

# New Gold Rainy River Mine

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January to December 2019**

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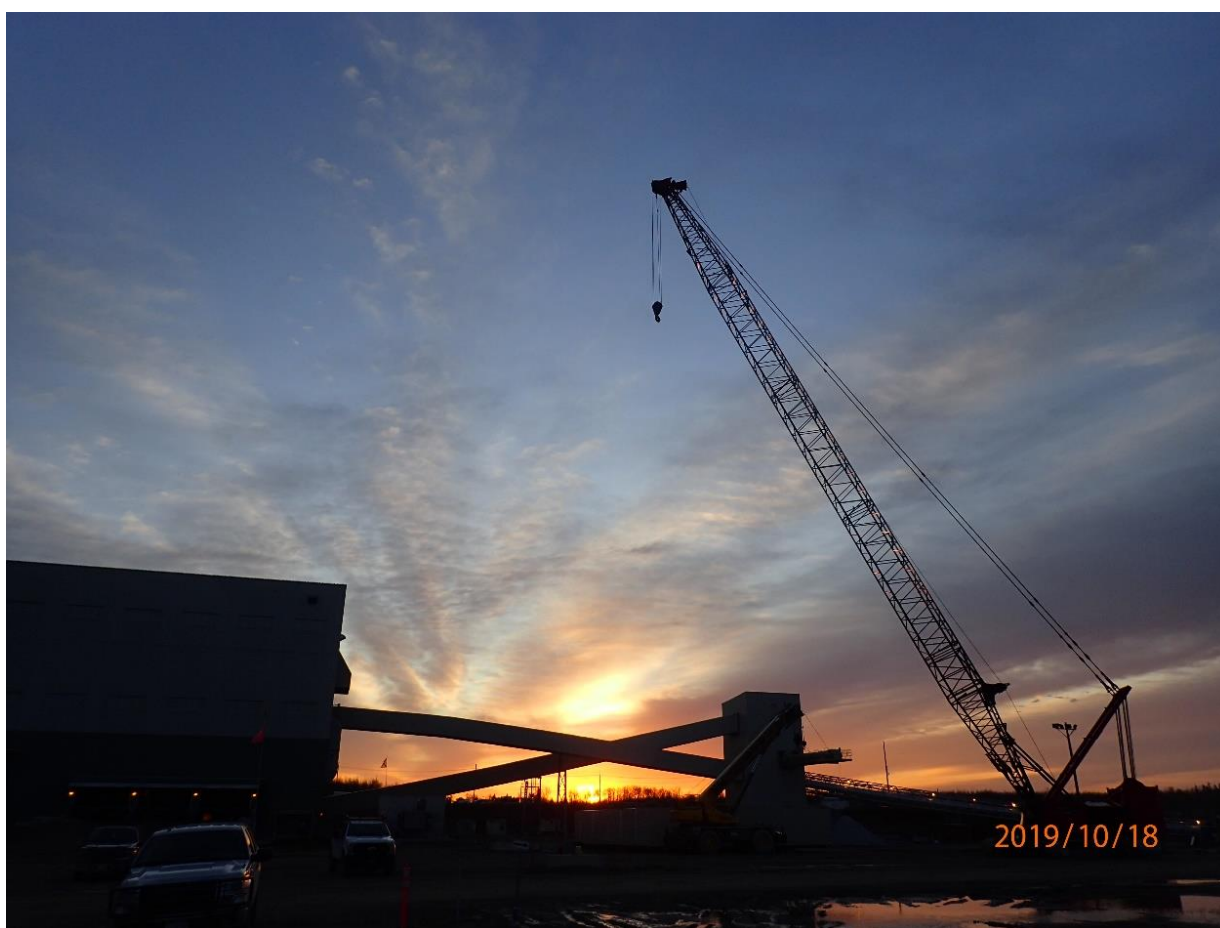
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*Figure 1 (Front Cover): Blue Heron Rookery on Highway 71 near Manitou Rapids May 2019*

*Figure 2: October Sunrise over the Mill 2019*

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## Executive Summary

The 2019 Annual Compliance Report covers the reporting period from January 1st to December 31st, 2019 for the New Gold Inc. (New Gold) Rainy River Mine.

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

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

The 2019 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; Aboriginal and community consultation, project development, reclamation activities, protection of fish and wildlife, migratory birds, health of Aboriginal peoples, site archaeology, heritage and cultural resources. This document also contains a summary of monitoring and research activities associated with water and air quality, wildlife and aquatic monitoring.



*Figure 3 Elk in Field on HWY 617 October 2019.*

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## Acronyms

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

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# **SECTION 1**

## **NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE**

### **MINE UPDATE**





## 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 2017),
- 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 2019, construction continued with the completion and commissioning of the first lift of the Tailings Management Area (TMA).

The subsections that follow provide an overview of the activities conducted onsite during 2019.

## Health and Safety

Health and Safety is a primary focus of the Rainy River Mine. Table 1 outlines the project statistics from 2015 to 2019.

*Table 1: Rainy River Mine Safety Statistics*

<b>Description</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Lost Time Incidents	0	1	2	3	5
Hours Worked on Project	1,265,699	2,899,056	3,726,628	2,586,258	2,854,063
Completed Site Health, Safety & Environmental Orientations	2,500	3,200	4,328	2,719	

2019 Highlights and activities within the Health and Safety Department include;

- 3 Ministry of Labor visits, including industrial hygiene, no major findings
- There was 1,612,282 Lost Time Injury (LTI) Free Hours for the site.
- Successfully completed 1 year in the WSIB Safety Group, submitting 5 (five) elements of our H&S management system
- 1,026 000\$ back in adjustment for our WSIB premium for the last 3 years based on our very good H&S performance
- First participation in regional underground rescue competition, won first place for obstacle course.



*Figure 5 Hygienic sampling by maintenance wash trailers*

## Construction

At Rainy River Mine, 2019 marked the fifth year of construction. During 2019, the following major construction projects were completed:

- Tailings Management Area (TMA) North Dam raise to elevation 371.5m;
- TMA South Dam raise to elevation 369.0m;
- TMA South Dam Seepage Collection System;
- TMA Fence Realignment;
- Sediment Pond 3 and West Mine Rock Stockpile Permanent Ditching;
- Water Treatment Plant;
- Cell 3 Tailings Pipeline;
- Upgrade to the existing and installation of two new hydrometric stations.

Projects initiated in 2019 and scheduled to be completed in 2020 include:

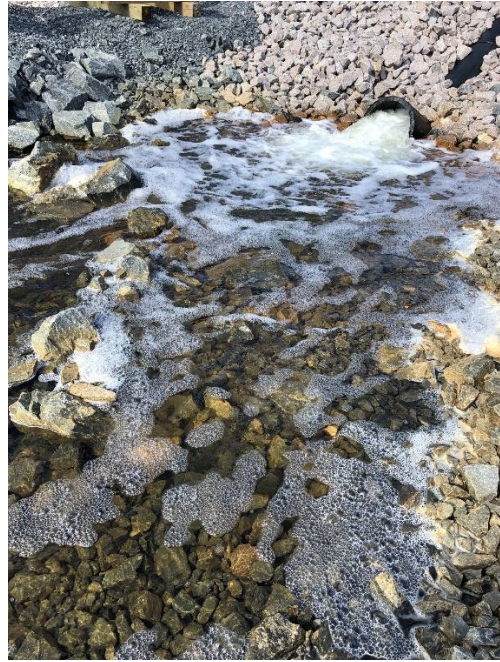
- Tailings Booster Pumping Station;
- Mining Fuel Farm;
- East Mine Rock Stockpile (EMRS) Wick Drains;
- Biochemical Reactor 2;
- Mill Dry and Office;
- Mobile Maintenance Truck Shop;
- On-site warehouse.

TMA construction activities for 2020 will include a raise of the South Dam to elevation 371.5m and the installation of a reclaim water barge system.

a) BCR1 overview



a) BCR1 discharge



*Figure 6: Biochemical Reactor 1*

## Mine Operations

Open pit operations were completed in Phase 1 during Q4 2019 with a final elevation being reached of 155mRL. The development of Phase 2 of the open pit proceeded down to the 280mRL elevation. The mine also delivered construction material to the Tailings Management Area to support construction of the dams and water treatment facilities. During 2019 Non-Acid Generating (NAG) rock from East Outcrop (a quarry source adjacent to the open pit) was mined to supplement the various construction projects across site. Due to the expansion of the open pit in 2020 no mining in East Outcrop will be required.

Mining in the open pit will continue in Phase 2 and Phase 3 during 2020. The amount of overburden to be mined during this period will be significantly less than previous years with the increase in rock quantities being mined. During 2019 the mining of the overburden reached the final stages to achieve the recommended slope angle for the overburden, this activity will continue around the full boundary of the open pit.

Figure X below is an aerial photograph of Phase 2 looking in a North Westerly direction showing a large portion of the area that will be mined during 2020. The overburden sloping will can be seen in the top right-hand corner of the photograph.



*Figure 7: Open Pit Mine aerial imagery October 2019 with final pit shell in yellow*

## Human Resources

As of December 31, 2019, there were 812 employees of New Gold at Rainy River. In December 2018 there were 682 employees. During the year we hired 287 employees and off-boarded 157 employees for an overall increase of 130 employees. Of the 812 employees;

- 67% were hired from the Rainy River District
- 2% were hired from the Kenora District
- 18% were hired from other locations in Ontario
- 12% were hired from Provinces or Territories within Canada, other than Ontario
- 1% were hired from outside of Canada
- 25% of New Gold employees at Rainy River self-identified as Indigenous, with the majority from local communities or affiliations.
- 15% of New Gold employees at Rainy River are female

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

### Training

In 2018 we introduced the Line of Progression (LOP) for production employees in the Mine, Mill, Maintenance, and Construction which outlines the training requirements and compensation structure of all of our production positions. In 2019, we further refined the requirements for the LOP in the Mine and Mill to make it easier for employees to progress as well as provide additional flexibility for the operation.

As part of our Impact Benefit Agreements, a Career Development Officer was hired in 2019 to provide support and guidance to all employees on training and career development.



## Major Projects

In 2019, the HR team completed several major initiatives. The first major project completed was the implementation of applicant tracking software, SuccessFactors. This software helped to streamline the application process as well as allow candidates to apply using mobile devices, which previously had not been an option.

The second was the introduction of a Rewards and Recognition program which is intended to facilitate positive interactions and acknowledge employees that positively contributed to the work environment through safety and environment, values and ethics or productivity improvements.

Lastly, the introduction of an updated performance appraisal that allows employees to perform a self-evaluation happened in late 2019. The revised appraisal was developed to provide better feedback and allow for alignment between the employee and supervisor.

In 2020, New Gold will be introducing a mental health initiative called “Not Myself Today” to encourage employees to talk about and reduce the stigma around mental health.



*Figure 6 New Gold employee by a drill*



*Figure 5 Mill operators*

## Community

New Gold RRM in 2019. In New Gold's second 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, local service organizations, neighbours, 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 Parades in Emo and Fort Frances, a Winter Carnival hosted by Riverview School and STEAM events at other local schools. New Gold hosted annual Spring and Fall Ceremonies at the site as well as a Renewal Ceremony to demonstrate commitment to Agreement commitments and a pipe ceremony at the site of the planned roundhouse; officiants were Elder Laura Horton at the Spring Ceremony and Elder George Boshkaykin at the Fall Ceremony. All ceremonies were attended by 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 a Community Manager, 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 2019, some of the sponsorships and donations by New Gold RRM included;

- Sponsorship of the Tour de Fort Canadian Concert Series;
- Support for local community gardens and park enhancements;
- Donations to local food banks and community Christmas dinners;
- Support of local fishing events;
- Support for local community Pow Wows;
- Support of local Canada Day events;
- Sponsorship of local hockey clubs;
- Sponsorship of a youth summer program in the Township of Emo;
- Support and participation in Indigenous Art Workshops on making bannock and birch bark baskets.

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



*Figure 10: Sturgeon Creek School STEAM night (Corey Lablans, Geology)*



*Figure 11– Fort Frances Christmas Parade (Marg Rousseau and Anne Marie Rousseau)*

## Environment

As the Rainy River Mine advances, the Environmental Department continues to find efficient and effective means for conducting required monitoring. This includes incorporating new tasks into the department's routine such as groundwater and ambient air quality monitoring, which will aid in future mine reclamation.

Important highlights of 2019 include the completion of the first phase of the process water treatment system, and the first operations' discharge. The ability to treat and discharge compliant process water is crucial to ensure the continued operations of the mine. In addition, the first stage of the Environmental Management System was completed, and implementation began in Q4 of 2019. Also of note for the year, is the implementation of the site water balance management, allowing greater control of water infrastructures.



*Figure 12: TMA Water Quality Sample Collection, April 2019*

New Gold continues to involve the community and local organizations with projects on site. The Stewardship Rangers were onsite July 25 and worked with the environment team on erosion control materials and invasive plant removal.

New Gold began planting various species in a trial plot design to address key uncertainties surrounding re-vegetation at closure. The list of species was developed based on consultation in 2019 with First Nations and with Regulators in 2018. The planting is planned to be finished in 2020.

In 2019 archeological artifact cataloguing, and preparation of the final archaeological assessment stage 4 excavation reports took place. In November of 2019, the final archaeological assessment stage 4 excavation report for Campbell 2 site was completed and submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport for review. During 2019, the 2018 preliminary archaeological assessment excavation reports for Campbell sites were reviewed by the Archaeological Unit of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. A copy of the final archaeological assessment report for the stage 4 excavation of Campbell 1 will be prepared in early 2020.



*Figure 13 Vegetation trial plots plateau following 2019 fall planting.*

During 2019, 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 latest and historical geospatial information to all New Gold employees and registered consultants (users) via web GIS and mobile applications. The team completed the consolidation and migration of existing critical environmental and other data to an enterprise GIS SQL Server Spatial Geodatabase (SDE) at the mine site and developed a backup and replication routine to mirror site server data to a local SDE for increased security and rapid data access.

Data in the Web GIS portal have been organized to logical groups and the overall performance of the web GIS system has been improved by implementing several updates and improvements to the software and the virtual server environment. Additionally, the team introduced the concept of live GIS data dashboards and created a pilot Wildlife reporting dashboard project designed for high-level status updates and also developed several new mobile server-database synchronized applications for field data collection including the air quality and waste removal field forms.

As a part of an ongoing annual geospatial survey program, the GIS team facilitated the collection and acquisition of high-resolution multispectral orthoimagery in the spring and the fall of 2019, LiDAR topographic survey along with ultra-high resolution aerial imagery survey of the entire site in late August of 2019, as well as a bathymetry survey of the tailings management area.



*Figure 14: Enviro/GIS Crew UAV Selfie.*

In 2019, several environmentally significant construction projects were completed:

- Marr Ditch diversion channel, reconnecting the upper Marr and Loslo creeks to the West Creek Diversion and Upper Pinewood Watershed:
- Diffuser at Effluent Discharge Location 1 (EDL1) at the Pinewood River downstream of the McCallum Creek confluence:
- An upgrade to the existing H1 hydrometric station on the Pinewood River near EDL1 (formerly Site 19) to provide real-time discharge measurement and water level data with an acoustic doppler instrument
- Installation of two new hydrometric stations with acoustic doppler instruments located upstream of site on the Pinewood River at Heatwole Rd (H2), and on the West Creek Diversion in the Box Culvert (H3):
- Dust cement was applied on Cell 2 exposed tailings beach to prevent dusting.

In addition to the above projects, the environmental team continues to monitor air quality, wildlife, water quality, and waste and hazardous waste. Inspections of all site areas are completed weekly and all non-compliance are reported immediately.



*Figure 15: Release of bear rescued as cub at RRM (2018), October 2019*



*Figure 16: Barn swallow box near Teeple Road*

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

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

Table 2 provides a summary of the environmental approvals related to the Rainy River Mine.

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

Agency	Type	Number	Description	Comments	
Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks	Permit to Take Water	7430-AYEN78	Renewed Tailings Management Area Construction	Expired June 22, 2019.	
		8101-AY8HT5	Renewed Construction Minor Takings	Expired June 22, 2019.	
		2558-AJ7HXF	Renewed Tait Quarry		
		1386-9VTP2H	Aggregate Sources (OC3, OC4, Roen)		
		7631-9VULMS	Mine Dewatering		
	Environmental Compliance Approval	0412-A2LR4V	Air / Noise	Amended	
		8567-9ZXG8U	Air / Noise	Superseded	
		5178-9TUDP9	Operations		
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Location, Plans and Specifications Approval	FF-2019-01	Effluent Mixing Structure and Hydrology Gauge		
		FF-2017-03	TMA Cell #2		
		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	FF-2019-1916-AP001	Work in Water	
			FF11-2015/2016	Pinewood River Bridge Crossing	Expired December 30, 2016
	FF6-2015/2016		East Access Road Construction Amendment	Expired May 30, 2016	
	FF2-2015/2016		East Access Road Construction	Expired May 30, 2016	
	Endangered Species Act Permit	FF-C-001-14	Permit Under 17(2)(c)		
	Aggregate Resources Licence	625851	Tait Quarry	Rehabilitated in 2018	
		626197	Laydown 4 Quarry		
	Overlapping Forest Resource Licence Agreement	Agreement with Resolute Forest Products 2018-2019.		Expires March 31, 2019	
	Forest Resource Licence	B12157		2019-2020	
	Harvest Approval/ Authority to Haul	219400		2019-2020	
		219198, 218658, 219196		2018-2019	
	Land Use Permit	1134-1003167	Transmission Line		
		1134-1003203	Four Safety Platforms		



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

		1094187	Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes-Pinewood River	Expired December 31, 2019
		1093595	Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes-Site Waterbodies	Expired December 31, 2019
		1092647	Authorization to Trap and Transfer Black Bears 2019	Expires March 31, 2020
	Fish & Wildlife Collection Approvals	1094158	Wildlife Scientific Collectors Authorization - Turtle and Snake Relocation 2019	Expired December 31, 2019
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency	Federal Decision Statement issued under Section 54 of Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012	Provincial 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	EA Commitments	68 Provincial Commitments	
Environment Canada	Final EA Report Commitments Registry	Reporting Procedures for MMER	205 Commitments	
	Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations			
Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines	Closure Plan	13+ approvals	Contains Closure Plan Commitments Registry Filed by Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (February 23, 2015)	
Ontario Ministry of Transportation	Entrance Permit	14+ approvals		
	Encroachment Permit	11+ approvals		No lighting or marking required
	Land Use	15-HCAA-00039		Renewal
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Authorization	KE-12-0963	Section 35(2)	
	Letter of Advice	15-0045	Road Crossings	
Transport Canada	Letter	15-0046	Linear Structure	
	Letter	ATS-15-16-00026521	Blasting Zone	
	Clearance	16-2664	Transmission Line - Aeronautic Obstruction Clearance	
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission	Nuclear Radiation Licence	15954-1-24.0	Nuclear Radiation Device License	
		15954-1-19.0	Nuclear Radiation Device License	Expired
Ontario Energy Board	Electricity Wholesaler Licence	EW-2014-0371		
Municipality	Occupancy Permit	N16-08	Admin Building – Process Plant Site	



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



*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 1-7 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.

### 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 April 15<sup>th</sup> 2020.

- 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.

### 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 condition are monitored on an ongoing basis. The comprehensive table provides a summary and feedback on how the second year of the Operations Phase met the conditions of the Decision Statement, recognizing that 2019 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)

The RRM EA Report / Environmental Impact Statement, Section 13 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**  
**COMMITEMENT 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

During operation of the RRM, applications for new or amended permits have been required, meeting the conditions set out in this Decision Statement as well as other Provincial and Federal approvals.

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 progress of the mine and to find opportunities to ensure all Government conditions and commitments are attained.

### 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: Ongoing

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 2019.

### 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 in March 2020. 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

Documented results can be found under each of the specified sections for the monitoring work that was completed in 2019.

**Condition 2.5**

*The Proponent shall make the report and documentation referred to in conditions 2.3 and 2.4 available on its website no later than 30 days after submission to the Agency.*

Status: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

The report and documentation referred to in conditions 2.3 and 2.4 are made available on NG's website ([www.newgold.com](http://www.newgold.com)) no later than 30 days after submission to the Agency.

## 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

In 2017, the Mill, the Water Management Pond (WMP), the Tailings Management Area (TMA) Starter Cell (Cell 1) and Mine Rock Pond (MRP) were commissioned allowing water to be recycled from the open pit, 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 withdrawn from the Pinewood River 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. Water taking from the Pinewood River ceased in October 2018, and PTTW 8776-9W2QN3 expired on November 30, 2018.

### 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

In 2017, the Water Management Pond (WMP), Tailings Management Area (TMA) Starter Cell and Mine Rock Pond (MRP) were commissioned, which increased the site capture of watershed drainage areas associated with the Rainy River Mine (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 construction of the WMP, TMA, MRP and 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. Discharge from Sediment Ponds #1 and #2 occurred in Fall 2019. Under an Abatement Plan approved by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, discharge from the Water Management Pond Pipeline Discharge occurred in Fall 2019 via the Pinewood Pumphouse as the mixing structure (diffuser) had not been completed (Appendix B).

### **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 2019.

Supporting Analysis:

The Closure Plan for the Rainy River Mine outlines the close out and rehabilitation methods that will be used at the time of mine closure. With regard to the open pit, the pit walls will be reviewed by a professional engineer to ensure compliance with the Ontario Mine Rehabilitation Code. Safety measures that include a berm and boulders, and signage will be placed, and then the pit will be allowed to fill using a staged approach. This approach will involve water being directed from the Mine Rock Pond, seepage from the East Mine Rock Stockpile, and potentially runoff from the outside of the Tailings Management Area dams, in addition to open pit runoff and groundwater seeps. 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: Complete

Supporting Analysis:

No water taking from the Pinewood River occurred in 2019. Permit to Take Water (PTTW) 8776-9W2QN3 expired on November 30, 2018.

### **Condition 3.2.1**

*The Proponent shall, for all effluent, comply with the MMER, 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

In 2019, effluent discharges to the Pinewood River occurred from Sediment Pond #1, Sediment Pond #2, and the Water Discharge Pipeline. Effluent discharged from Sediment Ponds #1 and #2 did not contact tailings or any potentially acid generating (PAG) material. Effluent discharged from the Water Discharge Pipeline originated from the Water Management Pond (WMP), Sediment Pond #1 and other site runoff collection systems.

To maintain compliance with Environment Canada Environmental Effects Monitoring requirements 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. Sublethal toxicity testing was conducted in September and October 2019. RRM has also built phase 1 of a treatment train, designed to treat effluent from milling operations prior to discharge to the environment.

### **Condition 3.2.2**

*The Proponent shall, for all effluent, comply with the MMER, 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

Authorization to deposit tailings in the Tailings Management Area (TMA) Starter Cell (Cell 1) was received on September 28, 2017. Before tailings slurry can be deposited in Cell 1, 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 from the TMA during 2019. RRM has also built phase 1 of a treatment train, designed to treat effluent from milling operations prior to discharge to the environment.

Due to heavy rains received in the fall of 2019, discharge from Sediment Pond #1 commenced in September 2019, and discharge from Sediment Pond #2 commenced in October 2019. Discharge from the Water Discharge Pond to the Pinewood via the Water Discharge Pipeline and Pinewood Pumphouse began in October 2019 as authorized by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks as an Abatement Plan.

### **Condition 3.2.3**

*The Proponent shall, for all effluent, comply with the MMER, 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

All site water is collected in a site impoundment, such as Sediment Pond #1 and #2, 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. TMA Cell 3 was commissioned in 2019.

### **Condition 3.2.4**

*The Proponent shall, for all effluent, comply with the MMER, 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 2019.

Supporting Analysis:

Construction of the constructed wetland has been deferred until two years prior to closure. Construction will include a water quality control structure.

### **Condition 3.2.5**

*The Proponent shall, for all effluent, comply with the MMER, 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: Complete

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. Also 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 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: line the former Clark Creek channel (under the east mine rock stockpile) with non-potentially acid generating material*

Status: Ongoing

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 2019, Clark Creek channel was lined with non-acid generating rock under the East Mine Rock Stockpile area. up until the wick zone area. Non-acid generating rock will continue to be placed on top of the wick-zone area in 2020.

### **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 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: 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: Ongoing

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 ongoing during 2019. Appendix Q.

### **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: Ongoing

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 construction completed in 2019 for the portion in use. Temporary ditches are in place for the remainder of EMRS.

### **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 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: 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

All the PAG that has been encountered during 2019 has either been stockpiled in the East Mine Rock Stockpile, used in the pit (for road building and padding in the overburden) or stockpiled in the Tailings Management Area and used for dam wall construction.

### **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 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: 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: Ongoing

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 5.7.3.1 and 9.14.1.3 of the Rainy River Project (RRM) Closure Plan (October 2017). During 2017 a stockpile containing potentially acid generating rock was covered with an engineered cover as per design in the RRM Closure Plan and had instrumentation installed for monitoring purposes. Further testing and monitoring were conducted in 2019 to assess second year of cover trial. See memo in Appendix A outlining results from 2019.

### **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 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: 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 Rainy River Mine Closure Plan (March 2020). 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 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: 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 9.3.1 of the Rainy River Mine Closure Plan (October 2017). 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 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 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: 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 Rainy River Mine as stipulated in the Rainy River Project Closure Plan (October 2017), Section 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: Ongoing

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 construction of flow measurement systems in 2019, all pump intakes used for the water bypasses were equipped with fish screens that met DFO guidelines.

### **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 MMER, 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: Ongoing

Fish habitat compensation was designed by qualified experts and was reviewed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) during the permit approval phase.

In 2016, Teeple Pond and 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 Department of Fisheries and Oceans 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. In 2019 field research indicated 6 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 2 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.

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 2019, monitoring was completed and indicated 6 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 3 years. (Appendix M).

### **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: Ongoing

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) 8776-9W2QN2, which has since expired in November 20, 2018.

Under PTTW 8776-9W2QN2, 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 MOECC approval. The monitoring continued in 2019.

RRM has 3 PTTWs for the Mine Workings and Aggregate Dewatering. All water takings are monitoring using calibrated flow meters and data obtained from these takings is submitted annually via the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (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 MMER.*

Status: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

During 2019, effluent discharges to the environment as defined by the Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulation (MDMER) occurred from Sediment Ponds #1, Sediment Pond #2, and via the Water Discharge Pipeline. All discharged effluent was compliant with applicable provincial and federal regulations.

In 2019, three of four final discharge points were active. Discharge from Sediment Pond #1 commenced on September 15, 2019 continuing for 25 days, ceasing October 9, 2019. Discharge from Sediment Pond #2 commenced on October 4, 2019 continuing for 34 days, ceasing November 6, 2019. Discharge via the Water Discharge Pipeline commenced on October 9, 2019 continuing for 39 days, ceasing on November 16, 2019.

### **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 MMR.*

Status: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

Fish habitat compensation was designed by qualified experts and was reviewed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (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 third year of monitoring had been completed in 2019. A monitoring report was submitted to the DFO at the end of 2019. This monitoring will occur for the next 2 years with a report submitted annually.

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 2019, the second year of monitoring had been completed and the monitoring report submitted to the DFO. This monitoring will occur for the next 3 years with a report submitted annually.

### **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 ongoing geochemical verification of the waste rock during any period that waste rock is generated.*

Status: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis

Potential acid generating and non-potentially acid generating rock is sampled and segregated per the Geochemical Monitoring Plan.

### **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 doesn't apply to the project as the mine was in a construction and operational phase in 2019. 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis

In order to educate New Gold Employees and site contractors, the Rainy River Mine 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 2019 three migratory birds were found dead on-site, a Chestnut-sided Warbler was killed by some fans during construction of the Water Treatment Plant, a dead Sora was found in the Admin building parking lot and a Sandhill Crane was found dead and entangled in the Wildlife Exclusion Fence . The incidents were reported the MNRF and EC.

In 2020 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

Starting in 2015 members of the Rainy River Mine Environmental Team have been trained by qualified professionals on conducting bird sweeps and identifying bird species classified as Species at Risk (SAR). During 2019, 33 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 2020.

