although a few had quite high variances with concentrations elevated over the majority of the values. These samples were not taken within the boundary of the RRM. In regard to the 2017 deer tissue report it should be noted that contaminant levels where shown to be lower in 2017 versus</p>	Continued in 2018

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		<p>2016. The study continued in 2018 and is planned to run in 2021, 2024, 2027, 2030, 2033 and 2036 or as requested/needed. A copy of the 2017 White Tailed Deer Tissue Sampling Report can be found in the Supporting Documentation for Appendix XXX. The 2018 report will be available in 2019. Results from the 2018 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 the project. A copy of the 2018 Fish Tissue Quality Monitoring Report can be found in Appendix G</p>	
169	<p>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.</p>	<p>This commitment is currently not applicable to the current stage of the project. The constructed wetland is planned for construction in 2022 and completed in 2024.</p>	Continued in 2018
170	<p>Unterman McPhail will prepare a complete description of the evaluation process for resources identified of cultural heritage value or interest in a memo format.</p>	<p>The memo was completed September 11, 2013.</p>	Commitment completed September 11, 2013.
171	<p>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.</p>	<p>Not applicable to 2018.</p>	Continued in 2018

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172	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Site #13 remains in situ. Infrastructure (tails line) has been constructed prohibiting access to the structure. .</p>	Continued in 2018
173	<p>NG will provide follow-up documentation related to Cultural Heritage Assessment Report / Cultural Heritage Documentation Reports to the following local museums and archives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapple Museum;</li> <li>• Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre (Manitou Mounds);</li> <li>• Rainy River District Women's Institute Museum; and</li> <li>• Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre.</li> </ul>	<p>Completed on April 14, 2015.</p> <p>A number of former local residents have come forward to request copies of the reports which New Gold RRM provided.</p>	Commitment completed April 14, 2015.
174	<p>Monitoring would occur for the following durations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archaeology: construction phase</li> <li>• Built heritage: construction phase</li> </ul>	<p>New Gold had an onsite Archaeologist throughout the construction phase. No additional Archaeological or built heritage resources were identified in 2018.</p>	Completed 2015 to 2017
175	<p>With regards to protection of cultural heritage values during transmission line construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<p>No human remains or cultural resources were identified during transmission line clearing in 2015 to 2016; the Transmission Line construction was completed April 2016.</p>	Completed April 2016.

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	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>		



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176	<p>Related to transmission line, construction will be supervised by a qualified archaeologist at identified areas of high archaeological potential. Regular, continued in 2018 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.</p>	<p>Prior to construction activities, NG conducted the required assessments on the transmission and line, which included the field assessment of high potential areas as per the 2011 Standards and Guidelines for consultant archaeologists. NG also employs a qualified archaeologist and in 2015 had consultant archaeologist on site. No cultural resources were identified during construction.</p> <p>Archaeology clearance letter was received on the transmission line on Dec 29, 2014.</p>	Completed December 29, 2014.
177	<p>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.</p>	This condition will be applied at the time of mine closure and reclamation.	Continued in 2018

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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 2018.	Continued in 2018
179	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).	Continued in 2018
180	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.	BGFN and NG signed a Participation Agreement on January 9, 2015. In the agreement there is a defined protocol for communication and engagement.	Completed January 9, 2015.
181	Environmental monitoring will be conducted in accordance with standard practice and regulatory requirements, including any site-specific environmental approvals.	<p>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 for the Environmental Department. New Gold's Environmental Department also launched a site wide computer program (Intelex) in 2017 which houses all of the permit conditions and compliance conditions for the RRM. Employees are assigned to these tasks and are required to enter appropriate data, reports and outcomes to ensure compliance with site-specific conditions and approvals.</p> <p>In addition to 2017 we are in the process of constructing an EMS system that is in compliance with ISO 14001.</p>	Continued in 2018

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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.	During 2018, the EMS continued to be developed and continued in 2018. The EMS system continues to be developed using the ISO 14001 Standards and will include operational procedures with penalties for nonconformance.	Continued in 2018
183	Procedures will be regularly reviewed as part of the environmental management system.	<p>In 2018, the design of an ISO 14001 compliant Environmental Management System (EMS) was completed for the RRM.</p> <p>Both New Gold Corporate and the RRM have policies and procedures in place that are reviewed.</p> <p>Procedures will be regularly reviewed as part of the EMS.</p>	Continued in 2018
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.	During 2018, the EMS continued to be developed and continued in 2018 to adapt to the new products and risks being added in the operation. The emergency response plan included in the RRM EMS addresses the primary hazardous materials onsite and spill response.	Continued in 2018
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 a required by the department for each chemical. This aspect is included as part of the RRM Health and Safety WHMIS Program. WHMIS Program was rolled out to all employees in 2018.	Continued in 2018

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186	Monitoring details will be developed through continued in 2018 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.	Since the start of construction in 2015 New Gold has been developing environmental monitoring programs to reflect the requirements and conditions set out in project permits and approvals as well as concerns brought forward by the public. Modifications to design and construction delays associated with permits and weather have required that monitoring programs are reviewed annually to ensure they are meeting required specifications. Due to the large volume of conditions and monitoring details New Gold seeks qualified and experienced consultants to handle monitoring requirements when necessary.	Continued in 2018
187	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify the accuracy of the environmental assessment of a designated project; and</li> <li>• Determine the effectiveness of any mitigation measures.</li> </ul>	The Follow Up Monitoring Plan (FMP) for the Rainy River Project/Mine is designed around three central principles of environmental protection; Do no harm culture, respect for Indigenous 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 is currently developing. The monitoring components are also tracked through our regulatory requirements and commitments for the project. New Gold tracks compliance with these conditions using a computer program called Intellex, where assigned employees are responsible for tracking performance against these commitments and conditions.	Continued in 2018
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.	Continued in 2018

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189	<p>A list of FMP commitments made during the EA process will be maintained by NG, indicating where appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nature of the commitment;</li> <li>• To whom, or to what group or agency the commitment was made, if specific;</li> <li>• Whether the commitment is related to the EA process alone;</li> <li>• Whether the commitment is addressed or linked to a regulatory instrument, such as a regulation or environmental approval;</li> <li>• Any applicable timeline if any;</li> <li>• The status of the commitment; and</li> <li>• Additional actions required to fulfil the commitment</li> </ul>	This registry addresses these conditions.	Continued in 2018
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.	<p>In 2018, the design of an ISO 14001 compliant Environmental Management System (EMS) was completed for the RRM.</p> <p>Environmental aspects and potential impacts of the mine were incorporated into the design framework of the EMS.</p>	Continued in 2018
191	Implementation and maintenance of the environmental management system will be driven by the NG commitment to continued in 2018 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.	<p>In 2018, the design of an ISO 14001 compliant Environmental Management System (EMS) was completed for the RRM.</p> <p>Formal training programs, through Training and Awareness requirements, will focus on RRM's commitment to continued in 2018 environmental compliance.</p>	Continued in 2018

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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.	<p>In 2018, the design of an ISO 14001 compliant Environmental Management System (EMS) was completed for the RRM.</p> <p>As part of the EMS, periodic management reviews will be conducted to ensure continuous improvement.</p>	Continued in 2018
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 MNM 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.	Continued in 2018
194	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).	Continued in 2018
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.	<p>NG hosts two annual ceremonies at site; additionally, Indigenous liaison personnel meet with community members to discuss the project, activities, ceremony, etc. All NG employees undertake a 4-hour Indigenous engagement session as part of onboarding.</p> <p>During 2018 the following ceremonies were held onsite:</p> <p>Spring Ceremony: May 23, 2018</p> <p>Fall Ceremony: Oct 3, 2018</p>	Continued in 2018

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		Spirit House Opening Ceremony: March 23, 2018  Spring Blessing Ceremony: May 11, 2018	
196	NG will review the Big Grassy River First Nation Traditional Knowledge / Traditional Land Use study and discuss accommodations of the cultural heritage sites identified.	This was addressed during Participation Agreement discussions. A Participation Agreement was signed with BGFN on January 9, 2015.	Completed January 9, 2015.
197	<p>Related to transmission line construction, environmental monitoring will include (but will not be limited to) inspection of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ROW to ensure excessive vegetation clearing is not conducted;</li> <li>• Appropriateness of equipment choice and maintenance of equipment to minimize environmental impacts;</li> <li>• Effectiveness of erosion control measures where applicable;</li> <li>• Construction activities and equipment operation, including refueling exercises;</li> <li>• Waste management, including wood waste from clearing and domestic wastes;</li> <li>• Monitoring of remedial actions associated with malfunctions and accidents (if any); and</li> <li>• Any requirements contained in environmental approvals and permits required to construct the transmission line.</li> </ul> <p>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</p>	<p>Work on the transmission line was completed in April 2016.</p> <p>The conditions outlined in this commitment were achieved.</p>	Completed April 2016.

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	<p>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.</p>		
198	<p>NG will continue to communicate closely with First Nations and the MNO regarding the Project. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).</p>	<p>NG has several Participation Agreements / Impact Benefit Agreements in place which identify continued in 2018 communication protocols:</p> <p>FFCS (with Seine River, Lac La Croix, Couchiching and Mitaanjigamiing First Nations) - March 22, 2012</p> <p>Rainy River First Nations/Naicatchewenin First Nation - October 10, 2014</p> <p>Big Grassy River First Nation – January 9, 2015</p> <p>Metis Nation of Ontario - November 25, 2014</p> <p>Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing First Nation - October 31, 2017</p> <p>Ojibways of Ongigaming First Nation - May 24, 2017</p> <p>Naotkamegwanning First Nation - April 19, 2017</p> <p>Animakee Wa Zhing #37 First Nation - February 13, 2018</p> <p>In addition, NG provides regular updates through newsletters, public presentations and individual meetings and emails with community representatives.</p>	Continued in 2018



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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.	NG has a Participation Agreement with the MNO (November 25, 2014) and continues with regular engagement on the RRP.	Continued in 2018
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 RRM, 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.	Continued in 2018
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.	Continued in 2018
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 in 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.	Continued in 2018

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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 2018.	Continued in 2018
204	NG will develop an accommodation with local trapline holders that meets the needs of both the proponent and the trappers.	New Gold worked with a bait harvester in 2017 to develop an access agreement. This was completed Aug 11, 2017. No other agreements are anticipated.	Completed August 11, 2017.
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 2018.	Continued in 2018

# **SECTION 6**

## **NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE**

### **FOLLOW UP MONITORING PLAN**

#### **REGISTRY**



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13.1.	<p>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.</p>	<p>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 Indigenous groups in the implementation of their monitoring programs and results.</p> <p>New Gold RRM continues to meeting with Environmental Monitoring Boards which are attended by local Indigenous Groups and discuss continued in 2018 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.</p> <p>New Gold involved the MNRF on the creation and implementation of the Rainy River Projects 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.; Fish Tissue Sampling (DFO), Air Quality Monitoring and Acoustic Monitoring (MECP) and are included as supplemental information with this report.</p>	Continued in 2018
13.2.2	<p>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 PM2.5. Dust fall samples will be collected monthly during the non-winter period for the construction,</p>	<p>Ambient air quality monitoring program continued during 2018. Data was collected from two air quality sampling stations: one to the east of the site on Gallinger Road and one to the south of the site near the beginning of the Highway 600 reroute on Gallinger Road. These stations are equipped with hi- samplers (brush motor and mass flow controlled), PQ200 samplers, samplers, and passive sampling for SO2 and NO2. The hi-samplers measure Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) and metal concentrations averaged over a 24-hour period. The metals</p>	Continued in 2018

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	<p>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 following all appropriate MOE requirements as provided in the Operations Manual for Air Quality Monitoring in Ontario (MOE 2008).</p>	<p>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 (PM2.5) concentrations averaged over a 24-hour period. The dustfall samplers measure total deposition over a 30-day period. Passive sampling measures SO2 and NO2 concentrations over a 30-day period. There were two of TSP and metalloids AAQC limits exceedances measured at the Gallinger Road station. Both were attributed to increased light vehicle traffic along Gallinger Road. Mitigation measures included restricting light vehicle traffic and applying calcium chloride to act as a road dust suppressant.</p>	
13.3.2	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One residence to the south of the mine site in Black Hawk;</li> <li>• One residence to the east of the mine site on Gallinger Road;</li> <li>• One residence to the southeast of the mine site on south Gallinger Road;</li> <li>• One residence to the west of the mine site in Dearlock; and</li> <li>• One residence to the northwest of the mine site on Highway 600.</li> </ul> <p>A dedicated remote monitoring system may be used to provide a real time access system. All sound monitors will conform to MOE NPC-103 measurement protocols. As per MOE protocols, sound level measurements are to be</p>	<p>Sound was measured at the listed locations (residences) during May and June of 2018 and as related to ESA permit requirements. No project related noise exceedances were recorded in 2018. A dedicated remote monitoring system was not established during 2018.</p>	Continued in 2018

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	<p>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.</p>		
13.4.2	<p>In addition, RRR will carry out the following geochemical monitoring program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As part of the continued in 2018 mine rock management plan, collect and analyze blast hole 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;</li> <li>• Submit a subset of Leco furnace samples, collected as part of the continued in 2018 mine rock management plan, for acid base accounting static testing and metals analysis;</li> <li>• Collect and analyze mill composite tailings samples, on an approximate monthly basis, for acid base accounting static testing and metals analysis; and</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p>A Geochemical Monitoring Plan for the Construction and Operation Phases was issued in accordance with MECP ECA 5178-9TUPD9 requirements and was implemented in 2016. Monitoring continued through 2018 and included; analyzing blast hole drill cuttings using a Leco furnace and submission of a subset for ABA and metals analysis, per the commitment.</p>	Continued in 2018
13.5.2	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TMA discharges to the Pinewood River both directly</li> </ul>	<p>A monitoring program was put in place during 2015 and continues to be in place. During 2018, surface water was monitored on and off site as per the Surface Water monitoring program.</p> <p>All effluent discharges in 2018 met the environmental requirements.</p>	Continued in 2018

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	<p>by pipeline discharge and through the constructed wetland;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sedimentation Pond #1 and #2 discharges to West Creek;</li> <li>• Aggregate operation(s), discharges (if any);</li> <li>• Sewage effluent discharge; and</li> <li>• Runoff and seepage collected from site operations areas (TMA, overburden and mine rock stockpiles, plant site area and haul roads) in accordance with MDMER and Environmental Compliance Approval requirements.</li> </ul>		
13.5.2 B	<p>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.</p>	<p>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 2018, total and methyl mercury samples were collected during the open water period in the Pinewood River upstream and downstream of the site.</p>	Continued in 2018
13.5.2 C.	<p>Monitor flows as shown in Figure 13-2 commencing as soon as construction is completed on the West Creek pond and the West</p>	<p>Construction of the West Creek Diversion 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</p>	Continued in 2018



