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Figure 1 (Front Cover). Aerial Photo of the Rainy River Mine.  
Figure 2. American Black Bear (*Ursus americanus*), mother bear with three cubs, Spring 2024

## Executive Summary

The 2024 Annual Compliance Report covers the reporting period from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 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 and underground 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 2024 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 Impact Assessment Agency of Canada 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 6 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. Changing of seasons trees in their fall colors, looking out from the EMRS, Fall 2024.

**Acronyms**

BMA	Bear Management Area
BMP	Best Management Practices
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
EWPW	Eastern Whip-Poor-Will
FMP	Follow-up Monitoring Plan
IAAC	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
LRIA	Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act
MDMER	Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulation
ENDM	Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
MINES	Ministry of Mines
MNRF	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
MECP	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
MRP	Mine Rock Pond
MOECC	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheets
NG	New Gold
PTTW	Permit to Take Water
PWQO	Provincial Water Quality Objectives
RPRA	Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority
RRP	Rainy River Project
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 2

### NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER UPDATE



Figure 4. Rainy River Mine Aerial view looking North-east, center open pit, in the foreground on the left plant site and on the right EMRS, Summer 2024

## Rainy River Mine Update

The Rainy River Mine (RRM) site is 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)
- Underground (Intrepid producing)
- Overburden, mine rock and low-grade ore stockpiles,
- Primary crusher and process plant (completed 2017),
- Tailings management area and related water management infrastructure,
- 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. The subsections that follow provide an overview of the activities conducted onsite during 2024.

## Health and Safety

Health and Safety is a primary focus of the Rainy River Mine. Table 1 outlines the project statistics from 2017 to 2024.

Table 1. Rainy River Mine Safety Statistics

<b>Description</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Lost Time Incidents	1	2	3	5	0	1	0	3
Hours Worked on Project	3,726,628	2,586,258	2,854,063	2,450,422	2,357,896	2,342,731	2,400,217	2,562,398
Completed Site Health, Safety & Environmental Orientations	4,328	2,719	3,665	3,689	2,183	1,297	1,179	1065

**2024 Highlights and activities within the Health and Safety Department include;**

### **Safety**

- Rainy River Mine achieved Triple Zero injury for the months of March, April, May, June, August, September and December
- Continued Courage to Care campaign with visible felt leadership, updated the Safety Management System, introduced Fatal Risks/Critical Controls
- Focus on safety leading indicators such as Hazard Observations and Near Miss Reporting.

### **Emergency Services**

- Continued Mine Rescue and ERT member recruitment.
- Purchased new Fire engine for the site
- Completed Mine Rescue Substation relocation
- Began Mill Emergency Response
- Sought approval for use of Amyl Nitrate in cyanide exposure treatment.

## **Mine Operations**

Phase 3 was completed in January 2024. Phase 4 will continue until the end of 2026. In-pit dumping in Phase 2 (North Lobe) began April 2023 and is projected to be completed in September 2025. It is taking the strain off our EMRS dump. Phase 5 is scheduled to start overburden stripping in December 2025 and is scheduled to be completed by the end of Q1 2028.

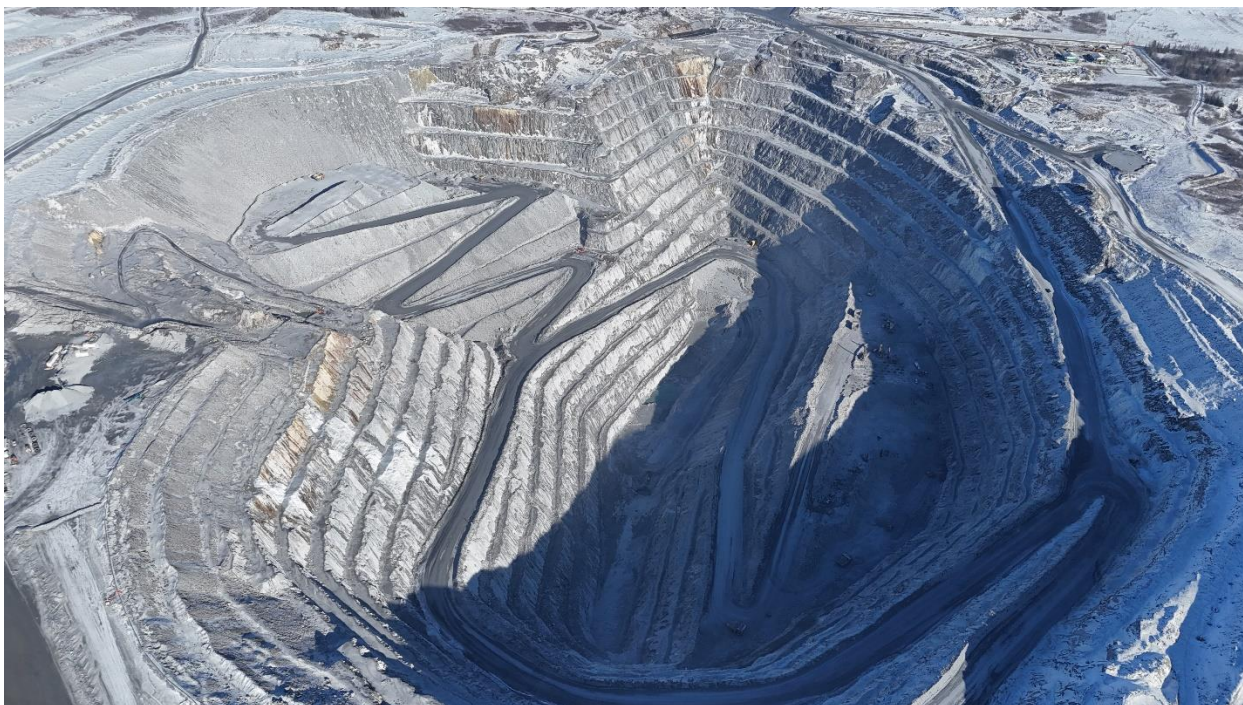


Figure 5. View of the Rainy River pit, looking East. Phase 4 at the bottom of the photo and North Lobe In-Pit Dump on the left. February 22, 2025

Rainy River Underground continued development in the Intrepid Zone with ore sills on the 325m, 345m & 370m levels. Development began within the ODME Zone and 17EL zones, establishing 400mL ODME, 425 ODME level accesses and 450mL 17EL ore sills. The ODM Internal connection continued to advance and the 250mL pit portal incline was established, breakthroughs projected for Q2 and Q1 of 2025, respectively.

Total development for 2024 amounted to 5,324m comprising of 1,492m within ODM subzones (ODME, 17EL) and 3,382m within Intrepid.

A total of 505m of vertical development was completed, comprising of a ODM FAR vent raise, Intrepid internal vent raise and a safescape.

Stope ore production for 2024 amounted to 236,469 tonnes. Development ore from sills added another 54,811 tonnes.

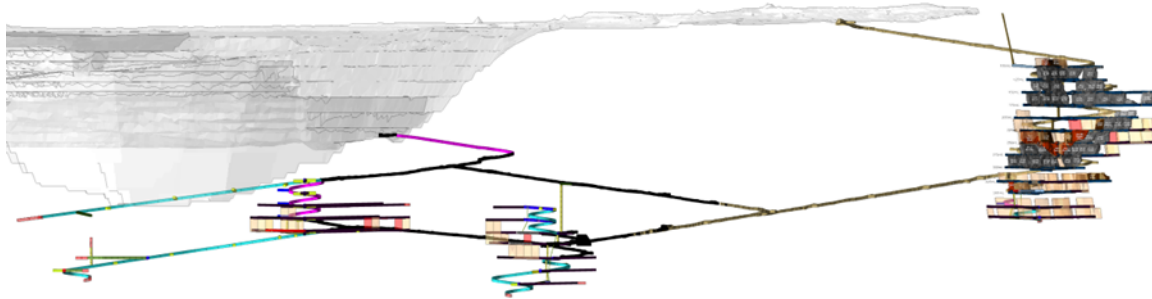


Figure 6. Underground development as of end of January 2025, along with 2025 targets

## Mill

### Process Description

The Rainy River processing plant uses conventional crushing, grinding, and recovery methods. Ore processing began in September 2017, with commercial production starting in mid-October 2017. In 2024, the Rainy River Mine processed 8.99 Mt, averaging 24,563 tpd, with average metallurgical recoveries of 91.8% gold and 61.1% silver. A simplified flowsheet of the Rainy River processing plant is shown in Figure 7.

### Crushing

The primary crushing system comprises a 1,400 × 2,100 mm, 600 kW gyratory crusher designed to accommodate direct dumping from two sides with 220-tonne capacity mine haul trucks. The crusher operates with an open-side setting adjustable between 100 mm and 120 mm, yielding a product size distribution with a P80 of approximately 120 mm. From the primary crusher, ore is transported by conveyors to the coarse ore stockpile, which has total storage capacity of 85,690 tonnes, with a live capacity of approximately 19,000 tonnes.

### Grinding

Ore is reclaimed from the coarse ore stockpile using three apron feeders and transported directly to the SAG mill feed chute. The mill feed conveyor is fitted with a weightometer to continuously monitor and regulate the feed rate to the SAG mill, ensuring that optimized material flows into the grinding circuit.

The SAG mill is an 11.0 m diameter by 6.1 m long grate discharge mill, equipped with a dual pinion drive system comprising two 7,500 kW motors, both featuring variable frequency drives (VFDs). The mill's design operating power at the pinions is 15,000,580 kW, corresponding to approximately 84% of the installed power capacity. The discharge from the SAG mill is processed through a single-deck horizontal vibrating screen which screens out oversize pebbles, ball chips, and tramp steel. The oversize material is conveyed to a Raptor L500 cone crusher that is powered by a 447-kW motor. The crusher operates at a nominal rate of 238 tph, equivalent to approximately 20% of the mill feed, with a design power draw of 235 kW. The crushed material is reduced to a P80 size of approximately 13 mm and is then transferred to the SAG mill feed conveyor via a transfer tower. The crushed product is either recycled to the SAG mill or directed to a bypass conveyor, which delivers material to a pebble stockpile adjacent to the transfer tower. This pebble-crushing circuit is utilized to maintain throughput when processing harder ore types.

The SAG mill discharges into the cyclone feed pump box, where the slurry is pumped to a cluster of hydrocyclones for classification. The cyclone distribution header has 25 ports, of which 22 are fitted with operating hydrocyclones, and the remaining three ports are connected to the gravity concentration circuit feed distributor. The cyclone underflow is directed to the ball mill, while the overflow is sent to trash screens for further processing. The ball mill is a 7.9 m diameter by 12.3 m long overflow-type mill, driven by a dual pinion system consisting of two 7,500 kW motors with VFDs. The typical feed to the mill has a particle size distribution with an F80 of 2,800 µm, while the target product size is a P80 of 80 µm. The design operating power at the pinions is 12,360 kW, which equates to approximately 82% of the total installed power of 15,000 kW. The slurry from the ball mill flows into the cyclone feed pump box for further classification and processing.