### 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

Noise reduction measures include: All excessively noisy equipment is housed within the insulated mill building, this includes the SAG and Ball Mills, the Grinding pump, the compressors and the pebble crusher. This is our primary noise reduction measure. The majority of the time the overhead and personnel doors are kept closed on the mill further reducing noise emissions. The crushed ore stockpile is kept as high as practically possible to reduce the velocity of impact, thereby reducing noise emissions. The light vehicles and heavy mobile equipment are all equipped with mufflers to reduce engine exhaust noise. During 2019, additional sound monitoring was not conducted for two different Species at Risk habitat areas. ESA permit requires sound monitoring to be performed in habitat areas during 2020.

### **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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

New Gold is continuing to work towards installing more permanent lightning fixtures on the mine 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 all lighting fixtures to ensure they are angled appropriately and used only when necessary. Monitoring and consideration to this condition will continue to be implemented as the operation advances.

### **Condition 4.4**

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

Status: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

During the open water season of 2019, 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 devises). The Environmental Department is reviewing the current process to see if adjustments are necessary for 2020. An ecological risk assessment maybe undertaken to determine what hazards are associated within the TMA for birds.

### **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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

At the commencement of construction in 2015 four artificial nesting structures were put in place April 2015, prior to the 2015 breeding season. New Gold has been monitoring the success of these nesting structures each year since 2015 which has been limited at best. As the operation advances additional homes and outbuildings will need to be torn down. At that time the need to develop additional artificial nesting structures will be investigated. If there is found to be 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

During 2019 the requirement for monitoring activities were restricted to ongoing visual inspections of four artificial barn swallow nesting structures, as per permit. The structures were installed on April 2015. Nesting attempts occurred in one structure with two eggs being laid in one nest. These eggs did not hatch and are assumed to have been eaten by a predator, Species at Risk monitoring and reporting during daily operations. Annual monitoring of active Bald Eagle nests which occur in close proximity the RRP site. Monitoring will attempt to establish fledging success.

Implementation of a wildlife log of general breeding bird observations at the RRP 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:

- Reduction of speed limits on the mine site 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 2019 there were three bird mortality events reported, a Chestnut-sided Warbler was killed by some fans during construction of the Water Treatment Plant, a dead Sora was found in the Admin building parking lot and a Sandhill Crane was found dead and entangled in the Wildlife Exclusion Fence . The incidents were reported the MNR and EC.

#### **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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:



During the open water season of 2019, 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 2020. An ecological risk assessment maybe undertaken to determine what hazards are associated within the TMA for birds

#### **Condition 4.8**

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

Status: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

The RRM began to monitoring barn swallows within the project prior to the construction phase (pre 2015) and implemented four artificial nesting structures in 2015 prior to the breeding season to offset the removal of existing farm structures. Monitoring of the success of the nesting structures has been completed over the past four years. The first year that nesting attempts occurred in any of the structures was 2016, all structures went unused in 2017 and 2018. During 2019, two nesting attempts were made, and one nest had two eggs laid in it. The eggs were later found to be missing and assumed to have been eaten by a predator.

## **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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

During 2019, fugitive dust management practices followed the Fugitive Dust Best Management Practices Plan approved by the MECP in 2016. In June of 2019, all light vehicle roads received an application of Calcium Chloride as a dust suppressant. In addition, RRM continued using the same practices that were implemented in 2018.

#### **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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

During 2019, RRM continued to maintain site roadways to control silt loading. In June, calcium chloride was applied a dust suppressant on light vehicle roads. Water trucks equipped with spray bars apply water along all major haul roads on the RRM site. In addition, RRM applied dust suppressant on neighboring public roads often by RR personal such as Gallinger and highway 600 between the camp and highway 71. Speeds are restricted and to 60 km on all site access roads and 40 km to 20 km on internal site roads. Commercial traffic entered the site along East Access or Teeple Road. RRM site services regular grade and place crush material on all site roads. Off-road activities are restricted on the RRM site. Construction of rock access roads is a common practice where heavy equipment is required.

### **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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

During 2018, water spray bars were installed during April to October at the active construction quarries. 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 installed at the primary crusher.

During 2019, a secondary water and chemical dust suppression system incorporating calcium chloride was also installed at the primary crusher.

### **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: Ongoing

Supporting analysis:

During the early operations phase, the same dust control equipment utilized in 2017 continued into 2019. 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

Equipment purchased during 2019 followed the same purchasing standards as set out in 2017. All preventative maintenance programs include a surveillance program to test for 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

Revegetating disturbed areas to minimize exposed dust sources was performed around the mine site and Tait Quarry during construction and operations. There was limited revegetation in 2019 as additional grubbing and topsoil stripping occurred within the minerock stockpile footprints and open pit in preparation for dump and pit expansions. Tree clearing and vegetation disturbance is limited to the extent required. Where possible, forest and vegetation buffers are maintained on site. In 2020, a portion of the East Mine Rock Stockpile is planned to begin the reclamation and revegetating process.

#### **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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

Ambient air quality monitoring program continued in 2019 with monitoring of relevant air emissions parameters stipulated in the Rainy River Project Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan in compliance of ECA 04172-A2LR4V condition 10.1 Quarterly reports can be found under appendix E.

#### **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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

Any ambient air quality exceedances discussed here are based on provincial health-based criteria. Copies of regulatory exceedance letters are shared with Aboriginal Communities during

quarterly meetings. Aboriginal communities also receive a weekly email detailing any spill, exceedance or complaint that occurred during the previous week. Three ambient air quality exceedances occurred during 2019. All were reported to Communities and our Aboriginal stakeholders. Copies of these weekly reports can be located under supporting document (Appendix H).

### **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: Ongoing

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 Aboriginal groups within the proximity of the open pit dewatering zone of influence.

In 2017, New Gold implemented a Offsite ground water sampling program for residents surrounding RRM. To date there have been no issues reported to New Gold regarding wells from any of the neighboring landowners.

#### **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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

To date New Gold has not been informed of any wells used by Aboriginal 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

Large body fish tissue sampling was not required in 2019 as it is meant to occur concurrent with MDMER and EEM sampling programs. In Fall of 2020 this program will be active again.

#### **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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

New Gold RRM continues to communicate with aboriginal communities regarding provincial health-based criteria. Aboriginal Communities continue to receive a weekly email detailing any spill, exceedance or complaint that occurred during the previous week. Additional information is provided on request. Copies of these weekly reports can be located under supporting document (Appendix I).

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

Status: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

During the Environmental Assessment permitting phase of the New Gold Rainy River Mine, Aboriginal 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 Aboriginal 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: Ongoing

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 of the mine site to community members.

### **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: Ongoing

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 2019 there was no need to manage vegetation along the 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

During 2019, native seeds and plant species were used in areas where re-vegetation occurred. Major earthworks took place to create and plant the vegetation plots. Planting will be completed in spring 2020. Determination of plants used on the vegetation plot was determined through community information sessions, regulatory requirements, and site requirements. These plots will be used to test different plant and tree species with an array of surface treatments. 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 2020 with monitoring commencing shortly after. Appendix R.

### **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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

During construction activities, organic rich material was separated and stockpiled in designated areas for use in revegetation and other reclamation activities. In 2019, organic rich material was salvaged during development of areas within the East Mine Rock Stockpile and West Mine Rock Stockpile.

### **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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

In the early stages of the Rainy River Mine the largest construction undertaking that has seen the most reclamation is the creation of three man made diversions to re-route former water systems known as the West Creek, Clark Creek and Teeple Drain. Construction of these diversion structures referred to as the West Creek, 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. Regarding habitat restoration, the 2019 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.

**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 2019.

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: Ongoing

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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

Culturally significant sites were avoided in 2019.

**Condition 7.1.2**

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

Status Update: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

No culturally significant sites were identified in 2019.

### **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: Ongoing

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 MOECC 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

No burial sites were discovered in 2019.

### **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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

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

### **Condition 7.1.6**



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

Status: Ongoing

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 2019.

### **Condition 7.2**

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

Status: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

No additional cultural sites were identified in 2018. Throughout the Environmental Assessment process, New Gold had engaged Aboriginal 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: Ongoing

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 2019:

- 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,
- 33 bird sweeps occurred in 2019 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 5,000+ stakes with reflective tape were installed to deter birds from future work areas, and
- No tree clearing occurred during the breeding bird window (April 15th to August 15th).

The success of the diversion structures and fish habitat compensation will be monitored over the next four-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 8.1.2**

*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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

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

### **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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

The construction of DFO and MDMER compensation and offsetting habitat being the West Creek, Clark Creek, Stockpile Pond and Teeple Pond systems began in 2015 and reached completion in 2018. These structures were intended to provide habitat connectivity for fish and wildlife including SAR as well as to direct clean water away from mining activities. Thus, reducing or mitigating impact to SAR and their habitat. Another consideration was the location of these structures. Generally due to topographical reasons, ponds were constructed in low areas and diversions were kept away from high mining activity areas. These considerations help promote use by wildlife including SAR and to varying

degrees work around these areas is limited or restricted when possible. Another consideration was whether the habitat being disturbed could be considered critical habitat for SAR. During the EA process the mine site was not determined to have suitable habitat for bat roosting or denning of American Badger. No amphibian SAR are known to inhabit the geographical area of the mine site. The Snapping turtle, a reptile, is known to exist within the Rainy River district. Potentially, Snapping turtles would benefit from the DFO/MDMER compensation/offset structures due to the connectivity they promote. Also, the pond portions of these structures would provide suitable replacement habitat to any that may have been lost.

#### **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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

The construction of fish habitat compensation to offset the impact of the Tailings Management Area (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 Aboriginal Consultation. All project design components related to compensation and reclamation were developed to reflect available Traditional Knowledge, naturally occurring features and previous land use considerations. 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 8.1.5**

*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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

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

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 8.1.6**

*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: Ongoing

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. Additionally, New Gold monitors internal water management systems for water quality purposes. If discharge to the environment is required, the water is sampled per ECA and MDMER requirements before and during discharge.

### **Condition 8.2**

*The Proponent shall, in implementing condition 6.3, take into consideration the habitat needs of species at risk consistent with final recovery strategies or action plans, or alternatively, rely on best available information where recovery plans or action plans for the species are not yet completed for the species at risk.*

Status: Ongoing

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 Tait Quarry would be reclaimed to whip-poor-will habitat similar to that found in the gravel pit on Roen Road. Prior to its development, Tait Quarry was not considered to be suitable habitat for whip-poor-wills, which are a Species at Risk in the Rainy River District.

Future reclamation projects will take into consideration action plans for other SAR known to inhabit areas close to the mine. Compensation and offsetting habitat such as those required under the mines DFO conditions were built with the intent that Snapping turtles and White Pelicans would use them as well as Bald Eagles. In 2019, New Gold facilitated 12 Traditional Knowledge meetings, one with each interested First Nation community stakeholders. The intent of these meetings was to learn what species FN communities would like to New Gold focus on encouraging to return to the mine site post closure.

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

Species at Risk monitoring was conducted in 2018 and the annual report was submitted to MNRF in January 2019 to fill 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 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) determined that 18 identified Eastern Whip-poor-will breeding territories could potentially be affected by the project 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: Ongoing

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 IPT 0054 Rev C).

#### **Condition 8.5.1**

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

Status: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

By the spring of 2019 a 14 km wildlife exclusion fence had been erected that encompasses the footprint of the TMA WDP and WMP.

#### **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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

##### **8.5.2.1 – Tailings Management Area**

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

##### **8.5.2.2- Water Management Pond**

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

##### **8.5.2.3 - Water Discharge Pond**

In 2019 the Wildlife Exclusion Fence was re-aligned to encompass the WDP. Prior to the construction of the WDP beaver activity was managed to keep water levels low and Loslo Creek was fish salvaged a final time in 2017. These measures as well as forest clearing would have limited the interest to Snapping Turtles

##### **8.5.2.4 – Constructed Wetland:**

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

#### 8.5.2.5 - Overburden Pile

Ditching is built with steep banks around the overburden stockpile to ensure turtles do not enter the overburden dump and slit fence is installed that will direct them away from the area. No snapping turtles were observed in or around the overburden stockpile in 2019.

#### 8.5.2.6 - West Mine Rock Pile

In 2019 ditching around the area was complete. 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 2019.

#### 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 borrowing into them or climbing over them. No turtles were seen within these ponds during 2019.

## 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

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

### Condition 9.1.2

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

Status: Ongoing

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: Ongoing

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 G.

## 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

The updated Implementation Schedule contains the following revisions for 2019;

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

A copy of the 2019 Implementation Schedule can be found in the Table 3.

### 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: Ongoing

Supporting Analysis:

An updated Implementation Schedule has been provided for March 2019 Annual Compliance Report. Condition 10.2 outlines the changes.



Table 3 Rainy River Mine Federal Environmental Assessment Implementation Schedule for Conditions in Decision Statement, Version 4, March 2020

	CONDITION	TIMING (as applicable)	TIMING RATIONALE
1.	<b>Definitions</b>		
2.	<b>General Conditions</b>		
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.	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	General condition referencing all project phases.
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.	December 31, 2015, Construction, Operations, Post-operations	Aboriginal consultation plan developed Feb 2015, with last update in July 2019. New Gold will continue to tailor consultation going forward based on feedback from Aboriginal Groups and Government comments.
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.	March 31, 2016 and annually going forward	Timing set by 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.	March 31, 2016 and annually going forward	Timing set by condition.
2.5	The Proponent shall make the report and documentation referred to in Conditions 2.3 and 2.4 available on its website no later than 30 days after submission to the Agency.	Within 30 days of submission to Agency	Timing set by condition.

3.	<b>Fish and Fish Habitat</b>		
3.1	<b>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:</b>		
3.1.1	Recycling of water, for ore processing, from the tailings management area and ponds constructed for water management;	Primarily during operations	Processing occurs during commissioning late in the construction phase, and during operations.
3.1.2	Optimizing the timing, position and quantity of final effluent discharge between the final effluent discharge points;	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	Effluent discharge occurs primarily during operations. Effluent discharge (timing and quantity) will be managed as needed, to minimize effects.
3.1.3	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; and	Post-operations	NG has committed to this approach once approvals are obtained in order to minimize long term effects.
3.1.4	not taking water from the Pinewood River when flows are below the minimum threshold set by Ontario.	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	NG has committed to not taking water during any project phase when flows are below the minimum threshold set by Ontario.
3.2	<b>The Proponent shall, for all effluent, comply with the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations, 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:</b>		
3.2.1	Treat effluent prior to discharge to the environment;	Construction, Operations, Post-operations (if/as needed)	NG has committed to treating water as needed to meet requirements for all Project phases.
3.2.2	Treat tailings slurry to break down cyanide and precipitate heavy metals;	Primarily during operations	Tailings are produced during processing which will occur during plant commissioning (late in the construction phase), and during operations. Tailings will be treated during these periods.
3.2.3	Collect site contact water and seepage in ditches and divert to either the tailings management area or water management facilities for release via final discharge points;	Construction, Operations, Post-operations (active decommissioning)	Site contact water and seepage will be managed and monitored through designated discharge points per regulatory requirements.
3.2.4	Install and operate a water quality control structure in the constructed wetland to prevent the release of final effluent discharge	Operations, Post-operations	Constructed wetland construction timing revised to during operations.

	not compliant with the Regulations or requirements; and		Structure will stay in place through closure for TMA passive discharge.
3.2.5	Install secondary containment on pipelines that cross the West Creek Diversion Channel to prevent accidental discharge of effluent.	Construction	Installed during construction phase and maintain during operations phase.
<b>3.3</b>	<b>The Proponent shall control acid rock drainage and metal leaching so that all effluent and passive outflow from the Project Site comply with the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations, 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:</b>		
3.3.1	Line the former Clark Creek channel (under the east mine rock stockpile) with non-potentially acid generating material;	Construction, Operations	Install during the construction and operations phases as the east mine rock stockpile is developed.
3.3.2	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;	Construction, Operations	Sorting will occur during the development mining (construction phase) and production mining (operation phase).
3.3.3	Design and construct the perimeter ditching around the east mine rock stockpile and low-grade ore stockpile to accommodate a 100-year flood event;	Construction, Operations	Ditching to be initiated during the construction phase and will expand as necessary during operations phases as the stockpiles are developed.
3.3.4	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;	Construction, Operations	TMA construction will occur during the construction and operations phases.
3.3.5	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;	Operations, Post-operations (active decommissioning)	Cover has been designed accordingly. Cover will be placed sequentially during operations and will be completed by end of active decommissioning phase.
3.3.6	Cover the tailings with water and maintain the tailings in a perpetually saturated state during the decommissioning and abandonment phases;	Post-operations	Tailings will be maintained in a permanent state of saturation after operations cease.
3.3.7	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; and	Post-operations (after mining ceases and flooding is initiated)	NG has committed to directing drainage to the open pit once approvals are obtained in order to minimize long term effects.
3.3.8	Control water quality in the open pit lake during the abandonment phase.	Post-operations (after mining ceases and flooding is	NG has committed to monitoring and managing open pit water quality in order to minimize long

		initiated)	term effects.
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.	Construction	Completed during construction in accordance with the requirements of approvals.
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 Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.	Construction	Completed during construction in accordance with the requirements of approvals.
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 Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.	Construction, operations, Post-operations	Fish screens used, whenever pumping occurs in fish bearing waters
3.7	The Proponent shall both offset any residual serious harm to fish in accordance with subsection 35(2) of the <i>Fisheries Act</i> 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 Metal Mining Effluent Regulations, 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.	Construction	Completed initial compensation construction in accordance with the requirements of approvals during the construction phase.
<b>3.8</b>	<b>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:</b>		
3.8.1	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 <i>Ontario Water Resources Act</i> ;	Construction, Operations, Post-operations (potential for pit flooding)	Monitoring will occur during all water takings in accordance with approvals.
3.8.2	Effluent quality as per the requirements set out in the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations;	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	Monitoring will occur during all water discharges in accordance with approvals, including the MMER that applies to all project phases.
3.8.3	The effectiveness of recreated fish habitat. The monitoring shall be designed in accordance with any authorizations pursuant to subsection 35(2) of the <i>Fisheries Act</i> and associated regulations and/or the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations;	Construction, Operations	Monitoring will occur of effectiveness of compensation habitat in accordance with approved plans and approvals
3.8.4	The effectiveness of the potentially acid generating and non-potentially acid generating rock segregation program through ongoing geochemical verification of the waste rock during any period that waste rock is generated;	Construction, Operations and post operations	Rock segregation occurs during handling, construction, operations and post operations.

3.8.5	Water quality in the open pit, pursuant to any requirements set by Ontario in the Mine Closure Plan for the Designated Project; and	Post-operations (until pit is flooded and water quality meets approval requirements)	NG has committed to monitoring and managing open pit water quality in order to minimize long term effects.
3.8.6	The maintenance of a perpetually saturated state of the tailings, for 25 years from the start of the decommissioning phase of the Designated Project.	25 years post-operations	Tailings will be maintained in a permanent state of saturation after operations cease. Monitoring will occur for 25 years at a minimum.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Migratory Birds</b>		
<b>4.1</b>	<b>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:</b>		
4.1.1	Environment Canada's policy on Incidental Take of Migratory Birds in Canada;	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	Applies to all project phases.
4.1.2	Environment Canada's avoidance guidelines on General Nesting Periods of Migratory Birds in Canada.	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	Applies to all project phases. The majority of clearing is anticipated to occur during the construction phase.
4.2	The Proponent shall, at all times, implement noise reduction measures to control sound levels from machinery to avoid harassing migratory birds.	Construction, Operations, Post-operations (active decommissioning)	Applies to all phases where extensive heavy equipment in use.
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 ( <i>Chordeiles minor</i> ).	Construction, Operations, Post-operations (active decommissioning)	Applies to all phases where extensive lighting is in use.
4.4	The Proponent shall deter migratory birds from using the tailings management area.	As applicable	NG will deter migratory birds from using the tailings management area at any time where water quality within the area is anticipated to be of concern. Modelling does not indicate a concern during construction, operations or post-operations at this time.
4.5	The Proponent shall provide comparable replacement artificial nesting structures for Barn Swallows ( <i>Hirundo rustica</i> ) prior to the removal of existing nesting structures.	Prior to nest removal (Construction, Operations)	NG will provide replacement structures in advance of nests being removed.
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	Construction, Operations, Post-operations (active decommissioning)	Timing set by condition.

	with those conditions, then document how this has been rectified. Monitoring starts at construction and ceases at the end of the decommissioning phase.		
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.	Operations, Post-operations (active decommissioning)	Timing set by condition.
4.8	The Proponent shall monitor the effectiveness of the artificial nesting structures created for Barn Swallows ( <i>Hirundo rustica</i> ).	Construction, Operations	NG will monitor and report on use of replacement structures in accordance with Wildlife Monitoring Plan. Nesting structures to be fully functional by early operations at the latest.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Health of Aboriginal Peoples</b>		
5.1	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:	Construction, Operations, Post-operations (active decommissioning)	Timing set by condition
5.1	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:	Construction, Operations, Post-operations (active decommissioning)	Timing set by condition
5.1.2	Maintaining site roadways to control silt loading;		
5.1.3	Using water sprays at the crusher and at active stockpiles;		
5.1.4	Using dust control equipment;		
5.1.5	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; and		
5.1.6	Revegetating disturbed areas in a manner that minimizes all exposed dust sources.		
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	Construction, Operations	Timing set by condition.

	phase.		
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.		
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.	Construction, Operations, Post-operations (10 years)	Timing set by condition. Note: There are no drinking water wells within ZOI.
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.		
5.4	The Proponent shall monitor key contaminants, including mercury, arsenic, cadmium and lead, for their concentrations in Northern Pike ( <i>Esox lucius</i> ) and Walleye ( <i>Sander vitreus</i> ) in the Pinewood River. Monitoring starts with construction and ceases 10 years after the start of the decommissioning phase.	Operations, Post-operations (10 years)	Timing set by 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.		
5.5	The proponent shall consult with the Aboriginal groups on the implementation of Conditions 5.2, 5.3 and		
<b>6.</b>	<b>Current use of Lands and Resources for Traditional Purposes</b>		
6.1	The Proponent shall provide access to private lands to Aboriginal groups for their current use of land, including hunting and plant harvesting.	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	Applies to all project phases.
6.2	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.	Construction, Operations	Vegetation management only required for construction and operations phases.
6.3	The Proponent shall, throughout all phases of the Designated Project, undertake progressive habitat restoration as per any requirements set by Ontario in the Mine Closure Plan for the Designated Project. Habitat restoration shall include:	Construction, Operations	Applies to habitat restoration including progressive reclamation during late construction phase and through operations phase.

6.3.1	A consideration of habitat types that support a diversity of wildlife species and traditional uses by Aboriginal peoples, including ungulates and furbearers, as well as native plant species previously collected at the Project Site for food and medicinal purposes; and	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	Applies to habitat restoration including both progressive and final reclamation.
6.3.2	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.	Construction, Operations	Materials will be separated and stockpiled during TMA and pit (to be developed during construction and operations phases).
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.	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	Monitoring of habitat restoration will be primarily post-operations after final reclamation is complete; will be conducted in according with the Closure Plan and Wildlife Monitoring Plan.
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.	Post-operations	Timing set by condition.
6.6	The proponent shall consult with the Aboriginal groups on the implementation of Conditions 6.1, 6.4 and 6.5.	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	Implementation during all phases consistent with Aboriginal Consultation Plan, February 2015 or as amended
<b>7.</b>	<b>Aboriginal Archaeological, Heritage and Cultural Resources</b>		
<b>7.1</b>	<b>The Proponent shall, for all phases of the Designated Project:</b>		
7.1.1	Avoid known culturally significant sites;	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	During all project phases.
7.1.2	Assess additional culturally significant sites, if discovered;		
7.1.3	Establish a procedure for Aboriginal groups to safely access the Project Site for cultural and ceremonial purposes;	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	Procedure established February 2015 and ongoing through all phases as safe.
7.1.4	Preserve any discovered burial sites;	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	During all project phases.
7.1.5	Salvage and preserve any artifacts that cannot be maintained in-situ; and	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	During all project phases.
7.1.6	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.		
7.2	The proponent shall consult with the Aboriginal groups on the implementation of Condition 7.1.	Construction, Operations	Project footprint will reach its maximum during the operations phase.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Effects that may be related to Federal Authorizations</b>		
8.1	The proponent shall, in implementing Condition 3.7, take measures to avoid or lessen adverse effects:	Construction	Completed compensation construction in accordance with the requirements of approvals during the construction phase.
8.1.1	On migratory birds and their habitats;		
8.1.2	On terrestrial species, including amphibians and reptiles, and their habitats;		
8.1.3	On species at risk and their habitats;		
8.1.4	On current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes by Aboriginal peoples;		
8.1.5	On sites of cultural significance to Aboriginal peoples; and		
8.1.6	From potential sources of contamination (e.g., mercury, arsenic, cadmium and lead).		
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.	Construction, Operations, Post-operations (active decommissioning)	During all project phases.
8.3	The Proponent shall provide about 1,400 hectares of private land as habitat for Eastern Whip-poor-will ( <i>Antrostomus vociferous</i> ) and Bobolink ( <i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i> ).	Construction	Completed
8.4	The Proponent shall monitor the effectiveness of the habitat in Condition 8.3.	Construction, Operations	Assessment of habitat effectiveness to be completed in accordance with the Wildlife Monitoring Plan.
<b>8.5</b>	<b>The Proponent shall:</b>		
8.5.1	Maintain a fence around the tailings management area to prevent access by wildlife; and	Construction, Operations, Post-operations (active decommissioning)	No longer required once tailings management area is reclaimed.
8.5.2	Implement measures to prevent Snapping Turtles ( <i>Chelydra serpentina</i> ) from entering the following components of the Designated Project:	Construction, Operations, Post-operations (active decommissioning)	Based on timing of construction of project component e.g., sediment ponds not constructed until operations phase. No longer required once project area is reclaimed.
8.5.2.1	Tailings management area;		

8.5.2.2	Water management pond;		
8.5.2.3	Water discharge pond;		
8.5.2.4	Constructed wetland;		
8.5.2.5	Overburden pile;		
8.5.2.6	West mine rock pile; and		
8.5.2.7	Sediment ponds 1 and 2.		
<b>9.</b>	<b>Accidents or Malfunctions</b>		
<b>9.1</b>	<b>In the event of an accident or malfunction with the potential to cause adverse environmental effects, the Proponent shall:</b>		
9.1.1	Notify the Agency and other relevant regulatory agencies of the occurrence as soon as possible;	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	Applies to all project phases.
9.1.2	Implement measures to minimize any adverse environmental effects associated with the occurrence as soon as possible; and	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	Applies to all project phases.
9.1.3	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:	Construction, Operations, Post-operations; within 30 days of incident	Applies to all project phases.
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; and		
9.1.3.3	Changes made to avoid a subsequent occurrence of the accident or malfunction.		
<b>10.</b>	<b>Implementation Schedule</b>		
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.	15 days prior to construction	Timing set by 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.	Every two years starting March 31, 2016	Timing set by 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	30 days prior to implementation	Timing set by condition.

	implementation of the change.		
<b>11.</b>	<b>Record Keeping</b>		
11.1	The Proponent shall record, retain and make available to the Agency, or anyone designated pursuant to s. 89 of CEAA 2012, upon demand, at a facility close to the Designated Project area (local facility), information related to the implementation of the conditions of this Decision Statement, including:	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	Applies to all monitoring starting from construction
11.1.1	The results of all monitoring, including:		
11.1.2	The place, date and time of any sampling;		
11.1.3	The dates and the analyses that were performed;		
11.1.4	The analytical techniques, methods or procedures used in the analyses;		
11.1.5	The names of the persons who collected and analyzed each sample and documentation of any professional certifications relevant to the work performed that they might possess; and		
11.1.6	The results of the analyses.		
11.2	The proponent shall retain and make available upon demand to the Agency, or anyone designated pursuant to s. 89 of CEAA 2012, the information contained in Condition 11.1 for a minimum of twenty-five years or until decommission ends, whichever is longer, unless otherwise specified, at a facility close to the Designated Project area (or at a location within Canada and agreed upon by the Agency, should the local facility no longer be maintained).	Construction, Operations, Post-operations	Timing set by Condition 11.1.