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	<p>Creek diversion at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Creek at the West Creek pond outflow</li> <li>• West Creek diversion; and</li> <li>• Pinewood River at Highway 617 (Water Survey of Canada Station WSC 05PC023).</li> </ul> <p>Flows are already being measured for the Pinewood River at WSC Station 05PC023. Note that given the importance of the WSC station to overall site water management as per Section 4.12, RRR will need to enter into an agreement with WSC to ensure that the station will be maintained throughout the RRM mine life, and that data will be made available to RRR on a daily basis, and that RRR would be immediately informed of any maintenance activities which could influence its operations.</p>	<p>water flow. A water level transducer was installed in the West Creek Pond in April 2018. The WSC 05PC023 hydrometric station remains active, however New Gold installed a dedicated hydrometric station on the Pinewood River in late 2015 to supplement this data source and continued to monitor the station through 2018.</p>	
13.5.2 D.	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly averages</li> <li>• Annual averages</li> <li>• Extreme low flow statistics corresponding to 2, 5, 10 and 20 year return period conditions; and</li> <li>• Extreme high flow statistics corresponding to 2, 5, 10 and 20 year return period conditions.</li> </ul>	<p>In-stream measurements were continued in 2018 during 2018 in the Pinewood River. A flow measurement was conducted in the West Creek Diversion in July 2018, the measurement confirmed that flows were extremely low or absent. Continued in-stream flow monitoring is planned for 2019.</p>	Continued in 2018
13.5.2 E.	<p>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</p>	<p>The Cycle 1 EEM Study Design Report was prepared for submission in 2016, the subsequent Cycle 1 biological monitoring was conducted in 2017. The cycle 1 Interpretive Report was submitted to EC by March 31, 2018. Timing of Cycle 2 EEM studies is scheduled for 2020. A copy of the</p>	Continued in 2018

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	<p>quality of aquatic resources at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Creek diversion; and</li> <li>• Pinewood River upstream and downstream of the RRM site area.</li> </ul>	<p>Interpretative Report can be found under supporting documents.</p>	
13.5.2 F.	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Creek;</li> <li>• Clark Creek (upstream of the east mine rock stockpile); and</li> <li>• Pinewood River.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p>	<p>Fish tissue monitoring (liver, ovary and muscle tissue) of walleye and northern pike game fish from the Pinewood River has taken place every year since the fall of 2015. Yearly study results are compared to baseline data collected in 2012. During 2018, the annual fish tissue quality monitoring program was conducted between September 10 and 14th in the Pinewood River downstream of the RRM. Fish were collected using fill nets and hoop nets. A total of 15 northern pike and 15 walleye of edible size were retained. Samples of the fish muscle tissue, liver and ovaries were removed and sent to a certified laboratory to be analyzed for metal accumulation.</p> <p>Chemical data collected was compared to previous data collected in 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2012 (baseline). The 2018 results indicated that tissue samples contained metal concentrations below human consumption benchmarks and were within the range of baseline (2012) concentrations. Tissue samples from six large northern pike and two large walleye revealed elevated levels of mercury concentrations, however, did not exceed the maximum acceptable concentration of mercury established by Health Canada. It is important to note that the accumulation of mercury in larger predatory fish tissue is common in northwestern Ontario.</p> <p>A copy of the 2018 Fish Quality Monitoring Report can be found in Appendix G.</p>	Continued in 2018
13.5.2 H	<p>As a component of the RRM stormwater management plan, collect and analyze late winter snow pack samples for pH and metals to help determine the effects of dust fall accumulated within the snow pack during spring melt.</p>	<p>Winter snow was measured as part of the surface water monitoring program with runoff being collected onsite for processing of ore and was sampled and tested prior to any releases to environment in 2018. Passive dust fall monitoring was also active during 2018. Snow pack samples are scheduled for early March 2019. The crusher on the plant site was not active until late summer/fall of 2017.</p>	Continued in 2018

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13.6.2	<p>RRR will carry out groundwater system monitoring as per the following:</p> <p>A. 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);</p> <p>B. 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;</p> <p>C. 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</p> <p>D. 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.</p>	<p>A) Samples are collected and analyzed prior to discharge, and pump rates are measured during discharge, for the mine water pumped from the open pit treatment sumps to the environment.</p> <p>B) A groundwater well program has been 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. In 2018, water level measurements continued for the remaining mine dewatering wells established around the periphery of the open pit in 2017.</p> <p>C) Groundwater well samples were taken from the piezometer / well network quarterly during 2018, however some wells were not sampled due to required repairs or frozen conditions in the first and fourth quarters.</p> <p>D) The groundwater samples were analyzed for the parameters in the Provincial approvals, and the data was reviewed during 2018. The groundwater model was updated in 2018, with the next scheduled update for 2021.</p>	Continued in 2018
13.7.1	A wildlife monitoring plan will be implemented to ensure that effects on wildlife are properly mitigated. FMP	The comprehensive Wildlife Monitoring Plan was issued May 25, 2016 (Version 5) and followed during 2018.	May 25, 2016

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	<p>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.</p>		
13.7.2	<p>Methods for determining adverse RRM-induced effects on mammals following the implementation of proposed mitigation measures will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat acoustic monitoring at representative locations;</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Working with any Aboriginal hunters to document White-tailed Deer, Moose, Wolf and Black Bear harvesting activities in the RRM site area;</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Monitoring of Black Bear activity related to waste</li> </ul>	<p>In 2017 MNRF has requested that the aerial helicopter study be aligned with their regional monitoring. Due to limited snow pack in 2018, aerial surveys did not take place. The MNRF aerial surveys are to take place in January and/or February 2019 and will cover the District with transect lines spread out much wider than just the RRM.</p> <p>Bat acoustic monitoring was completed during 2018. During baseline monitoring prior to the commencement of construction it was concluded that no suitable bat habitat existed within the area of tree clearing for project development.</p> <p>New Gold RRM implemented a wildlife log at the site during 2015 and continued documenting wildlife sightings and interactions through 2018. In 2016 the Environmental Department started tracking sightings in a GIS database. The wildlife logs for 2018 include documented Black Bear activity. New Gold has been sending staff to receive training from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on how to live trap and relocate nuisance black bears.</p>	Continued in 2018

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	disposal (if applicable) and general site activities.		
13.7.3	<p>Methods for determining adverse effects to breeding birds following the implementation of proposed mitigation measures will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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);</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• 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);</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<p>On an annual basis New Gold retains the expertise of a consulting firm to conduct bird surveys which fill the requirements of this condition.</p> <p>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 bird sightings were reported in 2018; 89 bobolink, 71 barn swallow, 5 eagle, 22 pelicans and 31 swans. Education and awareness of the reporting procedure and onsite Species at Risk is conducted through new employee/contractor orientation, site wide radio communication and publications.</p> <p>Monitoring on the 2 known eagles' nest near the project boundary is monitored each year through visual observation.</p> <p>In 2015 prior to the breeding bird window New Gold staff installed four barn swallow nesting boxes in open fields (ESA lands) to offset the loss of habitat on the mine site caused by the removal of old buildings. Each year these boxes are monitored through the breeding bird window for use. In 2018 there was no activity at any of the four locations.</p>	Continued in 2018

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	<p>species;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual monitoring of active Bald Eagle nests which occur in close proximity the RRM site. Monitoring will attempt to establish fledging success;</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Any additional monitoring defined in ESA permits.</li> </ul>		
13.8.2	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highways 71 and 11, west of Fort Frances and south of Kenora;</li> <li>• Highway 600;</li> <li>• Teeple Road west of Highway 71; and</li> <li>• East Access Road.</li> </ul> <p>Methods for assessing traffic accidents along public roads will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Maintaining a record of any accidents involving RRR employees and contractors related to the RRM; and</li> <li>• Maintaining a record of any near misses related to potential traffic accidents along the roads of interest involving RRR employees</li> </ul>	<p>New Gold employees and on-site contractors are required to report all near misses and traffic accidents immediately to the New Gold 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Security conduct 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).</p> <p>Reports of road hazards are communicated during the HSE Communication broadcast over all radio channels at shift start.</p> <p>Dedicated Security coordinator hired in October 2018 to put more emphasis on security aspects of our operations, including traffic control</p>	Continued in 2018

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	and contractors related to the RRM.		
13.9.2	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Confirm any expected changes in the availability of fisheries and wildlife resources to local harvesters, based on data derived from biological monitoring programs.</li> </ul>	No updates were conducted in 2018.	Continued in 2018
13.10.2	<p>RRR will carry out the following monitoring program to ensure the protection of cultural heritage resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Maintain an active dialogue</li> </ul>	<p>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. Woodland Heritage Services conducted Stage 4 archaeology in 2018. NG agrees to enlist the services of Elders should Cultural Heritage resources be discovered. NG contracted post construction assessment of known Cultural Heritage sites in 2018 with reporting expected to be completed in 2019.</p>	Continued in 2018

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	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>		
13.11.2	<p>RRR will carry out the following monitoring program to ensure the documentation of cultural heritage landscapes and built heritage resources as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Conduct a post-construction assessment of the state of known cultural heritage landscapes and built heritage resources in the vicinity of</li> </ul>	<p>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 with completion anticipated in 2019.</p>	Continued in 2018



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	RRM activities / structures to confirm the status of such resources.		
13.12.2	<p>Traffic flow on local roads with more limited capacity is of greater interest, notably:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highway 600;</li> <li>• Teeple Road west of Highway 71; and</li> <li>• The East Access Road.</li> </ul> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Periodic traffic count surveys using automated traffic counters;</li> <li>• Employee surveys to determine transport routes to and from the mine site; and</li> <li>• Continued in 2018 discussions with MTO and the Township of Chapple to support additional traffic volume monitoring studies if appropriate.</li> </ul>	<p>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, Barwick, Stratton, Rainy River and Emo.</p>	Continued in 2018
13.13.2	<p>Methods for documenting accommodations use in association with the RRM will include conducting contractor and employee surveys to determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community or nearest community of local residence;</li> <li>• Type of residence (rental or ownership);</li> <li>• Type of accommodation (existing or new);</li> <li>• Type of occupancy (single, shared or family); and</li> <li>• Whether or not the employee / contractor is an existing local resident, or new to the area.</li> </ul>	<p>New Gold RRM is a residential operation.</p> <p>As of December 31, 2018, 73% of New Gold employees were from the local human environment regional study area. New Gold provides accommodation for contractors on the site and a limited number of professional staff when local hiring is not possible.</p>	Continued in 2018

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13.14 A	<p>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):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recycling and waste reduction program;</li> <li>• Mine rock (PAG / NPAG) management;</li> <li>• Water management;</li> <li>• General waste management;</li> <li>• Hazardous materials management;</li> <li>• Fuel handling and storage;</li> <li>• Fugitive dust management;</li> <li>• Sound management;</li> <li>• Wildlife management;</li> <li>• Traffic management;</li> <li>• Cultural awareness;</li> <li>• Heritage management;</li> <li>• Emergency response; and</li> <li>• Response to malfunctions and accidents.</li> </ul>	<p>In 2018, the design of an ISO 14001 compliant Environmental Management System (EMS) was completed for the RRM.</p> <p>The EMS design framework does include the following areas as significant environmental aspects and are either stand alone Management Plans or a subset to a core Management Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recycling and waste reduction program</li> <li>Mine rock (PAG / NPAG) management</li> <li>Water management</li> <li>General waste management</li> <li>Hazardous materials management</li> <li>Fuel handling and storage</li> <li>Fugitive dust management</li> <li>Sound management</li> <li>Wildlife management</li> <li>Traffic management</li> <li>Cultural awareness</li> <li>Heritage management</li> <li>Emergency response</li> <li>Response to malfunctions and accidents</li> </ul>	Continued in 2018
	<p>Environmental management system maintenance and effectiveness will be monitored through a variety of programs, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal and informal audits;</li> <li>• Environmental monitoring;</li> <li>• Non-conformance incidents, status of corrective actions; and</li> <li>• Stakeholder feedback.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p>	<p>In 2018, the design of an ISO 14001 compliant Environmental Management System (EMS) was completed for the RRM (RRM).</p> <p>Included in the design framework of the EMS, maintenance and effectiveness will be monitored through audits, environmental monitoring, non-conformance incidents, status of corrective actions and stakeholder feedback.</p> <p>Periodic management reviews will support continuous improvement.</p>	Continued in 2018

# **SECTION 7**

## **NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE**

### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION REGISTRY**



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## 7.0 Public Consultation Registry

New Gold continues to communicate regularly with all 16 Indigenous communities that were consulted during the EA. All 16 communities receive New Gold’s twice annual newsletter. All Agreement partners participate in regular Joint Implementation Committee meetings and Environmental Monitoring Board meetings; these meetings take place quarterly (at minimum, unless otherwise agreed). Regular communications on spill reporting is distributed to communities with EMB participation and employment opportunities are also distributed regularly to several communities. Significant consultation opportunities that were discussed at EMB meetings with a presentation included ECA revisions and Closure Plan Amendment 2017. Letters summarizing the Closure Plan Amendment 2017 were either hand-delivered to the community or emailed at the request of the community. Community meetings on the Closure Plan Amendment 2017 also took place in 2018 (also in 2017). Arrangements for a community CPA 2017 presentation continue to be coordinated between MNO and New Gold. The first two Traditional Knowledge sessions on upcoming trial plots in summer of 2019 for revegetation were held in communities, with the remainder planned in 2019. Open houses took place in communities throughout the year and New Gold’s Indigenous Community Coordinators regularly assisted community members in the job application process and acted as liaison with HR. Many site tours were provided throughout the year; there was even an archaeological site tour at the Stage 4 excavation that completed last year. A second tour was planned but was cancelled due to inclement weather that concluded the archaeological work earlier than anticipated.

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1/3/2018	1855	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Dec 25-31, 2017.	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning 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
1/9/2018	1824	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly Joint Implementation Committee meeting with Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation. The new Business Development Officer was introduced.	Ongoing quarterly meetings are held.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
1/9/2018	1856	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill	No further action required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First	Aboriginal

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			Report of Jan 1-7, 2018.		Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario	
1/9/2018	1988	Meeting	Introduction of New Gold's new Business Development Officer to the EcDev officer.	No follow-ups required.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
1/10/2018	1989	Meeting	Introduction of New Gold's new Business Development Officer.	No follow-ups required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
1/11/2018	1990	Meeting	Introduction of New Gold's new Business Development Officer to the Chief.	No follow-ups required.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
1/11/2018	1991	Meeting	Introduction of New Gold's new Business Development Officer to the EcDev officer.	No follow-ups required.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
1/11/2018	1843	Meeting	Chiefs Meeting	Confidential minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
1/12/2018	1992	Meeting	Introduction of New Gold's new Business Development Officer.	No follow-ups required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
1/12/2018	1806	E-mail	New Gold distributed a poster about the Indigenous Students Awards Program that is supported through Indspire by New Gold.	No follow-ups required.	Rainy River High School, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Fort Frances High School, Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal

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1/15/2018	1807	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current employment opportunities.	No further action required.	Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan, Big Grassy First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
1/16/2018	1857	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Jan 8-14, 2018.	No further action required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
1/16/2018	1993	Meeting	Introduction of New Gold's new Business Development Officer to Chief and Council.	No follow-ups required.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
1/16/2018	1994	Meeting	Introduction of New Gold's new Business Development Officer.	No follow-ups required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
1/17/2018	1844	E-mail	New Gold announced 2017 production and cost results.	No further action required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
1/17/2018	1808	Site Visit	New Gold provided a business development tour.	No further action required.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
1/18/2018	1825	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly Joint Implementation Committee meeting with	Ongoing monthly meetings are held.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

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			Naicatchewenin and Rainy River First Nations.			
1/18/2018	1809	Meeting	New Gold met with the RRFN/NFN HR sub-committee for their monthly meeting.	Regular meetings are held.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
1/18/2018	1845	Meeting	Chiefs Meeting	Confidential meeting.	Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
1/19/2018	1996	Meeting	Introduction of New Gold's new Business Development Officer.	No follow-ups required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
1/23/2018	1858	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Jan 15-21, 2018.	No further action required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
1/24/2018	1997	Meeting	Introduction of New Gold's new Business Development Officer.	No follow-ups required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
1/25/2018	1810	Community Event	New Gold went to Donald Young School and read to 2 classes as part of Literacy Outreach.	No further action required.	Donald Young School	Public
1/25/2018	1998	Meeting	Introduction of New Gold's new Business Development Officer.	No follow-ups required.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
1/29/2018	1859	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Jan 22-28, 2018.	No further action required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal



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1/29/2018	1999	Meeting	Introduction of New Gold's new Business Development Officer.	No follow-ups required.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
1/29/2018	2000	Meeting	Introduction of New Gold's new Business Development Officer.	No follow-ups required.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
1/31/2018	2001	Meeting	Business development opportunities were discussed with community representatives.	No follow-ups required.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
2/1/2018	2002	Meeting	General discussion about Big Grassy First Nation's existing contracts.	No follow-ups required.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
2/2/2018	2003	Meeting	Introduction of New Gold's new Business Development Officer.	No follow-ups required.	Grand Council Treaty #3	Aboriginal
2/5/2018	1826	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly Joint Implementation Committee meeting with Big Grassy River First Nation.	Ongoing quarterly meetings are held.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
2/6/2018	1860	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Jan 29 - Feb 4, 2018.	No further action required.	Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning 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
2/6/2018	2080	Ceremony	New Gold staff participated in an Indigenous Engagement Ceremony with Elders officiating.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2/7/2018	2007	Meeting	Essential Skills training program was discussed.	Initial meeting; no follow-up required.	Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal

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2/7/2018	2004	Meeting	Introduction of New Gold's new Business Development Officer.	No follow-ups required.	Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong	Aboriginal
2/7/2018	1827	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly Joint Implementation Committee meeting with the Métis Nation of Ontario.	Ongoing quarterly meetings are held.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
2/7/2018	2005	Meeting	Introduction of New Gold's new Business Development Officer.	No follow-ups required.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
2/7/2018	1811	External Feedback	Emo resident reported two examples of recent behaviour issues of alleged mine employees; the issue was verbal harassment of two different residents.	The Community Manager took note of the resident's concern.	General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public
2/13/2018	1861	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Feb 5-11, 2018.	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
2/13/2018	2010	Presentation	New Gold presentation on operations and economic opportunities.	No follow-ups required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Kabapikotawangag Resource Council Inc.	Aboriginal
2/13/2018	1846	Agreement	New Gold signed a Participation Agreement with Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation.	No further action required.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

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2/15/2018	1812	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current employment opportunities.	No further action required.	Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan	Aboriginal
2/15/2018	1828	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly Joint Implementation Committee meeting with Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing First Nation.	Ongoing quarterly meetings are held.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
2/15/2018	2011	Site Visit	A site tour was provided for a representative of MNO Infinity Investments	No follow-ups required.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
2/16/2018	2012	Meeting	Introduction of New Gold's new Business Development Officer. Discussion held on regional economic development opportunities.	No follow-ups required.	Rainy River Future Development Corporation	Aboriginal
2/20/2018	1829	Meeting	New Gold met with the RRFN/NFN HR sub-committee for their monthly meeting.	Regular meetings are held.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2/20/2018	1830	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly Joint Implementation Committee meeting with Naicatchewenin and Rainy River First Nations.	Ongoing monthly meetings are held.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal

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2/21/2018	1847	E-mail	New Gold announced its' 2017 fourth quarter and full year financial results.	No further action required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2/21/2018	1831	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly Joint Implementation Committee meeting with Naotkamegwanning First Nation.	Ongoing quarterly meetings are held.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2/21/2018	1832	Meeting	New Gold held a Manager's meeting with Naotkamegwanning First Nation.	Regular meetings are held.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2/22/2018	1862	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Feb 12-18, 2018.	No further action required.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
2/22/2018	2013	Meeting	A site tour was provided for a community member interested in business opportunities.	No follow-ups required.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
2/23/2018	2014	Meeting	Business and employment opportunities were discussed with the Chief.	No follow-ups required.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
2/26/2018	1863	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Feb 19-25, 2018.	No further action required.	Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2/26/2018	2015	Meeting	Introductions and mutual opportunity/needs discussion.	No follow-ups required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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2/28/2018	1848	E-mail	New Gold emailed Animakee Wa Zhing to ask if they are interested in the arrangement of presentations regarding the Closure Plan amendments to the community.	The community was asked to contact New Gold if they are interested in having presentations.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
3/1/2018	2016	Meeting	Business and employment opportunities discussed.	No follow-ups required.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
3/1/2018	2017	Meeting	Business and employment opportunities discussed.	No follow-ups required.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
3/1/2018	1833	Meeting	New Gold held a Manager's meeting with Big Grassy River First Nation.	Regular meetings are held.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
3/2/2018	2018	Meeting	Business and employment opportunities discussed.	No follow-ups required.	Naothkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
3/7/2018	1957	Community Meeting	A community member asked if community members are being made aware when an artifact is found on site?	New Gold advised that everyone onsite is made aware of any findings there are.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/7/2018	1954	Community Meeting	A community member indicated that members are aware of the BC mine disaster; how is New Gold doing things differently.	The consultant described the Mount Polley incident and described the safety factor that is built in to the TMA dams.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/7/2018	1956	Community Meeting	A community member wanted confirmation on whether water is being recycled.	New Gold confirmed, yes - recycled water is used and very little fresh water	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

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				to operate the mill.		
3/7/2018	1959	Community Meeting	A community member asked what is on the bottom of the TMA.	The consultant advised that it is lined with clay; it is an excellent liner as it is non-porous and does not allow water through.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/7/2018	1813	E-mail	Closure Plan Amendment presentation by a consultant.	A community representative requested a summary of the changes from the previous Closure Plan to provide to the Chief. The presentation was emailed to the community representative on March 9, 2018.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/7/2018	1864	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Feb 26 - Mar 4, 2018.	No further action required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Lac La Croix First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
3/7/2018	1958	Community Meeting	A community member asked if Indigenous employees are given the same training as all employees.	New Gold advised that all employees receive the same safety training and other trainings.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

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3/7/2018	1955	Community Meeting	A community member asked what is being done with the PAG.	The consultant described the cover systems on the stockpiles for the PAG.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/7/2018	1950	Community Meeting	A community member advised that there was a big flood event in 2002 where highways were shutdown; what if that happens again?	New Gold advised that the mine is constructed to withstand a 100 year flood event.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/7/2018	1951	Community Meeting	A community member asked who does the monitoring on site?	New Gold advised that there is continuous environmental monitoring completed by the environment team; MOECC, MNRF, DFO, Environment Canada drop in and perform unannounced inspections.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/7/2018	1949	Community Meeting	A community member asked if there are maps of the underground water.	New Gold advised that the water balance is being updated and have not yet released any water. The water treatment facility is not yet complete. At the end of mine life, total takings from the	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

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				Pinewood River is approximately 6000 litres.		
3/7/2018	1948	Community Meeting	A community member asked where the water comes from; New Gold has many water permits.	New Gold advised that there are 5 Permits to take water; one of which has 24 sources (construction phase). Now that we are in operations, most water is recycled and not much new water is needed. The current models show there may be an excess of water.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/7/2018	1953	Community Meeting	A community member asked how much money is set aside for reclamation.	New Gold advised that there is approximately \$180 million.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/7/2018	1952	Community Meeting	A community member stated that it does not matter what they say; nothing will change.	New Gold expressed that it is unfortunate they feel this way, as New Gold is using the best available technology along with TEK. Community members are encouraged to visit the	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal



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				site and have discussions on the work that goes on as well as respond to any questions they may have.		
3/13/2018	2019	Meeting	Clarifying procurement process and strategies for working with partner companies.	No follow-ups required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/15/2018	1865	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Mar 5-11, 2018.	No further action required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
3/15/2018	1814	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current employment opportunities.	No further action required.	United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/15/2018	2021	Meeting	Business and employment opportunities discussed.	No follow-ups required.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
3/15/2018	2020	Meeting	Business and employment opportunities discussed.	No follow-ups required.	Anishinaabeg of Kabapikotawangag Resource Council Inc.	Aboriginal

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3/15/2018	2022	Meeting	Employment posters provided to the community.	No follow-ups required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
3/19/2018	1866	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Mar 12-18, 2018.	No further action required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/19/2018	2084	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked if the water samples are shipped out or tested on site.	New Gold Answer: Water samples are sent out and tested at a Government approved lab.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/19/2018	2087	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked what is in the dirty water in the mill.	The consultant advised that the dirty water contains positive acid generating (PAG) material from the rocks as well as metals from the mill process.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/19/2018	2089	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked what animals will be	The consultant advised that the animals that will be around the wetlands will be similar to the ones found during baseline studies.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

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			around the wetlands.			
3/19/2018	2088	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked where the water will go when the mine closes.	The consultant advised that all treated and tested water that passes Government limits will go through the Constructed Wetlands.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/19/2018	1834	Meeting	New Gold held the quarterly Environmental Monitoring Board meeting at the mine site. A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant.	Confidential meeting minutes are taken and distributed to all members along with presentation materials. Members representing Big Grassy, MNO and Onigaming did not attend the meeting.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/19/2018	2086	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked if there are any water fowl on the Water Management Pond.	New Gold advised that currently there are none as the tailings harden and the water on the top is recycled back to the mill.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

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3/19/2018	2091	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked: Where is the underground? How many openings?	Consultant Answer: Area was pointed out on the map. For safety, we will backfill as we mine so that there are no tunnels of air or water. Supposed to be building the shaft now but there are bears around the portal and we are waiting of them to wake up before proceeding with the construction.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/19/2018	2090	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked how big the wetlands are.	The consultant displayed an image of the Cell #1 start-up area; the wetlands area will be larger than that.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/19/2018	2085	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked how much water is used.	Consultant Answer: the mill uses 24,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day, however, only 5,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day is taken from the Water Management Pond as the rest is recycled from the	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

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				system. There are no plans or need, to pump any water from the Pinewood River.		
3/20/2018	2081	Other	New Gold provided support to the International Boundary Water Dragon Boat Foundation's Dragon Boat Festival being held in July.		International Boundary Water Dragon Boat Foundation	Public
3/20/2018	1965	Meeting	At the Closure Plan Amendment presentation, the Environmental Monitoring Board member asked what is the life of the dam.	New Gold advised that the lifespan is forever, as tailings will need to be held in place.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/20/2018	2093	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked: Do we do any closure outside of the mine area. Thinking of Air.	Consultant Answer:  Major impacts would be on the land and water. Should air be affected then we will revisit.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/20/2018	2099	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked: The pit will be out of service in 2025? Will the progressive	Consultant Answer: Details will need to be worked out as there will be safety issues with workers in the pit. It will be captured in future closure plan	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

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			reclamation start in 2025 or 2030?	amendments.		
3/20/2018	1966	Meeting	At the Closure Plan Amendment presentation, the Environmental Monitoring Board member asked if the pit will be out of service in 2025 and will the progressive reclamation will start in 2025 or 2030.	New Gold advised that details remain to be worked out as there will be safety issues with workers in the pit. This will be captured in future Closure Plan Amendments.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/20/2018	2101	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked: Who is the Independent Review Board?	Consultant Answer:  ITRB audit everything to do with dams, stability, safety, materials, water processing etc. recommendations are followed up and not shelved	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/20/2018	1837	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly Joint Implementation Committee meeting with Naicatchewenin and Rainy River First Nations.	Ongoing monthly meetings are held.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/20/2018	2098	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a	Consultant Answer:  Forever, tailings need to be held in place.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

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			regular meeting. An EMB member asked: What is the life of the dam?			
3/20/2018	1836	Meeting	New Gold met with the RRFN/NFN HR sub-committee for their monthly meeting.	Regular meetings are held.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/20/2018	1964	Meeting	At the Closure Plan Amendment presentation, the Environmental Monitoring Board member asked that with the revised dam slope, will water push over with wave action.	New Gold advised that it cannot be filled to the top. The maximum operating water level occurs further down the dam wall and is built for wind and wave action.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/20/2018	2096	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked: Was this the dam with issues?	Consultant Answer:  No. This is the tailings dam, not a water dam.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/20/2018	1962	Meeting	At the Closure Plan Amendment presentation, the Environmental Monitoring Board member if water was being drawn from the Pinewood River.	New Gold advised that no water has been take from the Pinewood River since November 2017.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/20/2018	1960	Meeting	At the Closure Plan Amendment presentation, the Environmental Monitoring Board member asked if any closure will be done outside of	New Gold advised that major impacts would be on land an water. Should air be affected	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

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			the mine area, thinking of air.	than it would be revisited.		
3/20/2018	1961	Meeting	At the Closure Plan Amendment presentation, the Environmental Monitoring Board member asked if water is reused in operations.	New Gold advised that water is reused.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/20/2018	2100	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked: How does New Gold deal with waste?	New Gold Answer:  New Gold has our own Treatment Facility onsite.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/20/2018	2103	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked: Is the water quality back to the Pinewood River different than what was taken out?	Consultant Answer:  When water exits the Constructed Wetlands it will be clean water. It is an engineered Constructed Wetland instead of a passive system	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/20/2018	2102	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked: Water is worse as it is recycled, how is it treated?	New Gold Answer:  Water is treated before it is released. We can only release 20% of Pinewood River Flow to the Pinewood River to ensure we	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal



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				will not disturb the flow		
3/20/2018	1835	Meeting	New Gold held the quarterly Environmental Monitoring Board meeting at the mine site. Presentations on the Closure Plan Amendment (CPA) and Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates were provided by a consultant.	Confidential meeting minutes are taken and distributed to all members along with presentation materials.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/20/2018	1963	Meeting	At the Closure Plan Amendment presentation, the Environmental Monitoring Board member asked if the TMA was the dam with the issues.	New Gold advised that the TMA is a tailings dam, not a water dam.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/20/2018	2097	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked: With the new design, will water push over with wave action?	Consultant Answer: No, it cannot be filled up to the top. The maximum operating water level (MOWL) occurs further down the dam wall, It is built for wind and waves, it is like a bathtub only fill so far.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/20/2018	2095	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the	Consultant Answer:  Not since November 2017	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

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			EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked: Are you drawing from the Pinewood River?			
3/20/2018	2094	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the EMB during a regular meeting. An EMB member asked: Is water reused in operations?	New Gold Answer: Yes	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/20/2018	2218	Other	New Gold provided support to the Nestor Falls Winter Carnival.		Nestor Falls Recreation Committee	Public
3/20/2018	2342	Other	New Gold provided support for the Rainy Lake Concert Series.		Rainy River Future Development Corporation	Public
3/21/2018	2024	Meeting	Business and Community Development Opportunities discussed.	No follow-ups required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
3/21/2018	2023	Site Visit	A mill tour was given to the Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat Advisory Committee.	No further action required.	Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
3/21/2018	1838	Meeting	New Gold held a FFCS Environmental sub-committee meeting at the mine site. A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant.	Confidential meeting minutes are taken and distributed to all members along with presentation materials. The member representing Couchiching did not attend the meeting.	Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal

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3/21/2018	2104	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the FFCS Environmental sub-committee during a regular meeting. A committee member asked if the integrity of the dams was monitored.	New Gold advised that the dams are monitored and inspections are also performed by the Independent Tailings Review Board.	Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
3/21/2018	1815	Meeting	New Gold met with the Advisory Committee of the Fort Frances Chief Secretariat.	Regular quarterly meetings are held.	Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
3/21/2018	2106	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the FFCS Environmental sub-committee during a regular meeting. A committee member asked if water quality is monitored in the sumps.	The consultant advised that the water quality in the sumps is monitored and is only discharged to the Pinewood River if clean enough after testing.	Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
3/21/2018	2105	Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) updates was provided by a consultant to the FFCS Environmental sub-committee during a regular meeting. A committee member asked what tailings are.	The consultant advised that tailings are the muddy water minus the gold and silver. It was explained that in the mill process, the metals get concentrated and	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal

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				cyanide extracts the ore.		
3/22/2018	1839	Meeting	New Gold held a meeting with Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing First Nation to develop an implementation and work plan for the participation agreement.	Regular quarterly meetings are held.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/23/2018	2026	Ceremony	A ceremony was held to open the Spirit House constructed at the mine site.	No follow-ups required.		Aboriginal
3/23/2018	1840	Meeting	New Gold held a meeting with the Métis Nation of Ontario to discuss environmental topics.	Confidential minutes were taken.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
3/26/2018	1817	External Feedback	Neighbour contacted New Gold regarding the dust concerns and driving behaviours of heavy haul truck traffic on Lampi Road.	New Gold contacted the contractor hauling on the road and the neighbour's concerns will be discussed at crew meetings. Half loading began on March 27 and completes the commercial haul on Lampi Road for the season.	General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public
3/26/2018	1867	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Mar 19-25, 2018.	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First	Aboriginal

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					Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	
3/26/2018	1816	External Feedback	A site neighbour emailed New Gold regarding issues on Lampi Road; hauling trucks are causing dust concerns and the drivers are speeding as well as being inconsiderate.	New Gold contacted the contractor hauling on the road and the neighbour's concerns will be discussed at crew meetings. Half loading began on March 27 and completes the commercial haul on Lampi Road for the season.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
3/26/2018	2028	Meeting	New Gold introduced the new First Nations Coordinator.	New Gold committed to sending a poster "Keys to Success" and an introductory letter.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
3/26/2018	2029	Meeting	New Gold assisted Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation members with online applications.	No follow-ups required.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
3/27/2018	1849	Meeting	Chiefs Meeting	Confidential minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
3/27/2018	2107	E-mail	New Gold emailed the community as an introduction to the new Business Development Officer and Community Coordinator and also offered to visit the community to	Nigig will advise New Gold of a suitable date.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal

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			discuss and assist with New Gold's application, hiring process, and E-recruit.			
3/28/2018	1818	External Feedback	Neighbour contacted New Gold regarding the dust concerns and heavy haul truck traffic on Lampi Road	New Gold contacted the contractor hauling on the road and the neighbour's concerns will be discussed at crew meetings. Half loading began on March 27 and completes the commercial haul on Lampi Road for the season.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
3/28/2018	2030	Meeting	New Gold assisted Naotkamegwanning First Nation members with online applications.	No follow-ups required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
4/3/2018	2031	Meeting	Discussion on the progress of a business plan was discussed.	No follow-ups required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
4/5/2018	2032	Meeting	New Gold assisted Nigigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation members with the application process and online applications and introduced new First Nations Coordinator.	No follow-ups required.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
4/6/2018	1868	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Mar 26 - Apr 1, 2018.	No further action required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Lac	Aboriginal

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					La Croix First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
4/12/2018	1869	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Apr 2-8, 2018.	No further action required.	Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
4/12/2018	2034	Meeting	MNDM Mining 101 presentation.	No follow-ups required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
4/12/2018	1870	E-mail	Naotkamegwanning First Nation enquired how New Gold deals with contaminated soils at site.	New Gold advised that contaminated spill materials are placed into appropriate containers then transported by a certified hazardous waste carrier to be handled by a hazardous waste facility in Thunder Bay.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
4/13/2018	1819	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current employment opportunities.	No further action required.	Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk	Aboriginal

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					Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	
4/13/2018	2035	Meeting	Discussion of camp employee issues. The issues were forwarded to the contract owner to follow up with the community member.	No follow-ups required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
4/16/2018	2036	Meeting	New Gold assisted Onigaming First Nation members with the application process and online applications.	No follow-ups required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/17/2018	1842	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly Joint Implementation Committee meeting with Naicatchewenin and Rainy River First Nations.	Ongoing monthly meetings are held.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
4/17/2018	1820	Meeting	New Gold met with the RRFN/NFN HR sub-committee for their monthly meeting.	Regular meetings are held.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
4/17/2018	2038	Meeting	New Gold assisted Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation members with the application process and online applications.	No follow-ups required.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
4/17/2018	2037	Meeting	New Gold RFP Process, employment strategies were discussed.	No follow-ups required.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
4/17/2018	2041	Meeting	Discussed with Nigig: PNP-RFP Process, Essential Skills training and Haul truck training	No follow-ups required.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal



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4/18/2018	1850	E-mail	A third party representing Naotkamegwanning First Nation asked New Gold if contents of TMA Cell 1 flowed into Cell 2 prior to April 12, 2018, after the concern had been sent to the MOECC.	<p>The Environment Manager responded as follows:</p> <p>There has been no overflow of TMA cell 1 at any time. We monitor the tailings water levels daily and at no time have we had any overflow incident. We are well within our Maximum Operating Water Level (MOWL). Please note the MOWL is not the top of the dam, there is still 1 m of wall left, which is referred to as the "Freeboard". The freeboard has been calculated to be able to absorb a 1 in 100 year storm.</p>	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
4/19/2018	2039	Site Visit	A tour was provided for potential RRFN CEO candidate.	No follow-ups required.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
4/20/2018	1871	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Apr 9-15, 2018.	No further action required.	Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjugamiing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of	Aboriginal

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					Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation	
4/20/2018	2042	Meeting	Discussed with Couchiching: PNP-RFP Process, Essential Skills training, Haul truck training and Past contracting experience with New Gold.	No follow-ups required.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
4/20/2018	1851	Meeting	New Gold requested clarification on the communication protocol regarding their third party representative contacting the government. Discussion on requirements for WFB to acquire a specific contract.	WFB advised their contractor was not authorized to contact the government and will work through the JIC going forward. WFB will develop a business plan on this specific contract.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
4/20/2018	1821	Community Event	New Gold participated in Spring Fever Days in Emo. NG partnered with Rainy River Valley Agricultural Society and provided the food. All proceeds from the food sales went to the RRVAS toward their fairground improvement project 2018.	No further action required.		Public
4/23/2018	1872	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Apr 16-22, 2018.	No further action required.	Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Couchiching First	Aboriginal

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					Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	
4/23/2018	2040	Meeting	New Gold went to the community for a scheduled application, hiring and e-recruit session. There were no staff in the office and no notifications of a cancelled meeting.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
4/24/2018	2043	Meeting	An update on a contract was provided to a council member.	No follow-ups required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
4/24/2018	1822	E-mail	New Gold sent an invitation to several communities to attend the Spring Ceremony being held May 23, 2018.	No further action required.		Aboriginal
4/25/2018	2044	Meeting	New Gold went to Big Grassy First Nation for a scheduled application, hiring and e-recruit session.	No follow-ups required.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
4/25/2018	1852	Meeting	A member of the community of Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation is concerned that drugs are coming from the mine site into the communities.	New Gold advised that the member should call the police as it relates to illegal activities off of the mine site.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/25/2018	1841	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly Joint Implementation Committee meeting with Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation.	Ongoing quarterly meetings are held.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/25/2018	1853	Community Event	BGFN school hosted a science forum with a	No further action required.	Pagamigaabo School	Aboriginal

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			business partner. New Gold attended.			
4/26/2018	1854	E-mail	New Gold announced 2018 First Quarter Results and that the Annual General Meeting had been held.	No further action required.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
4/26/2018	2045	Ceremony	New Gold was invited to a Sweat Lodge Ceremony at CFN.	No follow-ups required.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
4/26/2018	2046	Meeting	New Gold RFP Process and employment strategies discussed.	No follow-ups required.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
4/26/2018	1823	Community Event	New Gold attended Surgeon Creek School and offered a gold panning activity as well as geology info for students and their families.	No further action required.	Sturgeon Creek School	Public
4/27/2018	2108	Conference Call	Update on licensing new graduates in Ontario.	Update to be provided by Confederation College on May 8, 2018.	Confederation College, Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
5/1/2018	1873	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Apr 23-29, 2018.	No further action required.	Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, 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
5/2/2018	2109	Open House	New Gold held casual surface miner recruitment in the community.	Seven community members participated.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
5/7/2018	2053	Meeting	New Gold assisted in the application/hiring process/ e-recruit of interested community members.	No follow-ups required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

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5/8/2018	2110	Conference Call	Confederation College provided update on licensing graduates.	No further action required.	Confederation College, Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
5/9/2018	2054	Meeting	New Gold assisted in the application/hiring process/ e-recruit of interested community members. The possibility of an entrepreneurship workshop was discussed with Big Grassy's Education Coordinator.	No follow-ups required.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
5/9/2018	1874	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Apr 30 - May 6, 2018.	No further action required.	Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
5/9/2018	2113	E-mail	New Gold announced the appointment of Ray Threlkeld as the new President and CEO of New Gold.	No further action required.	Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
5/9/2018	2111	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with the MNO.	Ongoing quarterly meetings are held and confidential minutes taken.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
5/9/2018	2112	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	Discussion on obligations from New Gold including delivery of black dirt, support for an additional bee yard, HST implications, and noise levels near TMA.	The agreement holder will coordinate delivery of black dirt.  New Gold and the agreement holder to work	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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				<p>together on bee yard.</p> <p>New Gold provided information on HST implications.</p> <p>Environmental team provided information on TMA noise limits.</p>		
5/11/2018	2114	Ceremony	A Spring Blessing Ceremony was held at the Spirit House the mine site.	The ceremony was attended by New Gold employees.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
5/12/2018	2115	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for the Professional Engineers of Ontario - Lake of the Woods Chapter.	There were 13 participants in the tour.	Professional Engineers of Ontario - Lake of the Woods Chapter	Public
5/15/2018	2116	Meeting	New Gold held a monthly meeting with Naicatchewenin and Rainy River First Nations.	Ongoing monthly meetings are held.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
5/16/2018	2117	Site Visit	Site visit, project update, coordinated tour for government official.	No follow-up required.	Thunder Bay - Rainy River	Public
5/16/2018	2118	Site Visit	New Gold provided project information about the project and access to the project to an agreement holder. A site tour was also provided.	New Gold answered questions about access to the site and will coordinate with the agreement holder.	General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public

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5/17/2018	2119	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No further action required.	Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzushk Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
5/17/2018	2063	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of May 6 - 13th.	No follow-ups required.	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, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
5/22/2018	2121	Meeting	Ways that New Gold and the school board can work together.	Work options limited due to mining laws. Tours for school groups will continue to be coordinated.	Rainy River District School Board	Public
5/22/2018	2120	Meeting	Review of NWA 37 agreement commitments.	JIC member present to provide all notifications to other JIC member.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
5/23/2018	2122	Ceremony	New Gold held Spring Ceremony at the Rainy River site with local Indigenous communities. The ceremony was officiated by an Elder from Rainy River First Nations.	The ceremony was attended by approximately 50 people.	Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal

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5/23/2018	2123	E-mail	An EMB member called New Gold to advise their consultant would be on site in the next week to perform monitoring.	New Gold contacted the consultant to coordinate the site visit.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
5/24/2018	2125	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: Is there an established baseline for water quality and quantity that is being sent to the environment?	Consultant Answer: It is the same as what the baseline studies showed.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/24/2018	2138	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: Are the materials used for dams from onsite?	New Gold Answer: Yes.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/24/2018	2142	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: Are rock stockpile pitches changed or set at a certain slope?	Consultant Answer: At other sites you can drop rock at tall lifts. Because New Gold has so much overburden clay, cannot stack lifts as high therefore change in how the	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal



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				dumps are built.		
5/24/2018	2124	Presentation	Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) Amendment presentation by a consultant.	The presentation was attended by 6 community members.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/24/2018	2129	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: In the filtration system, what is the volume of water in the big tanks at the end of the mill photos?	Consultant Answer: Those are not tanks used for water storage; those tanks are leach tanks, the volume is unknown. The leach tanks do not have any relevance to water; no follow up is required.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/24/2018	2144	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: Where is the West Mine Rock Stockpile?	Consultant Answer: Pointed to the location in the map included in the PowerPoint presentation .	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/24/2018	2136	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: Which communities are	New Gold Answer: Big Island and Big Grassy are likely the closest communities .	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal

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			around Pinewood River?			
5/24/2018	2141	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: Planning on building a water plant? When will it be running?	Consultant Answer: Yes, a water plant will be built; expected timeframe is approximately 18 months.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/24/2018	2137	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: In our water system, water flips twice a year. Would it do the same thing?	Consultant Answer: Yes, it turns over once in the spring and once in the fall. It helps mix so that you have the same water quality throughout.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/24/2018	2133	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: Any changes to the dams from Mount Polley?	Consultant Answer: Dam slope changed from 11:1 and we have a maximum operating water level (MOWL).	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/24/2018	2139	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: What is the make-	Consultant Answer: NAG (non-acid generating) material – bigger than 2”--makes up the granular material on	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal

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			up of the granular material on the surface of the dam?	the dam surface.		
5/24/2018	2134	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: If you increase the mill output, how many more loads is that?	Consultant Answer: About 1200 more loads per month.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/24/2018	2145	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: Any difference in open pit for water and underground for water?	Consultant Answer: Pump water from the pit now. Underground will still have water coming in therefore more pumps to pump out to Mine Rock Pond.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/24/2018	2128	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: Where does water from cleaning the dump trucks go?	New Gold Answer: Kept onsite, oil/water separators in ECA amendment.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/24/2018	2130	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked:	Consultant Answer: No, there were no changes around the leach tanks from the initial design.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal

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			Does the amendment include the leach tanks?			
5/24/2018	2126	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: Do communities downstream, Rainy River and Naicatchewenin, know about ECA Amendment related to Pinewood River, etc.?	Consultant Answer: Yes, they have received the ECA Amendment presentation as well.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/24/2018	2343	Meeting	New Gold attended the Industry Advisory Group meeting.		International Joint Commission Industry Advisory Group	Public
5/24/2018	2131	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: We have seen photos of the tar sands with bird cannons. Do you use these?	New Gold Answer: Yes, however the birds get used to them. Around site we have sticks with shiny, silver tape that glitter and blow around in the wind, deterring birds from landing.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/24/2018	2127	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member comment:	No further action required.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal

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			I was given a document with water results and gave it to our treatment plant operator and he said that the water quality was good.			
5/24/2018	2147	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: The result of doing this presentation is a result of a trigger?	Consultant Answer: This was triggered from changes to site since the original 2015 Environmental Compliance Approvals (ECA).	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/24/2018	2143	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: Is it better to leave stockpile as a bowl?	Consultant Answer: Put berms at toe to help hold it in place when building higher.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/24/2018	2132	Community Meeting	A presentation on the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA updates) was provided to Seine River community members. A Community member asked: When will wetlands be completed?	Consultant Answer: Summer 2019.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/25/2018	2065	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of May 14 - 20th.	No follow-ups required.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy	Aboriginal

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					River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	
5/25/2018	2299	E-mail	New Gold emailed the FFCS AC member a copy of the last meeting minutes of the FFCS Enviro Subcommittee and a copy of the ECA amendment presentation provided to the community on May 24, 2018 as per the request.	No further action required.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
5/25/2018	2148	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly meeting with the Big Grassy River First Nation.	Ongoing quarterly meetings are held.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
5/28/2018	1875	External Feedback	A resident submitted a complaint that blast rock was used in March on Lampi Road and subsequently had to replace his tires due to damage. The neighbour advised that "regular" gravel is now being used and has requested that blast rock no longer be used for road maintenance.	The Community Coordinator left a phone message with the resident that New Gold does not own Lampi Road and that the Township of Chapple maintains the road. The resident was encouraged to reach out to the Township of Chapple if there are any further concerns about maintenance on the road. It was determined	General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public