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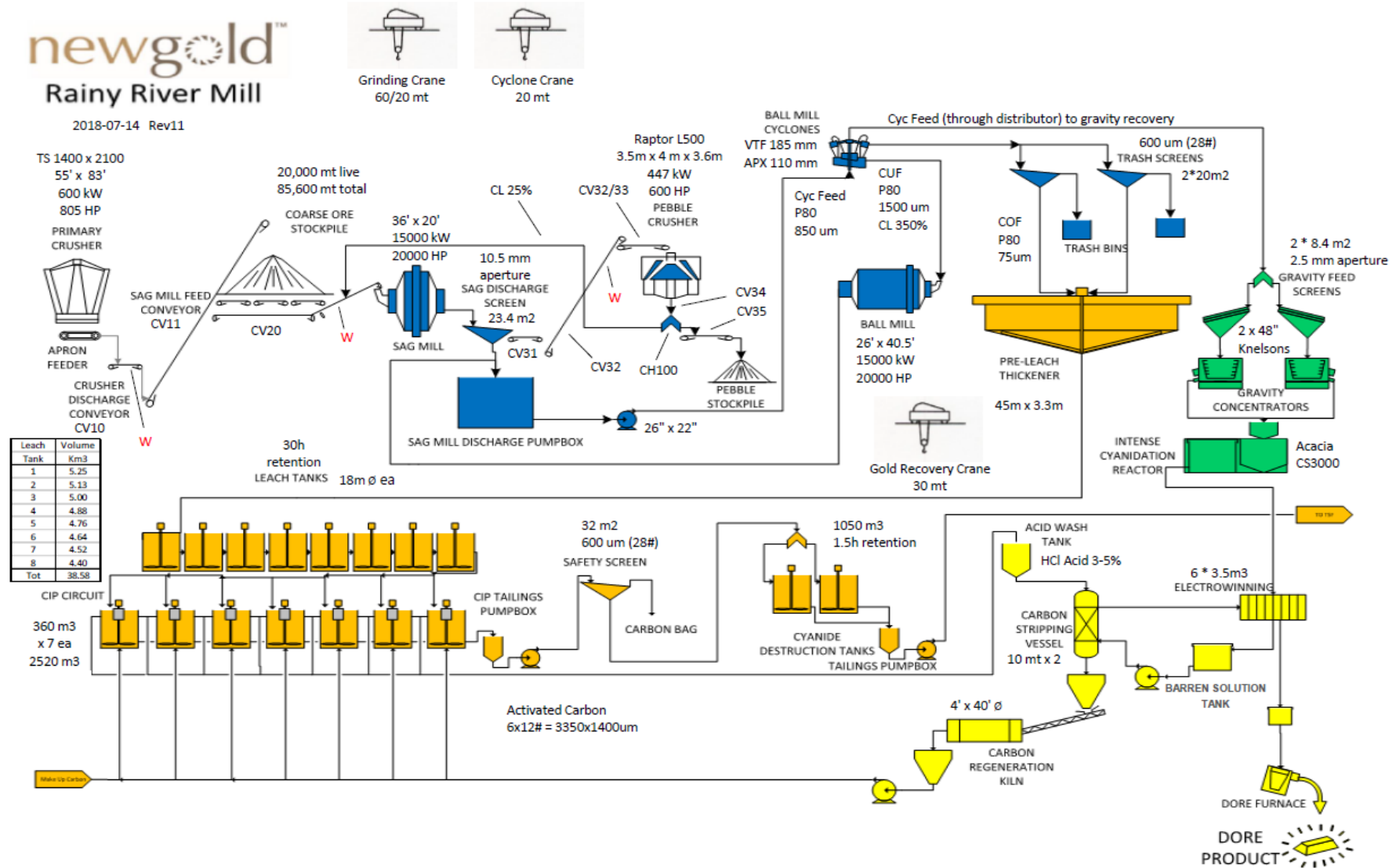


Figure 8. Site Mill flowsheet

### **Gravity Concentration and Intensive Cyanide Leaching**

Three ports from the cyclone-feed distribution header are dedicated to the gravity concentration circuit, feeding directly into a gravity concentration distributor. The distributor is equipped with two bottom outlet ports controlled by dart valves, which regulate the flow of slurry to the gravity screens. The underflow from these screens is directed to two 48-inch Knelson centrifugal concentrators, which are utilized for gravity gold recovery. Each concentrator processes approximately 300 tph, resulting in a combined system throughput of 600 tph.

Tailings from the Knelson concentrators are combined with the screen oversize in the gravity circuit launder and both flow by gravity to the cyclone feed pump box. The Knelson concentrate is routed by gravity to the Acacia intensive cyanide leach circuit for further recovery of precious metals.

The resulting pregnant leach solution is transferred to a heated storage tank for holding before being pumped to the gold room, where it undergoes electrowinning to recover the gold. The tailings from the Acacia leach reactor are returned to the cyclone feed pump box for further reprocessing in the milling circuit.

### **Leaching and Carbon in Pulp Circuit**

The cyclone overflow from the grinding circuit is directed through trash screens and into the feed well of a 45 m diameter by 3.3 m high pre-leach thickener. The thickener underflow is then pumped to the cyanide leach tanks for further gold recovery processing. The overflow from the thickener, which consists of clarified process water, is pumped to a process water tank for reuse within the circuit.

The leach circuit comprises eight tanks in series, each with a diameter of 18 m, providing a total slurry volume of 38,550 m<sup>3</sup> and a total retention time of 24 hours. Oxygen is introduced into the first four tanks to facilitate the leach reaction, while air injection is utilized in the last four tanks to provide oxygenation. Tank No. 1 can be utilized for pre-aeration of the slurry when required, after which the slurry overflows into leach tank No. 2, where cyanide is added to continue the leaching process through the remainder of the leach tanks.

The carbon in pulp (CIP) circuit comprises seven tanks in series, each 7 m in diameter and 12 m high, with a total operating volume of 2,520 m<sup>3</sup> and a retention time of 1.5 hours. This

carousel system simulates countercurrent carbon transfer without physically transferring carbon between tanks. Instead, a fixed quantity of carbon is introduced into each tank and remains until fully loaded. Upon reaching the loading target, the tank is isolated, and the entire volume of slurry is pumped to a loaded carbon screen. The oversize material, consisting of loaded carbon, flows by gravity through a diverter gate to the carbon stripping vessels, while the undersize slurry flows back to the CIP feed launder.

### **Carbon Desorption, Regeneration, and Reactivation**

Gold is desorbed from the activated carbon using the high-pressure and high-temperature Zadra process. Two 10-tonne carbon-stripping vessels are installed for this purpose. Each CIP carbon-transfer batch consists of 20 tonnes of carbon. The stripping process operates in a sequential manner, with one strip vessel in operation while the second vessel is being filled and prepared for stripping.

In the Zadra process, gold and silver are eluted from the carbon and are continuously recovered by electrowinning. The eluent solution, containing sodium cyanide and sodium hydroxide, is pumped from the barren solution tank through heat exchangers and carbon stripping vessels, dissolving the gold and silver from the carbon. The pregnant solution is then passed back through the heat exchanger to reduce its temperature to below boiling before entering the electrowinning cells, where the gold and silver precipitate as sludge. The barren solution is recirculated back to the barren solution tank, and this cycle continues until the gold and silver are fully recovered from the carbon.

The stripped carbon is reactivated in a horizontal electric rotary kiln operating at a temperature of 750°C, then cooled and pumped to the fresh carbon sizing screen, which removes fine carbon particles. The reactivated carbon is then transferred via the carbon storage tank transfer pump to the CIP tanks, where it is reloaded for further gold adsorption.

### **Electrowinning**

The pregnant solutions from both the Acacia intensive cyanide leach reactor and the carbon stripping circuit are combined in the electrowinning cell distribution box and circulated through the electrowinning cells. The electrowinning system consists of three parallel trains, each containing two cells with a capacity of 3.5 m<sup>3</sup>.

Within the electrowinning cells, gold and silver are electroplated onto stainless steel

cathodes. Once the cathodes have reached their target gold and silver loading, and the concentration of metals in the circulating electrolyte is reduced to the desired level, the cathodes are removed from the cells. The gold and silver sludge is then washed off from the cathodes using high-pressure water. The recovered sludge is filtered through a plate and frame filter press, dried in ovens, mixed with fluxes, and melted in a 300 kW electric induction furnace. This process yields gold and silver doré bars.

### Tailings

The slurry exiting the final CIP tank is directed through a carbon safety screen to recover coarse carbon particles before being routed to the cyanide destruction circuit. This circuit consists of two mixing tanks in series, each with a diameter of 11.5 m and a height of 13.5 m, providing a total retention time of 1.5 hours. The cyanide destruction process involves the addition of sulfur dioxide to break down the cyanide, lime to neutralize the sulphuric acid that formed as a by-product, and copper, in the form of copper sulphate, which serves as a catalyst to enhance the reaction.

The detoxified slurry flows from the cyanide destruction circuit to the tailings pump box and is then pumped by two 356 × 304 mm, 550 kW centrifugal pumps arranged in series to the Tailings Management Area (TMA). An overview of the TMA is provided in Section 18 of this technical report.

## Processing Requirements

### Processing Plant Consumables

Table 2 lists the main reagent and consumables consumption for Rainy River’s processing plant for 2024.

Table 2 Consumption of Regents and Consumables 2024

Item	Consumption Rate (kg/t)
Grinding media	1.0
Sodium cyanide	0.21
Lime	0.72
Caustic soda	0.05
Sulphur dioxide	0.22
Copper sulphate	0.06
Activated carbon	0.027
Antiscalant	0.012
Flocculent	0.02

Item	Consumption Rate (kg/t)
Sodium metabisulphite	0.0

**Water Circulation and Consumption**

Water is distributed from the process water tank to various areas in the plant via two low-pressure centrifugal pumps (406 mm x 356 mm) and two medium-pressure centrifugal pumps (254 mm x 203 mm). The medium-pressure pumps also supply water to two high-pressure process-water distribution pumps. The process water tank is replenished by several water sources; these include the overflow from the pre-leach thickener, process recirculation heat exchangers, cooling water return, the mine rock pond, and the tailings reclaim pumps. Tailings reclaim water is also directed to both the pre-leach thickener feed tank and the tailings pump box for further processing.

The TMA is designed to hold 11.6 million cubic meters (Mm<sup>3</sup>) of water. Reclaim water can be pumped as required from the TMA to the process water tanks and tailings pump box using two 1,350 m<sup>3</sup>/h, 522 kW vertical turbine pumps (one operating, one spare), with a process demand of 1,2000 m<sup>3</sup>/h.

**Energy Requirements**

The SAG mill requires an average 8.8 kWh/t and the ball mill requires an average 13 kWh/t. In 2024, the Rainy River site recorded a total energy consumption of 310 GWh, corresponding to a site-wide specific energy consumption of 34.5 kWh/t, with the grinding circuit specifically accounting for 21.8 kWh/t.



Figure 9. Rainy River Mill

## Construction

At Rainy River Mine, 2024 marked the tenth year of construction. During 2024, the following projects were completed:

- Tailings Management Area (TMA) Stage 6 Raise to Crest Elevation 378.1 m
- TMA Reclaim Pumphouse Raise to Elevation 378.5 m
- TMA Dust Suppression Ring Main Waterline
- TMA Instrumentation Installation
- Camp Expansion (Additional Dormitory)
- Underground Intrepid Mine Dry
- Underground Fresh Air Raise
- Underground Mine Portal Canopy
- Underground Escapeway

Planned construction activities for 2025 include the following projects:

- TMA Stage 7 Raise to Crest Elevation 379.1 m
- TMA South Dam Seepage Collection Sump 2 Expansion
- TMA Instrumentation Installation
- TMA North Ring Road East Tailings Pipeline Extension
- Water Treatment Train Nitrification Cell BioCord
- Compensation Fish Habitat Pond B Topsoil Stripping & Excavation
- Camp Expansion (Additional Dormitories)
- Underground Main Mine Dry
- Underground Main PSI & Office Expansion
- Underground Main Laydown Expansion & Storage Tent
- Underground Main Ventilation (Fans & Burners)
- Underground Main Electrical Tie-In
- Underground Main Process Water Supply Tie-In
- Underground Escapeways & Vent Raises
- Open Pit Communications Tower
- Open Pit Fuel Bay Relocation for Phase 5 Pushback



Figure 10. TMA Dam construction during filter placement, 2024

## Human Resources

As of December 31, 2024, there were 891 employees of New Gold at Rainy River. During the year, New Gold-Rainy River hired 197 employees and offboarded 157 employees.

