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## HAMMOND REEF GOLD PROJECT RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON FINAL EIS/EA

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### COMMENT – T-51

**Source:** Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

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#### Summary of Comment

Table 8-4 states that effluent discharge rates will be monitored from the construction phase through the operations phase. As there will be a smaller number of people living on the site during decommissioning, will the sewage treatment plant continue to be in use? If so, the monitoring should extend to closure.

The TMF seepage collection volumes will be monitored from construction phase through to operations phase. As the tailings will continue to be in existence, monitoring should occur during closure and post closure.

#### Proposed Action

Provide confirmation that effluent discharge monitoring and Tailings Management Facility Seepage Monitoring will occur in the closure and post-closure phases as part of the follow-up monitoring program. If not, provide justification for the decision.

#### Reference to EIS

Table 8-4

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#### Response

As noted in Table 5-2 of the Conceptual Closure and Rehabilitation Plan TSD, monitoring of water in the TMF Reclaim Pond and water collected in the TMF seepage collection ponds will continue on a monthly basis until water quality is deemed suitable for aquatic life. Once deemed suitable for aquatic life, TMF waters will be discharged to Sawbill Bay and monitoring of this discharge will be undertaken until 5 years of acceptable results are obtained.

If on-site sewage treatment continues during closure, monitoring of sewage discharge from the site will continue and will comply with the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) established for the Project.