### Revision history

March 2019:

- 2019-03-31, condition 2.2: referenced latest Aboriginal Consultation Plan and added that Government comments may change consultation manner.
- 2019-03-31, condition 3.2.4: added Post-operations to timing, added Constructed Wetlands structure will stay in place through closure for TMA passive discharge.

- 2019-03-31, condition 5.3, 5.3.1: Noted that there are no drinking water wells within the Zone of Influence (ZOI).

September 2017:

- 2017-09-06, condition 2.2 revised timing to all phases, consultation manner confirmed first but changes to consultation manner may occur, based on feedback from Aboriginal Groups
- 2017-09-06, condition 3.2.4 revise timing to operations to reflect the change in timing of wetland construction
- 2017-09-06, various, changed tense for conditions completed during the construction phase e.g., 3.2.5, 3.4, 3.5, 3.7
- 2017-09-06, condition 3.6 extend timing to include all project phases when pumping from fish bearing waters may occur
- 2017-09-06, condition 3.8.4 extend timing to include all project phases when rock is handled
- 2017-09-06, condition 8.5.2 changed rationale to tie condition timing to construction timing
- 2017-09-06, condition 5.5, 6.6 and 7.1.4 updated timing to reflect completed date – no change in timing occurring throughout all project phases



**SECTION 4**  
**NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE**  
**COMMITMENT REGISTRY**  
**PROVINCIAL COMMITMENTS**



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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 documentation to the Ministry and has submitted required information in the requested format by the Ministry.	Ongoing
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, 2020.	Ongoing
3.3	The EAB file number EA 05-09-02 and EAIMS file number 13102 shall be quoted on all documents submitted by the Proponent pursuant to condition 3.1 of this Notice of Approval.	The EAB file number EA 05-09-02 and EAIMS file number 13102 is found on the Annual Compliance Report.	Ongoing 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 2019 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.	Ongoing
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 Rainy River Mine 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).	This condition was completed on February 9, 2015.	February 9, 2015



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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.	This condition was completed on February 9, 2015.	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.	This condition was completed on February 9, 2015.	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 MOECC 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.	This commitment is complete.	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 2019 there were no requests for New Gold to amend the Compliance Monitoring Plan	Ongoing
5.7	The Proponent shall carry out the CMP, as it may be amended by the Director.	During 2019 there were no requests made for New Gold to amend the Compliance Monitoring Plan.	Ongoing

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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 2019.	Ongoing
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 2019 Annual Compliance Report and describes compliance with the conditions of the approval.	Ongoing
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.	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 conditions in this Notice of Approval have been satisfied. The Director may also vary the time at which the	The terms of this condition are understood and not applicable to the 2019 report.	

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	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.	Ongoing
6.6	The Proponent shall make the Compliance Reports, and associated documentation, available to the Ministry or designate in a timely manner when requested to do so by the Ministry.	To date, New Gold has been compliant with this condition and is willing to share associated documentation as requested by the Ministry.	Ongoing
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 2019 there were no requests made to New Gold to amend the Complaint Protocol.	Ongoing
7.4	The Proponent shall carry out the Complaint Protocol, as it may be amended by the Director.	Completed to date.  There were 7 complaints reported in 2019. Three complaints were related to traffic; two were related to safety; the other two were related to land use and property damage.	Ongoing

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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.	Completed to date	
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 ongoing 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 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>	<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

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9.2	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.	The Aboriginal Consultation Plan was submitted February 9, 2015.	February 9, 2015
9.3	The Proponent shall implement the Aboriginal Consultation Plan during construction, operations and closure of the Undertaking.	Completed to date.	
9.4	The Proponent shall continue to consult with the following Aboriginal communities: Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy River First Nation, Naoakamegwanning (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.	Completed to date.	
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 2019, no new areas were identified, within or surrounding the RRM ESA boundary, that require a Stage 1 and 2 archaeological assessment.	February 3, 2015

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10.2	If during construction any archaeological resources are discovered, all construction activities within 100 metres of the archaeological resources will cease immediately and a licensed archaeologist will be retained to carry out the necessary fieldwork in compliance with Section 48(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act.	No archaeological resources were discovered within and around construction areas during 2019.	Ongoing
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.	Preliminary reports for the two sites subject to a Stage 4 archaeological Field Study was completed during 2019. Cataloguing and analyses of any significant findings is scheduled for completion in 2020. Final report preparation and submission to the MTCS will take place in early 2020. At that time consultation with local First Nations and Metis Nation of Ontario Region 1 will occur.	Ongoing
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	Permitting for a demolition landfill is discussed under section 5.8 of the 2015 Closure Plan and 9.5 of the Closure Plan Amendment. Appropriate financial assurance has been accounted for provided to ENDM as part of the Closure Plan Amendment.	
12.1	As a minimum, the Proponent shall meet all requirements and commitments related to mine water discharges to the Pinewood River as agreed to by the Ministry during the EA process, or as revised through approvals by the Ministry. These requirements and commitments are found throughout the EA and include, but are not limited to, those set out in the July 17, 2014 memo by the Ministry's surface water specialist regarding	New Gold RRM has implemented water sampling programs that meets the requirements of the MECP Environmental Compliance Approvals and the Federal Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulation. During 2019, effluent was discharged directly to the Pinewood River from the Water Discharge Pipeline at the Pinewood Pumphouse, from Sediment Pond 2 just upstream of the Loslo Confluence, and from Sediment Pond 1 via the West Creek Diversion. All discharged water met Provincial and Federal discharge criteria. During the	Ongoing

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	<p>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>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>	
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 means acceptable to the PTTW Director, how the proponent’s proposed water management process will satisfy the water taking commitments stated in the EA.</p>	<p>New Gold met 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 restricted 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 PTTW 8776-9W2QN3. There were no exceedance 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.</p>	
13.1	<p>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</p>	<p>The draft Closure Plan Amendment submitted to the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (October 2017) outlines commitments related to tailings management during operations, 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</p>	

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	<p>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.</p>	<p>Cell) of the Tailings Management Area (TMA). The tailings are sampled within the mill before being routed to the TMA. The TMA is monitored for bird activity. New Gold has onsite deterrents for birds in the form of bangers and handheld noise making devices. The Environmental Department is currently reviewing larger, self-sufficient deterrent systems to ward off birds and animals. Permanent fencing started installation in 2018 and completed in 2019.</p>	
13.2	<p>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.</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 actions required by this condition have been considered in the project design, operations and the Closure Plan.</p>	<p>Section 5.6.1 of the Rainy River Mine Comprehensive Closure Plan Amendment (October 2017) outlines the Geotechnical Design Criteria for the TMA dams. 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, being the probable maximum flood and maximum credible earthquake in accordance with the Ontario Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act requirements.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Emergency spillways will be provided for each state of the TMA dam construction and Water Management Pond (WMP) to safely 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.</li> </ul>	



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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.</p> <p>New Gold is currently completing monitoring as part of the Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring Plan.</p> <p>During 2019 the following monitoring programs were implemented as per the relevant conditions; Species at Risk monitoring, wildlife observation monitoring, 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 build from the baseline data collected during the EA process.</p>	February 3, 2016
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>The Proponent shall report on biodiversity baseline and results required in Condition 14.1 through the Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring Plan.</p>	Version 5 of the Terrestrial Systems Monitoring Plan was accepted by the MNRF in May of 2016.	May 6, 2016

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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>	<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.</p>	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>	<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.</p>	February 21, 2015

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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 MNRF (when applicable). Clearing was ongoing during 2019 excluding the period of the breeding bird window.	
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.	This condition is complete	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 February 9, 2015.  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.	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 2019..	

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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 February 13, 2015. 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.	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 the supporting documentation. Work commenced 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. A portion of the EMRS is planned to begin closure activities in 2020. As the mine advances into operations, the opportunity to reclaim more land will be possible.</p>	
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>	Complete	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 2019.	
15.10	The Proponent shall carry out the Vegetation Clearing Plan, as it may be amended by the Director.	Completed.	
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 2019.	
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 Rainy River Mine 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 2019, Sedimentation Pond 3 was completed on the south east end of the WMRS. In addition, a fresh water non-contact diversion ditch was constructed to divert clean water from the Marr Creek to the West Diversion Creek. This allows to limit the volume of water entering the site and requiring storage, pumping and treatment.	

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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 2019 Closure Plan Amendment submitted to the agencies outlined the post-closure strategy of the TMA consistent with the EA commitment, outlined in 16.1 (b).	
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 to include a review on climate change and the site water balance. The new permit was issued in February 2020.	
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 Rainy River Mine discusses operational flexibility in regard to water demands. Through the design of the project water diversion structures and ditching around the East Mine Rock Stockpile were designed to handle extreme flooding events (1 in 100-year event). The TMA dams have been designed to meet the most severe flood and earthquake criteria, being the probable maximum flood and maximum credible earthquake in accordance with the Ontario Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act requirements. In 2019, a diversion ditch for the Marr Creek was constructed. Fresh non-contact water from the Marr Creek is now diverted to the West Creek Diversion Channel. Plans are in place to construct a similar diversion ditch for the Loslo creek.	

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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 2019 by New Gold have been included in the Annual Compliance Report in Table 2 Section 1.7 Regulatory Update.	
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>• Side wide bulletins are issued via email, radio communication and posting in work places. When required the bulletins discuss Environmental Commitments and approvals.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
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	

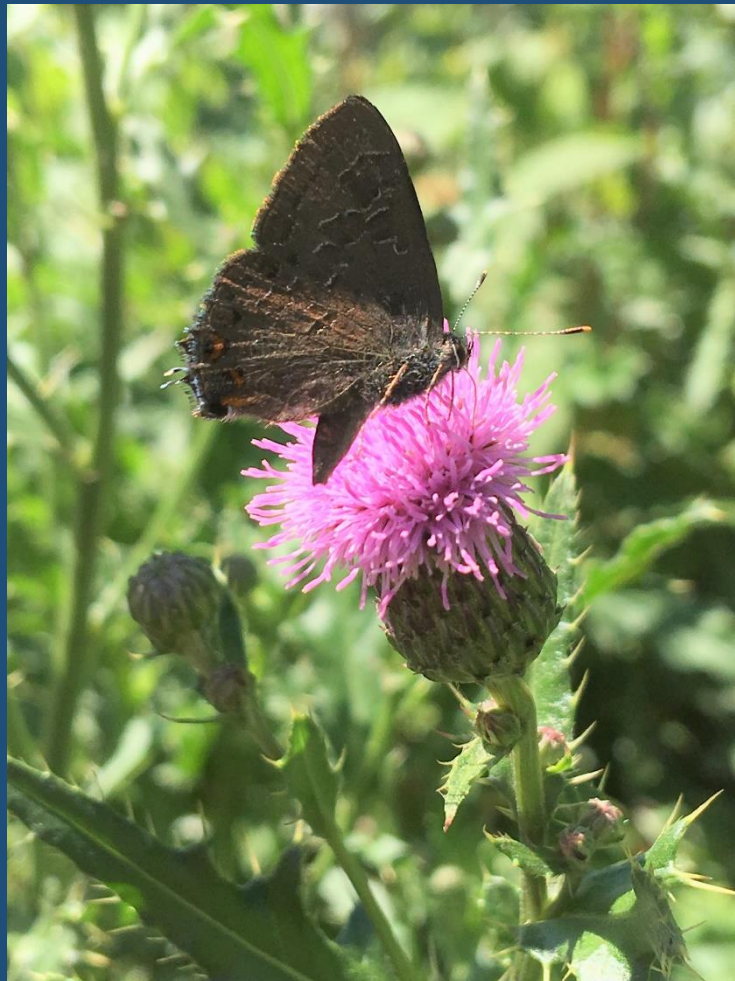


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		conditions and approvals in construction execution plans.	
18.1 C	In carrying out the Undertaking, the Proponent shall require that its contractors, subcontractors and employees: c) Obtain any necessary approvals, permits or licenses	New Gold Environmental 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 2019 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.	
19.1	Prior to implementing any proposed changes to the Undertaking, the Proponent shall determine what Environmental Assessment Act requirements are applicable to the proposed changes and shall fulfill those Environmental Assessment Act requirements.	During 2019, design modifications and changes to support the project were communicated effectively with MECP and other relevant agencies to obtain input and ensure work was being conducted in accordance with current permits and approvals. In 2019, the following amendments, applications and memos were submitted to MECP Permit to take Water Construction Minor Takings Renewal (March 2019), Permit to take Water for Pinewood River(March 2019), Fugitive Dust Best Management Practices Plan Update (April 2019), Dust Suppression Approval Request (November 2019), Site Wide Water Balance Report (May 2019), Declaration of Compliance - Air and Noise 2018 Operating Year (March 2019), Fish Tissue Quality Monitoring Report (March 2019), 2018 Annual Compliance Report (March 2019), 2018 Annual Permit to Take Water (PTTW) Surface water Taking Report (March 2019), Annual Sewage Works Report – 2018 (March 2019), Annual Surface Water Report- 2019 (March 2019), Annual Water Report – 2018 (March 2019), Annual Mercury Monitoring Report-2018 (March 2019) Annual Pinewood River Biological Monitoring Report – 2018 (March 2019), ECA Supplementary Update Submission (January 2019), Addendum to ECA Amendment – Domestic Sewage Update (January 2019) ECA Update	

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		<p>Submission (March 2019), ECA Update Submission Amendment – Additional Holding Tank (March 2019), Request for Outstanding Supporting Documentation for ECA (June, July and August submissions), Clarifications of Construction Activities (January 2019), Approval to Operate 24 hours/Day Aggregate Crushing Plant (February 2019), Pinewood River Hydrometric Curve Update (April 2019), Species at Risk Report (May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December reports), Permission to Reinstate Splash Pad Discharge Points (May 2019), TMA Cell2/Cell3 Overflow Spillway Updated As-Built- Drawings (May 2019), Late Winter Snow Survey and Sample Results Summary (June 2019), Notice of Modification – Water Evaporation System (June 2019), Spill Contingency Plan (June 2019) 2019 Abatement Plan (July 2019) 2019 Abatement Plan Report (December 2019), Acoustic Audit Report (July 2019), Follow-Up Actions – July 2019 MECP Inspection (October 2019), Water Discharge Pond Unplanned Discharge (November 2019), Clark Creek Pond Exceedance (September 2019).</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>Notification was submitted on January 29, 2015. During the fall of 2017 the mine entered its operations phase. This commitment can now be closed.</p>	January 29, 2015.



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



*Figure 20 Stripped hairstreak on thistle at Pinewood*

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1	The RRM (RRM) will monitor and mitigate air emissions, particularly dust, through implementation of current industry best management practices.	<p>Ambient air quality monitoring program continued in 2019 with monitoring of relevant air emissions parameters stipulated in the Rainy River Project Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan in compliance of ECA 0412-A2LR4V condition 10.1 (a) i Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan. Ambient air quality data continued to be collected at the two air quality monitoring stations located east (Gallinger Road) and south-east (Tait Road) of the mine site by New Gold Environment staff.</p> <p>Analytical data was provided by certified external laboratories. New Gold Rainy River Environmental staff interpreted the data and prepared 4 quarterly reports. Before submission, quarterly reports were submitted for external review by an independent consultant.</p> <p>During 2019, there were two exceedances of total dustfall and one exceedance of total suspended particulates (TSP). All exceedances occurred at the Gallinger Road (East) ambient air quality monitoring station. Both June and July total dustfall exceedances were caused by dead insects that had fallen into the dustfall jars. Technician error during filter change was responsible for the October 30 total suspended particulates (TSP) exceedance.</p> <p>As per section 2.7 of the MECP Air Facility inspection report, a 2019 updated copy of the Fugitive Dust Best Management Practices Plan (BMP) for operations was submitted to MECP for review in April of 2019. 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. During 2019, dust emissions were controlled by: production drills equipped with dust curtains and water dispersion during operations.</p>	<p>Air Quality Stations installed May 2015</p> <p>Monitoring is ongoing for life of mine.</p>

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		<p>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. Calcium chloride dust suppression was sprayed onto light vehicle access roads in June of 2019. In addition, NG applied calcium chloride on frequently used roads such as Gallinger and highway 600 between the camp and Highway 71. Water trucks equipped with spray bars continued to water all major haul roads in and out of the open pit and on all roads in and around infrastructure construction. The primary crusher utilized a chemical suppression compound during stockpiling.</p>	
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 2019 Fugitive Dust Best Management Practices Plan for RRM operations phase was prepared and submitted to the MECP as per section 2.7 of the December 2018 Air Inspection Report.</p> <p>This plan supersedes the 2018 updates and identifies fugitive emission sources, composition and characterization of particulate emissions, fugitive dust control for each source, implementation and operation plus inspection and maintenance procedures.</p> <p>RRM activities continued to follow the 2016 plan for construction while using updated data collection forms from the 2018 plan updates. Paper and electronic records for dust suppression methods were collected and stored during 2019. Appendix I.</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>

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3	Sound will be monitored during construction, operations and active closure phases consistent with Ministry of the Environment (MOE) requirements	<p>During June of 2019, an acoustic audit including noise monitoring was conducted on the RRM mine site. Sound pressure levels were measured per MECP Publication NPC-103 using a Larson Davis SoundExpert LxT sound level meter, with a PRMLXT1L preamplifier and a 377B20 Type 1 removable microphone. One 3.5-inch WS001 wind screen was used over the microphone for all measurements. For steady sound measurements, the meter was set to slow response and A-weighting. A Larson Davis CAL200 acoustical calibrator was used to calibrate the sound meter at the start and end of the measurement program.</p> <p>To assess the noise impacts associated with the TMA construction activities, confirmatory daytime measurements were collected in the vicinity of a house located northwest the TMA. Measurements were collected from the Old Highway 600, near the entrance to the house. The measured sound level and the MECP exclusionary sound level limits demonstrate that during June of 2019, the TMA construction activities were elevated above the applicable MECP sound level criteria. Noise measurements indicated that site noise level limits are above the applicable criteria when construction activities are proximal to receptors. Construction activities are short term in duration and not significant when considered on a long term basis.</p> <p>During 2019, additional sound monitoring was not conducted in two different Species at Risk habitat areas as per permit. This activity will be performed in habitat areas during Q2 to Q3 of 2020.</p>	Annual onsite sound level monitoring conducted September 27 to 29, 2017.
4	NG (NG; previously Rainy River Resources) expect that the monitoring required will include: total suspended particulate (TSP) and metals on the TSP size fraction, PM10, dustfall and passive monitoring for NO2 and SO2. NG commits to conducting this monitoring which is also	During 2019, ambient air quality monitoring continued at two ambient air quality stations located along the eastern and southern-eastern boundaries of the mine site. The 2019 ambient air quality monitoring program strictly follows the Ambient Air Monitoring Program Plan approved by MECP in 2016. Since the installation of the stations, the MECP has conducted 3 inspections: in 2015, 2016 and 2019. There were no significant deficiencies	Ambient Air Quality Plan submitted February 2016 and approved by MOECC in November 2016.



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	expected to be an approval requirement.	identified during each inspection. Monitoring ambient air quality parameters including total suspended particulates (TSP) including metals and metalloids, particulate material less than 2.5 microns (PM <sub>2.5</sub> ), monthly total dustfall, passive nitrous dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> ) and Sulphur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> ) measurements during 2019. Quarterly reporting of data was compared to Provincial standards during 2019 as per plan and ECA requirement.	
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 April of 2019, an updated copy of the Fugitive Dust Best Management Practices Plan (FDBMPP) for operations was submitted to the MECP for review in response to a December 2018 air inspection which stated that more effort to mitigate fugitive dust was required.	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.
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	<p>Planning measures aimed at reducing fuel and power consumption for the RRM site include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using larger, more fuel efficient trucks for material transport;</li> <li>• Using optimum insulation in buildings to reduce heat loss and heat recovery from equipment where practical; and</li> </ul>	<p>All new equipment in 2019 is TIER 4 emission compliant.</p> <p>Permanent buildings for Maintenance, Warehouse etc have been replaced with tent type structures so energy reduction will not be as originally expected.</p> <p>All other strategies remain the same.</p>	

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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 2019. New Gold Environmental staff continued to collect data from the two air quality sampling stations as per the Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan. Sampling stations are located to the southeast of the site at Tait Road and Highway 600, and east of the site along Gallinger Road. During 2019, there were two exceedances of total dustfall and one exceedance of total suspended particulates (TSP) at the Gallinger Road station. Total dustfall exceedances were caused by dead insects that had fallen into the dustfall jars. Technician error during filter change was responsible for the October 30 total suspended particulates (TSP) exceedance.</p> <p>Air Quality Monitoring Reports for each quarter of 2019 can be found in the supporting documentation.</p>	
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 2019 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 (can muffle sound).</li> <li>- Reducing size of blasts where appropriate and scheduling those blast only at 1100 hours and 1500 hours.</li> <li>- Tree buffers maintained where practical.</li> <li>- Annually the acoustic model is updated, and no significant change has been detected.</li> </ul>	Ongoing

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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 June of 2019, an acoustic audit including noise monitoring was conducted on the RRM mine site. Sound pressure levels were measured per MECP Publication NPC-103 using a Larson Davis Sound Expert LxT sound level meter, with a PRMLXT1L preamplifier and a 377B20 Type 1 removable microphone. One 3.5-inch WS001 wind screen was used over the microphone for all measurements. For steady sound measurements, the meter was set to slow response and A-weighting. A Larson Davis CAL200 acoustical calibrator was used to calibrate the sound meter at the start and end of the measurement program.</p> <p>To assess the noise impacts associated with the TMA construction activities, confirmatory daytime measurements were collected in the vicinity of a house located northwest the TMA. Measurements were collected from the Old Highway 600, near the entrance to the house. The measured sound level and the MECP exclusionary sound level limits demonstrate that during June of 2019, the TMA construction activities were elevated above the applicable MECP sound level criteria.</p> <p>Noise measurements indicated that site noise level limits are above the applicable criteria when construction activities are proximal to receptors. Construction activities are short term in duration and not significant when considered on a long-term basis</p>	
11	The maximum charge size per delay for blasting is limited to 1,000 kg as the vibration and overpressure mitigation option. If the charge size is larger than 1,000 kg per delay, the vibration and overpressure levels emanating from RRM blasting operations will be reassessed in a detailed study to confirm that the predicted levels are within guideline limits.	For the 5.5 - 6 3/4 inch drill patterns the design has 3 holes (199kg each) blasting in close proximity (within 8m of each other). For the 9 inch drill pattern, the design has 2 holes on average blasting (330kg each) in close proximity. Therefore, our average MIC can be estimated at 597-660kg per shot.	

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12	<p>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>	<p>Through regular communication, New Gold has established positive relationships with neighbours who are closest to the project mine site. When neighbours have any concerns or comments, they contact the Community Coordinator or Community Supervisor directly, who then ensures follow-up and closeout. In 2019, neighbours joined the New Gold team for a site visit and lunch at the accommodation facility. In 2019, there were no issues from blasts (noise or vibration) or road dust. Dust abatement treatment was applied on roads frequently used by NG including Korpi, Galinger, Highway 600 from the camp, and Teeple Road. There was one complaint of excess road traffic on Off Lake Road; employees were reminded to use Hwy 11/71 and the issue was resolved to the resident's satisfaction.</p>	Ongoing
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 ongoing progressive reclamation at the stockpile to limit acid generation, with drainage from this stockpile reporting to the mine rock pond, for re-use as part</li> </ul>	<p>During 2019 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 ions. The cyanate ions reacted with water to form ammonia and carbon dioxide. Free metal ions were precipitated with the addition of lime to form insoluble metal hydroxides and absorbed onto tailings particle solids, settling out of the slurry in the tailings management area. Excess SO<sub>2</sub> was used in the process to ensure complete stoichiometric oxidation of cyanide. In 2019, construction of the Tailings Management Area (TMA) lift on North and West Dams was completed.</p> <p>Treated tailings are continuously pumped from the mill through the tailings pipeline into TMA. The water treatment train including a water treatment plant, biological reactor #1 and three nitrification cells was completed in 2019. Constructed of biological reactor #2 and overflow pond began in late fall of 2019 with completion scheduled for early 2020. Effluent discharge line #1 and diffuser was completed near the Pinewood River pumphouse. Effluent discharge line #2 and diffuser will be constructed in summer of 2020 near confluence of Loslo Creek with Pinewood</p>	

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	<p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 MMER (MMER), and to maximize the use of near 100% contact water recycle for the processing plant water supply.</li> </ul>	<p>River. Sediment Pond #3 construction began in summer of 2019. Completion is scheduled for 2020.</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 began with the Tait Quarry area and will continue as discussed in the Rainy River Closure Plan Amendment (March 2020).</p> <p>Drainage from low grade and east mine rock PAG stockpiles continues to report into the Mine Rock Pond via a drainage ditch surrounding the East Mine Rock Stockpile area which was completed in 2019. Recycling of water from the Mine Rock Pond for re-use in the mill process water supply continued during 2019.</p> <p>The current drilling and blasting contractor on site, Dyno Nobel, continued to use a straight emulsion for all blasting in 2019.</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. Effluent discharges to the environment from ECA compliant water retained in on-site holding ponds, took place in the fall of 2019.</p>	

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14	Surface water runoff will be diverted from entering the pit or flowing through stockpiles by ditching or other means.	<p>During 2019, surface water was diverted from the stockpiles and the open pit with a combination of permanent and temporary ditching and sumps.</p> <p>With Sediment Ponds 1 and 2 in place, and Sediment Pond 3 nearing completion with all associated ditching, West Mine Rock Stockpile has nearly all permanent water management systems operating.</p> <p>East Mine Rock Stockpile had all the permanent ditching completed in 2019 sending all water to the Mine Rock Pond. Phase 2 of the open pit has expanded in the general north direction with temporary ditches developed throughout 2019 to collect surface water from the West Creek remnant channels. The water is pumped to either the Plant Site water management structures or Mine Rock Pond and used in ore processing.</p> <p>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, or 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>	Ongoing
15	Open pit dewatering water will be contained and if necessary, treated before it is discharged to the environment.	<p>The open pit has expanded in the north and south direction with a temporary a series of ditches developed to prevent water from entering the pit. The water is pumped to either the Plant Site water management structures or Mine Rock Pond and used in ore processing.</p> <p>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</p>	

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		sumps reroute the water to Mine Rock Pond for ore processing.	
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.	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.	
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.	
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.	
19	Should it be determined that future treatment is needed for stockpile runoff / seepage and overflow from the pit at closure, passive treatment options would be fully considered during the detailed design stage.	Pump back systems have been installed for Sediment Ponds 1 and 2. Interim ditching collects water and a water treatment system has been constructed. In 2019, Sediment Pond 3 was built.	