Of the 891 employees:

- 67.3% were hired from the Rainy River District.
- 1.6% were hired from the Kenora District.
- 16.0% were hired from other locations in Ontario.
- 14.8% were hired from Provinces or Territories within Canada, other than Ontario.
- 0.2% were hired from outside of Canada.
- 23.0% of New Gold at Rainy River self-identified as Indigenous, with the majority from local communities or affiliations.
- 18.0% of New Gold employees at Rainy River are female.

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

## Community

In New Gold's seventh full year of commercial production, site tours and small group tours were offered to the public, business partners, school groups, local service organizations, neighbours, Indigenous community members or families of employees. Nine site visits/ group tours occurred in 2024.

New Gold RRM has various existing partnerships with Indigenous groups and continued to engage through participation and implementation committee meetings, emails, phone conversations, business development assistance, in-person meetings and community visits. New Gold RRM participated in events held in communities to commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation including a flag raising ceremonies, Big Grassy First Nation Pow Wow and Every Child Matters Awareness walk, and events held at the former residential school site in Couchiching First Nation. New Gold RRM partnered with the Town of Rainy River and Dawson Township to sponsor the West Rainy River New Gold Youth Grant. New Gold RRM participated in Business Expo's, Emo Chamber of Commerce events, Town of Rainy River 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Celebration, Remembrance Day Services in the District, Rainy River First Nations Fish Fry and Fall Harvest and the Grand Council Treaty 3 Spring Assembly. New Gold RRM hosted an Indigenous People Day event at its on-site Roundhouse. New Gold RRM provided mining and career presentations at local schools, a mine update at the Rainy River District Municipal Association AGM and Youth Empowerment Workshops for four First Nation communities and at the Indspire Conference. New Gold RRM sponsored and presented an award at the Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce Business Awards event. New Gold RRM participated at local fundraising events such as the Riverside Foundation for Healthcare Gala, West Rainy River Lion's Club Hunters Dinner and the Rainy River Abattoir Dinner. New Gold RRM distributed two newsletters throughout the local communities, mailed locally and emailed to communities outside of the local mail distribution. New Gold held annual Spring and Fall Ceremonies at the Roundhouse at site; Elder Gary Councillor officiated the Spring Ceremony; Elder Gary Smith officiated the Fall Ceremony.

New Gold is proud to support projects and initiatives that have short- and long-term sustainable benefits within the communities where we operate. Our areas of investment include arts, culture & recreation, environment, education, social and community. In 2024, forty organizations benefited from contributions from New Gold RRM. Some of the sponsorships and donations provided by New Gold RRM included:

- West Rainy River New Gold Youth Grant.

- Emo Public Library funding for the purchase of books.
- School Nutrition Programs & Fire Safety Programs.
- Community Gardens in the Town of Rainy River & Township of Barwick.
- Rainy River Valley Agricultural Society – 4 H Club.
- Donations to local food banks.
- Donation to purchase artwork for the Kay-Hah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre.
- Support for local fishing tournaments.
- Sponsorship of local service and health care organizations fundraising events.
- Sponsorship of a local community and cultural events.

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



Figure 11. Indigenous Peoples Day event hosted by New Gold at its onsite Roundhouse

## Environment

As the Rainy River Mine advances, the Environmental Department continues to find efficient and effective means for conducting required monitoring such as routine groundwater, surface water, wildlife and aquatic monitoring, and ambient air quality monitoring. With the important

highlights to note in 2024 include:

- Earned AAA ratings in Towards Sustainable Mining Tailings Management and Water Stewardship protocols.
- Completed a full Water Balance Model calibration and Load Source Term Water Quality Model rebuild.
- Completed a full Groundwater Model update.
- Started recycling program onsite for plastics and tin cans.
- Optimized out Environmental Management System (EMS) with the creation of an EMS website
- Broke ground on the new fish habitat feature, Loslo Pond

## Water Management

In 2023, the site water balance (WB) model underwent a comprehensive update to align with current operational practices and future modeling requirements. Throughout 2024, SRK managed ongoing updates to the WB model in collaboration with the Engineer of Record for the Tailings Management Area (TMA). These updates were completed on a monthly basis and incorporated into the Monthly Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) Reports submitted to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). Additionally, work commenced on developing the load source term water quality model, leveraging the newly updated WB model as its foundation.

Manual water level measurements were conducted at a minimum frequency of once per month throughout the year. To enhance monitoring capabilities, continuous water level sensors were installed at key locations, providing real-time data via the Geographic Information System (GIS) platform. This data is automatically integrated into the GIS water level dashboard, offering a real-time snapshot of site water levels. Furthermore, the monthly WB model updates are uploaded to the dashboard, enabling visual forecasting of near-term water inventory. This functionality allows Rainy River Mine (RRM) to proactively manage site water conditions by adjusting pumping rates, water treatment processes, and discharge operations as needed.

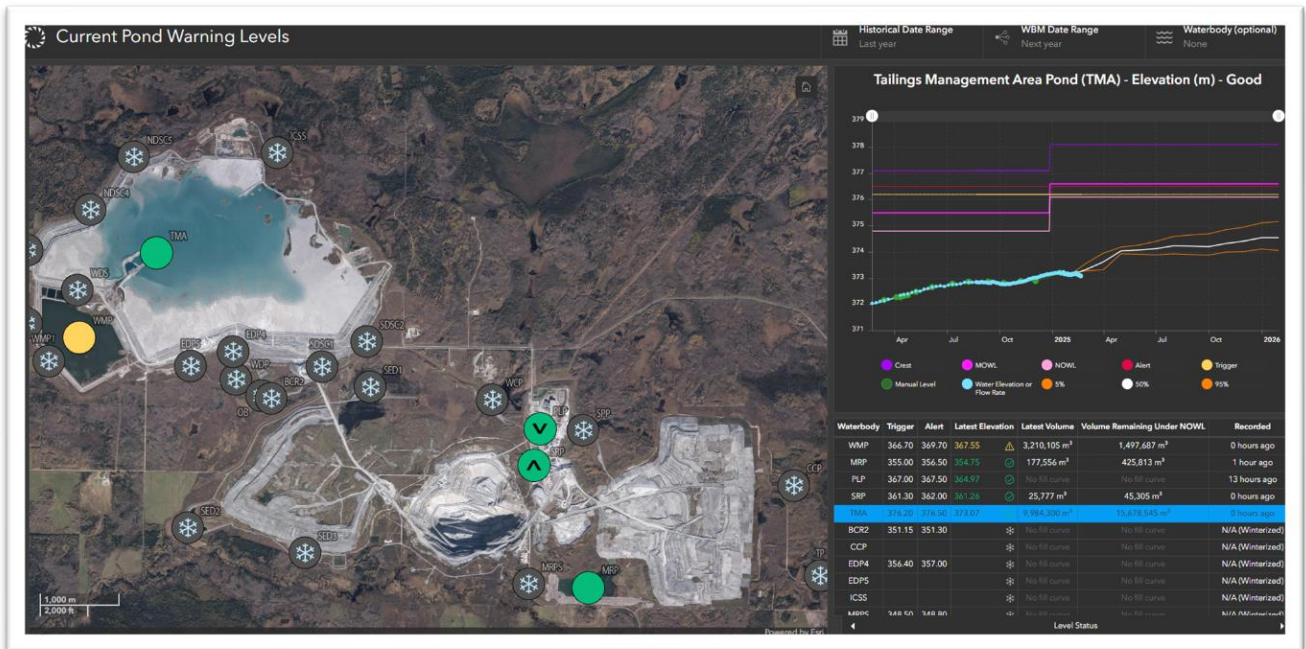


Figure 12. GIS water level dashboard, on the left side is the site map with location of water level sensors and on the right graphical representation of water level trends

In 2024, RRM successfully discharged 4,220,859 m<sup>3</sup> of water to the Pinewood River—an important achievement in reducing excess site water inventory and managing environmental discharge. RRM maintains robust process water treatment systems to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. In 2024, all site discharge water quality parameters met the standards outlined in ECA 2290-CAVKGN, with the exception of two isolated events. The ability to effectively treat and discharge process water in compliance with regulatory guidelines remains critical to supporting the continued operation of the mine.

## GIS

The GIS Team has made significant strides in 2024, achieving numerous milestones and implementing various enhancements to improve data management, accessibility, and operational efficiency. This summary highlights the key updates and accomplishments of the GIS Team throughout the year.

In 2024, the GIS Team completed the Land Tenure data inventory and implemented database schema updates, enabling land administrators to access Land Titles and Leases directly from the

Web GIS application and introducing the ability to edit parcel and owner information in the database.

A new Instrumentation Field App for mobile devices was launched, allowing the dam monitoring team to locate instruments and access important information while in the field, reducing the need to return to the office for troubleshooting.

Automated quality control (QC) was implemented for the water pumping database, improving error detection and data entry accuracy.

The Hazardous Waste form was replaced with a web form for easier submission and handling.

The HANNA Multimeter Calibration form was completed, allowing users to input readings via a web form from any device, eliminating the need for manual recording. These form-validated readings are stored in an associated database and linked to a live spreadsheet, which provides a color-coded view of performed calibrations, their dates, and the associated readings.

The GIS Team migrated the Capital Projects GIS Viewer and Wildlife Sightings Reporting to the Experience Builder platform, offering improved functionality and performance. Custom widgets were upgraded, enhancing their usability.

The first in-house bathymetry survey of the WMP was conducted using the new CEESCOPE survey system, producing highly accurate data. The WMP bathymetry data was shared with SRK (EOR) and Rainy River staff, and the water level monitoring database was updated with the results.

Following this success, the GIS Team also completed a bathymetry survey of the TMA, which was required for planning and optimizing tailings deposition. The survey soundings were collected over three days, and high-resolution imagery of the shoreline and dam topography was captured by a Wingtra drone. Both datasets were processed and amalgamated in Hydromagic and ArcGIS into the final TMA basin dataset. Successfully completing on-demand bathymetry surveys in-house marks a major achievement, enabling New Gold to quickly collect TMA bathymetry data, increasing efficiency and accuracy while delivering significant cost savings.