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				that no material from the Rainy River site has been used on the Lampi Road.		
5/29/2018	2066	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of May 21 - 27th.	No follow-ups required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
5/29/2018	2149	E-mail	New Gold added the Township of Chapple to the distribution list of the spill report and provided contact information for any questions.	No further action required.	Township of Chapple	Public
5/30/2018	2150	Site Visit	Site tour provided to students from Rainy River High School	There were 51 participants in the site tour. Students are from the local area as well as Big Grassy.	Rainy River High School, Big Grassy First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
5/31/2018	2064	E-mail	MNO requested information on MOECC contacts regarding spills and where reports are sent.	New Gold outlined internal spill reporting and external reporting and reporting of reportable spills in an email to MNO, as per their request.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

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6/4/2018	2153	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold visited the community and had a general discussion with the EMB member and a council member.	No further action required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
6/4/2018	2152	Open House	New Gold visited the community for general recruitment. No members showed up to apply. New Gold discussed entrepreneurship with the EcDev officer.	No further action required. It is anticipated that 5 or 6 members will participate in the tour on June 6, 2018.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
6/4/2018	2151	E-mail	An RRFN EMB member requested information on New Gold's spill response to use for their community newsletter.	New Gold provided the information requested.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
6/5/2018	2154	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with Naotkamegwanning.	Ongoing quarterly meetings are held and confidential minutes taken.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
6/6/2018	2156	Site Visit	Site tour provided to students from Baibombeh School at Whitefish Bay	Approximately 7 students and 3 teachers attended	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
6/6/2018	2067	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of May 28 - June 3, 2018.	No follow-ups required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
6/6/2018	2155	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour to community members of NWA 37.	There were 8 participants.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal



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6/6/2018	2157	E-mail	An RRFN EMB member requested information on the deer tissue program of the previous year.	New Gold provided the sampling information as requested.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
6/11/2018	2344	Meeting	New Gold met with the Environmental Monitoring Board. Spills were discussed, ECA Amendment reviewed, and other topics discussed. Meeting minutes were taken. Naotkamegwanning and Onigaming did not attend the meeting.	Minutes are distributed to all EMB members.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
6/11/2018	2158	E-mail	New Gold met with the Environmental Monitoring Board for their regular meeting.	Confidential meeting minutes are kept though the ECA amendment was reviewed and hard copies of the report and appendices were distributed. Members representing Naotkamegwanning and Onigaming did not attend the meeting.	Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
6/11/2018	2294	Other	New Gold provided support for two local bee colonies.	This met the requirements of an Agreement.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
6/12/2018	2159	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with Animakee Wa Zhing #37 First Nation.	This was the first JIC meeting; quarterly meetings to be held on an ongoing basis.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

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				Confidential minutes taken.		
6/13/2018	2160	E-mail	An RRFN EMB member requested information on the recent fish tissue sampling.	New Gold advised the EMB member when the next sampling of fish tissue would be taking place.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
6/15/2018	2161	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No further action required.	Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, United Native Friendship Centre, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
6/19/2018	2047	Meeting	New Gold discussed in depth the contract process and provided updated information for current contracts.	MNO requested a community information session to held at a later date. Further discussions to be held with MNO.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
6/19/2018	2163	Meeting	At a scheduled FFCS Advisory Committee meeting, New Gold advised Lac La Croix of an overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the	No follow-up was required.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal

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			Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act.			
6/19/2018	2164	Meeting	At a scheduled FFCS Advisory Committee meeting, New Gold advised Mitaanjigamiing of an overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act.	No follow-up was required.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
6/19/2018	2165	Meeting	At a scheduled FFCS Advisory Committee meeting, New Gold advised the committee members of an overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act.	The Seine River FN committee member did not attend the meeting.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
6/19/2018	2048	Meeting	New Gold discussed in depth the contract process and provided updated information for current contracts and how to improve business opportunities.	AWZFN requested two community information sessions, one to be held on Windigo Island. These sessions were held on Aug 2 and Aug 20 in Regina Bay and on Windigo Island, respectively.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

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6/19/2018	2049	Meeting	New Gold discussed in depth the contract process and provided updated information for current contracts and how to improve business opportunities.	NFN requested a community information session.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
6/19/2018	2051	Meeting	New Gold discussed in depth the contract process and provided updated information for current contracts and how to improve business opportunities. Couchiching advised areas of increased capacity.	No follow-ups required.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
6/19/2018	2166	Meeting	At a scheduled FFCS Advisory Committee meeting, New Gold advised the committee members of an overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act.	The Couchiching FN committee member did not attend the meeting.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
6/19/2018	2050	Meeting	New Gold discussed in depth the contract process and provided updated information for current contracts and how to improve business opportunities. Onigaming advised areas of interests.	Onigaming requested a community information session.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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6/20/2018	2069	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of June 11 - 17, 2018.	No follow-ups required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Public and Aboriginal
6/20/2018	2347	Other	New Gold provided support for the Emo fair grounds upgrades as requested by the RR Valley Agricultural Society.		Rainy River Valley Agricultural Society	Public
6/20/2018	2068	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of June 4 - 10, 2018.	No follow-ups required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Public and Aboriginal
6/20/2018	2349	Other	New Gold provided support for the Township of Emo recreational activities for youth.		Township of Emo	Public
6/20/2018	2352	Other	New Gold provided support for the Pow wow in the Naicatchewenin community.		Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
6/20/2018	2351	Other	New Gold provided support for the Crossroads School year end celebration.		Crossroads Public School	Public
6/20/2018	2052	Meeting	New Gold discussed in depth the contract process and	No follow-ups required.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal

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			provided updated information for current contracts and how to improve business opportunities.			
6/20/2018	2345	Other	New Gold provided support for the Ducks Unlimited supper and action for environmental projects.		Ducks Unlimited	Public
6/20/2018	2348	Other	New Gold provided sponsorship for the Fort Frances Bass Championship.		Fort Frances Canadian Bass Championship	Public
6/20/2018	2346	Other	New Gold provided support for the Fun in the Sun Canada Day activities.		Town of Fort Frances	Public
6/20/2018	2350	Other	New Gold provided support for the Fort Frances High School chem free grad.		Fort Frances High School	Public
6/20/2018	2167	Meeting	At a scheduled quarterly Big Island JIC meeting, New Gold advised Big Island of an overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act.	No follow-up was required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
6/22/2018	2169	E-mail	New Gold sent a record of contact for the Rainy River Closure Plan Amendment as requested by the MNDM in an email of June 13, 2018.	No follow-up required at this time.	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines	Government
6/22/2018	1967	E-mail	New Gold submitted initial records of contact	MNDM to provide comment;	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines	Public

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			to MNM for the Closure Plan Amendment.	comment was received on July 9, 2018.		
6/26/2018	2070	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of June 18 - 24, 2018.	No follow-ups required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
6/26/2018	2057	Meeting	New Gold discussed in depth the contract process and provided updated information for current contracts and how to improve business opportunities. Nigig shared the history of their community.	No follow-ups required.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
6/26/2018	2170	Meeting	New Gold held a monthly JIC meeting with RRFN and NFN.	Ongoing monthly meetings are held and confidential minutes taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
6/27/2018	2171	Meeting	New Gold met with the FFCS Environmental sub-committee for their regular meeting.	Confidential meeting minutes are kept. The members from Couchiching and Mitaanjigamiing did not attend. A link to the ECA update was emailed to all members as an action to this meeting.	Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal

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6/27/2018	2058	Meeting	New Gold discussed in depth the contract process and provided updated information for current contracts and how to improve business opportunities. Seine River shared/explained the history of their community.	No follow-ups required.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
6/28/2018	2059	Meeting	New Gold discussed in depth the contract process and provided updated information for current contracts and how to improve business opportunities. The community was generally positive and supportive of the objective nature of the process.	No follow-ups required.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
6/28/2018	2172	E-mail	New Gold provided additional information for the 2017 Annual Compliance Report as per correspondence from MOECC on May 25, 2018.		Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency	Government
7/4/2018	2071	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of June 25 - July 1, 2018.	No follow-ups required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
7/5/2018	2173	Meeting	New Gold held a discussion with Big Island on the overflow at Teeple	No follow-up was required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal



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			Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act.			
7/5/2018	2174	Meeting	New Gold discussed the overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act with Big Grassy. Employment was also discussed.	No follow-up was required.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
7/6/2018	2176	Meeting	New Gold discussed the overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act with the Chief of Big Grassy.	No follow-up was required.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
7/6/2018	2175	Meeting	New Gold met with the Chief of Big Island First Nation. Big Island is expecting to hire their Environmental Monitor in the coming month.	Big Island will advise New Gold when they have hired the Environmental Monitor.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
7/6/2018	2177	Meeting	New Gold discussed the overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act with the Chief of Couchiching.	No follow-up was required.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal

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7/9/2018	2182	Phone Call	New Gold called Seine River's FFCS Advisory Committee member to discuss the overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act.	New Gold arranged a meeting to further discuss on July 12, 2018.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
7/9/2018	1969	E-mail	MNDM requested more detail on consultation efforts on the Closure Plan Amendment (2017).	New Gold is preparing a submission for MNDM with their new form.	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines	Public
7/9/2018	1968	E-mail	MNDM provided a template of their new Aboriginal Consultation form along with a summary of the consultation received on the original Closure Plan.	New Gold to use the new form when submitting records of contact.	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines	Public
7/9/2018	2180	Meeting	New Gold discussed the overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act with a JIC member of NWA 37.	No follow-up was required.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
7/9/2018	2179	Meeting	New Gold discussed the overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act with a JIC member and an EMB	No follow-up was required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal

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			member of Whitefish Bay.			
7/9/2018	2183	Text	New Gold texted the Chief of Nigigoonsiminikaaning to arrange a meeting to discuss the Teeple Dam overtopping.	A meeting was arranged for July 12, 2018.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
7/9/2018	2181	Meeting	New Gold met in Kenora with the MNO Region One Consultation Coordinator and a member to discuss the overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act.	No follow-up was required.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
7/9/2018	2178	Meeting	New Gold discussed the overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act with a JIC member of Onigaming.	No follow-up was required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
7/10/2018	2184	Meeting	New Gold met with the Township of Chapple. Topics discussed include; explanation of the Teeple overtopping, the plan for East Mine Rock stockpile drilling and blasting for a ditch, temporary building permit requirements for underground development, and updates that will	No follow up required on Teeple overtopping. For the East Mine Rock stockpile drilling and blasting, New Gold is to advise neighbours before blasting begins, ensure adequate	Township of Chapple	Public

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			be required to the Site Plan agreement for the underground.	traffic control, and blast only at 11am or 3pm. The contractor and Township of Chapple are working on the building permits. For the Site Plan agreement, New Gold will provide updated schedules and plans as required.		
7/10/2018	2185	Meeting	New Gold went to Mitaanjigamiing to discuss the overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act.	The meeting was attended by Chief and Council and the EcDev officer.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
7/11/2018	2072	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of July 2 - 8, 2018.	No follow-ups required.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
7/11/2018	2186	E-mail	New Gold met with the Environmental Monitoring Board for their regular meeting.	Confidential meeting minutes are kept.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
7/11/2018	2353	Meeting	New Gold held a meeting with the Environmental Monitoring Board. Meeting minutes were taken.		Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

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7/12/2018	2188	Meeting	New Gold went to Red Gut to discuss the overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act.	The meeting was attended by the Chief and a council member.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
7/12/2018	2187	Meeting	New Gold went to Seine River to discuss the overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act.	The meeting was attended by two council members and one community member.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
7/16/2018	2060	Meeting	New Gold discussed in depth the contract process and provided updated information for current contracts and how to improve business opportunities. The community initiated a discussion on business ideas.	No follow-ups required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
7/16/2018	2189	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with Onigaming.	Ongoing quarterly meetings are held and confidential minutes taken.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
7/17/2018	2073	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of July 9 - 15, 2018.	No follow-ups required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First	Public and Aboriginal

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					Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	
7/17/2018	2190	Meeting	New Gold held a monthly JIC meeting with RRFN and NFN.	Ongoing monthly meetings are held and confidential minutes taken.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
7/17/2018	2192	Meeting	New Gold had a Chiefs' meeting in Toronto with the Chief of Naicatchewenin First Nation.	Confidential meeting minutes are kept.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
7/17/2018	2191	Site Visit	A site tour with an environmental focus was provided for Big Island community members.	No further action required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
7/18/2018	2193	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No further action required.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Couchiching First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
7/18/2018	1971	E-mail	New Gold e-mailed a letter to the Chief that summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment.	There has been no response from the Chief.	Buffalo Point First Nation	Aboriginal

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7/18/2018	1972	E-mail	New Gold e-mailed a letter to the Regional Councillor, MNO Region that summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment.	The Mineral Development Coordinator and Energy Policy Analyst reached out to New Gold for clarification on the letter (July 30, 2018). They indicated they may want to have a presentation in the future. They will advise New Gold.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
7/18/2018	2194	E-mail	New Gold requested assistance in biological monitoring from an agreement holder.	The agreement holder advised New Gold that he is able to participate.	General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public
7/18/2018	1970	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered a letter to the Chief that summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment and discussed the changes with the Chief.	New Gold discussed the changes with the Chief.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
7/19/2018	1973	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered a letter to the Chief that summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment.	New Gold discussed the changes with the Chief and two community members.	Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation	Aboriginal
7/19/2018	2196	Meeting	New Gold discussed the overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21,	No follow-up was required.	Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation	Aboriginal

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			2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act, with the Chief and two council members.			
7/19/2018	2195	Meeting	New Gold discussed the overflow at Teeple Dam during the construction period (March 21, 2016) that resulted in a fine under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act, with the Chief and a community member.	No follow-up was required.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
7/19/2018	1974	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered a letter to the Chief that summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment.	New Gold discussed the changes with the Chief.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
7/20/2018	2276	Site Visit	New Gold provided a presentation and site tour to the Minnesota Minerals Coordinating Committee.	No follow up required.	Minnesota Minerals Coordinating Committee	Public
7/23/2018	1975	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered a letter to a council member that summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment.	New Gold discussed the changes with the council member and the two JIC members.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
7/23/2018	1976	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered a letter to the band office that summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment. The letter was emailed from the band	New Gold provided contact information for the Chief to call and discuss the amendment as is convenient.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation	Aboriginal



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			office to the Chief who was off site.	No follow up required.		
7/25/2018	2293	E-mail	New Gold responded to an email from MNO requesting clarification on an email received summarizing the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment changes.	New Gold advised that the summary of changes emailed to MNO on July 18, 2018 contained no new information since the summary of changes was originally prepared by the consultant in September 2017.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
7/25/2018	2197	E-mail	MNO asked if the footprint of the project was expanding with the closure plan amendment and if the closure plan had been submitted.	New Gold advised that the Rainy River mine footprint did not change with the closure plan amendments; and the draft 2017 Closure Plan Amendment was submitted to MNM on October 6, 2017.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
7/25/2018	2302	Meeting	Review of various PNP items.	None required.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
7/26/2018	2201	E-mail	New Gold announced the 2018 Second Quarter Results and Updates 2018 Outlook.	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

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7/26/2018	2074	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of July 16 - 22, 2018.	No follow-ups required.	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 Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
7/26/2018	2285	E-mail	The MECP notified MNO - Region 1 of New Gold's Permit to Take Water (PTTW) application Ref. No. 1802-AZ4HM6. The application is for an amendment to PTTW No. 1386-9VTP2H issued to New Gold to amend the water taking from the Laydown 4 quarry.	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks	Aboriginal
7/26/2018	2281	E-mail	The MECP notified NWA 33 of New Gold's Permit to Take Water (PTTW) application Ref. No. 1802-AZ4HM6. The application is for an amendment to PTTW No. 1386-9VTP2H issued to New Gold to amend the water taking from the Laydown 4 quarry.	No further action required.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks	Aboriginal
7/26/2018	2199	Site Visit	Two site tours were provided to 93 participants from the local area.			Public
7/26/2018	2198	E-mail	New Gold e-mailed a copy of the Closure Plan Amendment presentation as provided by the consultant.	New Gold offered to schedule a teleconference meeting with their consultant to	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