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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 MMR discharge requirement for total suspended solids. The design criteria for perimeter ditching in this area (east mine rock stockpile and low grade ore stockpile) has been increased to the 100-year return period condition, as these stockpiles will contain PAG materials.	As per MDMER regulations, collection of site runoff and seepage was directed into the Water Management Pond and other on-site holding ponds. Discharges to the environment from on-site holding ponds occurred in the fall of 2019.	
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 continue to be used in 2017. The construction of the permanent Sediment Ponds 1 and 2 was completed and commissioned in 2018.	Completed 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.	December 2017



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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 ongoing 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 bedrock that may contain locally</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 ongoing during 2019. Periodic sampling of till is ongoing during open pit stripping of till. Results have been in line with the initial interpretations.</p>	

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	<p>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 MECP ECA 5178-9TUPD9 requirements and has been implemented at the RRM site. Monitoring was ongoing during 2019. A field capping trial was commissioned in 2017.</p>	

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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 2019 has either been stockpiled in the East Mine Rock Stockpile, used in the pit (for road building and padding in the overburden) or stockpiled in the Tailings Management Area and used for dam wall construction.	
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 2019, 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 West Mine Rock and East Mine Rock Stockpiles. A portion of the lower bench of East Mine Rock Stockpile is planned to begin the reclamation process in 2020. A vegetation cover test plot was set up in 2019 with continued monitoring of a mine rock cover treatment system that was set up 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 Rainy River Mine 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 in 2020 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 and 2019, this multi cover system was monitored to ensure complete encapsulation was successful and a memo outlining the results in 2019 was prepared.	
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 ongoing 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 ongoing from previous years</li> <li>- 3 waste rock humidity cells</li> <li>- 2 tailings humidity cells</li> <li>- 2 tailings columns</li> </ul>	

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29	<p>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.</p>	<p>At closure, should the low-grade ore stockpile remain, section 9.14.1.4 of the Rainy River Project Closure Plan Amendment (October 2017) stipulates that it will be considered part of the East Mine Rock Stockpile and reclaimed in the same manner.</p>	
30	<p>Site runoff and seepage will be collected, managed and treated per the Provincial and MMER requirements.</p>	<p>Site runoff and seepage are collected, managed and treated as per Provincial and Federal requirements.</p> <p>Water Management Pond and Tailings Management Area - Ditches and finger drains direct seepage and dam runoff to seepage collection ponds. Seepage collection ponds are pumped back to the TMA/WMP.</p> <p>West Mine Rock Stockpile - Ditches and drains direct seepage and dump runoff to Sediment Ponds #1 and #2, the Temporary Sediment Pond and Sumps 1 and 2 (to be replaced by Sediment Pond #3). Seepage and runoff treated in Sediment Ponds #1 and #2 that meet Provincial and Federal effluent limits is discharged to the environment.</p> <p>Open Pit - Sumps in catch benches, in-pit sumps and interception ditches, collect runoff and seepage from the open pit which is pumped to the Mine Rock Pond or Mill for use in processing ore.</p> <p>East Mine Rock Stockpile - Ditches and drains direct seepage and dump runoff to the Mine Rock Pond for use in processing ore.</p> <p>Process Plant Site - Ditches direct seepage and site runoff to the South and North Ponds. South and North Ponds are pumped to the Mill for use in ore processing.</p>	

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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 Rainy River Mine.	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 in 2017. A water level transducer was installed in the West Creek Pond in April 2018. A hydrometric station was established in the West Creek Diversion box culvert, the H3 hydrometric station, in September 2019. A second hydrometric station, the H4 hydrometric station, is planned for Summer 2020 at another location in the West Creek Diversion, downstream of the Sediment Pond 1 final discharge to the West Creek Diversion.	
33	The West Creek pond will only contain natural, non-contact water. The West Creek diversion channel will be kept separate from the constructed wetland downstream of the TMA, so as not to mix the natural creek water with excess water discharged from the TMA.	The West Creek pond only contains non-contact water. The wetland construction will only occur near closure. At that time, appropriate measure will be implemented.	
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.	Complete 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 mine is consistent with the requirements of this commitment. Please refer to commitment number 16	

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36	There will be secondary containment in place for tailings and contact water pipelines at the crossing of West Creek.	In 2016, a secondary pipe and berm were installed around the Tailings and Water Management Pond Reclaim pipelines at every fish bearing waterbody crossing including West Creek. These remain in 2019.	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.	From January to April 2019, the primary water source for the process plant was the Water Management Pond, following this the primary sources were TMA Cell 2 and Mine Rock Pond. Process Plant was operated with 100% contact water throughout 2019.	
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.	No water was taken from the Pinewood River in 2019, Permit to Take Water 8776-9WQ2N3 expired on November 30, 2018.	Completed on November 30 2018
39	Water recycle will be maximized, using approximately 100% water recycle for the processing plant water supply.	From January to April 2019, the primary water source for the process plant was the Water Management Pond, following this the primary sources were TMA Cell 2 and Mine Rock Pond. Process Plant was operated with 100% contact water throughout 2019.	
40	Local area lakes will not be used for process water supply for the RRM.	From January to April 2019, the primary water source for the process plant was the Water Management Pond, following this the primary sources were TMA Cell 2 and Mine Rock Pond. Process Plant was operated with 100% contact water throughout 2019. No lake or river water was utilized.	
41	All process reagents and materials, and wastes, will be handled and stored responsibly,	During 2019 process reagents and materials were handled and stored according to supplier	

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	<p>according to supplier and safety guidance, regulatory requirements and industry best practices.</p>	<p>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> <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>	

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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>During 2019, an MECP guidance document on environmental protection measures at chemical and waste storage facilities was implemented sitewide.</p> <p>Chemicals to be used in the process plant were moved into the mill, placed in covered cold storage areas or within bermed laydown areas to protect against spills to the environment.</p> <p>In 2019, 5 spills (project wide) were reported to the MECP as per requirements of the Ontario Environmental Protection Act. Letter reports communicating incident details, clean up and mitigation measures were provided to the MECP as per ECA 5178-9TUPD9 permit conditions. Event details are captured in a computer program called INControl. Each event is provided with a unique identifier which is used to capture spill information details, clean up tasks and assign accountability to responsible individuals. This system ensures that the spill is documented and cleaned up appropriately in a timely manner and reviewed by area owners before event is closed.</p>	
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 consultation with appropriate government agencies in the event of dam breach.</p>	<p>Information related to the spills reported to MECP can be found in the Supporting Documentation for Appendix L.</p> <p>Section 5.6.1 of the Rainy River Mine 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 being the probable maximum flood and maximum credible earthquake in accordance with the Ontario Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act requirements.</li> <li>- The designs were supported by geotechnical investigations of subsurface conditions conducted by Klohn Crippen Berger (2010) and AMEC (2011, 2012,</li> </ul>	



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		<p>2013).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul> <p>An Operational Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) manual was submitted to the MNRF as per conditions of the LRIA and accepted in August 2017.</p> <p>A copy of the OMS can be found in the Supporting Documentation for Appendix N</p>	
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 2019 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. Ditches and sumps have also been constructed around the East and West Mine Rock Stockpiles to capture any runoff or seepage.</p>	

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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 Rainy River Mine Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) Manual for Water Management Structures (WMS). 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 the Supporting Documentation at the end of Appendix N.	
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.	In December 2019, New Gold submitted a response to the Government Agencies' second set of comments. There is no change with regards to the treatment of the tailings treatment at closure.	
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.	In December 2019, an updated Closure Plan was submitted to ENDM. There is no change with regards to the treatment of the tailings treatment at closure.	
48	The thickness and maintenance of water cover over the TMA will be clarified in the Closure Plan.	In December 2019, an updated Closure Plan was submitted to ENDM. There is no change with regards to the treatment of the tailings treatment at closure.	
49	A detailed monitoring plan will be developed as part of the Provincial closure planning process to ensure that the deposited tailings solids remain permanently	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	

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	<p>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>its construction phase into operations. The amendment has been reviewed by the appropriate agencies and it to be filed by ENDM in Q1 2020. It is important to note that the depositing of tailings in the TMA is in its early stages starting in September 2017.</p> <p>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 approx. 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.</p> <p>The purpose of the overburden cover is to prevent the water cover from coming in contact with the dams and it will also limit oxygen diffusion into the uppermost portion of the tailings underneath. The overburden layer will be seeded with native seed mix and armoured with Non-Acid Generating (NAG) rock. The remaining tailings will have a permanent water cover of approximately 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>	
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</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</p>	

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	<p>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>over the tailings as discussed in the Mine Closure Plan.</p>	
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 discharge volumes to the Pinewood River;</li> <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</li> </ul>	<p>The Water Management Pond, via the Water Discharge Pond and Water Discharge Pipeline, discharged to the Pinewood River between October 9 and November 16, 2019.</p> <p>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 stopped on May 31, 2019. Authorization to deposit tailings in TMA Cell 3 was received on May 31, 2019. Prior to deposit in the TMA, process plant effluent passes through an in-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</p>	

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	<p>and in the water management pond to achieve the highest quality effluent reasonably achievable;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>treatment from the Water Treatment Train. The Water Treatment Train construction was completed in September 2019.</p> <p>Management of site for ARD control during operations and following closure to prevent adverse water quality impacts to the Pinewood River include; The Mine Rock Pond was constructed and commissioned in 2017. Construction of Sediment Ponds 1 and 2 was completed in late 2018. Construction of the East Mine Rock Stockpile perimeter ditch was completed March 2019.</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. There is on-going monitoring under the Pinewood Biological Monitoring Plan for direct effects to fish (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, including direct effects to fish, are monitored under the Pinewood Biological Monitoring Plan.</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 MMER. All discharge locations will be regularly sampled in accordance with environmental approval requirements and will provide insight as to ongoing treatment system performance.	All final discharge points are controlled by a pump that is equipped with a calibrated flow measuring device and have a method to cease discharge. All final discharge points are sampled at the frequency required by MDMER and ECA 5178-9TUPD9 while actively discharging to ensure compliance.	
53	NG acknowledges the need to meet effluent criteria for any discharge to the environment. Excess water discharged to the environment will meet applicable Federal and Provincial guidelines for the protection of aquatic life, or other scientifically defensible alternatives, in the receiver, as well as any site-specific approval requirements.	Three approved effluent compliance points were active in 2019. All effluent met applicable Federal and Provincial guidelines for the protection of aquatic life, as well as ECA 5178-9TUPD9 site-specific limits.	
54	Minimize the number of final effluent compliance points as reasonable.	<p>Through 2019, there were four approved effluent compliance points under ECA 5178-9TUPD9, of which three were approved effluent compliance points under MDMER.</p> <p>Sediment Pond 1 Final Discharge Point was active between September 15, 2019 and October 9, 2019, with a total discharge of 113,154 m<sup>3</sup> to the West Creek Diversion over 25 days.</p> <p>Sediment Pond 2 Final Discharge Point was active between October 4, 2019 and November 6, 2019, with a total discharge of 136,602 m<sup>3</sup> to the Pinewood River over 34 days.</p> <p>The Water Discharge Pipeline was active between October 9, 2019 and November 16, 2019, with a total discharge of 411,557 m<sup>3</sup> to the Pinewood River over 39 days.</p>	

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		The fourth approved effluent compliance point under ECA 5178-9TUDP9, the Constructed Wetlands, has not yet been built.	
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.	Complete. Thresholds have been agreed to through the Provincial environmental approvals process. Permit to Take Water 8776-9W2QN3 expired on November 30, 2018. Water taking from the Pinewood River ceased on October 30, 2018.	October 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
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 hydrometric station (H1) was established on the Pinewood River on October 9, 2015 in consultation with the MECP. 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. Two new hydrometric stations were installed in the Pinewood River upstream of the mine (H2) and in the West Creek Diversion (H3) in September 2019. In December 2019, the New Gold H1 hydrometric station was upgraded.	Completed October 9, 2015.  Upgraded December 2019

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57	Optimize the timing and positioning of final effluent discharges to the Pinewood River so as to limit the potential for adverse flow effects to the river.	Consistent with this commitment, there are four approved final effluent discharge locations per ECA 5178-9TUDP9. Approval for eight temporary final effluent discharge locations per ECA 5781-9VJQ2J expired on May 8, 2018.	
58	Subject to approval(s), NG is proposing to operate the final effluent discharge from both the Constructed Wetland and the pipeline discharge from the Water Management Pond, such that a minimum 1:1 receiver to final effluent mixing ratio would be maintained in the Pinewood River, with the understanding that receiver to final effluent mixing ratios of greater than 1:1 would be the norm.	The Constructed Wetland is scheduled for construction two years prior to closure. In the interim NG has constructed a treatment train that is consistent with the discharge criteria. It discharges at the same location along the Pinewood River as will the future Constructed Wetlands. The discharge is also consistent with the commitment of discharging from both the pipeline and the treatment train at mixing ratios of 1:1 into the Pinewood River.	
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 treated effluent to the Pinewood via the Water Discharge Pipeline and Pinewood Pumphouse occurred in 2019 under an Abatement Plan approved by the MECP. An abatement plan was requested as the mixing diffuser and associated works, as approved by MECP and MNRF as an alternative to a rock groyne, could not be installed prior to discharge due to high water levels resulting from heavy fall rains. Installation of the mixing diffuser and associated works (EDL1) adjacent to the Pinewood Pumphouse was completed in December 2019.	
60	Scheduling of RRM development activities will consider environmental aspects, such as fish spawning.	<p>During the early operating stage of the Rainy River Mine, activities and mitigation measures previously implemented to consider environmental aspects such as fish spawning include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Construction activities near fish bearing waterbodies were scheduled outside of the fish</li> </ul>	



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		<p>spawning window. Fish salvage was conducted whenever construction activities affected fish bearing waters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In late 2019, in-water works in the Pinewood River and WCD were performed to install discharge structures and hydrometric instrumentation and were well outside of fish spawning windows as identified by the MNRF through the LRIA permit process. Fish salvaging for this work was performed under a LCFSP with no mortality to fish.</li> <li>- Vegetation buffers were left around all fish bearing water ways to protect aquatic life. This is done in an effort to prevent any sediment from roadways or mining activities from depositing into them.</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 Bobolink 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 Loslo Creek, Marr Creek, 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 did not fill with 2019 freshet and did not activate the remaining 50% of the Stockpile Diversion after filling the pond. A geotechnical investigating is underway to address issues with Stockpile Pond and a plan to mitigate the issue is expected in mid-late 2020. West Creek Pond and Diversion again allowed for suitable fish passage during 2019 and as with Teeple and Clark systems are on track to meet DFO success criterion. 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 2018.</li> </ul>	

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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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- providing construction contractors with maps of buffer zones,</li> <li>- using flagging tape to flag off 'no entry' areas,</li> <li>- limiting the use of equipment around water courses, and</li> <li>- conducting field inspections of work areas.</li> </ul>	
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>Large body fish tissue sampling was not required in 2019 as it is meant to occur concurrent with MDMER and EEM sampling programs. In Fall of 2020 this program will be active again.</p>	

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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.	Large body fish tissue sampling was not required in 2019 as it is meant to occur concurrent with MDMER and ECA sampling programs. This program will be active in the fall of 2020.	
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.	<p>During 2019, erosion and sediment control measures were provided in the permit for all major infrastructure works including TMA Cells 2 and 3, Sediment Pond 3 and the Treatment Train.</p> <p>Each permit application, filed under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act (LRIA) and Environmental Protection Act, contained 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".</p>	Complete, ongoing
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), an SOP has been developed and approved to better define this inspection. The annual Dam Safety Inspection was carried out by BGC (Engineer of Record) for all dams.	

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67	Surface water: to be monitored during construction, operations and active closure phases, with post active closure monitoring expected to continue for a decade (or more) at reduced frequencies pending ongoing analysis of data	Surface water was monitored on a monthly basis per permit conditions at sites upstream and downstream of the project footprint in 2019. Results were consistent with baseline studies.	
68	Proposed (subject to modification to ensure participation and data sharing is adequate to meet the expectations of Aboriginal groups) surface water sampling program would include a First Nation training component followed by a rotating schedule whereby a First Nation representative would accompany NG staff on the monthly surface water sampling program. Laboratory results will be received by NG, reviewed and submitted to the identified individuals of each participating First Nation along with a summary explanation.	<p>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 2019, New Gold hired a second Environmental Monitor, from Big Island First Nation. This role also includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with their community on a regular basis.</p> <p>In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation or the Provincial Water Quality Objectives, New Gold does inform Aboriginal Communities via email and through communication at the Environmental Monitoring Board Meetings.</p>	
69	Sampling of sediments will take place to evaluate soil quality parameters prior to undertaking any further closure activities for any contact water ponds and drainage works (including stockpile sediment ponds) where breaching is proposed.	<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 2019 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>	

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70	NG staff is willing to describe the ongoing water quality program and provide freshet data on request. The water management plan for the RRM provides for the management of all site contact waters in accordance with accepted industry standards including periods of high runoff, and sequences of high precipitation years.	No requests were made in 2019. A summary of water sampling data from monthly surface water sampling and water discharges are provided to the MECP area office each month.	
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 2019. There is one runoff pond located adjacent to Outcrop 3 that is used to capture runoff from the equipment laydown. This Outcrop has since been overprinted by construction of the East Mine Rock Stockpile. During the detailed design stage, it was determined that a settling pond may be required to ensure high quality effluent from the Tait Quarry (to allow for ammonia degradation in situ and settling of suspended solids) and Provincial environmental approvals were obtained for this structure. During the operation of the quarry (2015 to 2017) groundwater was not generated and the settling pond was not required. Tait Quarry underwent reclamation 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> </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 Completed April 2016. No clearing as occurred on the transmission line since that time.	Completed November 2015 to April 2016.

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

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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 2019, New Gold hired a second Environmental Monitor, from Big Island First Nation. This role includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with their community on a regular basis. In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation or the Provincial Water Quality Objectives, New Gold does inform Aboriginal Communities via email and through communication at the Environmental Monitoring Board Meetings.</p>	
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>In 2019, New Gold hired a second Environmental Monitor, from Big Island First Nation. This role includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with her community on a regular basis. In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation or the Provincial Water Quality Objectives New Gold does inform Aboriginal Communities via email and through communication at the Environmental Monitoring Board Meetings.</p> <p>In 2018, Rainy River First Nations and Naicatchewenin First Nation began Independent Environmental Monitoring of water and fish in the local area. This monitoring will alternate to include soil, vegetation, deer and fowl tissues. New Gold coordinates with the third party Independent</p>	

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		<p>Environmental Monitor in order to access the site and collect samples.</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 traditional consumed by First Nation people in the Rainy River District. New Gold has allowed opportunity for First Nation Community Members to participate in the study as well as the onsite Environmental Monitor from Big Grassy First Nation. Results from this study are communicated through the Environmental Monitoring Board.</p> <p>Since 2015 New Gold has employed an Environmental Monitor from Big Grassy First Nation. This role includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with their community on a regular basis. In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation or the Provincial Water Quality Objectives New Gold does inform Aboriginal Communities via email and through communication at the Environmental Monitoring Board Meetings.</p>	
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 2019, non-acid generating rock was placed into the remnant Clark Creek channel system up until the wick-drain zone at the edge of the stockpile. Once the wick-drain zone is completed, non-acid generating material will continue to be placed up the channel to the edge of the stockpile.	



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76	Groundwater: to be monitored during construction, operations and active closure phases, with post active closure monitoring expected to continue for a decade (or more) at reduced frequencies pending ongoing analysis of data.	Groundwater monitoring wells were monitored and sampled throughout 2019, four times each, if not frozen, dry or in need of repair.	
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 monitoring wells were monitored for levels and water quality four times each, when not frozen, damaged or dry, in 2019. Data from 2019 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. Sampling continued in 2019, with thirteen local wells sampled. Appendix P.	
78	If water quality or availability in local wells is compromised (by the RRM), NG is obligated to replace the system or offer water treatment systems to rectify issues related to water quality or availability shown to be caused by the mine.	As per the New Gold RRM Off-Site Groundwater Monitoring Plan, sampling of neighboring wells continued in 2019. Eleven neighboring property owners determined to be in the Zone of Influence (see map in plan) agreed to participate, and thirteen wells were sampled. 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 to the mine. The Off-Site Groundwater Monitoring Plan assists with determining the cause of issues related to water quality or availability in local wells.	
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 2019.	

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80	<p>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>	<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 2019, one replacement groundwater monitoring well was installed adjacent to existing wells that could no longer be sampled, and 25 groundwater monitoring wells were repaired. Additionally, one groundwater monitoring well was relocated outside of the East Mine Rock Stockpile footprint and monitoring well 38 was decommissioned. The groundwater monitoring wells were sampled four times in 2019, if not frozen, dry or in need of repair.</p>	
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> <li>• Accelerating open pit inflow following mine closure, to the extent practicable, balancing the need for managing water quality and maintaining Pinewood River</li> </ul>	<p>RRM water management activities is consistent with this commitment:</p> <p>Water from dewatering activities is sent to the Mine Rock Pond and Water Management Pond for recycling, or treated, to meet effluent quality regulations and released at licensed final discharge locations. The Mill operates a cyanide destruction unit. Runoff from the Mine Rock Stockpiles is captured by perimeter ditching. Runoff from the PAG dump during 2019 reported to the Mine Rock Pond and was used for processing in the Mill. As RRM is still operating, 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 2019.</p>	

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	<p>flows over the interim period until the pit can be completely flooded; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementing a monitoring plan for water levels, water quality and flow discharges, and receiving water aquatic life and habitat maintenance.</li> </ul>		
82	<p>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.</p>	<p>Monitoring of terrestrial systems and SAR during 2019 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 deer killed in vehicle collisions. The study continued in 2017 and 2018. During 2019 the deer tissue collection program was not scheduled to occur nor was the same level of avian SAR monitoring as in previous years as per ESA permit appendix G. In 2019 the focus was on the Eastern Whip-poor-will Habitat Management Plan (EWPWHMP) and development of a draft with guidance from MECP and other stakeholders. A draft is expected in early 2020. SAR report is available in Appendix C.</p>	
83	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Completed December 11, 2014.</p>

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84	<p>Rare plant surveys are proposed to be carried out along portions of the preferred transmission line corridor in late Spring / early Summer, 2014. Prior to transmission line construction, additional data collection will be undertaken for that portion of the proposed transmission line routing (Alternative A) west of Highway 71, where there is a baseline data gap for rare plants surveys. This additional data collection will be undertaken to support transmission line permitting, and would consist of the following activities, spread across a 2 km corridor (1 km on either side the transmission line): transect surveys for vegetation communities including surveys targeting the presence of rare plant species. Results will be made available to MNR once the report is complete and the report will be referred to in the Errata.</p>	<p>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</p>	Completed Summer 2014
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</li> </ul>	<p>During 2019 the principal mitigation measures used to limit adverse effects to local vegetation included the use of water as dust suppressant on major haul roads and light vehicle roads during non-freezing conditions. In addition, speed limits on and around site were controlled. 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. Calcium chloride dust suppression was sprayed onto light vehicle access roads in June of 2019. Water trucks equipped with spray bars continued to spray water on all major haul roads in and out of the open pit and on all roads in and around major facilities. The primary crusher utilized a chemical suppression compound during stockpiling of ore.</p>	

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	<p>disturbed areas as part of progressive reclamation during operation and active reclamation at mine closure.</p>		
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</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 2019.</p>	

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	<p>itself. Construction vehicles will not be allowed to travel through surface waters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mechanical means will be used for periodic vegetation height maintenance along the transmission line, instead of herbicides.</li> </ul>		
87	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	
88	<p>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.</p>	<p>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 "tool box" talks to employees are used to remind the work force about the importance of following this policy as well as reporting wildlife sightings. During 2019 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.</p>	

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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 ongoing basis during field-based inspections of construction areas, and in "tool box" morning meetings	
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 2019 were disposed of in an area of the mine site with limited to no human interaction or buried.	
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 MNR. During 2019 minimal specific monitoring was required from the Follow up Monitoring Plan. Monthly SAR were still reported, and wildlife sightings collected as well as a site mortality list. Fish tissue studies were also undertaken. Appendix C.	
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 MNR. New Gold RRM started to implement the program during 2016. Wildlife Monitoring Program Submissions to MNR are as follows; Version 1; January 22, 2015, Version 2; April 20, 2015; Version 3; July 9, 2015, Version 4; July 30, 2015, Version 5; February 3, 2016 (final). The plan was accepted in May 2016.	

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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 2019 over 14 kilometers of exclusion fencing was installed along the footprint of the Tailings Management Area, Water Management Pond and Water Discharge Pond. New Gold RRM obtains a scientific research license from MNR each year which allows for the live trapping and relocation of reptiles that may be impacted by activities on site.	
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 ongoing 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 applied during 2019:</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 site 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 mine site in an attempt to reduce vehicle collisions with wildlife. These locations were chosen based on the number of wildlife sightings reported in those areas. Regular bulletins regarding wildlife are emailed and posted on site. A log of collisions resulting</p>	



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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 is kept and submitted as an appendix (Appendix K) the annual report.</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 Ministry of Environment and Climate Change in 2016. Food waste is removed on a frequent schedule and stored only in waste bins with lids until removed.</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 associated with the RRM. Signs warning drivers of</li> </ul>	<p>During the planning stage of the project, the size of the project site was taken into consideration and compaction of the site footprint was achieved as best possible. During the spring and summer clearing restrictions are in place to protect both amphibians and birds. Noise monitoring is conducted and large equipment in the open pit is maintained to reduce sound emissions. In 2015 New Gold RRM implemented and in 2019 continued site wide speed limits and a no tolerance to speeding policy which remains in effect. Wildlife crossing signs were also installed during 2016 on project roadways known for high concentrations of wildlife. Visual observations made along project roadways did not show 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. The SO<sub>2</sub> system is online and operational to treat tailings before they leave the Mill. During 2019, all effluent discharged to the environment archived guidelines for protection of aquatic life or better. Generally abiotic conditions exist</p>	

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	<p>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 realigned 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 effects to amphibians are anticipated,</li> <li>• Maintenance of generally abiotic conditions within the TMA to discourage wildlife presence, and</li> </ul>	<p>within the TMA. Cell 2 exposed tailings was covered with a capping agent known as Soil Cement and water in 2019, while Cell 1 had a water cover. Going forward all the TMA will receive the same treatment each year until closure.</p> <p>A wildlife exclusion fence was installed and monitored around the TMA, WMP and WDP in 2019.</p>	

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	<p>- 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.</p>		
97	<p>Generally abiotic conditions will be created within the fenced TMA during operations to limit the interest of the pond to waterfowl.</p>	<p>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.</p>	
98	<p>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).</p>	<p>All scheduling of site activities during 2019 was in full consideration of environmental aspects and no known timing conflicts occurred.</p>	
99	<p>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</p>	<p>ESA FF-C-001-14 dictates and outlines a monitoring plan that has been followed since 2014. The need for over 1800 hectares of Overall Benefit Land was identified which New Gold has purchased and maintained since early 2015. This permit did not dictate a mortality trigger and to date no EWPW or BOBO have been found dead on site. The permit was developed with EC, MNR and other stakeholders. MECP is now overseeing the ESA file for Ontario as of 2019-04-01.</p>	

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	Permit being developed by the MNR.		
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 19/14
101	The primary mitigation strategies for limiting adverse effects to birds and habitat:  • Inclusion of wildlife awareness information into regular safety and environmental inductions performed by the mine. Wildlife sighting logs or information boards	The following mitigation strategies for limiting adverse effects on birds and habitat were implemented during 2019: - 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 lunchrooms and a site wide protocol is in	

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	<p>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>place to report wildlife sightings to the security department via radio communication or online with the GIS wildlife viewer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bear awareness training was also provided to interested staff in 2019.</li> <li>- 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). This 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. Most months at least one American Bald Eagle is reported on site.</li> </ul>	
102	<p>With 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</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. Prior to and during the construction period no</p>	Completed April 2016.