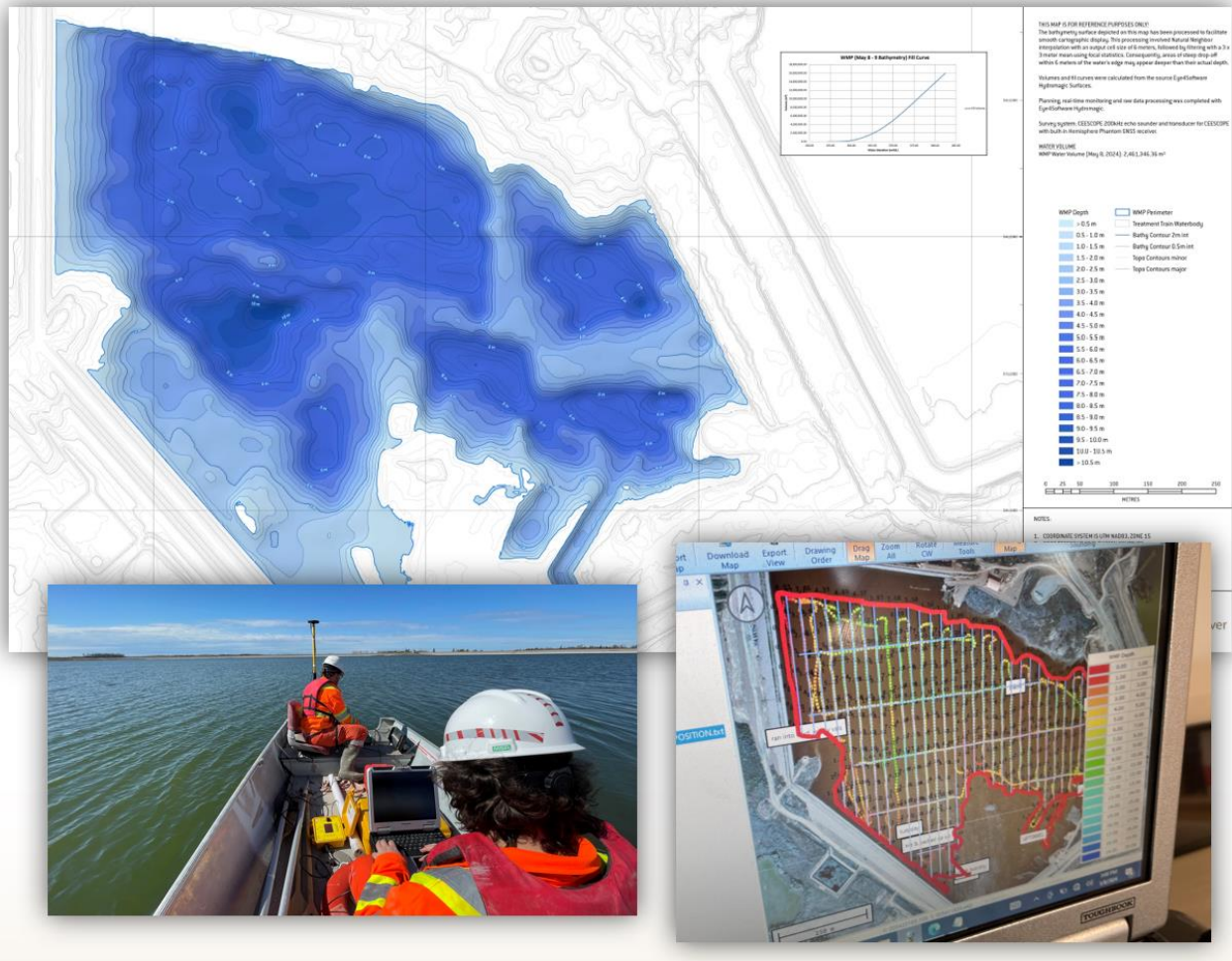


Figure 13. New Gold GIS team Bathymetry survey of the WMP completed in 2024

In August 2024, the GIS team, in collaboration with the Tailings Technical team, launched a new TMA Dust Control Dashboard, enabling the site team to effectively monitor dust treatment in the TMA. This dashboard combines readings from the TMA weather station, deposition models from the dam monitoring team, and data from the existing Tailings Deposition Database to provide an up-to-date snapshot of the state of the beaches in the TMA. By utilizing weather forecasts from the Meteorological Service of Canada, the team can proactively prepare for upcoming weather events. This system was later enhanced by adding an automated routine that generates an updated TMA

waterbody every week using NDWI calculations from Sentinel-2 satellite data, providing accurate, up-to-date information to support data-driven dust management decisions.

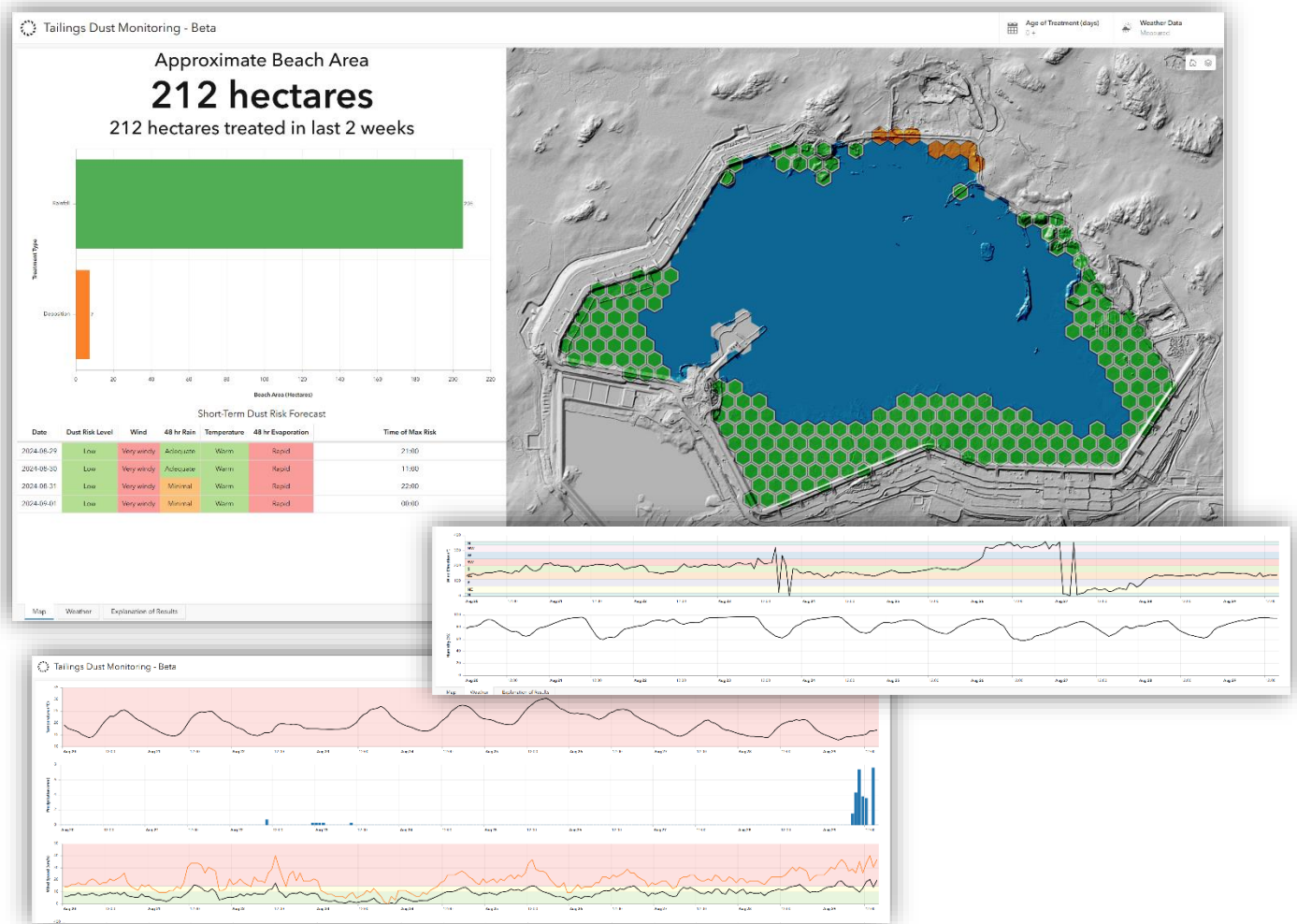


Figure 14. New Gold GIS team TMA Dust Control Dashboard created August 2024

Further enhancements were added to the Capital Projects Web GIS application, including a new bathymetry layer and Elevation Profile tool.

A drone survey of the 18 km 230 kV power line connecting the mine to the main grid was successfully completed, enhancing safety and efficiency through desktop inspections. This project marked the second collaboration between the GIS and Mill teams. The captured images were imported into the custom Photo Viewer GIS web application, enabling the Mill team to inspect the power line for potential damage or abnormal sag from their computers. Drone inspections offer significant advantages over traditional methods, including increased safety, cost efficiency, reduced

inspection time, and a lower carbon footprint. This year, the survey results identified several anomalies that were flagged for further investigation.

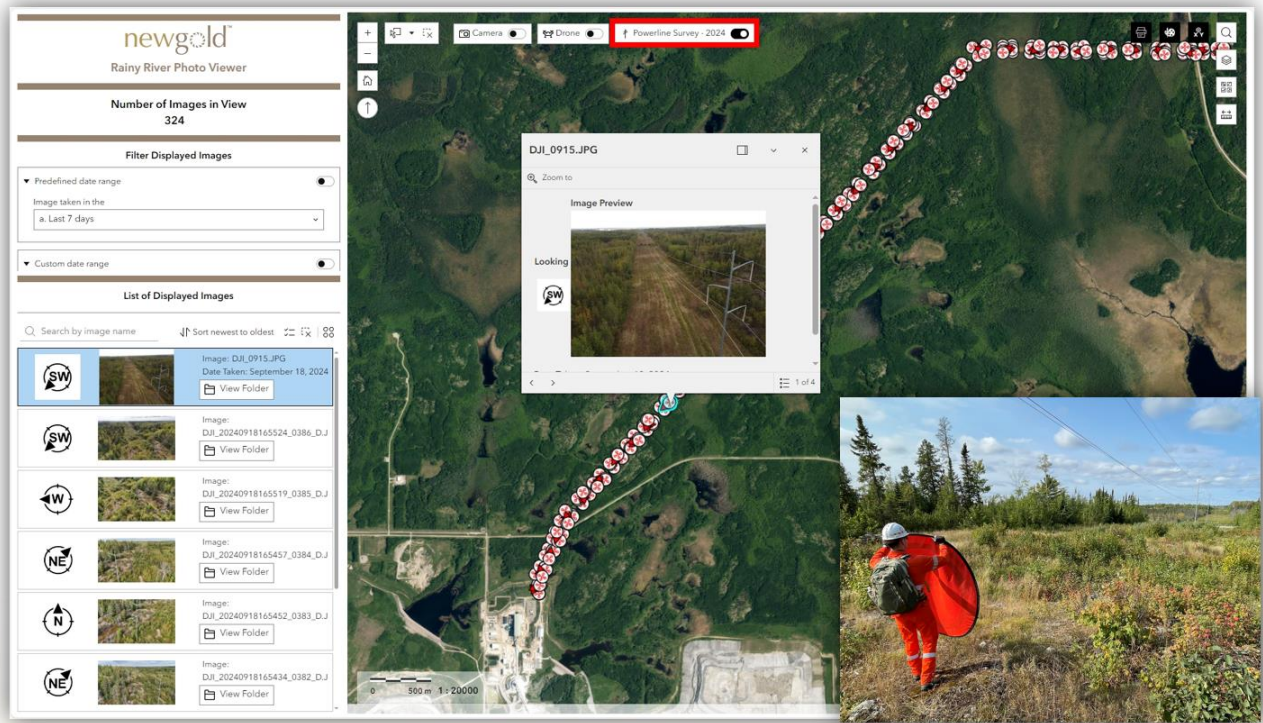


Figure 15. GIS drone survey of powerline which connects the Mine to the main grid, Fall 2024

In Q3 and Q4, the GIS Team facilitated the annual acquisition of the LiDAR survey. The data was received and quality-controlled in-house, meeting the targeted deliverables. It was then made available in the GIS Viewer along with high-resolution aerial orthoimagery and transmitted to stakeholders for planning, monitoring, and other applications.