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				go through the presentation with MNO members if they so wished.		
7/26/2018	2290	E-mail	The MECP notified Big Grassy River First Nation of New Gold's Permit to Take Water (PTTW) application Ref. No. 1802-AZ4HM6. The application is for an amendment to PTTW No. 1386-9VTP2H issued to New Gold to amend the water taking from the Laydown 4 quarry.	No further action required.	Big Grassy First Nation, Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks	Aboriginal
7/26/2018	2278	E-mail	The MECP notified Naotkamegwanning First Nation of New Gold's Permit to Take Water (PTTW) application Ref. No. 1802-AZ4HM6. The application is for an amendment to PTTW No. 1386-9VTP2H issued to New Gold to amend the water taking from the Laydown 4 quarry.	No further action required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks	Aboriginal
7/26/2018	2280	E-mail	The MECP notified Onigaming of New Gold's Permit to Take Water (PTTW) application Ref. No. 1802-AZ4HM6. The application is for an amendment to PTTW No. 1386-9VTP2H issued to New Gold to amend the water	No further action required.	Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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			taking from the Laydown 4 quarry.			
7/26/2018	2282	E-mail	The MECP notified Lac La Croix First Nation of New Gold's Permit to Take Water (PTTW) application Ref. No. 1802-AZ4HM6. The application is for an amendment to PTTW No. 1386-9VTP2H issued to New Gold to amend the water taking from the Laydown 4 quarry.	No further action required.	Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks,Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
7/26/2018	2284	E-mail	The MECP notified Naicatchewenin First Nation of New Gold's Permit to Take Water (PTTW) application Ref. No. 1802-AZ4HM6. The application is for an amendment to PTTW No. 1386-9VTP2H issued to New Gold to amend the water taking from the Laydown 4 quarry.	No further action required.	Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks,Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
7/26/2018	2279	E-mail	The MECP notified Seine River First Nation of New Gold's Permit to Take Water (PTTW) application Ref. No. 1802-AZ4HM6. The application is for an amendment to PTTW No. 1386-9VTP2H issued to New Gold to amend the water taking from the Laydown 4 quarry.	No further action required.	Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks,Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal

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7/26/2018	2283	E-mail	The MECP notified Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation of New Gold's Permit to Take Water (PTTW) application Ref. No. 1802-AZ4HM6. The application is for an amendment to PTTW No. 1386-9VTP2H issued to New Gold to amend the water taking from the Laydown 4 quarry.	No further action required.	Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
7/26/2018	2288	E-mail	The MECP notified Buffalo Point First Nation of New Gold's Permit to Take Water (PTTW) application Ref. No. 1802-AZ4HM6. The application is for an amendment to PTTW No. 1386-9VTP2H issued to New Gold to amend the water taking from the Laydown 4 quarry.	No further action required.	Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks, Buffalo Point First Nation	Aboriginal
7/26/2018	2277	E-mail	The MECP notified Rainy River First Nations of New Gold's Permit to Take Water (PTTW) application Ref. No. 1802-AZ4HM6. The application is for an amendment to PTTW No. 1386-9VTP2H issued to New Gold to amend the water taking from the Laydown 4 quarry.	No further action required.	Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
7/26/2018	2287	E-mail	The MECP notified Couchiching First Nation of New Gold's Permit to	No further action required.	Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal

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			Take Water (PTTW) application Ref. No. 1802-AZ4HM6. The application is for an amendment to PTTW No. 1386-9VTP2H issued to New Gold to amend the water taking from the Laydown 4 quarry.			
7/26/2018	2289	E-mail	The MECP notified Big Island First Nation of New Gold's Permit to Take Water (PTTW) application Ref. No. 1802-AZ4HM6. The application is for an amendment to PTTW No. 1386-9VTP2H issued to New Gold to amend the water taking from the Laydown 4 quarry.	No further action required.	Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
7/26/2018	2286	E-mail	The MECP notified Mitaanjigamiing First Nation of New Gold's Permit to Take Water (PTTW) application Ref. No. 1802-AZ4HM6. The application is for an amendment to PTTW No. 1386-9VTP2H issued to New Gold to amend the water taking from the Laydown 4 quarry.	No further action required.	Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
7/26/2018	2200	Site Visit	New Gold provided an extensive site tour for EMB members.	No further action required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

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7/27/2018	2202	Mass Mailout	<p>New Gold mailed out the RRP Summer 2018 Newsletter 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 link to current and previous newsletters was emailed to communities that lay outside the local mail distribution on August 2, 2018; these communities included Buffalo Point, Rat Portage (Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum) and Northwest Angle 33.</p>	No further action required.	<p>Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Sunset Country Métis, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation</p>	Public and Aboriginal

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7/30/2018	2203	E-mail	New Gold followed up with MNO regarding Closure Plan Amendment letter, previously emailed to MNO's JIC representative.	New Gold clarified the purpose of the letter and explained that the CPA was with MNDM for review and New Gold was offering the opportunity for further questions and comments. New Gold offered to provide further information and a presentation . MNO did not request any at this time and thanked New Gold for the phone call.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
7/30/2018	2075	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of July 23 - 29, 2018.	No follow-ups required.	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 Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
7/30/2018	2291	E-mail	New Gold submitted three updated management plans (Community Communications, External Feedback and Complaint Protocol and Indigenous Consultation) for review by MECP.	New Gold incorporated comments as received in correspondence of July 25, 2018.	Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks	Government



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7/30/2018	2303	Meeting	<p>Introductory meeting with JIC member and new interim EcDev Officer.</p> <p>Discussed general PNP process, current, dissolution of a partnership, and past contracting history issues.</p>	RRFN committed to sending NG various materials.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
7/31/2018	1977	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered a letter to the Chief that summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment.	New Gold discussed the changes with the Chief. The Chief requested that the Environmental manager meet with the FFCS Chiefs to further discuss the changes.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
7/31/2018	1978	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered a letter to the FFCS Environmental Subcommittee member that summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment. The committee member will deliver the letter to the Chief in the community.	New Gold will follow up with the Chief to confirm receipt and discuss.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
8/1/2018	2304	Other	Discussed opportunities for building on the contractor's presence through the high school, such as having employees spend shift time at the high school	None required.	Naothamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal

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			working with the kids, possibly providing more equipment and a sign. Entrepreneurship partnerships with the contractor within the community was also discussed.			
8/1/2018	1987	E-mail	New Gold e-mailed a letter to the Chief that summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment.	The letter was emailed (rather than hand-delivery) at the request of the Chief.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
8/1/2018	1979	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered a letter to the Chief that summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment.	New Gold discussed the amendment with the Chief and council. There were no concerns.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
8/1/2018	1980	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered a letter to a council member and the band manager that summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment.	New Gold discussed the changes with the council member and the band manager. There were no concerns about the amendment. New Gold will follow up with the Chief to confirm receipt of the letter and discuss the amendment.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
8/1/2018	2204	Phone Call	New Gold had a phone conversation re: consultation of the Closure Plan	New Gold offered MNO the opportunity to have the	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

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			Amendment and asked the expected timeline of MNDM approval.	Closure Plan Amendment presentation and MNO advised that a group may do so.		
8/2/2018	2205	Site Visit	Two site tours were held for participants on waiting list for a tour.	Approximately 100 participants.		Public
8/2/2018	2305	Workshop	Entrepreneurship workshop for NWA37 residents to try and identify candidates to participate in contract bids.	None required.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
8/3/2018	1985	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered a letter to a Council Member that summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment.	New Gold discussed the changes with a Council Member and attempted to follow up with the Chief.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
8/3/2018	2306	Meeting	Review of PNP/RFP process and an update on which items are moving forward imminently, which ones will come later, and which may be stalled.	None required.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
8/3/2018	1986	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered a letter to the secretary that summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment.	New Gold discussed the letter with the secretary and it was to be presented at the Council meeting the following day.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
8/3/2018	1982	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered a letter to a council member and the band manager that	New Gold discussed the changes with the council	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal

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			summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment.	member and the band manager. New Gold confirmed receipt with the Chief.		
8/3/2018	2307	Meeting	Review of PNP/RFP process and an update on which items are moving forward imminently, which ones will come later, and which may be stalled.	None required.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
8/4/2018	1983	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered a letter to a council member and the band manager that summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment.	New Gold discussed the changes with the council member and the band manager. There were no concerns about the amendment. New Gold confirmed receipt of the letter with the Chief and discussed the amendment.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
8/7/2018	2207	Site Visit	Tour provided to participants on waiting list	Approximately 20 participants.		Public
8/8/2018	2076	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of July 30-Aug 5, 2018.	No follow-ups required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
8/8/2018	2208	Site Visit	New Gold provided a general site tour and a	There were 9 tour participants.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal

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			guided visit to the archaeological site south of West Mine Rock stockpile.			
8/9/2018	2209	Conference Call	Call to provide information on status of Water Treatment Plant on site.	No follow-up required at this time.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
8/9/2018	2214	Conference Call	Call to provide information on status of Water Treatment Plant on site.	No follow-up required at this time.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
8/9/2018	2216	Conference Call	Call to provide information on status of Water Treatment Plant on site.	No follow-up at this time.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
8/9/2018	2212	Conference Call	Call to provide information on status of Water Treatment Plant on site.	New Gold attempted to call the Chief, no response	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
8/9/2018	2210	Conference Call	Call to provide information on status of Water Treatment Plant on site.	No follow-up required at this time.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
8/9/2018	2217	Site Visit	New Gold provided a general site tour to the site lookout.	There were 15 tour participants.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
8/9/2018	2211	Conference Call	Call to provide information on status of Water Treatment Plant on site.	No follow-up required at this time.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
8/9/2018	2215	Conference Call	Call to provide information on status of Water Treatment Plant on site.	No follow-up required at this time.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
8/9/2018	2292	E-mail	New Gold received an email from MECP advising receipt of updated Management Plans (Community Communications, External Feedback and Complaint Protocol, and	The plans incorporated comments received from MECP in correspondence of July 25, 2018.	Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks	Government

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			Indigenous Consultation).			
8/9/2018	2213	Conference Call	Call to provide information on status of Water Treatment Plant on site.	No follow-up required at this time.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
8/10/2018	2354	External Feedback	A site neighbour called to complain about the excessive dust on Lampi Road due to the heavy usage by dump trucks.	The neighbour was encouraged to contact the Township with his concerns as well as they are responsible for the maintenance of Lampi Road.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
8/10/2018	2219	Conference Call	Call to provide information on status of Water Treatment Plant on site.	A follow-up meeting will be held in the community on September 13, 2018.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
8/10/2018	1984	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered a letter to the Chief that summarized the proposed changes in the 2017 Closure Plan Amendment.	New Gold discussed the changes with the Chief and Council and a presentation to Community Members was requested, tentatively scheduled for August 22, 2018.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
8/10/2018	2220	Meeting	New Gold met with the Chief and council members to answer questions about	No further action required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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			the water treatment plant.			
8/11/2018	2221	Site Visit	Site tour provided to family members of employees; a lunch was provided at the Emo sports field.	Three bus tours provided; there were a total of 120 tour participants.		Public
8/13/2018	2077	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Aug 6 - 12, 2018.	No follow-ups required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
8/13/2018	2308	Site Visit	Site visit to look at business opportunity available at site.	NG to develop and provide RFP.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
8/13/2018	2224	Meeting	New Gold met with the JIC members to discuss business opportunities and provide further detail on the water treatment plant.	No further action required.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
8/13/2018	2222	Drop-in Visit Casual Meeting	New Gold attended Chief and Council meeting to provide more information on Water Treatment Plant at site.	No further action required.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
8/13/2018	2223	Meeting	New Gold met with the Chief to provide further detail on the water treatment plant.	No further action required.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
8/14/2018	2226	Letter	New Gold mailed out the updated managements plans (3 - including: Community Communications, External Feedback Procedure and	No further action required.	Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac	Aboriginal

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			Indigenous Consultation) to Indigenous groups.		La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation	
8/15/2018	2227	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly meeting with the Big Grassy River First Nation.	Ongoing quarterly meetings are held.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
8/15/2018	2309	Meeting	General update meeting on business opportunities and review of PNPs.	None required.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
8/16/2018	2355	Presentation	New Gold and Seven Generations presented the simulator in Rat Portage First Nation.	The presentation was at the AKRC Youth gathering.	Seven Generations Education Institute, Anishinaabeg of Kabapikotawangag Resource Council Inc., Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation	Aboriginal
8/16/2018	2310	Meeting	Update which items are moving forward imminently, which ones will come later, and which may be stalled.	None required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
8/17/2018	2228	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No further action required.	Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
8/18/2018	2229	Site Visit	Site tour provided to family members of employees; a lunch was	Two bus tours provided; there were a total of 78		Public



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			provided at the Emo sports field.	tour participants.		
8/20/2018	2078	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Aug 13 - 19, 2018.	No follow-ups required.	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 Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
8/20/2018	2311	Workshop	Entrepreneurship workshop for NWA37 residents to try and identify candidates to participate in contract bids.	None required.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
8/21/2018	2232	E-mail	New Gold extended an invitation to communities to visit the active archaeological site at the mine site in September.	No further action at this time.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
8/21/2018	2231	E-mail	New Gold thanked MNDM for correspondence received and provided updated contact information to MNDM.	MNDM confirmed receipt of the updated contact information.	Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines	Government
8/21/2018	2230	E-mail	New Gold was copied on an email by the MNO to MNDM indicating they would be conducting a high level review and advising any concerns.	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
8/22/2018	2313	Meeting	Discussed plans for the community's industrial park and potential for NG to participate / use the park.	None required.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal

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8/22/2018	2233	Site Visit	Site tour provided to project neighbours; a lunch at the accommodation camp followed.	Thirty three neighbours participated in the tour.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public and Aboriginal
8/22/2018	2312	Meeting	Update which items are moving forward imminently, which ones will come later, and which may be stalled.	None required.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
8/23/2018	2234	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour to community members of Northwest Bay.	Fifteen community members participated in the tour.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
8/23/2018	2235	Meeting	New Gold met with MNO to have a general discussion on business opportunities.	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
8/23/2018	2236	Meeting	New Gold met with an Elder from NWA 37 to offer tobacco and request his presence at the Fall Ceremony.	The elder accepted the tobacco and will perform Fall Ceremony.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
8/27/2018	2237	Meeting	New Gold held a monthly JIC meeting with RRFN and NFN.	Ongoing monthly meetings are held and confidential minutes taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
8/28/2018	2239	Letter	New Gold received a letter from the community advising that their community is now 'Animakee Wa Zhing #37' and provided an updated mailing address.	New Gold updated contact information.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
8/28/2018	2238	Conference Call	New Gold held a teleconference call to provide information to the MNO on status of Water Treatment Plant on site.	No follow up at this time.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