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	<p>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,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 preclude larger avian species, particularly raptors which frequently use hydro pole for perching or nesting, from electrocution by contacting two conductor wires simultaneously,</li> <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</li> </ul>	<p>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>	

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	<p>will be taken should either occur, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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, the Whip-Poor-Will Habitat Management Plan, vegetation plot monitoring and Closure Plan will address this as the mine is closed.</p>	
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, in order 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 possible while maintaining site safety aspects.</p>	



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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 2019 in accordance with ESA FF-C-001-14. New Gold retains trained biologists to conduct monitoring as per permit conditions.</p> <p>A draft of the EWPW Management Plan was submitted to the MNRF in early 2019, and implementation of that plan will begin in 2020 if possible. As of 2019-04-01 the MECP is now the driving ministry for SAR and the ESA.</p>	
106	<p>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.</p>	<p>Overall Benefit Land has been provided in accordance with the Provincial ESA permit ESA FF-C-001-14 and the monitoring plan therein has been followed since 2015.</p>	
107	<p>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.</p>	<p>Four artificial nesting structures were put in place in April 2015, prior to the 2015 breeding season. During 2019, the artificial structures were monitored, and 2 eggs were laid in the structure on Teeple Road as well as another nesting attempt. Upon the next visit to the utilized structure the eggs were gone. It is unknown what happened to the eggs.</p>	

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108	Where feasible, RRM lighting fixtures will be directed in such a fashion as to reduce excess production of light to the surrounding environment (for Common Nighthawk and Short-eared Owl).	RRM site lighting fixtures are commonly used in areas close to the main process plant or in construction areas. Visual inspections in these areas were performed when light plants were in use. When issues are not addressed in a timely manner, light plants are shut down and removed from site at the area owner's expense.  There were no issues with light plants in 2019.	
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 mine advances, opportunities for habitat development post closure will be examined.	2018 Annual SAR Monitoring Report submitted to MNRF January 15, 2018
110	Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to Eastern Whip-poor-will will include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of compensatory whip poor-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> </ul>	The SAR permit No. FF-C-001-14 for the project was issued in November 2014 and the following spring SAR monitoring commenced in accordance with the permit. SAR monitoring has occurred annually between 2015 and 2018, the MNRF have received four annual monitoring reports. In 2019, no monitoring occurred as per the permit, efforts were focused on developing an EWPWHMP with the MECP. As the mine life advances, opportunities for habitat development post closure will be examined.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance of forest buffers between RRM components and whip poor-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 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> </ul> <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>• 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</li> </ul>		

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	<p>by the Endangered Species Act permit.</p>		
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 31,</li> <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</li> </ul>	<p>Since the start of construction (2015) New Gold RRM has implemented the mitigation strategies listed in this commitment on site.</p>	

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	<p>identification and sensitivities and knowledge of Endangered Species Act permit conditions,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>		
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> </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.</p> <p>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, all structures went unused in 2017 and 2018.</p> <p>During 2019, two nesting attempts were made and one nest had two eggs laid in it. The eggs were later found to be missing and assumed to have been eaten by a predator. As the mine continues 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>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 encouraged and does not cause problems to mine operations,</li> <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 to monitor 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	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:	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 in available areas of mine infrastructure, purchasing new equipment	

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	<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> <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</li> </ul>	<p>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.</p> <p>During the summer of 2016 wildlife crossing signs were installed at six locations to warn drivers of the possibility of wildlife encounters.</p> <p>Currently Black-billed Magpie are found throughout the project 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 communicated via bulletins and toolbox 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 2019 an approximate 180 ha of mine site is considered reclaimed.</p>	

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	<p>seasonal changes in wildlife behavior or presence in proximity to the mine,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment of tailings slurry containing cyanide and associated heavy metals in the process plant using the SO<sub>2</sub>/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>		
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	The Environment department met with Elders and representatives of Big Grassy FN, Seine River FN, Rainy River FN, Naicatchewenin FN, Ojibways of Onigaming FN, Nigigoonsiminikaaning FN, Lac La Croix FN, Naoakamegwanning FN, Animakee Wa Zhing # 37 and Couchiching FN in April 2019 to gather Traditional Knowledge for use in helping select plants and trees to plant in vegetation trial plots that will be planted in 2019. The information gathered from TK and trial plots will be used for reclamation as needed now and for mine closure.	



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	available. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).		
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
117	NG has an open invitation for First Nations, the MNO and regional stakeholders to participate in all baseline and environmental monitoring programs, including Whip-poor-will, where appropriate and to share monitoring results. NG will continue to advise of the opportunity at public forums in order to encourage anyone who's interested to participate. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).	<p>In 2019, New Gold hired a second Environmental Monitor, from Big Island First Nation. This role includes environmental site monitoring including water sampling and access to training, mentorship and all data and results. The monitor is responsible to communicate with her community on a regular basis. In the event of a water quality exceedance that doesn't meet the requirements of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulation or the Provincial Water Quality Objectives New Gold does inform Aboriginal Communities via email and through communication at the Environmental Monitoring Board Meetings.</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> <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</p>	

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		in on site reclamation projects and reporting on site findings to their community.	
118	Additional information related to Lake Sturgeon and the Rainy River First Nations management program as requested, was added to the Final EA Report. NG has committed to a program of close coordination with Rainy River First Nations in support of the pre-existing First Nation Watershed Program and water quality protection. Company funding will be provided as part of the fisheries compensation program to further water quality enhancement programs for the Pinewood and similar agriculturally-impacted waterways.	In 2017 the RRM Environmental Manager met with the Rainy River Stewardship Committee on a few occasions to discuss potential programs, however the Committee didn't pursue the option. New Gold also requested First Nation participation in the annual Fish Tissue Sampling Program in the Pinewood River (Fall 2017 and 2018) however aside from the onsite First Nation Environmental Monitor there was no additional participation. In 2019 NG had identified candidates to participate in the program, however the efforts were not successful as the candidate did not attend a first aid course and could not join the sampling. More efforts have been deployed with the aim to augment FN participation in the 2020 program.	
119	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).	Completed as of March 3, 2014.	March 3, 2014.

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120	Aboriginal People will play an active role in the development of the mine Closure Plan, including development of the monitoring and mitigation programs. While the Closure Plan will be completed prior to construction, NG will consult on significant revisions periodically during operations to ensure incorporation of TK and best management practices. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).	New Gold held presentations on the CPA 2017 in Onigaming (April 2019) and for the MNO (November 2019). New Gold submitted responses to Government comments on January 23, 2019; New Gold submitted supplemental information to ENDM on June 7, 2019; NG received second set of comments from MNRF and ENDM on October 2, 2019; and NG submitted responses to second set of comments from Government on December 13, 2019.	
121	Monitoring programs targeted at ungulates (moose, deer) will be coordinated with local Aboriginal people. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).	The Deer Tissue Monitoring Program was initiated in the Fall of 2016 and continued during 2017 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 Deer Tissue program was not active in 2019 and will be re-started again in 2021 unless a need for increased frequency become apparent.	
122	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).	Water supply intake locations known were included on map provided by New Gold Rainy River Project (October 1, 2014).	Completed October 1, 2014.

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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 2019 related to the RRM that could affect the health of Aboriginal people. The Deer Tissue Monitoring Program was run in 2018 which is the third year of the program, the program will be run again in 2021. New Gold would still welcome any submission of tissue for analysis and now holds a database with which to compare samples against. No samples were submitted or collected in 2019.	
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).	Two Indigenous Community Coordinators are employed through New Gold to act as a liaison to employees and are available to meet with employees. New Gold provides employee benefits and employee assistance programs to all staff and their families.  New Gold also has seasonal public ceremonies, established tobacco offering stations and provides an employee assistance program as part of the benefits provided to all employees. Additionally, ceremonies are provided to employees by request.	
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 neighbours. Additionally, in 2019, there were two public tours and two newsletters distributed district wide.  Neighbours Tour - Oct 8/2019  Public Tours - July 23/2019 and Oct 12/2019  Newsletter distribution - Aug 26/2019 and Dec 12/2019  Blast notifications are 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 neighbours.  A neighbour was visited to discuss construction details at the TMA to provide information on the timeline of truck deliveries.	

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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 2019 three members 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 six. 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.	
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 ten communities in 2019 (dates and communities listed in "Date Completed" section) and gathered Traditional Knowledge for use in helping select plants and trees to plant in vegetation trial plots that will be planted in 2019. The information gathered from TK and trial plots will be used for reclamation as needed now and during mine closure.	

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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>	
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 2019, 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> <p>Naotkamegwanning business partner - March 26/2019</p> <p>RRFN community members - June 11/2019;</p> <p>AON JIC members - July 15/2019;</p> <p>Naicatchewenin Elders &amp; community members - July 16/2019;</p> <p>Naicatchewenin students - July 24/2019;</p> <p>RRFN students - Aug 9/2019;</p> <p>RRFN/NFN EMB members - Aug 22/2019;</p> <p>RRFN/NFN contractor - Oct 10/2019;</p> <p>Onigaming students - Oct 24/2019;</p> <p>BGFN JIC members - Nov 13/2019; and</p> <p>MNO attendees of CPA 2017 presentation - Nov 26/2019</p>	

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132	<p>NG has committed to ensure that Aboriginal communities (including BGRFN, Big Island First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naothamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation and Métis represented by the MNO Region 1 Consultation Committee) have the ability to access the site for cultural and ceremonial purposes so that local Aboriginal people can undertake ceremonies at different times of the year to show respect for the land and its spiritual aspects. This will ensure that young people can participate in ceremonies and learn from elders and ceremonialists. Teaching through the generations will therefore be maintained.</p>	<p>New Gold remains committed to the opportunity for ceremony. New Gold hosts Spring and Fall ceremonies; in 2019 there was an additional ceremony, the Renewal Ceremony.</p> <p>Spring Ceremony - May 14/2019; Renewal Ceremony - July 2/2019; and Fall Ceremony - Sept 25/2019.</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 Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Church parishioners, Apr 13/2019</p> <p>Grassy Narrows FN community members, Apr 17/2019</p> <p>Pineview Mennonite Christian Day School, May 23/2019</p> <p>FFHS Transportation Technology Class, May 27/2019</p> <p>FFHS Manufacturing Class, May 29/2019</p> <p>Seven Gens pre-employment graduates, June 5/2019</p> <p>RRFN community members, June 11/2019</p>	

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		<p>Local residents (small group), June 27/2019</p> <p>Local residents (small group), July 5/2019</p> <p>NWA 37 council members and youth, July 10/2019</p> <p>AON JIC members, July 15/2019</p> <p>Public Tours: Jul 23/2019, and Oct 12/2019</p> <p>Naicatchewenin FN Elders &amp; community members, July 16/2019</p> <p>Naicatchewenin FN students, July 24/2019</p> <p>RRFN students, Aug 9/2019</p> <p>New Gold family tours, Aug 10 and Aug 17/2019</p> <p>RRFN/NFN EMB members, Aug 22/2019</p> <p>Neighbours Tour: Oct 8/2019</p> <p>RRFN/NFN business partner, Oct 10/2019</p> <p>Onigaming students, Oct 24/2019</p> <p>Lakehead University civil engineering students, Nov 8/2019</p> <p>BGFN JIC members, Nov 13/2019</p> <p>MNO attendees of CPA 2017 presentation, Nov 26/2019</p> <p>Career fairs:</p> <p>Kenora Student Options symposium, Feb 6/2019</p> <p>FFHS, Apr 10/2019, May 23/2019</p> <p>LLCFN career fair, Oct 23/2019, Nov 20/2019</p> <p>UNFC, Nov 6/2019</p> <p>WFB/NWA 33/NWA 37, Nov 14/2019</p> <p>Big Grassy, Nov 28/2019</p> <p>Mitaanjigamiing, Dec 3/2019</p>	



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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>
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 Resources Strategy that focused on local employment which continued through 2018. As of December 31, 2019, 67% 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>New Gold RRP maintains the position of a business development officer who is available on staff to support local businesses in providing goods and services to the project. A career development officer is also employed by New Gold to ensure employees receive training and development as required.</p>	

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137	NG will continue to engage with potentially affected stakeholders as the project develops, including those local and regional businesses which may provide accommodation facilities for the RRM workforce.	<p>NG continues to send out newsletters and engage with local stakeholders. Using external facilities, NG and its' contractors continue to engage with local businesses for accommodation as post-construction activities continue.</p> <p>Newsletters - distributed Aug 26/2019 and Dec 12/2019</p> <p>Local Ec Dev &amp; business interest tours or meetings:</p> <p>Jan 10/2019, Jan 11/2019, Jan 30/2019</p> <p>Feb 7/2019, Feb 13/2019, Feb 21/2019, Feb 28/2019</p> <p>Mar 8/2019, Mar 13/2019, Mar 25/2019, Mar 26/2019, Mar 27/2019</p> <p>Apr 3/2019, Apr 12/2019, Apr 25/2019</p> <p>May 1/2019, May 6/2019, May 13/2019</p> <p>June 20/2019, July 3/2019, July 15/2019, July 17/2019, July 18/2019</p> <p>Aug 22/2019, Aug 28/2019</p> <p>Oct 4/2019, Oct 10/2019, Oct 11/2019, Oct 25/2019, Oct 29/2019</p> <p>Nov 1/2019, Nov 14/2019, Nov 15/2019, Nov 25/2019, Nov 26/2019, Nov 27/2019</p> <p>Dec 4/2019, Dec 9/2019, Dec 17/2019</p>	
138	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	NG completed an agreement with a local bait harvester on August 11, 2017.	Completed August 11, 2017

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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.  No logging activities were performed in 2019.	
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 2019 a local logging company was hired to remove merchantable timber to support project development	
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 2019 (Operations Phase).	
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 with regards to PPE. New Gold is also part of the Excellence Program	

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		administered by WSIB, ensuring that we have a well-developed H&S Management System	
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 2019 related to the RRM, that could affect the health of Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal people.	Duplicate of condition 123
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.	
146	A blasting plan will be developed describing all proposed blasting operations at the RRM site. All personnel who handle explosives will have appropriate training; all other individuals will be restricted from access.	In 2019, RRM continued to follow the blasting plans developed in 2018 which were consistent with this commitment. All personnel who handle explosives have the appropriate training. A locked fence with signage restricts access to the explosives mixing and storage areas.	

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147	Recognizing that safety of workers is paramount, NG will attempt to reduce light pollution as possible.	New Gold ensure night shift inspections are conducted and include laydowns and work areas. Light plants and general lighting are evaluated to ensure worker safety and to minimize associated pollution and impact on wildlife. In addition, all supervisors are trained in our reporting system (INX), such that nonconformances can be reported and addressed in a timely fashion.	
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 2019. New Gold also acquired a new fire extinguisher training system.</p>	
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 2019.	
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.	To date, public access has been maintained on the Marr Road via Korpi Road and signs have been installed to direct traffic accordingly. New Gold has a fully operational gate system at our main entrance and on Korpi access for the mine. Access through the west is now controlled by a locked fence.	
151	Any infrastructure, such as hydro services, that require relocation will be completed as expediently as possible, to minimize disruption to local users. It is currently envisioned that the disruption will only occur during the switchover from the existing to the (at that time) newly built line.	During 2019, RRM has realigned hydro lines to accommodate the new TMA buttress. In addition, new lines were installed around the site in order to minimize the use of portable generators. The work was consistent with condition 151.	

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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.	
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 MNR by the RRM in compliance with this condition during 2016.	

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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.	
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.	
159	Notification and/or reporting of any vehicular accidents and spills will follow Provincial (Ministry of the Environment) and other applicable requirements.	During 2019, there were no incidents of vehicular accidents causing spills.	
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 2019 NG has:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) committed to local employment</li> <li>2) Introduced a travel allowance and new rotations to those outside of the local area and offered camp facilities to ensure costs are kept down on regional housing</li> </ol> <p>Previous to 2019</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3) worked with local developers to construct new accommodation (an apartment facility) in the Township of Emo</li> <li>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.</li> <li>5) continued to contract a local Indigenous business to provide a 400+ person accommodation facility for construction workers who are contracted by New Gold. The accommodation facility is located on Atkinson Road in Chapple Township. Atkinson Road is located 1.5km south of the junction of Barwick Road and Highway 600 (or approximately 5 km south of the open pit). The accommodation facility was built by Onikaajigan Construction, a partnership between Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation and Saulteaux Consulting and Engineering. It is owned and operated by Onikaajigan Construction. New Gold exclusively leases the camp facility for the purpose of housing out of town construction workers.</li> </ol> <p>New Gold purchased the camp in Q4 of 2019 and outsources the operation of the camp to Anoki (a partnership between Naicatchewenin First Nation and Saulteaux Consulting and Engineering, Sodexo and Morris Group) The camp was downsized to house a maximum of 376 occupants. Any overflow requirements for NG contractors are directed to local motel/hotels.</p>	



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162	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>Completed on April 14, 2015. A number of former local residents have come forward to request copies of the reports which New Gold provided.</p> <p>During 2019, buses were used to transport employees to site from Fort Frances, Emo, Rainy River, Barwick and Stratton.</p>	Completed April 14, 2015.
163	NG will continue to discuss the RRM and potential additional demands that could be placed on the services of regional Municipalities. NG will continue to support government-led initiatives that support social sustainability during all project phases. NG will work with local service agencies to gather information about social issues or service capacity issues so that they may be addressed in a collaborative manner. NG will maintain communications with local and regional service providers to monitor and work collaboratively to address any Project-related changes that may be experienced.	<p>In 2019, New Gold provided support for the Fort Frances Physicians Recruitment and Retention Committee.</p> <p>As well, NG is reducing strain on the local medical system by employing a Nurse Practitioner on site that is available to all employees.</p>	
164	Potential health risks associated with the consumption of ungulate organ meats will be mitigated through the voluntary submission of organ meats by local hunters for analysis. Results of any such analysis would be made available to local residents and Aboriginal communities.	<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.</p> <p>In 2018, 29 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</p>	

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		<p>occur naturally in the environment and can be introduced by other human activities.</p> <p>The study continued in 2018 and is planned to be active again in 2021, 2024, 2027, 2030, 2033 and 2036 or as requested/needed. Continuing to develop this data set will strengthen any decision made based on submissions and monitoring plans through life of mine and post closure.</p>	
165	<p>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.</p>	<p>An illustrated settlement history of the study area was completed by Dan Morisseau in 2015. The completion date was October 23, 2015.</p>	<p>Completed October 2015.</p>
166	<p>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.</p>	<p>A dedicated Emergency Response Coordinator was hired in October 2018 to put more emphasis on ER preparedness. In addition, New Gold now has an underground emergency response team.</p>	
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, Nootkamegwanning 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>	<p>New Gold RRM is committed to providing access to the site for cultural and ceremony purposes.</p>	

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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 ongoing basis to monitor metal concentrations in country foods (notably fish muscle and liver tissues, and White-tailed Deer liver tissue; and other wildlife tissues as appropriate. A commitment to work with local Aboriginal groups to sample White-tail Deer liver tissues [and other wildlife tissues as committed to herein] for metals analysis has been made. This analysis could be expanded to include testing for additional metals. NG will work with local Aboriginal hunters to determine the most effective path forward on this topic.</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. To date 102 tissue and organ samples have been 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.</p> <p>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 102 samples tested, although a few had quite high variances with concentrations elevated over the majority of the values. The study continued in 2018 and is planned to run in 2021, 2024, 2027, 2030, 2033 and 2036 or as requested/needed.</p>	

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		Results from the 2019 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 2019 Fish Tissue Quality Monitoring Report can be found in the Supporting Documentation in Appendix F. The study continued in 2017 and is planned to run in 2018, 2021, 2024, 2027, 2030, 2033 and 2036 or as requested/needed.	
169	NG will conduct a risk assessment of the potential long-term exposure of fish and wildlife to accumulated metals within the constructed wetland. Such a study will be carried out within one to two years prior to mine closure (or earlier during the project operations phase), and if a meaningful risk is determined to exist the risk will be mitigated as part of overall mine closure by removing and disposing the contaminated sediments to the bottom of the pit lake. This could readily be accomplished by a small dredging operation.	This commitment is currently not applicable to the current stage of the mine. The constructed wetland is planned for construction three to four years before closure.	
170	Unterman McPhail will prepare a complete description of the evaluation process for resources identified of cultural heritage value or interest in a memo format.	The memo was completed September 11, 2013.	Commitment completed September 11, 2013.
171	At closure, NG will undertake an evaluation of any remaining cultural heritage resources / structures located on NG property in consultation with a qualified professional, and also incorporating any liability/public safety concerns.	Not applicable to 2019.	
172	A range of conservation approaches will be considered in the recommended Cultural Heritage Assessment Report /	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	

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	Cultural Heritage Documentation Reports for Sites #11 and #13 as suggested by MTCS.	currently in storage. As part of the development of the Richardson Trail, NG intends to highlight the settlement history through artifacts such as the hardware. Prior to the demolition, NG had contacted a representative of the Chapple Heritage Committee to ensure there were no other considerations.  Site #13 remains in situ.	
173	NG will provide follow-up documentation related to Cultural Heritage Assessment Report / Cultural Heritage Documentation Reports to the following local museums and archives:  <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>	Completed on April 14, 2015.  A number of former local residents have come forward to request copies of the reports which New Gold provided.  Copies of the Final NG Cultural Heritage Resource Project Completion Report was completed in 2019 and distributed to: Rainy River Public Library, Fort Frances Public Library, Lakehead University Library, Emo Library, Township of Chapple and the Chapple Museum.	Commitment completed April 14, 2015.
174	Monitoring would occur for the following durations:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archaeology: construction phase</li> <li>• Built heritage: construction phase</li> </ul>	New Gold had an onsite Archaeologist throughout the construction phase. No additional Archaeological or built heritage resources were identified in 2019.	Completed 2015 to 2017
175	With regards to protection of cultural heritage values during transmission line construction:  <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 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</li> </ul>	No human remains or cultural resources were identified during transmission line clearing in 2015 to 2016; the Transmission Line construction was completed April 2016.	Completed April 2016.

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	<p>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, Nootkamegwanning 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, ongoing discussions with stakeholders, Aboriginal people and local communities will help to monitor any effects to the socio-cultural environment and identify mutually satisfactory ways to mitigate negative or enhance positive effects. A formal complaints procedure will be established to provide stakeholders and Aboriginal peoples a voice during the construction, operation and decommissioning phase of the transmission line project. A response protocol will also be established to ensure that follow up occurs.</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>	<p>This condition will be applied at the time of mine closure and reclamation.</p>	

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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 2019.	
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).	
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.	BGRFN and NG signed a Participation Agreement on January 9, 2015. In the agreement there is a defined protocol for communication and engagement.	Commitment 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 personal 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 Rainy River Mine. 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 2019, New Gold has fully developed an EMS, and implementation has started. The year 2020 will see the implementation completion and automation of the EMS.</p>	



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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.	Since 2018, the EMS continues to be developed using the ISO 14001 Standards and will include operational procedures with penalties for nonconformance.	
183	Procedures will be regularly reviewed as part of the environmental management system.	<p>In 2019, the development of an ISO 14001 compliant Environmental Management System (EMS) was completed for the RRM. This included generation of all the governing and reporting documents required in the system, such as the EMS Policy, EMS Manual, Management Plans, Tasks Lists, Status Reports, etc.</p> <p>Both New Gold Corporate and the RRM have policies and procedures in place that are reviewed.</p>	
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.	Since 2018, the EMS continues to be developed to adapt to the new products and risks being identified in the operation. The emergency response plan included in the RRM EMS addresses the primary hazardous materials onsite and spill response. In 2019, the Emergency response plan was reviewed and environmental emergencies are being added.	
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 which owns each chemical. This aspect is included as part of the RRM Health and Safety WHMIS Program. WHMIS training is ongoing.	

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186	Monitoring details will be developed through ongoing stakeholder consultation during the EA process, and through conditions placed on regulatory instruments such as permits, authorizations and approvals, issued by the Federal and Provincial regulatory agencies.	In 2019 NG hired a Senior Water Management Engineer, a Tailings Engineer and an Environmental Technician. These extra Specialists are helping NG to transition most of its monitoring requirements in house. Third party reviews of reports still occur to ensure quality assurance.	
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>	<p>The Follow Up Monitoring Plan (FMP) for the Rainy River Project/Mine is designed around three central principles of environmental protection; Do not harm culture, respect for Aboriginal culture and values; continuous improvement and compliance with all environmental approvals and authorizations. The FMP applies to all stages of the project and the principles of the plan have been incorporated into the regular routine of how New Gold conducts business. Key components of the FMP have been incorporated into the Environmental Monitoring System (EMS) that New has developed. 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 Intalex, where assigned employees are responsible for tracking performance against these commitments and conditions.</p> <p>In 2019, NG has partially implemented the new Environmental Management System (EMS). The year 2020 will see the completion of the implementation and the automation. The EMS complements and governs Intalex.</p>	
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.	

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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.	
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 2019, the development 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 development of the EMS system.</p>	
191	Implementation and maintenance of the environmental management system will be driven by the NG commitment to ongoing compliance with the environmental requirements. Worker awareness of this commitment and requirements related to their work will be communicated through formal programs such as project orientation, job training or contractor packages.	<p>In 2019, the development 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 Rainy River Mine's commitment to ongoing environmental compliance.</p>	

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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 2019, the development of an ISO 14001 compliant Environmental Management System (EMS) was completed for the Rainy River Mine (RRM).</p> <p>As part of the EMS, periodic management reviews will be conducted to ensure continuous improvement.</p>	
193	NG proposes to amend the Closure Plan periodically as more information becomes available and as required by the Ontario Mining Act.	<p>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.</p> <p>New Gold submitted a response to the Government Agencies' second set of comments in December 2019 and should be filed by ENDM in Q1 2020.</p>	
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, Naoakamegwanning 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 Naoakamegwanning First Nation (April 19, 2017).	
195	NG will communicate with Aboriginal groups including Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy River First Nation, Big Island First Nation, Naoakamegwanning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation and Métis community	<p>NG hosts two annual ceremonies at site; additionally Aboriginal liaison personnel meet with community members to discuss activities, ceremony, etc. All NG employees undertake a 4 hour Indigenous engagement (cultural awareness) session as part of onboarding.</p> <p>During 2019 the following ceremonies were held onsite:</p>	

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	members on traditional teachings and ceremony.	Spring Ceremony - May 14/2019; Renewal Ceremony - July 2/2019; and Fall Ceremony - Sept 25/2019.	
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.	Commitment 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</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>to provide guidance to construction teams in the absence of the qualified environmental persons. The results of the inspections will be documented and follow-up actions, if any, delineated. Completion of follow-up actions will be confirmed during subsequent inspections. Inspection frequency will be increased should the need be identified. The duration of post-construction inspections will depend on the results of the construction inspection. At a minimum, periodic aerial inspection will occur for environmental aspects during operation, coincident with other aerial surveys.</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 ongoing 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 - Oct 10, 2014</p> <p>Big Grassy River First Nation - Jan 9, 2015</p> <p>Metis Nation of Ontario - Nov 25, 2014</p> <p>Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing First Nation - October 31, 2017</p> <p>Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation - May 24, 2017</p> <p>Naotkamegwanning First Nation - April 19, 2017</p> <p>Animakee Wa Zhing #37 First Nation - Feb 13, 2018</p> <p>In addition, NG provides regular updates through newsletters, public presentations and individual meetings and emails with community representatives.</p>	

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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.	New Gold has a participation agreement with the MNO (Nov 25/2014) and continues with regular engagement with NG Rainy River.	
200	NG is committed to working closely with the area First Nations and the MNO. NG has provided resources to Aboriginal Groups to undertake traditional studies as well as technical reviews of both the Draft EA as well as the Draft Closure Plan. NG will continue to support First Nations as part of the EA process and as mine operations begin.	NG actively engages all Indigenous groups about the Rainy River project, 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.	
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.	
202	NG is committed to continuing to engage potentially affected stakeholders as development and operation of the RRM progresses. Local municipalities will be engaged specifically with regards to contingency and emergency response procedures, prior to construction start. MNR coordination will be undertaken as appropriate.	New Gold has agreements with the Township of Chapple and the Township of Morley. The New Gold Health and Safety team has regular communication with Chapple Emergency Response.	

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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 2019.	
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 2019.	