In summary, the GIS Team has demonstrated exceptional progress and adaptability in 2024, achieving key milestones and addressing challenges effectively. The team's efforts have significantly enhanced data management, operational efficiency, and compliance, setting a strong foundation for future initiatives.

## Wildlife

During 2024 various activities and monitoring programs were undertaken regarding RRM's commitments related to wildlife. Those activities are as follows.

Small body fish tissue monitoring occurred in the Pinewood River primarily to assess potential impacts RRM may be causing. For small body fish, Brook Stickleback and Central Mudminnow were monitored for Mine related effects. No significant effects to human or wildlife health were detected down to the lowest guidelines available. Mercury levels seem to be fluctuating over time but remaining near baseline levels.

Fish populations have been assessed in on-site compensation and offset habitat against DFO criteria for successfully constructed fish habitat over 5 years. All structures other than Stockpile Pond/diversion have reached success criteria and have been deemed suitable fish habitat going forward and no longer requiring monitoring. The Stockpile Pond has been identified as unable to retain enough water to connect to the Stockpile Diversion and therefore must be rehabilitated so water can pass from the Stockpile Pond to the Diversion. The Stockpile Pond/Diversion deficiencies leave NG 3.5 hectares short of the targeted amount of fish compensation habitat. To remedy this NG is constructing the needed habitat on Mine property as an additional pond complex at the confluence of West Creek Diversion and remnant Loslo Pond. This work began in Q4 2024. All activities were done with the authorization of the required License to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes and Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act permits.

In addition to normal reporting of Species at Risk to MECP, Eastern Whip-Poor-Will monitoring was undertaken at the near site and on-site monitoring locations. Migratory bird point count surveys occurred at over 180 locations as well. All monitoring and activities were done as per New Gold's Endangered Species Act permit and Follow-up-Monitoring plan.

Black Bears have always been a common sight at RRM and since 2016 New Gold has worked with the MNR to minimize human/bear interactions, with their guidance and training, nuisance bears have remained manageable. RRM has 5 trained staff that are capable of relocating bears if needed under an Authorization to Trap and Transport Black Bears.

During 2024 local hunters provided White-tailed Deer tissue samples that will be analyzed for metal concentrations to monitor health of the local deer population. These samples will be compared to baseline data gathered from 2016-2018. This report will be available in 2025.



Figure 16. White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) outside of the wildlife fence, Summer 2024

## Regulatory Update

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

An Amended Closure Plan was filed in October 2020, an Amended Industrial Sewage Works Environmental Compliance Approval was issued in April 2022, and an Amended Air and Noise Environmental Compliance Approval was issued July 2022.

Table 3 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
<p style="text-align: center;">Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks</p>	Permit to Take Water	1538-BXNN49	Mine Dewatering	<b>Active.</b> Expires April 16, 2031
		7631-9VULMS	Mine Dewatering	Cancelled and replaced by 1538-BXNN49.
		6832-C2RLAD	Pit Dewatering - Ground Water DW20-2, DW20-3	<b>Active.</b> Expires June 4, 2028
		1386-9VTP2H	Aggregate Sources (OC3, OC4, Roen)	<b>Active.</b> Expires May 8, 2025
		7276-CDTMSU	Loslo and Stockpile SW and GW	Expired May 3, 2023
		2558-AJ7HXF	Renewed Tait Quarry	Expired May 19 2022
		3638-9VTNRM	Tait Quarry	Expired May 8, 2017
		7430-AYEN78	Renewed Tailings Management Area Construction	Expired June 22, 2019
		3177-BXPMNZ	Surface and Ground Water/ Constructed Wetlands Minor Taking	Expired March 30, 2022.
		8101-AY8HT5	Renewed Construction Minor Takings	Expired June 22, 2019. Replaced by 3177-BXPMNZ.
	2133-9VUPVZ	Construction Phase Minor Takings	Expired May 8, 2018 extended to June 30, 2018.	
	Environmental Compliance Approval	0412-A2LR4V	Air / Noise	<b>Active.</b> No expiry.
		8567-9ZXG8U	Air / Noise	Superseded.
		2290-CAVKGN	Sewage Works	<b>Active.</b> No expiry.
		3855-C4E3FF	Sewage Works	Amended.
		7004-BC7KQ5	Sewage Works	Rescinded February 11, 2020.
		5178-9TUDP9	Operations – Sewage Works	Rescinded.

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		5781-9VJ2QJ	Construction Sewage Works	Expired.
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Location, Plans and Specifications Approval  Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act	FF-2020-01	Effluent Mixing Structure (EMS) #2	Expired December 31, 2021
		FF-2019-01	Effluent Mixing Structure and Hydrology Gauge	Expired September 4, 2021
		FF-2017-03	TMA Cell #2	Expired December 31, 2018
		FF-2017-02	Sediment Ponds	Expired December 31, 2018
		FF-2017-01	West Creek Natural Channel Temporary Bypass	Expired.
		FF-2016-02	Culvert Crossing	
		FF-2016-02A	CPL15	Expired November 1, 2017
		FF-2015-08	Culvert C15	Expired November 1, 2017
		FF-2015-07	Pinewood River Intake / Outfall	Expired March 31, 2016
		FF-2015-05 FF-2015-05A	Mine Rock Pond	Expired December 31, 2017
		FF-2015-04 FF-2015-04A FF-2015-04B FF-2015-04C	TMA	Expired.
		FF-2015-03 FF-2015-03A FF-2015-03B	Clark Creek Diversion	Expired.
		FF-2015-02 FF-2015-02A FF-2015-02B	West Creek Diversion	Expired.
		FF-2015-01	West Creek Diversion	Expired.
		FF-2015-01	Temporary Culverts C2, C6, C8	Expired.
	Work Permit/ Letter of Authority	FF-2019-1916-AP001	Work in Water	Expired October 31 <sup>st</sup> 2021
	Public Lands Act	FF11-2015/2016	Pinewood River Bridge Crossing	Expired December 30, 2016
		FF6-2015/2016	East Access Road Construction	Expired May 30, 2016

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Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry			Amendment	
		FF2-2015/2016	East Access Road Construction	Expired May 30, 2016
	Endangered Species Act Permit	FF-C-001-14	Permit Under 17(2)(c)	<b>Active.</b>
	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.		Expired March 31, 2019
		Agreement with Boundary Waters Forest Management Corp		April 1,2020 to March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2021
	Forest Resource Licence	B12157		2019-2020
		554565		Expired March 31, 2021
		554564		Expired March 31, 2021
	Harvest Approval/ Authority to Haul	219400		2019-2020
		219198, 218658, 219196		2018-2019
	Land Use Permit	FF2020-3854-LUP-003	Dock	
		1134-1003167	Transmission Line	
		1134-1003203	Four Safety Platforms	Expires July 31, 2022
		1104376	Authorization to Trap and Transfer Black Bears	<b>Active:</b> Expires: March 31, 2024
		1103999	Wildlife Scientific Collectors Authorization	Expired December 31, 2023
1101012		Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes	Expired December 31, 2023	
1098093		License to collect fish	Expired December 31, 2021	
1096303		License to collect fish- Fish recovery during repairs	Expired December 31, 2020	

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	Fish & Wildlife Collection Approvals	1095517	License to collect fish EMS2 Diffuser	Expired December 31, 2020
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		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	Expired March 31, 2020
		1095848	Authorization to Trap and Transfer Black Bears 2020	Expired March 31, 2021
		1098087	Authorization to Trap and Transfer Black Bears 2021	Expired March 31, 2022
		1094158	Wildlife Scientific Collectors Authorization - Turtle and Snake Relocation 2019	Expired December 31, 2019
		1095545	Wildlife Scientific Collectors Authorization - Turtle and Snake Relocation 2020	Expired December 31, 2020
		1098239	Wildlife Scientific Collectors Authorization - Turtle and Snake Relocation 2020	Expired December 31, 2021
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency	Federal Decision Statement issued under Section 54 of Canadian	Provincial EA	90+ Federal EA Commitments	

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Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks	Environmental Assessment Act, 2012			
	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	
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
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Land Use Authorization	15-HCAA-00039		Renewal
	Letter of Advice	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	
	Nuclear Radiation Licence	15954-1-29.0	Nuclear Radiation Device Licence	<b>Active:</b> Expires May 31, 2029
		15954-1-24.0	Nuclear Radiation Device Licence	Expired May 31, 2024.
15954-1-19.0		Nuclear Radiation Device Licence	Expired May 31, 2019.	

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Agency	Type	Number	Description	Comments
Ontario Energy Board	Electricity Wholesaler Licence	EW-2014-0371		Expired February 11, 2020
Municipality	Occupancy Permit	N16-08	Admin Building – Process Plant Site	<b>Active.</b>

## SECTION 3

### NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE



Figure 17. Great Grey Owl (*Strix nebulosa*), Late Fall 2024

# Condition 6 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.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

In 2024, there were no site access inquiries relating to hunting.

## 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.*

Timing: Construction and Operations.

Status: Ongoing

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 2024, limited mechanical vegetation management occurred along the transmission line.

## Condition 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:*

### Condition 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;*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

During 2021, native seeds and plant species were utilized in re-vegetation efforts at the Rainy River Mine (RRM) site. The final planting of designated Vegetation Plots was completed in Fall 2020, with species selection informed by community consultations, regulatory requirements, and site-specific conditions. These plots serve as test areas for evaluating various plant and tree species under different surface treatment conditions.

Since 2018, Traditional Knowledge sessions with Elders and First Nation community members have guided the identification of traditional plant species suitable for both ongoing reclamation and eventual site closure. In 2024, vegetation monitoring continued to provide critical data for closure planning activities. Further details can be found in the Vegetation Trial Summary (Appendix E).

### **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.*

Timing: Construction and Operations.

Status: Ongoing

During construction activities, organic-rich material was systematically separated and stockpiled in designated areas for use in re-vegetation and reclamation efforts. In 2020, this material was salvaged during the development of the East Mine Rock Stockpile, West Mine Rock Stockpile, and the Tailings Management Area (TMA). In 2024, additional organic-rich material was reclaimed from clay borrow development within the TMA and stored in the northern TMA stockpiles.

### **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.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

In the early stages of the Rainy River Mine, the largest construction undertaking that has seen the most reclamation is the creation of four 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, Stockpile, Clark Creek and Teeple Diversions commenced in 2015 with commissioning beginning in late 2016 and mid-2017. As part of the Fisheries and Oceans Canada approval process for these structures, New Gold is required to complete an annual monitoring report of the fisheries, fish habitat and compensation of these structures. In 2022, all structures monitoring met the success criteria except for Stockpile Pond Diversion Channel which underwent monitoring in 2023 and 2024. See 2024 Aquatic Compensation Monitoring in Appendix N for more information.

Planting of the Vegetation Trial was completed in 2020 and underwent monitoring of vegetation establishment success in 2024. This information and additional annual monitoring will help inform further reclamation effort.

### **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.*

Timing: Closure

Status: This condition is not applicable in 2024.