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8/29/2018	2079	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Aug 20 - 26, 2018.	No follow-ups required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
8/29/2018	2240	E-mail	MNO emailed New Gold a follow-up question to the teleconference call on the water treatment plant. MNO asked if amendments are required for existing approvals for the redesign of the water treatment plant.	New Gold called MNO and advised that no new PTTW permits were required for the redesigned water treatment plant.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
8/29/2018	2315	Meeting	Opportunity for Big Grassy to outline for NG the activity they have had to date, successes, and concerns.	None required.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
8/29/2018	2314	Meeting	Update which items are moving forward imminently, which ones will come later, and which may be stalled.	None required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
8/30/2018	2242	E-mail	New Gold sent out the invitation for the next quarterly EMB meeting. A link to the 2017 Annual Compliance Report was included in the invitation.		Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
8/30/2018	2241	E-mail	New Gold sent out the invitation for the next quarterly EMB meeting. A link to the 2017 Annual Compliance Report was		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

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			included in the invitation.			
8/31/2018	2243	E-mail	New Gold distributed the 2016 Wildlife Monitoring Report to members of the EMB as it was not included with the 2016 Annual Compliance Report, as is typical.	No follow-ups required.	Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
8/31/2018	2244	E-mail	New Gold distributed the 2016 Wildlife Monitoring Report to members of the EMB as it was not included with the 2016 Annual Compliance Report, as is typical.	No follow-ups required.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
9/4/2018	2316	Meeting	New Gold visited the community to provide information on business opportunities and a potential applicant.	None required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
9/4/2018	2317	Meeting	New Gold visited the community to provide information on an upcoming archaeology tour.	None required.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
9/4/2018	2245	Phone Call	New Gold called the EcDev officer to discuss the commitment. New Gold offered assistance if required.	No assistance was required at this time but NWA37 is aware they can request anytime.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
9/5/2018	2248	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Aug 27 - Sept 3, 2018.	No follow-ups required.	Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Naicatchewenin First	Public and Aboriginal

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					Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	
9/5/2018	2247	E-mail	New Gold was copied on a letter sent to MECP from NWA 33 regarding the application for PTTW ref # 1802-AZ4HM6 along with other environmental concerns.	New Gold sent a response to address the community's concerns dated September 21, 2018.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation	Aboriginal
9/6/2018	2250	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour that included the following locations: TMA Cells 1 and 2, Contango Pilot Test, WMP, Treatment train location, Water Discharge Pond and Constructed Wetland location, Open pit (Alfri's lookout), and Teeple Dam.	No further action required. The group's primary goal for the visit was to see the WMP, TMA and Teeple Dam, which were all included in the tour.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
9/6/2018	2249	E-mail	New Gold held a quarterly meeting with Naotkamegwanning First Nation.	Ongoing quarterly meetings are held.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
9/7/2018	2246	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Township to advise of the timing of the blasting to take place and summarize the commitments agreed to.	No further action required.	Township of Chapple	Public
9/10/2018	2252	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Sept 3-9, 2018.	No follow-ups required.	Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First	Public and Aboriginal

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					Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario	
9/10/2018	2251	E-mail	New Gold invited communities to the Fall Ceremony.		Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
9/10/2018	2356	External Feedback	A site neighbour called to complain about the excessive dust on Hwy 600. The neighbour had also contacted the MOECC with their concern.	The Environmental Manager stopped by the neighbour to discuss the issue and advised New Gold's lack of jurisdiction on the provincial highway. The Community Coordinator contacted the highway service provider to notify them of the concern. They had already been in contact with	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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				the neighbour.		
9/11/2018	2254	Letter	New Gold received a letter requesting information on the project from a former neighbour.	New Gold sent previous newsletters and a fact sheet to the requestor.	General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public
9/11/2018	2318	Meeting	Reviewed an RFP, the scope of work and changes since last discussing this contract.	None required.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
9/11/2018	2253	E-mail	New Gold provided an update to neighbours on the upcoming blasting north of Teeple Road. The neighbours were invited to contact the Community team with any questions or concerns.	No questions or concerns at this time.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
9/12/2018	2257	E-mail	New Gold shared a summary letter regarding the Closure Plan Amendment with Big Island's IBA Coordinator.	No follow up required at this time.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
9/12/2018	2296	E-mail	New Gold announced the recent appointment of the new President and CEO.	No further action required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
9/12/2018	2256	E-mail	New Gold invited communities to the Fall Ceremony.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First	Aboriginal

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					Nations,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Couchiching First Nation	
9/12/2018	2255	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with the MNO.	Ongoing quarterly meetings are held and confidential minutes taken.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
9/12/2018	2258	E-mail	New Gold emailed MNO a summary of their phone conversation held earlier in the day. New Gold confirmed that no new Permits to Take Water are required for the water treatment plant.	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
9/12/2018	2259	E-mail	New Gold was advised by the JIC member to ensure the JIC member was the sole contact for the MNO on the distribution list for Ceremony invites and Employment Opportunities.	The distribution list was updated as requested.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
9/13/2018	2260	E-mail	New Gold provided the Township of Chapple an updated schedule on the blasting near East Mine Rock stockpile.	No questions or concerns at this time.	Township of Chapple	Public
9/13/2018	2261	E-mail	New Gold extended an invitation to communities to invite Elders and all other members to participate in an informal meeting to discuss what plants, trees and other vegetation should be planted in areas that are	The EMB members were asked to coordinate a meeting date with Elders and community members and contact New Gold with the	Naicatchewenin First Nation,Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal



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			ready for reclamation now, and in future. New Gold provided many potential dates for the meeting.	preferred meeting date and time.		
9/13/2018	2319	Meeting	Review general PNP process and discuss upcoming contract RFP.	None required.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
9/13/2018	2262	E-mail	New Gold extended an invitation to communities to invite Elders and all other members to participate in an informal meeting to discuss what plants, trees and other vegetation should be planted in areas that are ready for reclamation now, and in future. New Gold provided many potential dates for the meeting.	The EMB members were asked to coordinate a meeting date with Elders and community members and contact New Gold with the preferred meeting date and time.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
9/17/2018	2263	E-mail	The Big Island EMB member requested a link to the Closure Plan Amendment.	New Gold emailed the link as requested.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
9/17/2018	2264	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Sept 10-16, 2018.	No follow-ups required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/17/2018	2265	E-mail	New Gold sent an invitation to Whitefish Bay's EMB member to extend to Elders for an information session to share	Meeting date set for October 3, 2018 at the arena in Whitefish Bay; focus will be how	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal

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			Traditional Knowledge.	to use Traditional Knowledge for reclamation and revegetation activities at the mine state.		
9/18/2018	2297	E-mail	New Gold announced the appointment of VP, Investor Relations for New Gold.	No further action required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
9/18/2018	2266	Meeting	New Gold had their regular meeting with the FFCS Advisory Committee.	Confidential meeting minutes are taken.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
9/18/2018	2320	Meeting	-Review NGD process and community business opportunities related to PNPs.  -From PNP to RFP.  -How to find partners, how to help partners increase bid strength, and how to develop strong agreements.	None required.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
9/19/2018	2267	Site Visit	New Gold hosted the first of two archaeology site tours at the Stage 4 excavation south of the West Mine Rock Pond.	Six community members participated in the site tour.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinaabeg of Kabapikotawangag Resource Council Inc.	Aboriginal
9/19/2018	2321	Meeting	New Gold met with the community to discuss an existing contract.	None required.		Aboriginal
9/19/2018	2271	E-mail	New Gold sent out the invitation for the next FFCS Environmental		Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal

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			sub-committee meeting. A link to the 2017 Annual Compliance Report was included in the invitation.			
9/19/2018	2270	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with Animakee Wa Zhing #37 First Nation.	Confidential meeting minutes taken.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
9/19/2018	2322	Meeting	<p>-Review NGD process and community business opportunities related to PNPs.</p> <p>-From PNP to RFP.</p> <p>-How to find partners, how to help partners increase bid strength, and how to develop strong agreements.</p> <p>- Discussed process of dissolution of a shared business</p>	None required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
9/20/2018	2274	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No further action required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

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9/20/2018	2298	E-mail	New Gold announced that it has entered into a definitive share purchase agreement to sell the Mesquite Mine.	No further action required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
9/20/2018	2272	Meeting	New Gold held a monthly JIC meeting with RRFN and NFN.	Ongoing monthly meetings are held and confidential minutes taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
9/20/2018	2362	Other	New Gold provided support for the Whitefish Bay Fall Bass Classic.		Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/20/2018	2359	Other	New Gold provided support for the FF Chamber of Commerce business awards.		Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce	Public
9/20/2018	2364	Other	New Gold provided support for the Tour de Fort Concert Series.		Tour de Fort	Public
9/20/2018	2357	External Feedback	A Stratton resident contacted New Gold to advise the inappropriate use of a private road by the New Gold coach.	New Gold contacted the manager of the coach buses; the drivers were advised to stop using the road as a turnaround.	General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public
9/20/2018	2324	Meeting	Worked with BGFN and his associates with a business partner to develop a business plan for a contract.	None required.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
9/20/2018	2358	Other	New Gold provided support for the Pow wow in the Big Grassy community.		Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal

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9/20/2018	2363	Other	New Gold provided support for the Riverside Health Foundation Fall Gala Event.		Riverside Foundation for Health Care	Public
9/20/2018	2361	Other	New Gold provided support for the Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing golf tournament.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
9/20/2018	2360	Other	New Gold provided sponsorship for the Fort Frances Curling Club.		Fort Frances Curling Club	Public
9/20/2018	2273	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with AON.	Confidential meeting minutes are taken.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
9/24/2018	2295	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Sept 17-23, 2018.	No follow ups required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/25/2018	2365	External Feedback	A site neighbour contacted New Gold to express concern about a recent blast at the East Mine Rock Stockpile. There was significant vibration and a long crack formed in their shop.	Vibration monitor readings were analyzed and did not show any excessive readings. New Gold went to see the neighbour and share the information; the blasting at that location was short term and the engineering department advised of	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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				the issue. Future blasts were closely monitored and no other issues were experienced by the neighbour. The blasting is completed at that location.		
9/26/2018	2268	Site Visit	New Gold cancelled the second archaeological site tour at the Stage 4 excavation south of the West Mine Rock Pond.	Archaeological tour concluded work earlier than anticipated due to poor weather conditions at site.		Aboriginal
9/26/2018	2275	E-mail	New Gold responded to the community's concerns regarding environmental performance in the past few years.	New Gold emailed the letter as per the Chief's request. New Gold extended an invitation to the Chief to call the Environmental Manager at anytime to discuss concerns and offered a site tour at the Chief's convenience.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation	Aboriginal
9/27/2018	2325	Meeting	Introductory meet with LLC's new Mineral Development Advisor, to review New Gold processes and opportunities.	None required.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal

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9/27/2018	2269	Presentation	New Gold gave a presentation to 3 classes of Grade 4 students on mining and geology.	Approximately 50 grade four students were in attendance at the presentations. The teachers thanked the presenter for taking the time to talk with their students.	St. Francis School	Public
9/28/2018	2300	Other	An agreement holder provided several days of consulting and assisting New Gold with fish sampling and fish salvage.	No further action required.	General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public
9/28/2018	2366	E-mail	An EMB member emailed New Gold and asked what changes were implemented to prevent future spills in the mill fuel storage laydown area after receiving the information in a weekly spill report.	New Gold emailed the actions the mill implemented following the spill to prevent recurrences.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
10/2/2018	2326	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Sept 24-30, 2018	None required.	Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/3/2018	2301	Ceremony	New Gold held Fall Ceremony at the Rainy River site with local Indigenous communities. The	There were approximately 40 participants.	Rainy River First Nations, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal

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			ceremony was officiated by an Elder from Animakee Wa Zhing #37 First Nation.			
10/4/2018	2328	E-mail	MNO inquired about how costs and expenses of Traditional Knowledge Information sessions will be covered.	New Gold advised MNO how the costs would be managed for info session participants.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
10/4/2018	2368	E-mail	A new EMB member requested copies of all the EMB's previous minutes.	New Gold emailed copies of all of the meeting minutes as requested.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
10/4/2018	2367	Meeting	New Gold held a JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
10/4/2018	2327	Meeting	New Gold met with the community to discuss concerns about the RFP process.	The BDO met with the New Relations Coordinator at a later date (Oct 24/2018) to address the concerns.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
10/9/2018	2329	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Oct 1-7, 2018.	None required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/15/2018	2333	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of Oct 8-14, 2018.	None required.	Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First	Public and Aboriginal



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					Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	
10/15/2018	2369	Meeting	New Gold provided information on the plans for casual surface miner training.		Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
10/15/2018	2332	Meeting	New Gold met with the community to discuss the status of a commitment.	New Gold provided further information to assist the community in meeting the hiring commitment.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
10/16/2018	2334	E-mail	New Gold responded to a previous request from Onigaming about a technical review of the CP Amendment.	New Gold advised Onigaming that a third party review was not warranted at this time but was willing to provide further community meetings with the consultant to answer any new questions.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
10/16/2018	2370	Meeting	New Gold provided recruitment assistance for employment needs for a site contractor.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
10/17/2018	2371	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly EMB meeting with MNO, AON, AWZFN. The Onigaming, Whitefish Bay and Big Grassy reps were not in attendance.	The current application for a LRIA work permit to do a stage 2 TMA dam raise was discussed. The draft	Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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				<p>application will be emailed to all EMB members. Other discussions were held on monitoring, spills and upcoming TK sessions. Meeting minutes were taken and distributed on November 5, 2018 along with 2017 Annual Air Quality reports and the Deer Tissue Sample Poster.</p>		
10/18/2018	2335	E-mail	<p>New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.</p>	None required.	<p>Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, United Native Friendship Centre, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan, Big Grassy First Nation</p>	Public and Aboriginal
10/18/2018	2372	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	<p>New Gold provided information on potential employment for contractors on site.</p>		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

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10/20/2018	2373	External Feedback	A site neighbour contacted New Gold to share their complaint over property trespass taking place. It was assumed the trespassers were employees as the incidents happened around shift change.	New Gold encouraged the neighbour to contact the OPP and all employees were reminded to be respectful of neighbours as most of the property around the mine site is private property.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
10/22/2018	2376	Meeting	New Gold attended the Atikokan Training and Education Focus Group meeting to have a discussion on gaps in education services for employers and agencies in Atikokan and outlying communities.		Town of Atikokan	Public and Aboriginal
10/22/2018	2375	Meeting	New Gold held a monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
10/23/2018	2336	E-mail	NG announced management changes.	None required.	Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
10/23/2018	2379	Meeting	New Gold met with the FFCS Environmental sub-committee. Various topics were discussed and New Gold provided an update on the ECA. Members representing	Meeting minutes were taken and are distributed to all committee members.	Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal

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			Couchiching, Mitaanjigamiing and Seine River were not in attendance. Minutes of this meeting were distributed on November 6, 2018.			
10/23/2018	2377	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold provided support to a local community during a search for a missing community member.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
10/23/2018	2340	Presentation	New Gold presented to Sturgeon Creek School students (Gr. 5-8) on topics of geology, environment and job opportunities. A mine site bus tour was provided of the general layout with tour guides discussing mine and mill operations. Conditions in the pit did not allow the coach bus to view overlook.	Approximately 55 students and staff participated in the presentations and tour.	Sturgeon Creek School	Public
10/24/2018	2337	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of October 15-21, 2018	None required.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
10/24/2018	2380	Meeting	New Gold met with Whitefish Bay to discuss the status of specific contracts.	Confidential discussion held.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal

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10/24/2018	2381	Meeting	New Gold met with Whitefish Bay to provide information on the plans for casual surface miner training.		Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
10/24/2018	2383	E-mail	New Gold provided an update to neighbours on the blasting north of Teeple Road. Work to extend until the end of November. The neighbours were invited to contact the Community team with any questions or concerns.	No questions or concerns at this time.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
10/24/2018	2338	E-mail	New Gold responded to a previous request from MNO about a technical review of the CP Amendment.	New Gold advised MNO that a third party review was not warranted at this time but was willing to provide further community meetings with the consultant to answer any new questions.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
10/24/2018	2382	Meeting	New Gold met with Onigaming to discuss an agreement commitment.	Confidential discussion held.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
10/24/2018	2339	E-mail	RRFN advised New Gold that they were cancelling a scheduled community site tour.	The site tour was cancelled due to lack of community interest.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
10/25/2018	2387	E-mail	New Gold announced that it has released 2018	No follow up required.	Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First	Aboriginal