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# **SECTION 6**

## **NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE**

### **FOLLOW UP MONITORING PLAN**

#### **REGISTRY**



*Figure 21 Pinewood River ice going out*

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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 Aboriginal 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 Aboriginal Groups and discuss ongoing environmental monitoring, research programs and results. Popular topics of discussion include; water quality, wildlife and air quality.</p> <p>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 Project's Terrestrial Monitoring Plan (Finalized in 2016) The Environmental Department provides the MECP with monthly updates on water quality sampling and project updates related to water taking, construction and water quality. Additional reports associated with the monitoring programs outlined in the Follow Up Monitoring Plan have been shared with the appropriate government agencies (i.e.; Fish Tissue Sampling (DFO), Air Quality Monitoring and Acoustic Monitoring (MECP)) and are included as supplemental information with this report (appendix D).</p>	Ongoing
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</p>	<p>Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program continued during 2019. 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 Tait Road.</p>	Ongoing

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	<p>total particulate and PM2.5. Dust fall samples will be collected monthly during the non-winter period for the construction, operation and active reclamation project phases. Select filter samples will be assessed for metals (full metal scan and including mercury, arsenic, cadmium and lead). Two monitoring stations will be set up at the approximate property boundary locations shown in Figure 13-1 subject to power availability and location specific constraints. Equipment siting, operations, auditing and reporting will follow all appropriate MOE requirements as provided in the Operations Manual for Air Quality Monitoring in Ontario (MOE 2008).</p>	<p>These stations are equipped with hi-samplers (brush motor and mass flow controlled), PQ200 samplers and passive sampling for SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub>. The hi-samplers measure Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) and metal concentrations averaged over a 24-hour period. The metals and metalloids analyzed include arsenic (As), cadmium (Cd), chromium (Cr), cobalt (Co), copper (Cu), iron (Fe), lead (Pb), manganese (Mn), nickel (Ni), selenium (Se), vanadium (V), and zinc (Zn). The PQ200 samplers measure Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) concentrations averaged over a 24-hour period. The samplers measure total 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 three exceedances in 2019: one of TSP and the other two for monthly total dustfall limits, all measured at the Gallinger Road station. The TSP exceedance was attributed to technician error. The total dustfall threshold limit exceedances were caused by the presence of organics, such as dead insects caught in the dustfall jars.</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</p>	<p>Sound was not measured at the listed locations (residences) during 2019. A program will be implemented in 2020.</p>	Ongoing

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	<p>measurements are to be taken at each measurement location. Hourly Leq, L10, L90 and Lmax will be recorded. Audio samples based on trigger levels will also be recorded. Trigger levels, with automated alerts will be developed for addressing exceedances.</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 ongoing 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 ongoing 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 2019 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>	Ongoing
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 by pipeline discharge and through the constructed wetland;</li> <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,</li> </ul>	<p>A monitoring program was put in place during 2015 and continues to be in place. During 2019, surface water was monitored on and off site as per the Surface Water monitoring program. All effluent discharges in 2019 met the provincial and federal discharge requirements.</p>	Ongoing

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	<p>overburden and mine rock stockpiles, plant site area and haul roads) in accordance with MMR and Environmental Compliance Approval requirements.</p>		
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 2019, total and methyl mercury samples were collected during the open water period in the Pinewood River upstream and downstream of the site.</p>	Ongoing
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 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</p>	<p>Construction of the West Creek Diversion (WCD) was completed in 2017, however dry conditions that persisted through 2017 and 2018 were not conducive to installation of water level transducers in the absence of water flow. A water level transducer was installed in the West Creek Pond in April 2018. A hydrometric station was installed in the WCD within the Box Culvert in September 2019, referred to as New Gold RRM H3 Hydrometric Station.</p> <p>The WSC 05PC023 hydrometric station remains active, however New Gold installed a dedicated hydrometric station upstream on the Pinewood River in late 2015 to supplement this data source, and continued to monitor the station through 2019. In December 2019, this hydrometric station was upgraded per the RRM Hydrometric Monitoring Plan. It is now referred to as</p>	Ongoing

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	<p>RRR on a daily basis, and that RRR would be immediately informed of any maintenance activities which could influence its operations.</p>	<p>New Gold RRM H1 Hydrometric Station (formerly Site 19).</p> <p>In September 2019, a hydrometric station was installed upstream of the RRM in the arch culvert that passes under Heatwole Rd, off of Teeple Rd. This location is referred to as New Gold RRM H2 Hydrometric Station.</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 on going during 2019 in the Pinewood River at the H1 (formerly Site 19) and new H2 hydrometric station upstream of site. H3 hydrometric station was installed in the West Creek Diversion in September 2019. Continued in-stream flow monitoring is planned for 2020.</p>	Ongoing
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 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>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 ECCC by March 31, 2018. Timing of Cycle 2 EEM studies is scheduled for 2020.</p>	Ongoing
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>Large body fish tissue sampling was not required in 2019 as it is meant to occur concurrent with MDMER and EEM sampling programs. In Fall of 2020 this program will be active again.</p>	Ongoing



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	<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>		
13.5.2 H	<p>As a component of the RRM stormwater management plan, collect and analyze late winter snowpack samples for pH and metals to help determine the effects of dust fall accumulated within the snowpack during spring melt.</p>	<p>Passive dustfall monitoring was completed 2019. Snowpack samples are scheduled for later February and early March 2020.</p>	Ongoing
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</p>	<p>A) Internal monitoring samples are collected and analyzed for the Mine Rock Pond (MRP). A record of the volume pumped from the open pit, and future underground operation, is generated daily during movement of water from the mine to the MRP or the Mill.</p> <p>B) A groundwater well program was established that extends around the mine footprint, sampling began in early 2016. Selected piezometers / wells include water level transducers, with downloads completed quarterly in conjunction with sample collection and manual water level measurements.</p> <p>C) Groundwater well samples were collected from the piezometer / well network quarterly during 2019, however some wells were not sampled due to required repairs or frozen conditions in spring and late fall.</p> <p>D) The groundwater samples were analyzed for the parameters in the Provincial Environmental Compliance Approval, and the data was reviewed during 2019. The 3-D groundwater model was not updated in 2019, with the next scheduled update for 2021. An update of the 1-D groundwater model was completed in early 2020.</p>	Ongoing

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	pumping; and with the model updates to be completed within nine months of the end of the data collection period.		
13.7.1	A wildlife monitoring plan will be implemented to ensure that effects on wildlife are properly mitigated. FMP monitoring will be based where possible, on standard survey protocols used during baseline studies so that any changes in local mammal, area-sensitive breeding bird or amphibian populations may be detected.	The comprehensive Wildlife Monitoring Plan was issued May 25, 2016 (Version 5) and followed during 2019.	May 25, 2016
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 disposal (if</li> </ul>	<p>The MNRF aerial surveys did take place in January and/or February 2019 and covered the District with transect lines spread out much wider than just the RRM.</p> <p>Bat acoustic monitoring was not completed during 2019 as the data reported on for previous years still has pending questions and current methodology has been flagged for review by consultants retained by New Gold. It should also be noted that 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 2019.</p> <p>In 2016 the Environmental Department started tracking sightings in a GIS database. The wildlife logs for 2019 include documented Black Bear activity and a mortality log. 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>	Ongoing

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	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</li> </ul>	<p>Bird surveys were not required for 2019 as per New Gold's ESA permit.</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 2019; 3 bobolink, 52 barn swallow, 1 Cougar 30 eagle, 60 pelicans, 1 EWPW, 1 Snapping turtle, 1 Peregrine Falcon, 3 other raptors and 7 swans.</p> <p>It should be noted that all sightings for 2019 came from the general population of the mine and not consultants as in previous years. Education and awareness of the reporting procedure and onsite Species at Risk is conducted through new employee/contractor orientation and site wide publications. The 2 known eagles' nest near the project boundary are monitored each year through visual observation.</p>	Ongoing

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	<p>whip-poor-will Roadside Survey Participant's Guide (BSC 2012).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 species;</li> <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>		
13.7.4	<p>Effects on amphibians after implementation of proposed mitigation measures will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of a wildlife log of general amphibian observations by employees.</li> </ul>	<p>Leopard and Green frogs are a common sight on the mine site especially in compensation and offset habitats built as per DFO requirements. Spring peeper and wood frogs are a rare sight.</p>	
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</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 Health and Safety Department. A record documenting system is in place. In some instances, drug and alcohol testing may be required and can be conducted on site by trained staff.</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</p>	Ongoing

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	<p>(MTO) and the local municipalities, to ensure that roads are properly cleared, salted and sanded, as appropriate to maintain safe driving conditions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 and contractors related to the RRM.</li> </ul>	<p>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>	
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 2019.	Ongoing
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</li> </ul>	<p>NG engaged qualified Archaeologists and Built Heritage Specialists to record all resources prior to construction commencing.</p> <p>NG continues to actively engage local residents and Indigenous groups through meetings and visits.</p>	Ongoing

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	<p>or damage to such resources can be avoided during construction, recognizing and respecting confidentiality limitations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain an active dialogue with local residents and Aboriginal group representatives, having knowledge of specific areas prior to and during major construction activities, to provide guidance to supervisory staff on the likely or possible occurrence of as yet undocumented cultural heritage sites</li> <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>	<p>Northwest Archaeological Assessments under the guidance of qualified archaeologist Andrew Hinshelwood, completed analysis and cataloguing of artifacts discovered during the 2018 Stage 4 excavation on the southwestern edge of the mine site.</p> <p>Preliminary reports for both excavation sites plus the final report for the smaller excavation site were submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) - Archaeological Programs Unit, for review and acceptance into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. NG agrees to enlist the services of Elders should new Cultural Heritage resources be discovered.</p> <p>NG contracted post construction assessment of known Cultural Heritage sites in 2018; reporting was completed in 2019. Original post construction assessment report was submitted on May 2/2019 to MTCS; revised report was submitted on Aug 16/2019.</p>	
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 RRM activities / structures to confirm the status of such resources.</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 and the completed report was submitted to MTCS On May 2, 2019, in fulfillment of this requirement. Copies of the report were also distributed to Rainy River Public Library, Fort Frances Public Library, Lakehead University Library, Emo Public Library, Chapple Township and the Chapple Museum. MTCS requested revisions; the revised report was submitted on Aug 16, 2019.</p>	Ongoing

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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>• Ongoing 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 and Emo.</p>	Ongoing
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 Rainy River is a residential operation with a limited number of positions being camp based.</p> <p>As of December 31, 2019, 67% of New Gold employees were from the local human environment regional study area.</p> <p>New Gold provides accommodation for contractors on the site and a limited number of professional and operational staff when local hiring is not possible.</p>	Ongoing
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>	<p>In 2019, the development of an ISO 14001 compliant Environmental Management System (EMS) was completed for the Rainy River Mine (RRM). The EMS design framework does include the following areas as significant environmental aspects and are either stand-alone Management</p>	Ongoing

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	<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>Plans or a subset to a core Management Plan:                      Recycling and waste reduction program;                      Mine rock (PAG / NPAG) management;                      Water management;                      General waste management;                      Hazardous materials management;                      Fuel handling and storage;                      Fugitive dust management;                      Sound management;                      Wildlife management;                      Traffic management;                      Cultural awareness;                      Heritage management;                      Emergency response;                      Response to malfunctions and accidents.</p>	
13.14 B	<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 2019, the development of an ISO 14001 compliant Environmental Management System (EMS) was completed for the Rainy River Mine (RRM).                      EMS maintenance and effectiveness will be monitored through audits, environmental monitoring, non-conformance incidents, status of corrective actions and stakeholder feedback.                      Periodic management reviews will support continuous improvement.</p>	Ongoing



# **SECTION 7**

## **NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE**

### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION REGISTRY**



*Figure 19 Spirit House*

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Date	Consultation Type	Topics	Notes on Implementation	Stakeholders	Focus
1/3/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of December 24 - 30, 2018.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
1/3/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of December 17 - 23, 2018.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
1/8/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of December 31, 2018 - January 6, 2019.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of	Aboriginal

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				Ontario	
1/8/2019	E-mail	New Gold reported strong fourth quarter results.	No follow up required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
1/8/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with an employee to discuss a confidential work related matter.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
1/8/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with Whitefish Bay.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
1/8/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Shooniyaa to discuss proposals for funding training and education opportunities in partnership.	No follow up required at this time.	Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong	Aboriginal
1/9/2019	Meeting	New Gold and RRFN/NFN met to discuss HR related matters.	Confidential discussion held.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
1/10/2019	E-mail	New Gold announced the departure of a director from the Board of Directors.	No follow up required.	Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
1/10/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Couchiching to discuss current membership of the FFCS Advisory Committee.	Couchiching replaced their current member on the Advisory Committee and the Environmental Sub-committee.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal

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1/14/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of January 7 - 13, 2019.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
1/14/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with local community groups to share ideas on how to create opportunities for Indigenous-led Art Workshops within the Rainy River District. New Gold provided support for the workshops through the New Gold Community Investment Program.	The committee agreed on three events through out the year (making bannock, birch bark baskets and medicine bags). New Gold will assist in organization of the workshops.	Seven Generations Education Institute, Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre, Sunset Country Métis Community Council, Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre	Public and Aboriginal
1/14/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with community members to discuss potential employment opportunities at the mine.	Confidential discussion held.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
1/15/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
1/17/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly FFCS Advisory Committee meeting. The member representing Seine River was unable to attend.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
1/17/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a PNP review at the mine	Upcoming contract opportunities were		Aboriginal

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		site. Several communities attended.	reviewed.		
1/18/2019	Other	New Gold donated approximately 150 turkeys to several community organizations in the Rainy River District.		Rainy River District Women's Shelter of Hope, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board, Front Street Manor, Nelson House, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Emo Food Bank, Fort Frances Family Centre, Rainy River Westend Food Bank, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Salvation Army	Public and Aboriginal
1/18/2019	Meeting	New Gold had a discussion with the Chief on relations with the mine. The Chief remains frustrated with the contract process.		Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
1/21/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of January 14 - 20, 2019.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
1/21/2019	Meeting	New Gold attended a meeting with five of	Communities are unhappy with the	Rainy River First Nations, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,	Aboriginal

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		the seven Chiefs of the FFCS and other participants.	contracting process at New Gold.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	
1/21/2019		New Gold held a confidential discussion on agreement matters with MNO.		Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
1/23/2019	Presentation	New Gold attended the Seven Gens pre-employment training program held at the Couchiching Multi-use facility. New Gold provided information on the hiring process and company expectations.	Six students in the program attended the presentation.	Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
1/23/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with AWZFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
1/23/2019	Ceremony	New Gold held a ceremony with a representative from AoN at the Spirit House on the mine site to address concerns raised by AoN community members related to recent spiritual events.	No follow up required. Further ceremony can be held by request.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
1/23/2019	E-mail	RRFN advised New Gold that new EMB members would be appointed in the near future to replace previous members.	RRFN will update NG when new members are appointed.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
1/24/2019	Presentation	New Gold participated in AWZFN's job readiness program and gave a presentation on the hiring	Six students in the program attended the presentation.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

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		process.			
1/25/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Couchiching and was advised of a change in contact for business opportunities.	New Gold will update the distribution list for business opportunities.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
1/28/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of January 21 - 27, 2019.		Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
1/28/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No follow up required.	Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing 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, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa- Zhing Advisory Services, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan, Big Grassy First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
1/29/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for the students and organizers of the	There were 5 students and 2 adults in attendance.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal



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		AWZFN job readiness program.			
1/30/2019	Meeting	New Gold attended a recognition breakfast hosted by Seven Gens. There was a discussion on the simulator and a support letter for job commitment was requested by Seven Gens.	New Gold provided the letter of support to Seven Gens.	Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
1/30/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Couchiching for a review of PNPs.	No follow up required at this time.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
1/31/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a community member from RRFN to discuss job opportunities at the mine.	The community member was interested in applying for a surface miner position.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
1/31/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a community member from Onigaming to discuss job opportunities at the mine.	The community member was interested in applying for a surface miner position.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
1/31/2019	Open House	New Gold was invited by Shooniyaa Wa Biitong to participate in an open house at NWA 33 to share information on employment opportunities, NG policies and procedures as NWA 33 has community members that are interested.	New Gold planned on participating but were unable to attend due to severe weather conditions. NG offered to come to the community at a later date when the weather had improved and was convenient to the community.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong	Aboriginal
2/1/2019	Community Meeting	New Gold attended Naicatchewenin's Elder and Youth activities.		Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2/4/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of January 28 - February 3, 2019.		Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation,	Aboriginal

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				Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation	
2/4/2019	External Feedback	The owner of the Emo New Gold bus depot complained of garbage left at the depot by New Gold employees.	New Gold ensured the garbage was cleaned up; if the issue continues other arrangements may need to be made.	JTJ Contracting Ltd.	Public
2/4/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Seven Gens to discuss Indigenous engagement.	Seven Gens may work with RRFN/NFN Elders to create an Indigenous engagement package.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2/5/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a JIC member from Big Grassy to discuss lines of progression for members working at site.		Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
2/5/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Big Island council members to discuss employment of members and lines of progression.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
2/6/2019	Open House	New Gold was invited to participate in the Kenora Student Options Symposium.	Two Community Dept members attended and set up an informational booth at the symposium. It was very well attended by local students and other organizations.		Public and Aboriginal
2/7/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Naotkamegwaning to discuss an upcoming contract.	Confidential discussion held.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
2/8/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with an employee to discuss	Confidential discussion held.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

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		possible employment opportunities within New Gold.			
2/8/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the Chief to discuss issues with an existing contract and other items.	Confidential discussion held.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
2/11/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of February 4 - 10, 2019.		Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
2/11/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a JIC member and a council member to discuss contract process concerns and an IBA commitment.	Confidential discussion held.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2/13/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Seven Gens to find out how the pre-employment program is progressing.	The program is progressing well; there are 7 of 10 still enrolled in the program.	Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
2/13/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a contractor to discuss the status of the current contract.	Confidential discussion held.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
2/14/2019	E-mail	New Gold announced fourth quarter and year-end results and provided 2019 operational outlook.	No follow up required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation	Aboriginal

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				of Ontario	
2/15/2019	E-mail	New Gold provided an update to neighbours on a blast 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
2/15/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a community member to discuss employment opportunities.	The community member provided a resume.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2/19/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2/19/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed the Weekly Spill Report of February 11 - 17th, 2019.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Township of Chapple, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
2/19/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No follow up required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, United Native Friendship Centre, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario,	Public and Aboriginal

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				Naothkamegwanning 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	
2/19/2019	Meeting	New Gold and RRFN/NFN met to discuss HR related matters.	Confidential discussion held.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2/20/2019	Presentation	New Gold presented at the Riverview School (from Rainy River) Winter Carnival event held at Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre.	Approximately 150 children from grades Kindergarten through Grade 8, participated in the event	Riverview Public School	Public
2/20/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Seven Gens to find out how the pre-employment program is progressing.	The program is progressing well; the students will tour the mine and accommodation camp on February 25, 2019.	Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
2/20/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Naothkamegwanning to see how things were progressing with their contract and if there were any concerns.	Confidential discussion held.	Naothkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2/21/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Nigig and had a general discussion on current contract opportunities, past contract issues and the role of the BDO.	A confidential discussion was held.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
2/21/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Couchiching to discuss an existing contract and issues that have arisen with it.	New Gold and Couchiching working out the issues.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal

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2/22/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a community member to discuss holding women's teachings for women in the HR and Community departments.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2/25/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Feb 18-24, 2019).	No further action required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
2/25/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Big Grassy to discuss contracts, lines of progression and concerns over contracts.	A confidential discussion was held.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
2/25/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for the students and organizers of the mine site and accommodation camp.	Seven Gens may work with RRFN/NFN Elders to create an Indigenous engagement package.		Aboriginal
2/26/2019	Meeting	New Gold and BGFN had scheduled a JIC meeting; the meeting was not held as a Big Grassy member did not show up. No notice was provided or communication afterwards.	A meeting will be held when it can be confirmed that all members will participate.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
2/26/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Onigaming to discuss several topics	A confidential discussion was held.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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		including: contracts, spill reports, HR issues and IBA items.			
2/27/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a potential employee to discuss the upcoming interview.	Confidential discussion held.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2/27/2019	Meeting	New Gold assisted community members with their applications in e-recruit.	Confidential discussion held.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
2/28/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Couchiching to discuss several topics including: contracts, NG-CFN relationship, bussing and employment.	A confidential discussion was held.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
3/4/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Feb 25-Mar 3, 2019).	No further action required.	Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin 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, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
3/5/2019	E-mail	New Gold advised that a truck delivering SO2 to site rolled into the ditch onto Korpi Road. Plans for extraction are underway.	The Community Manager responded to a call from the Township of Chapple to provide further information and emailed the information to the Township and Indigenous leadership.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
3/5/2019	Meeting	New Gold brought tobacco and asked a local Elder if she would provide some female NG	The Elder accepted the tobacco and was happy to provide the teachings for the	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

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		employees with traditional women's teachings.	women.		
3/6/2019	Other	New Gold provided support with community organizations to rejuvenate Hannam Park in Rainy River through the Community Investment Program.		Town of Rainy River	Public
3/6/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for a local First Nation pow wow through the Community Investment Program.		Couchiching First Nation	Public
3/6/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for the Fort Frances Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee through the Community Investment Program.			Public
3/6/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for the Fort Frances Bass Tournament through the Community Investment Program.			Public
3/6/2019	Other	New Gold provided support with a community organization to replace ice rink boards at the community rink through the Community Investment Program.		Township of LaVallee	Public
3/7/2019	E-mail	New Gold advised that the truck containing SO2 was safely extracted from the ditch on Korpi Road. There were no leaks of		Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naothamegwanning First	Public and Aboriginal



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		SO2 or fuel.		Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
3/8/2019	Meeting	New Gold and RRFN held a discussion on several contracts and upcoming RFPs and the change in multiple bid policy.	A confidential discussion was held.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/8/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Seven Gens to discuss the recent pre-employment training program. Three of the six program graduates were hired by NG.	The program was fairly successful; NG and Seven Gens will continue to work together to try and build even more success.	Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
3/11/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Mar 4-10, 2019).	No further action required.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
3/11/2019	Meeting	Onigaming requested a CPA presentation be brought to the community for 2 presentations; for a presentation to Chief and Council in the morning and a second presentation for community members in the afternoon.	CPA presentations were scheduled in the community on April 4, 2019.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
3/11/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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		with Onigaming.			
3/12/2019	Community Meeting	New Gold offered tobacco to the Elders which was graciously accepted. New Gold asked Elders about traditional local plants and suggestions for plants to be planted in the trial plots for revegetation in Summer 2019.	New Gold collected information on traditional plants from the Elders. Their input will help shape plans for the vegetation used in the trial plots.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
3/12/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with BGFN to discuss their frustrations on contracts, JIC and a NG staff member.	A confidential discussion was held. New Gold and BGFN will work towards resolution of the issues.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
3/12/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with AoN to help identify ways to improve bid scores.	No follow up required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/13/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with BGFN to work towards resolving some issues with contracts.	A confidential discussion was held.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
3/13/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with MNO.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
3/16/2019	Workshop	New Gold hosted a Bannock Making Workshop for NG employees and their families.	The workshop was well attended; a local RRFN woman provided instruction.		Public
3/18/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (March 11-17, 2019).	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,	Aboriginal

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				Rainy River First Nations	
3/18/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Naotkamegwaning to discuss some issues with the progression of upcoming service contract.	A confidential discussion was held.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
3/18/2019	Meeting	New Gold and RRFN/NFN met to discuss HR related matters.	Confidential discussion held.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/19/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
3/19/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Onigaming to discuss HR issues with member employees.	A confidential discussion was held.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
3/19/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No follow up required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan	Aboriginal
3/19/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Naotkamegwaning to discuss progression of upcoming service	No follow up required.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal

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		contract.			
3/19/2019	External Feedback	New Gold received a complaint from a neighbour on Hwy 600; the neighbour received damage to the windshield when a passing light vehicle equipped for the mine perceived as speeding caused stones to fly up into the windshield.	New Gold advised that Hwy 600 is a public road and has no jurisdiction on drivers using it. A notice was sent out to staff and contractors to be mindful of local speed limits on public highways.	Individual - GP	Public
3/19/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with AoN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/20/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with AoN to discuss HR and compensation issues.	A confidential discussion was held.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/21/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly EMB meeting with AON and BGFN. The Naotkamegwanning, MNO, Onigaming and AWZFN reps were not in attendance.	An update was provided on the Stage 2 LRIA application and EMB members were advised that the link to the 2018 Annual Compliance Report would be emailed once it has been submitted. (Due on March 31st). Meeting minutes were taken and emailed to all members.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
3/21/2019	Meeting	New Gold opened a meeting with BGFN with the GM offering tobacco to the Chief. The Chief began the meeting with a smudge and introduction. Discussions were held on contract issues, the Environmental Monitor position, and HR issues.	A confidential discussion was held.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal

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3/25/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Mar 18-24, 2019).	No further action required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
3/25/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with RRFN to discuss comments made at a recent meeting and contract matters.	Confidential discussion was held.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
3/25/2019	Meeting	New Gold, Lac La Croix and Mitaanjigamiing held their quarterly Environmental Subcommittee meeting. The reps from Seine River and Couchiching were not in attendance.	An update was provided on the Stage 2 LRIA application and EMB members were advised that the link to the 2018 Annual Compliance Report would be emailed once it has been submitted. (Due on March 31st). Meeting minutes were taken and emailed to all members.	Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
3/25/2019	Meeting	New Gold, Lac La Croix, Seine River and Mitaanjigamiing held their quarterly Advisory Committee meeting. The rep from Couchiching was not in attendance.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
3/25/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the manager and staff of a new service contract.	No follow up required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
3/26/2019	Meeting	New Gold toured the site with the manager	No follow up required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal

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		of a new service contract to better define the scope of work.			
3/27/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Onigaming for discussion on a specific contract.	Confidential discussion held.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
3/28/2019	Meeting	Seven Gens provided a tour of their training centre located in Couchiching.		Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
3/29/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Seven Gens in Kenora to discuss possible training programs and funding.		Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
4/1/2019	Community Meeting	New Gold met with Elders to learn about traditional local plants and suggestions for the trial plots for revegetation to be put in place in 2019.	An Elder opened the meeting with a prayer and smudging. New Gold collected information on traditional plants from the Elders. Their input will help shape plans for the vegetation used in the trial plots.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
4/2/2019	Community Meeting	New Gold met with Elders to learn about traditional local plants and suggestions for the trial plots for revegetation to be put in place in 2019.	New Gold collected information on traditional plants from the Elders. Their input will help shape plans for the vegetation used in the trial plots. An Elder requested a copy of the presentation; the presentation was emailed.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
4/3/2019	Community Meeting	New Gold met with Elders to learn about traditional local plants and suggestions for the trial plots for revegetation to be	New Gold collected information on traditional plants from the Elders. Their input will help shape plans for the vegetation used in	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal

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		put in place in 2019.	the trial plots.		
4/3/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Mar 25-31, 2019).	No further action required.	Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
4/3/2019	Meeting	New Gold held discussions with Nigig about upcoming contracts.	No further action required.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	At the CPA 2017 presentation, a member of Chief and Council asked what does TMA Cell 1 do?	The consultant advised that Cell 1 takes the tailings (sand/paste) and the water is recycled. Like mud in a pail. The mud settles out and water is left on the top. Water used on site is a closed circuit.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	A member of the community asked why doesn't the rock get put back into the pit at closure?	The consultant advised that it is much easier to build stockpiles and cover, less expensive as well.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	A member of Chief and Council asked how do birds stay away?	The consultant advised that waste is kept in waste areas. There are banger and deterrents used for keeping the birds off areas of the mine.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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4/4/2019	Community Meeting	A member of the community asked what keeps the water in the dams from overflowing?	The consultant advised, permitted based on regulation, the permit gives a free board level. Cannot be filled beyond that safety level. This ensures heavy rains do not over top the dam.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	A member of the community asked, is the government receiving monitoring results?	New Gold advised, yes, monitoring results are submitted from surface water, ground water, habitat, air quality. There are monthly, quarterly and annual reports.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	A member of Chief and Council asked if there is any protection for the air?	New Gold advised that in 2015, two monitoring stations were installed downwind of the site. Monitoring occurs for all potential contaminants and particulates. These stations are based on Canadian standards. Monitoring occurs every 6 days.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A member of Chief and Council asked if mine was shut down tomorrow what would happen?</li> <li>(2) And what would happen then?</li> <li>(3) Would there be water testing after?</li> <li>(4) What will the pit be?</li> <li>(5) There will be natural water in pit, no danger of anything in it?</li> <li>(6) What happens to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The consultant advised that New Gold has money placed in a trust to government, to carry out the Closure Plan.</li> <li>(2) Water is to go through the water treatment. The pumps in the pit will stop and the pit will fill up. Buildings get decommissioned. That is why there is a closure plan. The Government has the</li> </ul>	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal



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		the exposed rock, if pit is not filled up in a hurry, then what about issues?	road map. (3) As part of the Closure money to Government, there are funds for ongoing monitoring to ensure water meets standards from the Government. New Gold is doing Progressive Reclamation. Not waiting until the end of the mine to start reclamation. (4) It will be filled with water. (5) Water will be continuously monitored as the level rises in the pit. All models show that water quality is good. Water prevents oxygen from getting down into the bottom of the pit and creating PAG – rusty rocks. (6) The water treatment plant will treat the water that begins to fill the pit.		
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	A member of Chief and Council asked who gets copies of the Closure Plan Amendment?	The consultant advised that the government and the Communities receive copies.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	A member of Chief and Council asked if there are any mines that are closed that they could go see.	The consultant advised that not a lot of mines were properly closed in the past.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	A member of Chief and Council commented that most people need answers		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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		that are not technical related to birds, fish, wildlife, water and land.			
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	A member of Chief and Council asked how far up is the water around the dams?	The consultant advised permitted based on regulation, gives a free board level. Cannot be filled beyond that safety level. This ensures heavy rains do not over top the dam. There are contingencies for each section of the constructed wetlands discharge. Worst case scenario, all water would be diverted to the pit.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	A member of Chief and Council asked if New Gold can set up a gardening/greenhouse for planting for future generations.	New Gold advised that this is something that can be looked into.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	New Gold met with Elders to learn about traditional local plants and suggestions for the trial plots for revegetation to be put in place in 2019.	New Gold collected information on traditional plants from the Elders. Their input will help shape plans for the vegetation used in the trial plots.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	New Gold had a consultant present the Closure Plan Amendment; another question that came up was: The Chief wanted to know why she wasn't advised when a member was exposed to a chemical	The Chief was emailed the report on the member and MSDS sheets on the chemical.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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		and treated at hospital.			
4/4/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a JIC member and a council member to discuss employment at the mine.	No follow up required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	A member of Chief and Council commented that it was good to see some mines have started reclamation.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	A member of Chief and Council asked how the wildlife is kept out?	New Gold advised that there is a fence around the TMA. The deer stay away because of the activity at site. There is also a deer study that we do.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	A member of Chief and Council asked what is the arsenic process.	The consultant advised that arsenic is in the natural environment at low levels. In mining, it is in higher levels. Ammonia evaporates in the environment like gas. To deal with these chemicals on site, they are recycled and any potential water that cannot be released on site goes through the water treatment plant. There are multiple stop gates to ensure the water is checked before being released into the environment.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
4/4/2019	Community Meeting	A member of Chief and Council asked where does the dust	The consultant advised that most of the dust comes from	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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		come from?	dumping. The rock stockpiles are built from the bottom up at New Gold, to keep dust levels down. There are also water trucks on roads to keep dust levels down.		
4/5/2019	E-mail	MNO suggested a meeting date change for the CPA presentation scheduled on April 13, 2019 (from April 5, 2019), after several exchanges of emails with New Gold in February and March to set up this meeting.	New Gold unable to schedule the consultant for the CPA presentation and requested next available dates from MNO. MNO advised they would send out a list of available dates.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
4/5/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Big Grassy to discuss concerns over contracts.	New Gold will continue to work with Big Grassy and address their concerns.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
4/8/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Apr 1-7, 2019).	No further action required.	Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
4/8/2019	E-mail	New Gold announced that the first quarter production results are on track to meet annual guidance.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Ojibways of	Aboriginal

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				Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	
4/9/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with Naotkamegwanning.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
4/9/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Elders to learn about traditional local plants and suggestions for the trial plots for revegetation to be put in place in 2019.	New Gold collected information on trees and medicines from the Elders. Their input will help shape plans for the vegetation used in the trial plots.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
4/10/2019	Open House	New Gold participated in the FFHS career fair.		Fort Frances High School	Public
4/11/2019	Community Meeting	New Gold met with Elders to learn about traditional local plants and suggestions for the trial plots for revegetation to be put in place in 2019.	An Elder opened the meeting with a prayer. New Gold collected information on trees, medicines, and mixed vegetation from the Elders. Their input will help shape plans for the vegetation used in the trial plots. The Chief suggested including youth in these information sessions.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
4/12/2019	Community Event	New Gold participated in Emo Spring Fever Days.	New Gold participated with draws of two Spring themed gift baskets.	Township of Emo	Public
4/12/2019	Phone Call	New Gold contacted Couchiching to schedule a Traditional Knowledge meeting with Elders.	The executive assistant coordinated a meeting date of April 17, 2019.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
4/12/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Onigaming to review the bid process and discuss contracts.	No follow up required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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4/13/2019	Site Visit	New Gold hosted a tour of the Rainy River mine for the Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Church parishioners.	There were 43 people in attendance.	Town of Fort Frances	Public
4/15/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Apr 8-14, 2019).	No further action required.	Nootkamegwanning First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple	Aboriginal
4/15/2019	Meeting	New Gold requested a meeting with FFCS to advise of management changes at Rainy River.	Other items discussed were employment statistics and the scheduled date of Spring Ceremony.	Lac La Croix First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Couchiching First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
4/15/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed a link to the 2018 Annual Compliance Report to EMB and JIC members.		Lac La Croix First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
4/16/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
4/16/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the Grand Chief to provide an update and have a discussion on the plans to build a round house at New Gold.	No follow up required.	Grand Council Treaty #3	Aboriginal
4/16/2019	Workshop	New Gold held a Women's Teaching's Workshop for HR, Community and Environment	Nine employees participated in the workshop.		Aboriginal

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		department female employees.			
4/16/2019	Community Meeting	New Gold met with Naotkamegwanning Elders for their input in selecting traditional plants for the reclamation trial plots planned in 2019.	The Elders identified trees not previously identified at other TK sessions and provided good feedback regarding closures of other Mines in the area. The Elders are interested in seeing the Mine. New Gold will arrange a tour in the summer when potential dates have been received.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
4/17/2019	Site Visit	New Gold hosted a tour of the Rainy River Mine for community members of Grassy Narrows First Nation.	There were 7 people in attendance	Grassy Narrows First Nation	Aboriginal
4/17/2019	Community Meeting	New Gold met with Couchiching Elders for their input in selecting traditional plants for the reclamation trial plots planned in 2019.	The Elders identified two plants that were not previously identified at other TK sessions.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
4/23/2019	Workshop	New Gold held a Ribbon Skirt making workshop for HR, Community and Environment department female employees.	There were 9 employees in attendance		Aboriginal
4/24/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Apr 15-22, 2019).	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,	Aboriginal

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				Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
4/24/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Naotkamegwanning to introduce the interim Community manager and discuss any issues.	Naotkamegwanning did not have any issues at this time.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
4/25/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No follow up required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Big Grassy First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
4/25/2019	E-mail	New Gold announced the release of first quarter financial results.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal



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4/25/2019	Meeting	<p>New Gold met with RRFN to introduce the interim Community manager and for discussion of any issues.</p> <p>Is there potential for a bus stop in Couchiching? Does New Gold have a cultural engagement policy?</p> <p>RRFN requested more information in spill reports, would like party responsible for the spill named, and number of past spills.</p>	<p>General discussion points included concern about turnover at NG and contracts.</p>	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
4/25/2019	Community Event	<p>New Gold participated in the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts &amp; Math) Open House at Sturgeon Creek School.</p>	<p>Students and their parents participated in the event.</p>	Sturgeon Creek School	Public
4/25/2019	Meeting	<p>New Gold met with MNO for discussion on active contracts.</p>	<p>No follow up required.</p>	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
4/25/2019	Meeting	<p>New Gold met with BGFN to work towards resolving some issues with contracts.</p>	<p>Confidential discussion held; BGFN and NG continue to work towards resolving issues.</p>	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
4/29/2019	E-mail	<p>Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Apr 22-28, 2019).</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>	<p>Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naoakamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Rainy River First</p>	Aboriginal

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				Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
4/30/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (update to report of Apr 22- 28, 2019).	No further action required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
4/30/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Naicatchewenin to introduce the interim Community manager and for discussion of any issues.	A confidential meeting was held; generally, discussion points were the NG- Naicatchewenin relationship and HR matters.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
5/1/2019	E-mail	New Gold released an update on Rainy River.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
5/1/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Big Grassy to discuss concerns over contracts.	A confidential meeting was held; generally, contract issues and priorities were discussed.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
5/1/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with AWZFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
5/2/2019	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered and mailed hard copies of the Final New Gold Inc. Rainy River Mine,	Mailed to: Rainy River Public Library, Fort Frances Public Library, Lakehead University Library,	Township of Chapple, Rainy River Public Library, Lakehead University Library, Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport, Chapple Museum,	Public

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		Cultural Heritage Resource Completion Report.	MTCS Hand delivered to: Emo Library, Chapple Township and Chapple Museum	Emo Public Library, Fort Frances Public Library	
5/2/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Naicatchewenin to discuss human resources issues with community employees.	Confidential discussion was held.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
5/2/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with AoN where the departing GM introduced the interim Community manager.	AoN expressed their concern over the frequent turnover at New Gold. They also expressed concern regarding NG procurement processes that put smaller, more remote communities with less capacity at a disadvantage.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
5/3/2019	Community Event	New Gold participated in the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) Open House at McCrosson Tovell School.	Students and their parents participated in the event.	McCrosson Tovell School	Public
5/6/2019	E-mail	New Gold announced that the Rainy River milling operations had been restarted.		Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
5/6/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Apr 29-May 5, 2019).	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,	Aboriginal

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				Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
5/6/2019	Meeting	New Gold had a meeting with the MNO on contracts. MNO indicated some previous frustration with the procurement process.	New Gold advised there would be a more focused approach to improve the procurement process.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
5/6/2019	E-mail	MTCS requested an electronic version of the hard copy of the Final NG RRM Cultural Heritage Resource Completion Report mailed on May 2, 2019.	New Gold emailed an electronic version of the report.	Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport	Public
5/7/2019	E-mail	New Gold provided a letter of support to Seven Gens with regards to the pre-employment training program.		Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
5/7/2019	E-mail	The AoN JIC member requested an update on dewatering.	Enviro provided an update to the JIC member.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
5/8/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a bait harvester to discuss the protocol for accessing site locations.	The agreed upon protocol along with a map was also emailed to the bait harvester.	General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Aboriginal
5/13/2019	Meeting	New Gold had a meeting with the Ec Dev Officer and a council member to discuss any concerns.	A confidential meeting was held; generally, topics included discussion of ideas to improve knowledge on environment and contracts.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
5/14/2019	Ceremony	New Gold held Spring Ceremony at the Rainy River site with local Indigenous	The ceremony was attended by approximately 50 people.	Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Sunset Country Métis, Naicatchewenin First	Public and Aboriginal

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		communities. The ceremony was officiated by an Elder from Rainy River First Nations.		Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	
5/14/2019	Meeting	New Gold attended the Township of Chapple council meeting to discuss the response to the SO2 truck hitting the ditch on Korpi Road.	The H&S manager and the Township agreed upon an emergency response protocol, where NG would contact the Fire Chief directly for any future incidents.	Township of Chapple	Public
5/15/2019	Meeting	New Gold provided a summary of the recent tailings water storage issue.	Confidential contracting matters were also discussed.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
5/15/2019	Presentation	New Gold presented a project update at the RRDMA Annual General Meeting.	No further action required.	Rainy River District Municipal Association	Public
5/15/2019	Community Event	New Gold participated in the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) Open House at Riverview Public School.	Students and their parents participated in the event.	Riverview Public School	Public
5/16/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (May 6-12, 2019).	No further action required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
5/16/2019	E-mail	MTCS emailed comments and suggested revisions to the Final NG RRM	A hard copy of the report was mailed May 2, 2019 and electronic	Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport	Public

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		Cultural Heritage Resource Completion Report.	version of the report was emailed May 6, 2019.		
5/16/2019	Hand Delivery	New Gold hand delivered five extra hard copies of the Cultural Heritage Project Completion Report as requested by the Township of Chapple.		Township of Chapple	Public
5/21/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (May 13-20, 2019).	No further action required.	Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
5/23/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No follow up required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River 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, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, United Native Friendship Centre, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing	Aboriginal

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				First Nation	
5/23/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed the LRIA application package for a work permit pursuant for the construction of Sediment Pond #3 to all EMB members.	Recipients were encouraged to contact the Environmental Manager with any questions or concerns.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
5/23/2019	Open House	New Gold participated the Fort Frances High School Indigenous Awareness Week Career Symposium.	Fort Frances High School students attended.	Fort Frances High School	Public
5/23/2019	Site Visit	New Gold hosted a tour of the Rainy River mine for students and staff of the Pineview Mennonite Christian Day School.	There were 16 students/staff in attendance.	Pineview Mennonite Christian Day School	Public
5/24/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
5/24/2019	Community Event	New Gold participated in the LaVerendrye Hospital Auxiliary Rock'n for a Reason Event in support of health care.			Public
5/27/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed the LRIA application package for a work permit pursuant for the construction of Sediment Pond #3 to all JIC members.	Recipients were encouraged to contact the Environmental Manager with any questions or concerns.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing	Aboriginal

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				First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	
5/27/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (May 20-26, 2019).	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
5/27/2019	Site Visit	A site tour of the mine and maintenance shop was arranged for the Fort Frances High School Transportation Technology Class.	There were 11 students in attendance.	Fort Frances High School	Public
5/28/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly EMB meeting with RRFN and NFN.	Some meeting highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stage 2 LRIA application for the dam raise was submitted</li> <li>- Received authorization to deposit tailings in Cell #3</li> <li>- Link to ACR was emailed to EMB members and JIC members</li> <li>- TK sessions completed for RRFN/NFN</li> </ul>	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
5/29/2019	Site Visit	A site tour of the mine and maintenance shop	There were 14 students in	Fort Frances High School	Public



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		was arranged for the Fort Frances High School Manufacturing Class.	attendance.		
5/29/2019	E-mail	The WFB EMB member requested a meeting with Enviro to get additional information on the LRIA Application for Sediment Pond 3, as emailed on May 27, 2019.			
5/30/2019	E-mail	The AoN JIC member requested an exploration update.	An exploration update was emailed to the JIC member.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
5/31/2019	E-mail	NG emailed an addendum to the Final NG RRM Cultural Heritage Resource Completion Report to MTCS for review.	NG addressed MTCS comments sent on May 16, 2019.	Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport	Public
6/3/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (May 27-June 2, 2019).	No further action required.	Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
6/5/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed a listing of the current career opportunities of HD Mechanic and Welder Apprentice to community contacts.	No follow up required.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of	Aboriginal

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				Atikokan, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, United Native Friendship Centre, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation	
6/5/2019	Presentation	New Gold went to Windigo Island with employees (including community department, driller and truck driver) to discuss employment opportunities at the mine.	Approximately 30 community members attended the presentation; five were very interested in further information after the presentations. The resumes of those interested will be shared with the HR department.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
6/5/2019	Site Visit	A site tour of the mine and maintenance shop was arranged for the pre-employment graduates from Seven Gens Institute.	There were 8 graduates in attendance.	Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
6/6/2019	E-mail	MECP shared a letter from NWA 33 advising community concerns with the issuance of any operational permits.	New Gold contacted the Chief to request a meeting with Chief & Council to discuss.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation	Aboriginal
6/6/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Onigaming to discuss an Agreement commitment.	Confidential discussion held.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
6/7/2019	Phone Call	New Gold contacted the Chief to set up a meeting with Chief and Council to address their concerns.	The Chief asked why the meeting was being requested; New Gold advised they would like to respond to their	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation	Aboriginal

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			letter outlining their concerns with the mine.		
6/10/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for fairground upgrades through the Community Investment Program.			Public
6/10/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for the Ducks Unlimited fundraising gala through the Community Investment Program. Funds to be put towards environmental related projects.			Public
6/10/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for the Kids & Company Family Performing Artists Series through the Community Investment Program.			Public
6/10/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for the Rainy Lake Gymnastics Academy for purchase of balance beam and mats through the Community Investment Program.			Public
6/10/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for the Fort Frances Museum Climate Change Exhibit through the Community Investment Program.			Public
6/10/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for Fort Frances Fun in the Sun July 1st activities through the Community			Public

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		Investment Program.			
6/10/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for the Rainy River Walleye Tournament through the Community Investment Program.			Public
6/10/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for the Tour de Fort Canadian Concert Series through the Community Investment Program.			Public
6/10/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (June 3-9, 2019).	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Rainy River First Nations, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
6/10/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for the Rainy River High School Chem Free Grad through the Community Investment Program.		Rainy River High School	Public
6/10/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for a local school fish fry through the Community Investment Program.		Crossroads Public School	Public
6/10/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for the Fort Frances High School Chem Free Grad through the Community Investment Program.		Fort Frances High School	Public

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6/10/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for the Township of Emo Canada Day celebration through the Community Investment Program.		Township of Emo	Public
6/10/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for the Township of Emo summer recreation activities through the Community Investment Program.		Township of Emo	Public
6/11/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for RRFN community members.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
6/11/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Whitefish Bay's EMB member and a JIC member to discuss the LRIA application for Sediment Pond 3.	Meeting minutes were taken.	Nootkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
6/11/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed a letter to the Chief addressing their concerns outlined in the letter MECP had shared on June 6, 2019. New Gold offered to discuss their concerns in a meeting and extended an invitation to tour the mine.	The Chief agreed to meet with New Gold on June 12, 2019.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation	Aboriginal

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6/12/2019	Meeting	The Chief accepted a meeting with New Gold (in Baudette, MN) to have a discussion about their concerns. New Gold brought the letter emailed to the Chief on June 11, 2019.	The Chief expressed that their concerns are not urgent and they are not unwilling to continue conversations with New Gold. The concerns are related to the environment, road conditions of Hwy 600 and consultation. New Gold offered to provide a presentation on the environment related concerns as well as answer any questions and follow up on questions relating to Hwy 600 and consultation. The Chief will bring forward to the next council meeting (July 27th). New Gold offered to provide a tour prior to that time at the Chief's convenience and the tour would also be open to council and community. New Gold appreciated the opportunity to speak with the Chief and discuss the community concerns.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation	Aboriginal
6/12/2019	E-mail	New Gold thanked the Chief for taking the time to have a lunch meeting earlier in the day. New Gold advised they are willing to address any additional concerns or provide	New Gold followed up on this email later in the month.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation	Aboriginal

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		information about the Rainy River operation and offered to provide a site tour with any community members as well as bring the Enviro team to the community to answer any questions and provide a presentation.			
6/12/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with MNO.	The current TMA policy was shared with MNO. Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
6/12/2019	E-mail	New Gold followed up a telephone conversation held earlier in the day with an email to the Chief. New Gold apologized for the short notice cancellation of a planned site tour for NFN Elders. A discussion was also held regarding the upcoming Renewal Ceremony.	No follow-up required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
6/13/2019	Meeting	New Gold's Exploration Manager provided an exploration update for 2019.	No follow-up required at this time.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
6/13/2019	Meeting	New Gold's Exploration Manager provided an exploration update for 2019.	No follow-up required at this time.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
6/14/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed a pre-notification package of upcoming business opportunities to potential bidders.		Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,	Aboriginal

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				Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	
6/17/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with Onigaming.	The current TMA policy was shared with Onigaming. Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
6/17/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (June 10-16, 2019).	No further action required.	Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
6/18/2019	Meeting	New Gold provided an update on recent applicants and discussed setting up a site tour.	The community will advise New Gold of dates they are available for a tour.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
6/18/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a recruitment session at Couchiching.	Seven community members participated in the session along with Couchiching's OW worker.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
6/18/2019	Workshop	New Gold participated and provided support for a birch bark basket making workshop in conjunction with Seven Gens.	The workshop was attended by NG employees and the general public.	Seven Generations Education Institute	Public and Aboriginal
6/18/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	The current TMA policy was shared with RRFN and NFN. Confidential meeting minutes were	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal



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			taken.		
6/19/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed the current career opportunity of Community Manager to community contacts.	No follow up required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching 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, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
6/19/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with AoN.	The current TMA policy was shared with AON. Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
6/20/2019	E-mail	MTCS requested that revisions be made to the Final NG RRM Cultural Heritage Resource Completion Report to replace the addendum.	NG contacted the consultant to revise the original report. The revised report was submitted August 16, 2019.	Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport	Public
6/24/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (June 17-23, 2019).	No further action required.	Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation,	Aboriginal

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				Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
6/24/2019	Meeting	New Gold and Lac La Croix attended the scheduled quarterly Advisory Committee meeting. However, the meeting was cancelled as the quorum was not met. The reps from Couchiching, Mitaanjigamiing and Seine River were not in attendance.	This meeting was cancelled due to lack of attendance. Items on the agenda that were to be discussed included an Exploration update and the Tailings Management Area Policy. The information was emailed at a later date.	Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
6/24/2019	Meeting	New Gold and Lac La Croix held their quarterly Environmental Subcommittee meeting. The reps from Mitaanjigamiing, Seine River and Couchiching were not in attendance.	The Tailings Management Policy was reviewed.	Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
6/24/2019	Meeting	An Advisory Committee meeting was scheduled but meeting was cancelled as the quorum for a meeting was not met. Topics discussed with the AC member from Lac La Croix who came to the meeting included Exploration, loss of funding for FFCS positions and difficulty in getting attendance at the Advisory Committee quarterly meetings.	The representatives from Couchiching, Mitaanjigamiing and Seine River First Nations did not attend the scheduled meeting.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal

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6/25/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No follow up required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
6/25/2019	E-mail	New Gold followed up on a June 12th meeting with an email to the Chief. New Gold again offered to answer any additional questions or address any concerns that the community may have. New Gold also extended another invitation to tour the mine site to any community members who would like to do so and to send the Enviro team to the community to answer any questions and provide a presentation about the site.	The community has not expressed any interest in New Gold's offers at this time.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation	Aboriginal
6/27/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for local		General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public

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		residents.			
6/28/2019	External Feedback	New Gold received a call from a local landowner. He witnessed a vehicle using the end of the driveway as a turnaround; the end of the driveway was damaged by the vehicle. The neighbour advised that he would perform the repairs to the damage himself, but wanted contractors and New Gold employees to be more respectful of private property.	The site manager spoke with the neighbour; the incident would be brought up at crew meetings to raise awareness of employees and contractors.	Individual - GP	Public
7/2/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (June 24-30, 2019).	No further action required.	Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
7/2/2019	Ceremony	New Gold held a Renewal Ceremony at the Manitou Pow Wow Grounds to demonstrate commitment to Agreement commitments.	Approximately 25 community members from local First Nations attended.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
7/3/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed an exploration summary along with the Tailings Management Policy.	The update and TMA policy were emailed to all AC members as the FFCS AC meeting was cancelled due to lack of attendance. There	Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal

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			were no responses to a request for a reschedule. Next meeting has been scheduled for September.		
7/3/2019	Meeting	The CEO of New Gold was introduced to Big Island's Chief. A leadership meeting was held between New Gold and Big Island.	Confidential meeting was held.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
7/3/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Big Grassy to discuss contract issues.	Confidential meeting was held.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
7/3/2019	Meeting	The CEO of New Gold was introduced to NWA 37's council.	The CEO provided a mine update. The new band office being constructed was looked at.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
7/3/2019	External Feedback	New Gold received a call from a Stratton resident. The resident did not feel that there was a need for New Gold to be using the residential road where children play.	The bus was being serviced nearby and mechanic was taking a test run. They will ensure the road is no longer used for this purpose.	Individual - GP	Public
7/4/2019	E-mail	One of the RRFN JIC members requested a copy of a baseline report to provide for their consultant for Environmental monitoring.	New Gold emailed the requested report.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
7/5/2019	External Feedback	New Gold received a voice message from an unidentified local person that they had witnessed a New Gold coach driver texting while driving.	The supervisor of the coach driver spoke with him when he arrived at the mine site; he advised that he had not been texting and handed his phone over for investigation. There	Individual - GP	Public

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			was no evidence of recent texts or calls.		
7/5/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for local residents.		General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public
7/8/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (July 1-7, 2019).	No further action required.	Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Township of Chapple	Aboriginal
7/9/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly JIC meeting with Naotkamegwanning.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
7/10/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for NWA 37 council members and youth.	Site tour of the open pit, mill exterior and camp was provided.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
7/10/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed an exploration summary along with the Tailings Management Policy.	The update and TMA policy were emailed to all JIC members as a BGFN JIC meeting will not be held until August due to scheduling issues. New Gold wanted to ensure the JIC members had the information.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
7/12/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with an employee who had recently resigned to make efforts to re-employ.	Confidential discussion held.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

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7/15/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (July 8-14, 2019).	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
7/15/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Big Island to discuss contract activities.	Confidential discussion held.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
7/15/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided an extensive site tour for the AoN JIC members.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
7/15/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Red Gut to discuss contract opportunities.	Confidential discussion held.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
7/16/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
7/16/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for Elders and community members of Northwest Bay.		Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
7/16/2019	Meeting	New Gold travelled to the community on Windego Island to introduce the interim Community Manager and consultants to the Chief and council.	No further action required.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
7/17/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the Ec Dev officer of Naicatchewenin for a discussion on contract activities.	Confidential discussion held.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
7/17/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the Chief and Ec Dev officer of Manitou for a discussion on a	Confidential discussion held.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

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		contract and exploration activities.			
7/18/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a community member to provide an update on contract opportunities.	No further action required.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
7/19/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with WFB to discuss and agreement commitment.	Confidential discussion held.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
7/22/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (July 16-21, 2019).	No further action required.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
7/23/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for the general public.	Approximately 50 people participated.	General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public
7/24/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Seven Gens to discuss potential training opportunities.	No further action required.	Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
7/24/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for Northwest Bay students with a focus on mining apprenticeship programs.	Sixteen community members participated.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
7/25/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No follow up required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo	Public and Aboriginal



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				Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre	
7/25/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a community member about employment opportunities with a contractor.	Confidential discussion held.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
7/26/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary introduction to SuccessFactors, a new recruitment applicant tracking system, to community contacts.	HR and Community department staff will answer questions as they are asked.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, United Native Friendship Centre, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
7/29/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (July 22-28, 2019).	No further action required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First	Aboriginal

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				Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	
7/29/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Seven Gens and the camp manager to discuss potential training opportunities at the accommodation camp.	No further action required.	Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
8/1/2019	E-mail	New Gold provided 2019 Second Quarter results.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
8/6/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (July 29 - Aug 4, 2019).	No further action required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
8/6/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed a link to information in regards to MNRF LRIA Screening for the BCR2- Compliance Sump and Piping to all EMB members.	One community emailed with the question as to what BCR was; the enviro team emailed that the acronym stood for "Bio Chemical Reactor".	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa	Aboriginal

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				Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	
8/6/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Onigaming to discuss an Agreement commitment.	Confidential discussion held.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
8/7/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed a link to information in regards to MNRF LRIA Screening for the BCR2- Compliance Sump and Piping to all JIC members.	No further follow up required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
8/8/2019	E-mail	New Gold announced C\$150 million bought deal financing.		Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
8/8/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the Chief to introduce the interim Community Manager and discuss her role.	Confidential discussion held.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
8/9/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for Manitou students with a focus on mining apprenticeship programs.	Fifteen community members participated. Due to blast scheduling, access to maintenance employees was	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

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			limited. Another tour will be scheduled.		
8/10/2019	Site Visit	New Gold held site tours for employees and their families.	Approximately 100 people participated in the site tours.		Public and Aboriginal
8/13/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Aug 5 - Aug 11, 2019).	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
8/15/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with an employee to discuss an HR matter.	Confidential discussion held.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
8/15/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Shooniyaa to share information on recruitment and the new online application process.	No further action required.	Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong	Aboriginal
8/16/2019	E-mail	New Gold submitted a revised NG RRM Cultural Heritage Resource Completion Report with requested changes.		Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport	Public
8/17/2019	Site Visit	New Gold held site tours for employees and their families.	Approximately 120 people participated in the site tours.	General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public and Aboriginal
8/19/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Aug 12 - 18, 2019)	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa	Public and Aboriginal