This condition is not relevant to the current 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.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status Update: Ongoing

Through negotiated agreements and in the Rainy River Project Indigenous Consultation Plan, New

Gold has engaged Indigenous groups on accessing New Gold property. Any available updates on habitat restoration and the success of revegetation efforts are provided at Environmental Monitoring Board meetings or site tours. There were site tours held in 2024 as follows:

August 13, 2024: Naotkamegwanning

September 18, 2024: Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation

October 29, 2024: Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Seine River First Nation

## **Condition 7 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.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status Update: Ongoing

Culturally significant sites were avoided in 2024.

### **Condition 7.1.2**

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

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status Update: Ongoing

No culturally significant sites were identified in 2024.

**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.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status Update: Ongoing

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. Further revisions were made in June 2023 to update information, references to the Manager role and the addition of email contact info for the MTCS Archaeology section. The current version of the Indigenous Consultation Plan was issued to MECP in July 2023 and accepted in August 2023. No changes were made in 2024.

**Condition 7.1.4**

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

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status Update: Ongoing

No burial sites were discovered in 2024.

**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.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status Update: Ongoing

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 has been 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.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

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 2024.

**Condition 7.2**

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

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

No additional cultural sites were identified in 2024. Throughout the Environmental Assessment process, New Gold had engaged Aboriginal groups on previously identified cultural sites.

## ***Condition 8 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.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

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 2024.

- 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;
- 10 bird sweeps occurred in 2024 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 may include; deterrent cannons, netting over uninstalled pipes, culverts and openings.
- No tree clearing occurred during the breeding bird window (April 15th to August 15th).
- Monitoring of the success of the fish habitat compensation will be monitored over the next

several 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.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

The construction of DFO and MDMER compensation and offsetting habitat including the West Creek, Clark Creek, Stockpile Pond and Teeple Pond systems, began in 2015 and was completed in 2018. These structures were intended to provide habitat connectivity for fish and wildlife including SAR and other wildlife and 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 conditions, ponds were constructed in low areas and diversions were kept away from high activity mining areas. These considerations help promote use by wildlife including SAR and 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 habitat types that may have been lost due to mine development. In late 2024 construction began to create another 3.5 hectares of habitat similar to what is described above

**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.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

The construction of DFO and MDMER compensation and offsetting habitat including the West Creek, Clark Creek, Stockpile Pond and Teeple Pond systems, began in 2015 and was completed in 2018. These structures were intended to provide habitat connectivity for fish and wildlife including SAR and other wildlife and 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 conditions, ponds were constructed in low areas and diversions were kept away from high activity mining areas. These considerations help promote use by wildlife including SAR and 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 habitat types that may have been lost due to mine development.

**Condition 8.1.4**

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

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

The construction of fish habitat compensation to offset the impact of the Tailings Management Area (TMA) started in 2015 and was completed in 2018. 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 present 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.

**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.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

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. New habitat being constructed as late 2024 is also not in an area known to have any cultural significance

**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).*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

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

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

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 Eastern 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 mine's 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 stakeholder. The intent of these meetings was to learn what species FN communities would like New Gold to 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 sightings and EWPW monitoring was conducted and reported in 2024 to MECP and is attached as Appendix F Species at Risk Report.

**Condition 8.3 - Completed**

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

Timing: Construction

Status: Complete

Prior to project development, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) determined that 18 identified Eastern Whip-poor-will breeding territories could potentially be affected by the project's development and that 348 ha of Bobolink habitat could potentially be impacted by the project. Based on this information, 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 territories, to offset the loss of habitat.

**Condition 8.4**

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

Timing: Construction and Operations

Status: Ongoing

The RRM owns and monitors over 1800 ha of overall benefit land and are following the monitoring plan described in the Endangered Species Act permit.

**Condition 8.5.1**

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

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

By the spring of 2019 a 14 km wildlife exclusion fence had been erected that encompasses the footprint of the TMA, WDP and WMP. The Wildlife Exclusion Fence is monitored at a minimum once a month.

**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 (WDP), constructed wetland, overburden pile, west mine rock pile and sediment ponds 1 and 2.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

- **8.5.2.1 – Tailings Management Area**

By the spring of 2019 a 14 km long wildlife exclusion fence was erected that encompasses the footprint of the TMA, WDP and WMP. No Snapping turtles were observed within the TMA, WDP or WMP in 2024.

- **8.5.2.2 - Water Management Pond**

- By the spring of 2019 a 14 km long wildlife exclusion fence was erected that encompasses the footprint of the TMA, WDP and WMP. No Snapping turtles were observed within the TMA, WDP or WMP in 2024.

- **8.5.2.3 Water Discharge Pond**

- By the spring of 2019 a 14 km long wildlife exclusion fence was erected that encompasses the footprint of the TMA, WDP and WMP. No Snapping turtles were observed within the TMA, WDP or WMP in 2024.

- **8.5.2.4 Constructed Wetland: - Nathan**

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

- **8.5.2.5 Overburden Pile – Nathan**

Ditching is built with steep banks around the overburden stockpile to ensure turtles do not enter the overburden dump and pipelines are installed in/around these ditches that will direct them away from the area. No snapping turtles were observed in or around the overburden stockpile in 2024.

- **8.5.2.6 West Mine Rock Pile – Nathan**

In 2019 ditching around the area was complete. The ditching is built with steep banks to ensure turtles do not enter the stockpile area and pipelines are installed in/around these ditches that will direct them away from the area. No turtles were observed in the area in the 2024.

- **8.5.2.7 Sediment Ponds 1 & 2 – Nathan**

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 are discouraged from burrowing into them or climbing over them. No turtles were seen within these ponds during 2024.

## Condition 9 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.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

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.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure

Status: Ongoing

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:*

- *The measures that were taken to mitigate the effects of the occurrence.*
- *If an emergency response plan was implemented, details concerning its implementation.*
- *Changes made to avoid a subsequent occurrence of the accident or malfunction.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure, within 30 days of incident

Status: Ongoing

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#2290-CAVKGN condition 12(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 #2290-CAVKGN condition 12(4). A copy of the Site Wide Spill Reporting and Response Procedure (ENV-SOP-0001) and the Environmental Department Spill Reporting Procedure (ENV-SOP-0002) can be found in Appendix G.

## **Condition 10 Implementation Schedule**

### **Condition 10.1 – Completed February 3, 2015**

*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.*

Timing: 15 days prior to construction

Status: Complete

**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.*

Timing: Every two years starting March 31, 2016

Status: Ongoing

The implementation schedule is updated annually as an established integral part of the Annual Compliance Report submitted every March to the Agencies and Indigenous Communities.

**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.*

Timing: 30 days prior to implementation

Status: Ongoing

An updated Implementation Schedule has been provided for 2024 Annual Compliance Report and can be found within each of the 10 previous conditions status update.

## **Condition 11 Record Keeping**

**Condition 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:*

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.*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure.

Status: Ongoing

Records of monitoring are being kept by all applicable departments. These records are available to the Agency or anyone designated upon request.

#### **Condition 11.2**

*The proponent shall retain and make available upon demand to the Agency, or anyone designated pursuant to s. 89 of CEEA 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).*

Timing: Construction, Operations and Closure. Timing set by Condition 11.

Status: Ongoing

Records are maintained and made available by the applicable department.

## Revision history

March 2025

- 2024 Annual Compliance Report revised to fulfill MECP comments sent May 8, 2024.

March 2023:

- 2023 Annual Compliance Report revised to fulfill MECP comments sent September 8, 2023.

March 2022:

- Added a section in March 2021 in the Environmental Management System that challenges conditions or commitments.

March 2021:

- Implementation Schedule is incorporated into the Commitment Registry of Federal Commitments.

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**



Figure 18. The Pinewood River at H1 nearing the end of the 2024 discharge season, November 2024

## **Prov EA Condition 3 Public Record**

### **Condition 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.

### **Condition 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, 2024.

### **Condition 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.

### **Condition 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 2024 Annual Compliance Report is made available on the company 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.

**Condition 4.1 – Completed November 12, 2015**

*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.*

## **Prov EA Condition 5 Compliance Monitoring Program**

**Condition 5.1 – Completed February 9, 2015**

*The Proponent shall prepare and submit to the Director, for the public record, an Environmental Assessment Compliance Monitoring Program (CMP).*

**Condition 5.2 – Completed February 9, 2015**

*The CMP shall be submitted 30 days before the Start of Construction or such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.*

**Condition 5.3 – Completed February 9, 2015**

*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.*

**Condition 5.4 – Completed February 9, 2015**

*The CMP must contain an implementation schedule for construction, operations and closure, as well as monitoring during construction, operations and closure.*

**Condition 5.5 – Completed February 9, 2015**

*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.*

**Condition 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 2024 there were no requests for New Gold to amend the Compliance Monitoring Plan

**Condition 5.7**

*The Proponent shall carry out the CMP, as it may be amended by the Director.*

During 2024 there were no requests made for New Gold to amend the Compliance Monitoring Plan.

**Condition 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 2024.

## **Prov EA Condition 6 Compliance Reporting**

### **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 CMP required by Condition 5 of this Notice of Approval.*

This section forms part of the 2024 Annual Compliance Report and describes compliance with the conditions of the approval.

### **Condition 6.2 – Completed March 31, 2016**

*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.*

### **Condition 6.3 – Completed annually on March 31**

*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.*

### **Condition 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 Proponent is to provide its final Compliance Report, and state this in writing to the Proponent.*

The terms of this condition are understood and not applicable to the 2024 report.

### **Condition 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.

**Condition 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.

## **Prov EA Condition 7 Complaint Protocol**

**Condition 7.1 – Completed February 2, 2015**

*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.*

**Condition 7.2 – Completed February 2, 2015**

*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.*

**Condition 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 2024, there were no requests made to New Gold to amend the Complaint Protocol. The original protocol was submitted and accepted in 2015 (Rev 0 and Rev 1).

In 2018, the plan was submitted to MECP and accepted by MECP to update project background, change of Rainy River Project to Rainy River Mine, and update contact information (Rev 2).

In 2018, the plan was submitted to MECP and accepted by MECP to further update contact information and make revisions as per MECP comments of July 25, 2018 (Rev 3).

In July 2023, the plan was submitted to MECP to update contact information and Section 3.2 which was revised to update the process to reflect current practices. MECP accepted the current version (Rev 4) in August 2023.

#### **Condition 7.4**

*The Proponent shall carry out the Complaint Protocol, as it may be amended by the Director.*

Completed to date. There were 5 complaints in 2024; 3 were relating to dust, 1 was related to property damage and 1 was relating to a safety hazard.

## **Prov EA Condition 8 Community Communications Plan**

#### **Condition 8.1 – Completed February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Community Communications Plan that sets forth:*

- *How the Proponent plans to disseminate information to interested persons;*
- *How interested persons will be notified and kept informed about Site operations; and*
- *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.*

#### **Condition 8.2 – Completed February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*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.*

#### **Condition 8.3 – Completed to date**

*The Proponent shall implement the Community Communications Plan during construction, operations and closure of the Undertaking.*

In July 2023, the plan was submitted to MECP to update contact information and references to the Manager role. MECP accepted the current version (Rev 4) in August 2023.