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			third quarter results.		Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation	
10/25/2018	2385	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold visited Naicatchewenin to have discussion with an employee and a potential candidate.	No follow up required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
10/25/2018	2386	External Feedback	A neighbour contacted New Gold to ask if New Gold was hauling on Heatwole Road as there had been an increase in hauling traffic.	The neighbour was advised that New Gold was not hauling on Heatwole Road but was aware that MTO was performing road maintenance in the area. New Gold provided MTO's contact information.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
10/25/2018	2384	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	The new Community Coordinator was introduced to a project neighbour. The neighbour expressed concern about contractor traffic on Hwy 600 to the accommodation camp.	The camp manager advised that the traffic flow is personal vehicles in the mornings and evenings around shift changes. The information was shared with the neighbour; they had no other concerns at this time.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
10/27/2018	2389	Presentation	New Gold gave a presentation	Over 100 community	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

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			outlining the procurement process at a NWA37 community meeting.	members participated in the presentation .		
10/29/2018	2390	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of October 22 - 28, 2018.		Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
10/29/2018	2391	Postal Mail	MNO requested copies of three management plans.	New Gold mailed the following management plans to MNO: 1) Community Communications Plan; 2) External Feedback and Complaint Protocol; and 3) Indigenous Consultation Plan	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
10/30/2018	2392	Meeting	New Gold met with two teachers from the Onigaming School ( Grade 5-6 & 7-8) to discuss having a Presentation at the school with a focus on the environment & future career opportunities.	The community team will coordinate the presentation in November.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Mikinaak Onigaming School	Aboriginal
10/31/2018	2395	E-mail	New Gold emailed the draft LRIA application package for the Stage Two	Recipients were encouraged to contact the	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of	Aboriginal

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			construction of the TMA to members of the EMB. JIC members were copied on the email.	Environmental Manager with any questions or concerns.	Naongashiing, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
10/31/2018	2393	E-mail	New Gold emailed the draft LRIA application package for the Stage Two construction of the TMA to members of the FFCS Environmental sub-committee. Advisory committee members were copied on the email.	Recipients were encouraged to contact the Environmental Manager with any questions or concerns	Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigaming First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Lac La Croix First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
10/31/2018	2397	Meeting	New Gold participated in an Industry Advisory Group teleconference.		International Joint Commission Industry Advisory Group	Public
10/31/2018	2394	E-mail	New Gold emailed the draft LRIA application package for the Stage Two construction of the TMA to members of the RRFN/NFN EMB. JIC members were copied on the email.	Recipients were encouraged to contact the Environmental Manager with any questions or concerns.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
11/1/2018	2399	Phone Call	A neighbour called with concern about a beaver dam blocking a culvert near Teeple and Gallinger Road. He wants to prevent any spring flooding.	The environment team was asked to arrange the clearing of the blocked culvert.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
11/1/2018	2401	External Feedback	A project neighbour contacted New Gold to advise of a beaver dam blocking the culvert at Teeple & Gallinger Roads	New Gold made arrangements with the Township of Chapple to remove the dam and the	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public



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			and he was concerned that the dam may cause flooding of his property in the spring.	neighbour was advised. The Township removed the beaver dam.		
11/1/2018	2398	Meeting	New Gold discussed business planning for an employee interested in becoming involved with a local business opportunity.		Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/1/2018	2400	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour of the mine and mill for employees of Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services.	There were 10 participants in the tour	Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services	Aboriginal
11/1/2018	2402	Community Meeting	New Gold travelled to the community for an information session for Traditional Knowledge for vegetation trial plots - reclamation and closure.	Community elders shared information on vegetation and trees they would like to see at the mine site at closure. Notes were taken; vegetation plots will be designed using TK.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
11/2/2018	2403	Meeting	New Gold met with the business development representative to discuss any potential concerns.	No questions or concerns at this time.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/5/2018	2409	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of October 29 - November 4, 2018		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First	Aboriginal

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					Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	
11/5/2018	2411	E-mail	New Gold announced the appointment of a new Executive VP and CFO.	No follow up required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
11/5/2018	2405	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with the Ec Dev Officer to discuss a contract coming up for renewal.	Confidential discussion held.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
11/5/2018	2406	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold held a discussion with the community's Ontario Works employee about casual surface miner training.	No questions or concerns at this time.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
11/5/2018	2407	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with a JIC member and council member to discuss a Participation Agreement commitment.	Confidential discussion held.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
11/5/2018	2410	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with Onigaming.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
11/6/2018	2413	Community Meeting	New Gold attended the SN-NF Police Service Board Meeting and presented two speed awareness signs to the township.	The speed signs were donated as part of New Gold's Community Investment Program.	Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls	Public
11/7/2018	2414	E-mail	The MECP notified communities of New Gold's Permit to Take Water (PTTW) application Ref. No. 3704-AW72YD & 3500-B4HJ4H.		Big Grassy First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Nigigoonsimikaaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Rainy River First	Aboriginal

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					Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation	
11/8/2018	2415	Meeting	New Gold met with community staff members and interested applicants to provide information on the upcoming casual surface miner training program.	No questions or concerns at this time.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
11/9/2018	2416	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with a local resident interested in finding out more about employment opportunities with New Gold.		General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public
11/11/2018	2396	Community Event	New Gold provided a coach bus for the local Air Cadets to attend various Remembrance Day events in the region.		908 Rainy Lake Royal Canadian Air Cadets	Public
11/12/2018	2419	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Annual Corporate Responsibility Report.	No follow up required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
11/12/2018	2418	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of November 5 - 11, 2018.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, 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	Public and Aboriginal
11/13/2018	2422	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with Big Grassy.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal

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11/13/2018	2421	Meeting	New Gold met with the Ec Dev Officer for a general discussion on the project.	Confidential discussion held.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
11/13/2018	2420	Meeting	New Gold met with a community member interested in employment at the mine.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
11/14/2018	2424	Community Meeting	New Gold held a TK information session on vegetation trial plots for reclamation and closure in the Big Island community; the EMB rep for the community shared Elders knowledge that he had gathered.	Community elders shared information on vegetation and trees they would like to see at the mine site at closure. Notes were taken; vegetation plots will be designed using TK. New Gold emailed AON the map of trial plots.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
11/14/2018	2519	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current employment opportunities.	No further action required.	Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, United Native Friendship Centre, 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, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation	Aboriginal
11/14/2018	2423	Open House	New Gold coordinated a Community	JIC members coordinated	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

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			Information Session to provide information on employment opportunities, business opportunities and general project information.	the event as part of an agreement commitment.		
11/15/2018	2425	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold donated a laptop to an Elder for the purposes of writing a book.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
11/15/2018	2417	Meeting	New Gold and the RRFN/NFN EMB were unable to coordinate a meeting date for Q3/Q4.	Efforts continue to coordinate a meeting date that suits all parties in Q1 2019.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
11/16/2018	2427	Meeting	New Gold and the community discussed concerns regarding the purchasing process.	n/a	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
11/19/2018	2428	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of November 12 - 18, 2018.		Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/20/2018	2429	Meeting	New Gold held a monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
11/21/2018	2430	Presentation	New Gold gave a presentation to the school about employment opportunities and environmental matters. A community member employed by New Gold		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Mikinaak Onigaming School	Aboriginal

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			spoke about his work experience.			
11/22/2018	2431	Meeting	New Gold met with the Chief to discuss issues with New Gold.	Confidential discussion held; New Gold alleviated the level of the Chief's concerns.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
11/26/2018	2432	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with Big Island to advise of employment opportunities with a contractor at New Gold.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
11/26/2018	2433	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with the Chief and council; C&C advised that an employment offer was made for a position committed within the Agreement.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
11/27/2018	2434	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of November 19 - 25, 2018.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple	Aboriginal
11/28/2018	2435	Meeting	New Gold met with the Chief and members of staff to introduce the General Manager and have a general discussion. Concerns were raised regarding past procurement practices and current difficulties securing contracts.	The Chief indicated that members are primarily concerned with the environment rather than any monies or profit from the mine. The General Manager offered to be contacted at	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal

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				anytime and committed to quarterly meetings and attend any community meetings.		
11/28/2018	2436	Meeting	New Gold met with the Chief to introduce the General Manager and have a general discussion. Concerns were raised regarding past procurement practices and current difficulties securing contracts.	Confidential discussion held on agreement matters.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
11/29/2018	2437	Meeting	New Gold met with six of the Chiefs of the FFCS to introduce the General Manager and have a discussion about concerns regarding past procurement practices and current difficulties securing contracts.		Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
11/29/2018	2438	E-mail	New Gold provided information on gold recovery and environmental sampling and testing to RRFN for use in community newsletters, as per RRFN's request.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
11/30/2018	2441	E-mail	The New Gold GM sent an email to community leaders to introduce himself and provide his contact details.		Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning	Aboriginal

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					First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation	
11/30/2018	2439	Meeting	New Gold met with Onigaming to introduce the General Manager and have a discussion about concerns regarding past procurement practices and current difficulties securing contracts.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
11/30/2018	2440	Meeting	The EMB member for WFB requested a meeting with the Environmental Manager to discuss the TMA Stage Two LRIA Application (draft) that had been emailed.	New Gold met with community representatives to discuss the draft LRIA application on TMA Stage Two, provide further detail and answer questions. A site tour was offered to view the TMA area in the spring.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
12/2/2018	2442	Community Event	New Gold participated in the Fort Frances Christmas Parade with a themed float.		Town of Fort Frances	Public
12/3/2018	2446	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of November 26 - December 2, 2018.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Township of Chapple,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal



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12/3/2018	2445	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with the community for a year end visit.	Confidential discussion held on agreement matters.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
12/3/2018	2443	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with the community for a year end visit.	Confidential discussion held on agreement matters.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
12/3/2018	2444	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with the community for a year end visit.	Confidential discussion held on agreement matters and employee concerns.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
12/4/2018	2449	E-mail	RRFN shared information sheets on their environmental monitoring program and sampling and testing. RRFN also coordinated a site visit for the person taking samples for testing.	RRFN will be distributing these information sheets within the community.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
12/4/2018	2448	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with the community for a year end visit.	New Gold provided information on a posted millwright apprenticeship.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
12/4/2018	2447	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with the community for a year end visit.	Confidential discussion held on agreement matters.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
12/5/2018	2453	E-mail	New Gold provided an update to neighbours on the blasting taking place north of Teeple Road. The neighbours were invited to contact the Community team with any questions or concerns.	No questions or concerns at this time	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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12/5/2018	2450	Meeting	New Gold met with Seven Gens for a year end visit.	Seven Gens advised that they have submitted a proposal for simulators. They will be certified driver's license testers.	Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
12/5/2018	2451	Meeting	New Gold met with Shooniyya for a year end visit.	Shooniyya indicated that they had been very successful in recruitment and hiring for a local business.	Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong	Aboriginal
12/5/2018	2452	Meeting	New Gold stopped in to meet with MNO for a year end visit but they were unavailable. New Gold was able to meet with MNO's Infinity Investments.		Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
12/6/2018	2454	E-mail	New Gold distributed the millwright apprenticeship career opportunity to community contacts.		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, United Native Friendship Centre, 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, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation	Aboriginal
12/7/2018	2455	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with the community for a year end visit.	The Chief indicated that he is happy with the number	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal

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				of members working at New Gold.		
12/10/2018	2467	Other	New Gold provided support for the Fort Frances and District Physician and Recruitment and Retention Committee.		Fort Frances and District Physician and Recruitment and Retention Committee	Public and Aboriginal
12/10/2018	2464	Other	New Gold provided support for family activities of the Canadian Parents for French.		Canadian Parents for French	Public
12/10/2018	2466	Other	New Gold provided support for the Fort Frances Sports Hall of Fame.		Fort Frances Sports Hall of Fame	Public
12/10/2018	2458	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of December 3 - 9, 2018.		Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
12/10/2018	2459	E-mail	New Gold announced Senior Management Reorganization	No follow up required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
12/10/2018	2463	Other	New Gold provided support for the Emo Holly Daze fireworks.		Emo Chamber of Commerce	Public
12/10/2018	2461	Other	New Gold provided support for the Fort Frances Blue Line hockey club.		Fort Frances Blue Line Club	Public
12/10/2018	2460	Other	New Gold provided sponsorship for		Emo Devlin Barwick Minor Hockey Association	Public

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			the Emo Devlin Barwick Minor Hockey Association.			
12/10/2018	2457	Hand Delivery	New Gold delivered Christmas wreaths to project neighbours.		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
12/10/2018	2465	Other	New Gold provided support for the Indigenous Art Workshops.		Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre	Public and Aboriginal
12/10/2018	2462	Other	New Gold provided support for the Animkii Judo Club.		Animkii Judo Club	Public and Aboriginal
12/12/2018	2469	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with MNO.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
12/12/2018	2468	E-mail	New Gold organized an employee clothing/small household items drive to provide support to a Mitaanjigamiing family who experienced loss from a house fire.		Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
12/13/2018	2470	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with AON.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
12/14/2018	2472	Community Meeting	New Gold travelled to the community for a year end visit. There are no concerns at this time. Discussion was held on contracts. A council member wanted to know if New Gold's GM and CEO would meet with the Chief and Council in the New Year.	The GM and CEO will be scheduling meetings with the Chief and Council in the new year.	Naoakamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal

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12/14/2018	2471	E-mail	MNO and New Gold communicated several times through email to organize a meeting and presentation on the Closure Plan Amendment and discussion on Traditional Knowledge.	New Gold sent MNO a number of dates in March that the consultant would be available to provide the presentation on the Closure Plan Amendment.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
12/15/2018	2473	E-mail	New Gold distributed the latest PNP package.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
12/17/2018	2480	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of December 10 - 16, 2018.		Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
12/20/2018	2481	Mass Mailout	New Gold mailed the RRP Winter 2018 Newsletter to the following communities: Rainy River, Fort Frances (includes Couchiching, Nigigoonsiminikaaning, Mitaanjigamiing, Lac La Croix, Sunset Country Métis), Devlin (includes Naicatchewenin), Emo (includes		Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Town of Fort Frances, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Sunset Country Métis, Naicatchewenin First	Public and Aboriginal

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			<p>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 on December 20, 2018 (those communities are: Buffalo Point, Rat Portage (Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum) and Northwest Angle 33).</p>		<p>Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Township of Chapple, Town of Rainy River, Couchiching First Nation</p>	
12/20/2018	2484	Letter	<p>New Gold sent participating project neighbours the results of the 2018 offsite groundwater monitoring program. New Gold offered to answer any questions the participants may have about the testing and results.</p>	<p>This is an annual program.</p>	<p>Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)</p>	<p>Public</p>
12/20/2018	2482	Meeting	<p>New Gold held a JIC meeting with Big Grassy.</p>	<p>Confidential meeting minutes were taken.</p>	<p>Big Grassy First Nation</p>	<p>Aboriginal</p>

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12/20/2018	2483	Meeting	New Gold held a monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
12/24/2018	2485	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No follow up required.	Couchiching First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan	Public and Aboriginal

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# **SECTION 8**

## **NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE**

### **CONCLUSION**



*Figure 24 December sunrise*

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## Conclusion

This Environmental Compliance Report was prepared by New Gold Inc. RRM. 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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*Figure 25 Drone flying over heritage lands west of Mine, August 18, 2018*