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				Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation	
8/19/2019	E-mail	An Onigaming JIC member concerned about wildlife deaths at the mine site as he had heard about a bear incident where a bear death was not reported.	There was a bear death that had not been reported; it was possible that if it had been hit by a haul truck that it was not seen. Enviro arranged removal of the bear as soon as they knew about the incident. As a followup, the Enviro team went to crew meetings to inform all crews of the importance of reporting dead wildlife even if they were not involved in the incident to ensure Enviro is informed. New Gold advised the JIC member of Enviro's work and emailed the Wildlife Incident Report that is completed and a snapshot of data collected year to date. The JIC member was satisfied with the response.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
8/19/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Treaty 3 Police about providing a presentation on drug awareness to New Gold management.	Presentation dates are tentatively set for November.	Treaty 3 Police Services	Aboriginal
8/20/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Onigaming to meet new Chief and council	Confidential discussion held.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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		and discuss an Agreement commitment.			
8/21/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the Chief to discuss current employment of Couchiching members and upcoming employment opportunities.	No further action required.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
8/21/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Naotkamegwaning and a contractor to have a general discussion on various matters.	Confidential discussion held.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
8/22/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for RRFN/NFN EMB members along with their consultants.	The focus of the tour was environmental. Sampling sites also visited.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
8/22/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with RRFN to discuss contract matters.	Confidential discussion held.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
8/23/2019	External Feedback	A contractor travelling from the accommodation camp received damage to the windshield from a passing New Gold vehicle and inquired if compensation could be provided.	The contractor was advised that New Gold is not liable for road debris on public roads.	General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public
8/26/2019	E-mail	New Gold sent an email to Indigenous leadership, introducing the newly hired Community Manager.		Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First	Aboriginal

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				Nation	
8/26/2019	Mass Mailout	<p>New Gold mailed the RRP Summer 2019 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 digital copy of the newsletter was emailed to all communities, including those that lay outside of the local mail distribution on August 29, 2019 (those communities are: Buffalo Point, Rat Portage (Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum) and Northwest Angle 33).</p>		<p>Town of Atikokan, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, United Native Friendship Centre, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Town of Fort Frances, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo- Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Sunset Country Métis, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Town of Rainy River, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation</p>	Public and Aboriginal

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8/26/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Aug 19 - 25, 2019)	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
8/27/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No further action required.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Pwi- Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, United Native Friendship Centre, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario	Public and Aboriginal
8/27/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
8/28/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Lac La Croix to provide a business update, personnel changes at New Gold and agreement matters.	No further action required.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal



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8/28/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Seine River to provide a business update, personnel changes at New Gold and agreement matters.	The community advised that they would be changing their representation on the Advisory committee and Environmental sub-committee.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
8/30/2019	E-mail	New Gold announced the closing of \$150 million bought deal financing.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
8/30/2019	Letter	New Gold received a notification of acknowledgement of a new final discharge point as per MDMER.	No further action.	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change	Public
9/2/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with an employee re: HR matters.	Confidential discussion held.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
9/3/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Aug 26 - Sept 1, 2019)	No further action required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/4/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with MNO.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
9/4/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with an existing contract holder to discuss the status of the contract.	Confidential discussion held.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal

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9/5/2019	Meeting	New Gold set up a meeting with a Couchiching community member to ask about comments he had made at a recent public presentation.	The community member did not show up for the meeting.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
9/5/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the Chief of Naicatchewenin FN to introduce the new Community Manager.	No further action required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
9/5/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a Red Gut council member to introduce the new Community Manager.	No further action required.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
9/6/2019	E-mail	New Gold invited communities to the Fall Ceremony, to be held at site on September 25, 2019. New Gold also offered to set up meetings with the CEO when he will be on site in October.		Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
9/6/2019	Other	New Gold provided support for a local gala fundraiser for health care.		Riverside Foundation for Health Care	Public
9/6/2019	Other	New Gold provided support to a local fishing derby.		Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
9/6/2019	Other	New Gold provided support at the RRVAS Emo Fall fair steer		Rainy River Valley Agricultural Society	Public

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		auction through the Community Investment Program and donated much of the meat to the local food bank.			
9/9/2019	E-mail	New Gold sent out an email with a poster, inviting communities to the upcoming Fall Ceremony.	Fall Ceremony was held on September 25th.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Big Grassy First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooneyaa Wa-Biitong	Public and Aboriginal
9/9/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Onigaming.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
9/9/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Sept 2 - 9, 2019)	No further action required.	Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation ,Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of	Public and Aboriginal

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				Naongashiing	
9/16/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Sept 9-15, 2019)	No further action required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naoakamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/18/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
9/18/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Big Island.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
9/20/2019	Meeting	New Gold travelled to Regina Bay to introduce the new Community Manager to a council member and the band manager.	No further action required.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
9/20/2019	Meeting	New Gold travelled to Whitefish Bay to introduce the new Community Manager to a council member and the EcDev officer.	No further action required.	Naoakamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
9/23/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly Environmental sub-committee meeting.	The corporate Tailings Management policy was shared with the committee members.	Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
9/23/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly advisory committee meeting.	The corporate Tailings Management policy was shared with the committee members.	Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal

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			Confidential meeting minutes were taken.		
9/23/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with an employee over HR matters.	Confidential discussion held.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
9/25/2019	E-mail	Environmental sub-committee members requested a copy of the corporate policy "Tailings, Heap Leach and Waste Rock Facilities Management Policy" at a Environmental sub-committee meeting.	New Gold emailed the corporate policy. Meeting minutes of 2019 were also sent.	Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
9/25/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Sept 16 - 22, 2019)	No further action required.	Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/25/2019	Ceremony	New Gold held Fall Ceremony at the Rainy River site with local Indigenous communities. The ceremony was officiated by an Elder from Seine River First Nation.	The ceremony was attended by approximately 40 people.	Rainy River First Nations, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
9/25/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with AWZFN.	The corporate Tailings Management Policy was reviewed. Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

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9/26/2019	E-mail	Weekly Incident Report for the week of Sept 16 - 22, 2019.	No further action required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
9/26/2019	Meeting	New Gold dropped off surveys for community members to complete to help improve the annual Sustainability Report.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
9/30/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Sept 23 - 29, 2019)	No further action required.	Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/1/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a career fair in the Rat Portage community at the Grand Chief Election held in Kenora.	No further action required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Shoal Lake #39 First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First	Aboriginal

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				Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	
10/2/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No further action required.	Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, United Native Friendship Centre, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/2/2019	E-mail	Weekly Incident Report for the week of Sept 23 - 29, 2019.	No further action required.	Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin 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, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal

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10/2/2019	Meeting	New Gold held a quarterly EMB meeting.	Permit update was provided; Tailings Management Policy was reviewed and there were no questions on spills (as distributed in weekly spill reports). Meeting minutes are distributed to all EMB members.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
10/2/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Seven Gens to discuss potential wage subsidies.	Confidential discussion held.	Seven Generations Education Institute	Aboriginal
10/3/2019	Meeting	New Gold dropped off surveys at Manitou Mounds for participation in a survey to help improve the annual Sustainability Report.		Rainy River First Nations, Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre	Aboriginal
10/4/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the Chief for a general discussion.	Confidential discussion held.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
10/4/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Big Grassy and a local business to discuss sole source contract opportunity.	Confidential meeting held.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
10/7/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their first JIC meeting of 2019 with Big Grassy. New Gold appointed new members.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
10/8/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Sept 30 - Oct 6, 2019)	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First	Public and Aboriginal



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				Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
10/8/2019	Site Visit	New Gold held a site tour for project neighbours and held a lunch at the accommodation camp.	Approximately 15 neighbours participated.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
10/8/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with RRFN to introduce the new Community Manager to the Chief and their EcDev officer.	Confidential discussion held.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
10/10/2019	E-mail	New Gold provided an update on third quarter production.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
10/10/2019	Site Visit	New Gold met with RRFN/NFN regarding a sole source contract.	Confidential meeting held.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
10/11/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the community's new Ec Dev officer.	Introduction meeting to go over RFP process.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
10/11/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the EcDev officer and had a general business opportunities discussion.	No further action required.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
10/11/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the Chief to discuss the payment schedule of an Agreement commitment.	Confidential discussion held.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
10/12/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for the general public.	Approximately 20 people participated.	General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public
10/15/2019	External Feedback	A resident advised that there has been a significant increase of mine traffic on Off Lake Road, from	The Health & Safety Manager reminded employees of this commitment; all employees and	General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public

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		contractors and New Gold light vehicles. Mine traffic is restricted on this road as Hwy 71 should be used.	contractors are advised of the requirement at orientation. The Community Coordinator followed up a few weeks after the initial call; the levels of traffic have returned to normal levels.		
10/15/2019	E-mail	New Gold extended another invitation for a CPA presentation with potential dates as they had not heard back from MNO (April 2019) when MNO offered to provide available dates.	MNO responded to the email and requested a tour in addition to the presentation. In an additional email, requested that New Gold travel to Dryden for the presentation. □ A CPA 2017 presentation in Fort Frances and a site tour was scheduled for November 26, 2019.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
10/15/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
10/16/2019	E-mail	Weekly Incident Report for the week of Sept 30 - Oct 6, 2019.	No further action required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/16/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Chief, council member, band	Confidential discussion held.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal

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		manager and EA to introduce the Community Manager. Contract discussions were also held.			
10/16/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the housing manager and introduced the new Community Manager.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
10/17/2019	E-mail	Weekly Incident Report for the week of Oct 7 - 13, 2019.	No further action required.	Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
10/17/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Oct 7 - 13, 2019)	No further action required.	Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/21/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a Northwest Bay Elder to discuss a potential future business opportunity and provide an update on the roundhouse.	Confidential discussion held.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal

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10/21/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Oct 14 - 20, 2019)	No further action required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/22/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed the employment opportunity of Junior IT Specialist to community contacts.	No further action required.	Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa Zhing Advisory Services, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminkaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/23/2019	E-mail	Weekly Incident Report for the week of Oct 14 - 20, 2019.	No further action required.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Métis	Public and Aboriginal

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				Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	
10/23/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Chief and council to introduce the new Community Manager and arrange a career fair.	A career fair was scheduled for November 20th in the community.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
10/23/2019	Meeting	New Gold travelled to Lac La Croix to introduce the new Community Manager to Chief, council members and the band manager.	Confidential discussion held.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
10/24/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour with an environmental focus for Onigaming students.	Four staff and students participated.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
10/25/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No further action required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Mitaanjigaming First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Métis Nation of	Public and Aboriginal

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				Ontario, Town of Atikokan	
10/25/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a RRFN business owner to discuss NG business opportunities, status of current contracts and a general update.	No further action required.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
10/25/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a local Elder to give tobacco for advice on the roundhouse construction.	No further action required.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
10/28/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Oct 21 - 27, 2019)	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
10/29/2019	E-mail	RRFN and NFN will be asking their hunters to assist in deer tissue sampling as part of a monitoring program and requested assistance from New Gold and their experience with the program.	The Enviro team assisted RRFN and NFN by providing posters, data collection form, and sample labels that have been used by New Gold in previous season samplings. NG is now on a 3 year schedule for deer tissue sampling.	Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
10/29/2019	Ceremony	An Elder from WFB performed a pipe ceremony at the site of the planned		Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal

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		roundhouse.			
10/29/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with SN-NF's Ec Dev officer to have a general discussion about recreation and economic development opportunities in the region.	NG offered to liaise between SN-NF Twsp and the First Nations located near the area.	Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls	Public
10/30/2019	E-mail	Weekly Incident Report for the week of Oct 21 - 27, 2019.	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
10/30/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Shoal Lake #39's Chief and Council to discuss training. Shoal Lake would like to work with NG to get proper certifications for experienced operators so they can work on an upcoming project near their community.	Shoal Lake #39 will determine how many operators would need the training, then a site tour and site requirements will follow.	Shoal Lake #39 First Nation	Aboriginal
10/31/2019	Other	New Gold participated in RRFN's Trunk or Treat.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
10/31/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed a link to the Indspire/New Gold scholarship opportunity to community contacts.	No further action required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-	Public and Aboriginal

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				Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation	
11/1/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Couchiching to discuss RFPs, Letter of Intent processes and updating the RFP distribution for Couchiching.	No further action required.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
11/1/2019	Meeting	New Gold introduced the new Community Manager, had a discussion of NG business opportunities, Couchiching current events and business activities.		Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
11/2/2019	E-mail	New Gold received a thank you e-mail on behalf of the Mikinaak school from the teacher who participated in a site tour with the Onigaming students.	New Gold greatly appreciated the thank you and forwarded it on to the Environmental team tour guides.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Mikinaak Onigaming School	Aboriginal
11/4/2019	E-mail	New Gold forwarded the most recent EMB meeting minutes (October 2, 2019) to the newest EMB member for Onigaming.	No further action required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal



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11/5/2019	E-mail	Weekly Incident Report for the week of Oct 28 - Nov 3, 2019	No further action required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Public and Aboriginal
11/5/2019	E-mail	RRFN Social Service Committee sent a thank you e-mail to thank New Gold for their participation in the community Trunk or Treat.	New Gold greatly appreciated the thank you and shared it with all participants.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
11/5/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Oct 28 - Nov 3, 2019)	No further action required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Seine River First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
11/6/2019	E-mail	New Gold announced Third Quarter Results.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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11/6/2019	Open House	New Gold participated in UNFC's "Exploring the Industries" Job Fair along with other businesses.	Approximately a dozen people participated in the open house; seven groups had booths available.	United Native Friendship Centre	Aboriginal
11/8/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed new JIC member with answers to questions asked via email when he received the first weekly spill report.	The Enviro department provided detailed information	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
11/8/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for Lakehead civil engineering students.	Five students participated.	General Community (>10km of project footprint)	Public
11/11/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Nov 4 - Nov 10, 2019)	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Township of Chapple	Public and Aboriginal
11/11/2019	Other	New Gold participated in community Remembrance Day services throughout the Rainy River District.		Village of Barwick, Township of Emo	Public
11/12/2019	Community Event	New Gold and the community arranged an Employment Information Session in the community.	AON cancelled the event and advised they would contact New Gold to reschedule in early 2020.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
11/13/2019	Presentation	Treaty 3 Police Services provided a Drug Awareness Presentation to managers to help raise		Treaty 3 Police Services	Public and Aboriginal

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		awareness of symptoms and behaviours of drug use.			
11/13/2019	Site Visit	New Gold and Big Grassy JIC members toured the TMA.		Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
11/14/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with RRFN and BGFN to discuss a potential relationship for an upcoming contract.		Big Grassy First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
11/14/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with site neighbours to discuss noise levels, dust, project update, general discussion and to introduce the new Community Manager.	New Gold provided an update on expected TMA construction timeline, general project information and agreed to follow up on a dust sample previously provided to Enviro.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
11/14/2019	Open House	A career fair was hosted jointly by Whitefish Bay, NWA 33 and AWZFN. New Gold, Workforce North and a site contractor participated.	There were 53 participants.	Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
11/15/2019	Meeting	New Gold attended RRFN C&C strategy session to provide a summary of NG's procurement processes and how they relate to business opportunity commitments.	No further action required.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
11/18/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Nov 11 - Nov 17, 2019)	No further action required.	Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La	Public and Aboriginal

Date	Consultation Type	Topics	Notes on Implementation	Stakeholders	Focus
				Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	
11/18/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly advisory committee meeting.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
11/18/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly environmental sub-committee meeting.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken. Seine River's representative was unable to attend.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
11/20/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed a project neighbour as a follow up to discussion items of the previous week: - Level of noise from TMA construction - Testing of dust sample collected by the neighbour	New Gold emailed an update from the Construction team on the TMA construction plan; provided the test results from the dust sample; and provided a general project update. The neighbours were asked to contact New Gold any time they wish.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
11/20/2019	E-mail	Weekly Incident Report for the weeks of Nov 4-10 and Nov 11-17, 2019	No further action required.	Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
11/20/2019	Open House	New Gold travelled to Lac La Croix for a career fair.	There were 4 participants very interested in working at the mine.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
11/20/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their	Confidential meeting	Naicatchewenin First	Aboriginal

Date	Consultation Type	Topics	Notes on Implementation	Stakeholders	Focus
		monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	minutes were taken.	Nation,Rainy River First Nations	
11/25/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Nov 18 - Nov 24, 2019)	No further action required.	Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Naotkamegwaning First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
11/25/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with Onigaming to outline a proposal related to a contract.	Confidential meeting was held.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
11/25/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with AoN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant asked if Cell 1 was built because of MECP fines and MNRF stop-work orders?	New Gold advised that Cell 1 was built because construction would not have current TMA dams constructed in time for mill start-up. One of the reasons construction was behind was due to MNRF stop-work orders. Cell 1 construction was unrelated to MECP fines.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant asked what the changes were to the Closure Plan?	The consultant advised that the changes would be addressed in the presentation.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

Date	Consultation Type	Topics	Notes on Implementation	Stakeholders	Focus
11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant asked if elk seen near site were reported to MNRF and does NG plan on creating elk habitat?	NG and the consultant advised that all animal sightings are reported annually to MNRF and SAR reported monthly to MECP. No elk habitat will be created; elk are encroaching on white tail deer habitat so we will stick to that habitat.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant asked if pictures were taken before construction began?	The consultant advised that photos were taken during baseline study	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant asked who is looking after NG at closure to make sure NG follows the closure plan?	The consultant advised that regulators will ensure this; primarily ENDM.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant in the CPA 2017 presentation asked why do you increase the TMA dams?	The consultant advised that dams are increased over time to increase the amount of tailings that can be deposited.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant asked if NG has to keep bugs alive in the water treatment process?	The consultant advised that no feeding is required to keep the bugs alive.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/26/2019	Presentation	New Gold held a session on the Closure Plan Amendment 2017 for MNO; a consultant gave a presentation on the CPA 2017.	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/26/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for MNO attendees of the CPA 2017 presentation.	Site tour included: Veg plots, Tailings dams, TMA, open pit lookout, WMP, water treatment plant and water discharge pond.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

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11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant asked if mixing rock and overburden will be ok in WMRS?	The consultant advised yes, it will actually help seal up the spaces in between the rocks better and limit the amount of air and water in the rock pile.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant asked what happens to the cyanide used in the process?	New Gold and the consultant advised that it is destroyed/removed with SO2 before tailings leave the mill. Remnant cyanide is destroyed with sunlight in the TMA.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant in the CPA 2017 presentation asked if there were any waterbodies within the TMA before construction?	New Gold answered, yes, but they were re- routed to DFO structures. An explanation was provided of fish salvage and compensation mechanisms required by DFO.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant asked how they know the cover systems will work?	The consultant advised that PAG cover system and vegetation plots have been constructed to test the cover systems on a smaller scale. (Appendix O and R)	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant asked how much money is needed for closure and how is that determined?	The consultant advised that he was unsure of the exact figure, but it is in the 100's of millions. Professionals that specialize in determining exact cost of closure that determine the final	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

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			amount once regulators, stakeholders, and proponent agree on Closure Plan.		
11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant asked if it will be a clean water cover?	The consultant advised that the water quality is expected to be clean as tailings will not be able to oxidize once covered.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant in the CPA 2017 presentation asked if the TMA structure will stay throughout closure?	The consultant advised that the tailings will stay underwater to prevent "rusting".	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant asked if MNO receives fish tissue reports?	New Gold will follow up on whether MNO receives fish tissue reporting. Follow up: Yes - Fish tissue reporting is included in the Annual Compliance Report; a link to the report is distributed to EMB members when the ACR is completed and all ACR's are available on the New Gold website.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant asked what NG is doing with rock piles?	The consultant advised that the consultants he works for specialize in rock cover systems and is working with NG to engineer and cover for the rock piles.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
11/26/2019	Community Meeting	An MNO participant in the CPA 2017 presentation asked how long New Gold	The consultant advised that New Gold is responsible forever.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal



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		will be responsible for TMA water cover?			
11/26/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with council members to provide options on a current contract.	Onigaming will make a decision on the options and communicate with New Gold.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
11/27/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with WFB's OW worker to provide contact information with NG's HR department to send resumes from the recent career fair held in WFB.	No further action required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
11/27/2019	Meeting	New Gold provided an update on WFB contracts and to discuss any concerns.	No further action required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
11/28/2019	Open House	New Gold participated in a community career fair.	There were approximately 25 participants.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
11/29/2019	E-mail	New Gold distributed a summary of all current career opportunities to community contacts.	No further action required.	Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Public and Aboriginal

Date	Consultation Type	Topics	Notes on Implementation	Stakeholders	Focus
12/2/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Nov 25 - Dec 1, 2019)	No further action required.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
12/2/2019	E-mail	Weekly Incident Report for the week of Nov 18-24, 2019	No further action required.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Public and Aboriginal
12/2/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Onigaming.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
12/3/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly EMB meeting.	The corporate TMA policy was shared; meeting minutes were taken. Naicatchewenin's representative was unable to attend.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
12/3/2019	Open House	New Gold participated in a community career fair.	NG met with potential applicants interested in working at New Gold.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
12/4/2019	Other	New Gold provided support to the Rainy River Community		Rainy River Community Garden	Public

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		garden.			
12/4/2019	E-mail	Weekly Incident Report for the week of Nov 25 - Dec 1, 2019	No further action required.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
12/4/2019	Presentation	NG participated in the community career fair and provided a presentation.	Approximately 15 community members and council members attended the town hall presentation which included project information.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
12/4/2019	Other	New Gold provided support to the Emo Chamber of Commerce - Holly Daze events.		Emo Chamber of Commerce	Public
12/4/2019	Other	New Gold provided support to Fort Frances Muskies Blue Line Club.		Fort Frances Blue Line Club	Public
12/4/2019	Other	New Gold provided support to the 908 Rainy Lake Royal Canadian Air Cadets for Remembrance Day ceremonies.		908 Rainy Lake Royal Canadian Air Cadets	Public
12/4/2019	Other	New Gold provided support to Emo Knox United Church - Community Christmas dinners.		Emo Knox United Church	Public
12/4/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with MNO to discuss a contract.	Confidential meeting was held.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

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12/4/2019	Other	New Gold provided support to the Fort Frances Curling Club. Recognition received with logo imprinted on the ice sheets.		Fort Frances Curling Club	Public
12/4/2019	Other	New Gold provided support to Fort Frances Community park enhancement.		Town of Fort Frances	Public
12/5/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a Whitefish Bay contract holder to discuss any concerns.	No concerns.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
12/6/2019	Other	New Gold participated in the Christmas Parade with a float as part of Emo's annual Holly Daze.	Many NG staff and their families participated in the parade.	Township of Emo	Public
12/6/2019	Other				
12/7/2019	Other	New Gold participated in the Christmas Parade with a float as part of Fort Frances' annual Christmas parade.	Many NG staff and their families participated in the parade.	Town of Fort Frances	Public
12/9/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the EcDev officer and had a general business opportunities discussion.	No further action required.	Big Grassy First Nation	Public
12/10/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Dec 2 - 8, 2019)	No further action required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
12/10/2019	Meeting	New Gold staff volunteered in		Salvation Army	Public

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		Salvation Army bell ringing for donations.			
12/10/2019	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for interested party.		General Public	Public
12/11/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with MNO.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
12/12/2019	Mass Mailout	New Gold mailed the RRP Summer 2019 Newsletter to the following communities: Rainy River, Fort Frances (includes Couchiching, Nigigoosiminikaaning, Mitaanjigamiing, Lac La Croix, Sunset Country Métis), Devlin (includes Naicatchewenin), Emo (includes Rainy River First Nations), Barwick, Stratton, Pinewood, Sleeman (includes Big Grassy, Big Island), Nestor Falls (includes Onigaming), Mine Centre (includes Seine River), and Pawitik (includes Whitefish Bay, Northwest Angle 37 and Sioux Narrows). A digital version was also posted on the New Gold website. A digital copy of the newsletter was emailed to all communities, including those that lay outside of the local mail distribution on December 19, 2019 (those communities are: Buffalo Point, Rat Portage		Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Big Grassy First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, United Native Friendship Centre, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Town of Fort Frances, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Sunset Country Métis, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Township of Chapple, Town of Rainy River, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal

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		(Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum) and Northwest Angle 33).			
12/13/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed a Pre-notification Package of upcoming business opportunities to potential bidders.	No further action required.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
12/13/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed a Pre-notification Package of upcoming business opportunities to potential bidders.	No further action required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
12/13/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed a Pre-notification Package of upcoming business opportunities to potential bidders.	No further action required.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
12/13/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed a Pre-notification Package of upcoming business opportunities to potential bidders.	No further action required.	Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
12/13/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed a Pre-notification Package of upcoming business opportunities to potential bidders.	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
12/13/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed a Pre-notification Package of upcoming business opportunities to potential bidders.	No further action required.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
12/16/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental	No further action required.	Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of	Public and Aboriginal

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		Department (Dec 9 - 15, 2019)		Naongashiing, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	
12/16/2019	E-mail	Weekly Incident Report for the week of Dec 2 - 8, 2019	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
12/16/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the band manager for a year-end visit.	No further action required.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Public
12/16/2019	Letter	New Gold mailed the results of the groundwater well monitoring to the participants in the well water monitoring program.	New Gold provided contact information if participants had any questions about the results.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
12/16/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the Chief and a councillor for a year-end visit.	No further action required.	Seine River First Nation	Public
12/16/2019	E-mail	New Gold received a thank you for participation of volunteers in a fundraising effort.		Salvation Army	Public

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12/17/2019	E-mail	Weekly Incident Report for the week of Dec 9 - 15, 2019	No further action required.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario	Public and Aboriginal
12/17/2019	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN/NFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
12/17/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with the Chief to discuss a contract.	No further action required.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public
12/17/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a councillor and EcDev officer for a year-end visit.	No further action required.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Public
12/17/2019	Meeting	New Gold met with a councillor for a year-end visit.	No further action required.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Public
12/19/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed the community a letter to advise that NG would be applying for an exploration permit.	A map was also included in the letter.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
12/19/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed the community a letter to advise that NG would be applying for an exploration permit.	A map was also included in the letter.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
12/19/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed the community a letter to advise that NG would be applying for an exploration permit.	A map was also included in the letter.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
12/19/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed the community a letter to	A map was also included in the letter.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal



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		advise that NG would be applying for an exploration permit.			
12/19/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed the community a letter to advise that NG would be applying for an exploration permit.	A map was also included in the letter.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
12/19/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed the community a letter to advise that NG would be applying for an exploration permit.	A map was also included in the letter.	Naothkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
12/19/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed the community a letter to advise that NG would be applying for an exploration permit.	A map was also included in the letter.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
12/19/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed the community a letter to advise that NG would be applying for an exploration permit.	A map was also included in the letter.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
12/19/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed the community a letter to advise that NG would be applying for an exploration permit.	A map was also included in the letter.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
12/19/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed the community a letter to advise that NG would be applying for an exploration permit.	A map was also included in the letter.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
12/19/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed the community a letter to advise that NG would be applying for an exploration permit.	A map was also included in the letter.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
12/19/2019	E-mail	New Gold emailed the	A map was also	Anishinaabeg of	Aboriginal

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		community a letter to advise that NG would be applying for an exploration permit.	included in the letter.	Naongashiing	
12/19/2019	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, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiwin First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Big Grassy First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
12/24/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Dec 16 - 22, 2019)	No further action required.	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Big Grassy First	Public and Aboriginal

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				Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario	
12/30/2019	E-mail	Weekly Spill Report as distributed by the Environmental Department (Dec 23 - 29, 2019)	No further action required.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River 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, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Public and Aboriginal

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# **SECTION 8**

## **NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE**

### **CONCLUSION**



*Figure 20 December sunrise*

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## **Conclusion**

This Environmental Compliance Report was prepared by New Gold Inc. Rainy River Mine. The quality of information and conclusions are based on:

- i) Information available at the time of preparation, and
- ii) The assumptions, conditions and qualifications set forth in this document.

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New Gold  
Rainy River Mine



*Figure 21 Drone flying over heritage lands west of Mine*