## **Prov EA Condition 9 Consultation with Aboriginal Communities**

### **Condition 9.1 – Completed January 21<sup>st</sup>. 2015**

*The Proponent shall prepare and implement an Aboriginal Consultation Plan that sets forth:*

- *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;*
- *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;*
- *A Notification Protocol for how the Proponent will inform Aboriginal communities if archaeological resources or Aboriginal remains are encountered during construction;*
- *How the Proponent will issue notices and updates on key steps in the design and implementation of the Undertaking.*

### **Condition 9.2 – Completed February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*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.*

### **Condition 9.3 – Completed to date**

*The Proponent shall implement the Aboriginal Consultation Plan during construction, operations and closure of the Undertaking.*

In July 2023, the plan was submitted to MECP to update contact information, references to the Manager role and addition of email contact info for MTCS Archaeology section. MECP accepted the current version (Rev 5) in August 2023.

**Condition 9.4 – Completed to date**

*The Proponent shall continue to consult with the following Aboriginal communities: Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy River First Nation, Naotkamegwanning (Whitefish Bay) First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing (Big Island) First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, and the Sunset Country Métis community (represented by Métis Nation of Ontario Region 1 Consultation Committee), to inform them of when impacting activities will occur. Before impacting activities occur, the Proponent shall provide interested Aboriginal communities with reasonable opportunity to carry out specific cultural practices, as those communities consider appropriate.*

## **Prov EA Condition 10 Archaeological Assessment**

**Condition 10.1 – Completed February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

*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.*

**Condition 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 2024.

**Condition 10.3 - Completed**

*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 was completed in 2020. Final report preparation and submission to the MTCS in 2020. Consultation with local First Nations and Metis Nation of Ontario Region 1 occurred.

## **Prov EA Condition 11 Waste Disposal and Financial Assurance**

### **Condition 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 MINES as part of the Closure Plan Amendment.

## **Prov EA Condition 12 Surface Water Quality and Quantity**

### **Condition 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 the "Rainy River Gold Project: Effluent Criteria Discussion and Water Taking Thresholds" which appears in Appendix B of the Ministry Review of the EA.*

*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 Director, how the proponent's proposed water management process will satisfy the technical requirements and other surface water quality commitments stated in the EA.*

New Gold RRM has implemented a water sampling program that meets the requirements of the MECP Environmental Compliance Approvals and the Federal Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulation. During 2024, effluent was discharged directly to the Pinewood River from Effluent Discharge Location 1 (EDL1) located downstream of the McCallum Creek confluence, from EDL2 at the Loslo Creek confluence, and from Sediment Pond 2 just upstream of the Loslo Creek confluence. All discharged water met provincial and federal discharge criteria, with the exception of two events, at which point discharge was stopped until compliance with the criteria could be achieved.

The water balance model was under construction by SRK in 2023. Since January 2024, monthly updates were submitted to the MECP with the required monthly ECA report.

## **Condition 12.2**

*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 Appendix B of the Ministry Review of the EA. 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.*

New Gold met all requirements and commitments related to the establishment of a minimum water taking threshold from the Pinewood River, however PTTW 8776-9W2QN3 authorizing direct water taking from the Pinewood River expired on November 30, 2018. No direct water taking from the Pinewood River is permitted under Condition 3.3 subsection E of PTTW 8776-9W2QN3. There were no exceedances of maximum water taking limits by source for any of the three active PTTWs for 2024.

## **Prov EA Condition 13 Tailings Management and Related Climate Change Considerations**

### **Condition 13.1**

*The Proponent shall fulfill all requirements and commitments related to tailings management, including maintaining a sufficient water cover over deposited tailings and fulfilling monitoring requirements detailed in provincial regulatory documents, including the Closure Plan and any other permits and approvals associated with the Undertaking. In addition, the Proponent shall consider deterrent systems to ward off bird and animal life from accessing the TMA.*

The Closure Plan Amendment, submitted by the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development, and Mines on September 14, 2020, outlines commitments related to tailings management throughout operations, mine closure, and reclamation. These commitments include maintaining an adequate water cover over the tailings.

In Q4 2017, the processing plant began depositing tailings into Cell 1 (Starter Cell) of the Tailings Management Area (TMA). Tailings are sampled within the mill before being directed to the TMA. The TMA is actively monitored for bird activity by Mill Operations, Site Services, and the Environment Departments. To mitigate wildlife interactions, New Gold employs onsite deterrents, including bangers and handheld noise-making devices. Additionally, permanent fencing with a reptile barrier, installed in 2019, has been maintained through 2024.

### **Condition 13.2**

*The Proponent shall assess and utilize provincial, national and international industry best practices for tailings management and water management containment facilities as they relate to climate change and the increasing frequency of severe weather abnormalities. The management of tailings, based on*

*this assessment, shall be done in a manner adequate to ensure the appropriate management of any contaminants that may be present during and beyond the operating life of the Undertaking. The Proponent shall, as part of the Compliance Reports required under Condition 6, or otherwise specified in writing by the Director, provide details to the Ministry on how actions required by this condition have been considered in the project design, operations and the Closure Plan.*

Section 5.6.1 of the Rainy River Mine Comprehensive Closure Plan Amendment (December 2019) details the geotechnical design criteria for the Tailings Management Area (TMA) dams. The section specifies that:

- The TMA dams are engineered to withstand the most extreme flood and seismic events, including the probable maximum flood and the maximum credible earthquake, in compliance with the Ontario Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act requirements.
- The design is supported by geotechnical investigations of sub-surface conditions, conducted by Klohn Crippen Berger in 2010 and by AMEC in 2011 and 2014.

Emergency spillways will be incorporated at each stage of TMA dam construction and for the Water Management Pond (WMP) to safely manage the probable maximum flood. Additionally, sufficient freeboard will be maintained in both the TMA and WMP to contain the environmental design flood associated with a 100-year, 24-hour storm event. To mitigate erosion, all spillways will be reinforced with rock armoring to withstand the expected flow rates.

## **Prov EA Condition 14 Protection of Biodiversity and the Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring Plan**

### **Condition 14.1**

*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. 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.*

Version 5 of the Terrestrial Systems Monitoring Plan was submitted to the MNRF on February 3, 2016 and accepted by the MNRF in May 2016.

New Gold is currently completing monitoring as part of the Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring Plan.

During 2024 the following monitoring programs were implemented as per the relevant conditions; Species at Risk general monitoring, Eastern Whip-Poor-Will near and on-site monitoring, migratory bird monitoring, wildlife observation monitoring, fish habitat assessments in built compensation facilities, small body fish tissue monitoring in the Pinewood River, Barn Swallow monitoring, bat monitoring and deer tissue monitoring. The Biodiversity Monitoring Plan for the Pinewood River was implemented as per ECA No. 7004-BC7KQ5. These monitoring programs are built from the baseline data collected during the EA process.

**Condition 14.2 – Completed May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

*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. The Proponent shall report on biodiversity baseline and results required in Condition 14.1 through the Terrestrial Systems and Habitat Monitoring Plan.*

RRM continues to follow 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.

## **Prov EA Condition 15 Vegetation Clearing Plan**

### **Condition 15.1 – Completed February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

*Conditions Specific to Vegetation Clearing Activities Occurring Before May 1, 2015:*

- 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.*
- 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.*
- 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.*

### **Condition 15.2 A – Completed February 21, 2015**

*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).

**Condition 15.2 B – Completed February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

*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.*

**Condition 15.3 A – Completed February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – Completed February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*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.*

**Condition 15.3 B – Completed February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – Completed May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

*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*

**Condition 15.4 A – Completed February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*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.*

No complaints were received related to Vegetation Clearing Activities that occurred prior to completion on February 12, 2015.

**Condition 15.5 A – Completed February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – Completed February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (V2);  
February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (V3)**

*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).*

**Condition 15.6 A – Completed February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*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).*

**Condition 15.6 B – Completed February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*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.*

**Condition 15.6 C – Completed February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*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.*

**Condition 15.7A**

*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.*

The proponent ensures that all land clearing activities are confined within the project footprint and occur only in areas where development is necessary. When required, licenses are obtained from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR). To minimize environmental impact, grubbing is only conducted when essential, and buffer zones are implemented around sensitive areas.

Reclamation efforts have been ongoing to restore disturbed areas:

- Tait Quarry Rehabilitation: Reclamation earthworks commenced in 2017, followed by seeding and planting in 2018. The quarry, which operated from 2015 to 2017 for material extraction

during the Highway 600 realignment, underwent extensive tree clearing, blasting, and rock extraction. In consultation with the MNR during the Environmental Assessment process, the site was reclaimed to support suitable Whip-poor-will habitat.

- **Vegetation Plot Trials:** In 2020, vegetation plots were established to simulate stockpile closure on a smaller scale. These plots included multiple tree and shrub species planted under different soil cover conditions to evaluate revegetation strategies.
- **Recent Reclamation:** In 2024, 2.5 hectares of the East Mine Rock Stockpile were successfully reclaimed.

These efforts align with commitments to rehabilitate wildlife habitat and terrestrial systems while mitigating the environmental impact of vegetation clearing activities.

**Condition 15.8 – Completed February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

*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.*

**Condition 15.9 – Completed February 21, 2015**

*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.*

**Condition 15.10 – Completed to date**

*The Proponent shall carry out the Vegetation Clearing Plan, as it may be amended by the Director.*

Clearing was carried out per the Vegetation Clearing Plan.

**Condition 15.11 – Completed February 21, 2015**

*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.*

**Condition 15.12 – Completed February 12<sup>th</sup> and February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*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.*

**Prov EA Condition 16 Climate Change**

**Condition 16.1**

*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:*

- A. *16.1 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.*

To ensure the Rainy River Mine remains resilient to climate change, construction practices, operational procedures, and site design are continuously assessed and adapted to respond to extreme weather events, including storms, flooding (considering the 500-year flood level), and drought. In 2022, the mine experienced a 1:100 wet-year event, which tested the site's water balance model and infrastructure. A review identified that the existing model did not accurately forecast the resulting increase in site water inventory. In response, a gap analysis was conducted, leading to a full rebuild of the water balance model in 2023, incorporating updated site infrastructure changes made in 2022. The water balance model is now calibrated using 2023 site data and updated monthly to reflect significant weather events, ensuring real-time adaptation to changing conditions.

All site infrastructure has been designed and built to withstand extreme weather events linked to climate change. Key upgrades completed in 2023 include enhancements to the Loslo and Marr freshwater diversions, both of which have been constructed to accommodate a 1:100 wet-year event, as well as the expansion of the Open Pit freshwater diversion ditch to manage increased

water volumes. Additionally, the updated water balance model is actively used to inform annual and Life of Mine (LOM) Tailings Management Dam Raises, ensuring proactive adaptation to climate variability. These measures reinforce the mine's ability to manage climate-related risks throughout its construction, operation, and closure phases.

*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).

*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 submitted an ECA amendment to include a review on climate change and the site water balance. The new permit was issued in February 2020.

Additionally, monthly reports per the ECA include a site water balance memo with monthly updates. These updates include how the catchments will react to significant weather events and allow the site to make operational decisions to manage these identified risks.

*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 MNM.*

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 and Canadian Dam Association requirements.

In 2019 and 2020, diversion ditches for the Marr and Loslo Creek was constructed. Fresh non-contact water from these diversions is now diverted to the West Creek Diversion Channel. Both diversion ditches were hydroseeded in the fall of 2020.

In 2023, the above diversions were upgraded in to accommodate a 1:100 wet-year as well as an Open Pit freshwater diversion was also completed to accommodate the same wet-year.

## **Prov EA Condition 17 Other Permits and Approvals**

### **Condition 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 2024 is included in Table 2: Summary of the environmental approvals related to the Rainy River Mine.

## **Prov EA Condition 18 Construction Operation and Maintenance Contracts**

### **Condition 18.1**

*In carrying out the Undertaking, the Proponent shall require that its contractors, subcontractors and employees:*

**18.1A** *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.*

All employees and contractors go through a standard site orientation, which includes Environmental, Community, Health and Safety (and other pertinent site aspects).

- 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.
- Financial / other materials may include specific clauses with contracts on standards, requirements etc., depending on the nature of the contract.
- Environmental Conditions set out in Permits also include reference to specific contract drawings that are to be adhered to by the construction contractors.
- NG RRM Environmental Department monitors Contractors to ensure construction works and mining operations are carried out in accordance with Environmental Commitments.
- Side wide bulletins are issued via email, radio communication and posting in work places. When required the bulletins discuss Environmental Commitments and approvals.

#### **18.1B**

*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 of 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 conditions and approvals in construction execution plans.

#### **18.1C**

*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 2024, New Gold also retained environmental consulting expertise in areas related to fisheries, wildlife and species at risk, air quality monitoring, mine reclamation, hydrometric work 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.

**Condition 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 2024, 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.

Table 4 Modifications and changes that are consistent with the approved EA

Transmittal Sent to Government Agencies	Subject
2024-12-31 02:54 PM	New Gold Rainy River - ECA Monthly Performance Report - November 2024
2024-12-23 09:00 AM	New Gold Rainy River Mine Discharge Stopped via Water Discharge Pipeline and Sediment Pond 2
2024-12-18 09:06 AM	Rainy River Closure Plan Amendment
2024-12-17 04:09 PM	Lolso Pond - Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act MNRF

Transmittal Sent to Government Agencies	Subject
2024-12-17 01:53 PM	EDL1 and 2 Additional Diffusers - Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act MNRF
2024-12-03 12:31 PM	Amended Notice of Material Change - 2025 TMA Stage 7 Dam Raise Permit Application
2024-12-03 09:26 AM	FW: New Gold Rainy River - Upstream Tailings Buttressing Alternative to TMA Stage 4 Raise Design
2024-11-29 08:23 AM	2024 TMA Stage 6 Raise – Letter of Conformance
2024-11-28 03:50 PM	New Gold Rainy River - ECA Monthly Performance Report - October 2024
2024-11-11 04:23 PM	Q3 Electronic Data Submission and Q3 2024.zip files
2024-11-11 04:20 PM	Air Quality Reports
2024-10-31 03:24 PM	Rainy River Mine 2024 Discharge Commencement Dates
2024-10-31 03:15 PM	New Gold Rainy River - ECA Monthly Performance Report - September 2024
2024-10-02 11:47 AM	Rainy River Mine 2024 Discharge Commencement Dates
2024-09-30 03:57 PM	New Gold Rainy River - ECA Monthly Performance Report - August 2024
2024-09-18 12:03 PM	NOTIFICATION OF EXCEEDANCE: DUSTFALL OF MONTHLY TOTAL BENCHMARK 1 VALUE (STANDARD) AT NORTH STATION AND SOUTH STATION
2024-08-29 03:04 PM	New Gold Rainy River - ECA Monthly Performance Report - July 2024

Transmittal Sent to Government Agencies	Subject
2024-08-28 05:59 PM	Request for Extension of Pilot Trial
2024-08-22 12:27 PM	Rainy River Mine Groundwater Flow Modeling Update
2024-08-15 12:02 PM	MDMER Section 31 Report
2024-08-08 04:12 PM	Q2 Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Report for 2024
2024-08-08 03:56 PM	Notice of Intention No. 308 - Request for Reduction and Review
2024-08-07 08:46 AM	NOTIFICATION OF EXCEEDANCE: DUSTFALL OF MONTHLY TOTAL BENCHMARK 1 VALUE (STANDARD) AT NORTH STATION AND SOUTH STATION
2024-07-31 04:40 PM	MDMER Section 31 Report - Southern Pit Ring Road Letter
2024-07-31 04:21 PM	New Gold Rainy River - ECA Monthly Performance Report - June 2024
2024-07-23 04:27 PM	NOTIFICATION OF EXCEEDANCES: IRON AND TOTAL SUSPENDED PARTICULATE OF 24-HOUR BENCHMARK 1 VALUE (STANDARD) AT NORTHWEST STATION
2024-07-22 10:17 AM	SAC #1-8HRIDF - South Dam Seepage Collection Sump 2 Spillway Activation Letter
2024-07-09 08:38 AM	SAR Reporting Form
2024-07-05 12:18 PM	Notification of NOWL Exceedance at WDP
2024-06-27 03:41 PM	Cease Discharge Notification Letter

Transmittal Sent to Government Agencies	Subject
2024-06-27 03:21 PM	New Gold Rainy River - ECA Monthly Performance Report - May 2024
2024-06-25 12:47 PM	Unionized Ammonia and Monthly Average Total Suspended Solids Exceedance SAC Reference #1-7G04HN
2024-06-18 06:14 PM	WMP Dam 2, TMA Spillway, Noth Dam 2+450 Alignment
2024-06-05 05:02 PM	New Gold Rainy River - ECA Monthly Performance Report - April 2024
2024-05-16 01:39 PM	Rainy River Mine April 2024 Species at Risk Report
2024-05-14 05:42 PM	Ambient Air Quality Reports
2024-05-14 02:57 PM	TMA North Dam Segment 2 Upstream Settlement Information Request
2024-05-03 02:16 PM	Notification of Exceedance
2024-05-02 05:03 PM	TMA North Dam Segment 2 Upstream Settlement Information Request
2024-05-02 03:40 PM	MECP Groundwater Review Document Request
2024-04-30 05:18 PM	New Gold Rainy River – Revised 2023 Groundwater Monitoring Report
2024-04-30 03:50 PM	New Gold Rainy River - ECA Monthly Performance Report - March 2024
2024-04-30 02:42 PM	Industrial Sewage Works Inspection - Biochemical Reactor#2, Outflow Basin and Booster Station Containment Update

Transmittal Sent to Government Agencies	Subject
2024-04-23 10:22 AM	TMA North Dam Segment 2 Upstream Settlement
2024-04-19 05:23 PM	2023 Black Bear Trap and Transport Log
2024-04-11 10:36 AM	R13-Rainy River Mine-NMC-TMA Stage 6 Dam Raise – CPA Information Request
2024-04-08 02:29 PM	FW: New Gold Rainy River - Notice of Material Change - 2023 TMA Stage 5 Permit Application
2024-04-08 02:28 PM	FW: New Gold Rainy River - 2022 TMA Stage 4 Letter of Conformance (LoC)
2024-04-08 02:28 PM	FW: New Gold Rainy River - 2023 TMA Stage 5 Letter of Conformance (LoC)
2024-04-05 06:00 PM	Rainy River Mine 2024 Discharge Commencement Dates
2024-04-04 12:14 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2023 Annual Compliance Report
2024-04-02 05:10 PM	New Gold Rainy River - EPS-Re-Registration - Changes to Facility Information
2024-03-28 06:53 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2023 Annual Compliance Report
2024-03-28 05:13 PM	New Gold Rainy River – 2023 Sewage Works Report
2024-03-28 05:02 PM	New Gold Rainy River Mine - 2023 Pinewood River Hydrometric Monitoring Report
2024-03-28 04:40 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2023 Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report, Acoustic Assessment Report

Transmittal Sent to Government Agencies	Subject
2024-03-28 04:22 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2023 Annual Compliance Declaration, Written Summary and Works Report
2024-03-28 01:09 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2023 Species at Risk Report
2024-03-28 12:56 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2023 TOR Mercury and Sulphate Pinewood Biological Monitoring Report
2024-03-28 12:53 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2023 TOR Mercury and Sulphate Pinewood Biological Monitoring Report
2024-03-28 12:17 PM	New Gold Rainy River - 2023 Annual Surface Water Report
2024-03-28 09:29 AM	New Gold Rainy River - ECA Monthly Performance Report - February 2024
2024-03-14 02:53 PM	Rainy River Mine 2024 Discharge Commencement Dates
2024-02-29 03:21 PM	New Gold Rainy River - ECA Monthly Performance Report - January 2024
2024-02-13 08:24 AM	Q4 Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Report
2024-02-07 12:45 PM	20231220 Air Quality Exceedance
2024-02-01 07:40 PM	New Gold Rainy River – 2024 TMA Stage 6 Raise Design Clarification Responses to MINES, and requested documentation (WBM Results & Stage 5 CRR).
2024-01-25 11:08 AM	New Gold Rainy River - Monthly Performance Report - December 2023
2024-01-24 02:08 PM	2023 Tonnage Reports

Transmittal Sent to Government Agencies	Subject
2024-01-22 09:40 AM	2023 Mandatory Report for the License to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes (#1101012)
2024-01-09 04:12 PM	Stockpile Pond Contingency Construction
2024-08-30 01:24 PM	MECP EWPW Data Submission

**Condition 20.1 – Completed January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*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.*

# SECTION 5

## NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE

### COMMITMENT REGISTRY



Figure 19. Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) growing within restoration vegetative trial plot, Summer 2024

## Condition 1 to 12 Air

### Condition 1

*The RRM (RRM) will monitor and mitigate air emissions, particularly dust, through implementation of current industry best management practices.*

The ambient air quality monitoring program continued in 2024 with monitoring of relevant air emission parameters stipulated in the Rainy River Project Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan in compliance with ECA 0412- A2LR4V condition 10.1 (a) Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan. Ambient air quality data continued to be collected at the three air quality monitoring stations located North (Gallinger Road), South (McMillan Road) and Northwest (Hwy 600) of the mine site by New Gold Environment staff. Dust emitted from RRM was also monitored at the fence line using two MetOne E-Sampler Dual Ambient Monitors.

Analytical data was provided by certified external laboratories. An independent consultant interpreted the data and prepared four quarterly reports found in Appendix C. Before submission, quarterly reports were reviewed by New Gold Environment staff.

During 2024, there were nine air quality exceedances reported at the air stations. At the North Station, there were two dustfall exceedances. At the South Station, there were two dustfall exceedances, and an iron exceedance. At the Northwest Station, there was a Total Suspended Particulate exceedance, two iron exceedances, and a PM<sub>2.5</sub> exceedance.

Best management practices to mitigate dust was primarily water application. Water trucks are maintained on site to wet haul roads and light vehicle roads during non-freezing conditions. Water is applied to unpaved roads, prior to or following dust generating activities, and to primary and auxiliary crushers.

Calcium Chloride is also applied to the roads as a chemical dust suppressant when there is significant evaporation. Calcium Chloride was applied to roads on 7 days in 2024. Site traffic adheres to speed limits no higher than 60 Km/h. Roads are also regraded and maintained as necessary to reduce traffic on fine particulate matter. Site access for commercial traffic was limited to the East Access Road via Korpi to limit dust generated from traffic on gravel side roads.

Production drills are equipped with dust curtains and water dispersion bars. Blasting is completed below grade.

Primary and auxiliary aggregate crushers used chemical dust suppressant, and water dispersed by spray bars during non-freezing conditions. To decrease drop height, the stockpile height at the primary crusher is maintained at 80% or higher when possible. Dust curtains were also installed in 2022. Dust at the feed system is controlled at the source by baghouse dust collection systems.

### **Condition 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.*

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 December 14, 2016.

An updated 2021 Fugitive Dust Best Management Practices Plan for RRM operations phase was prepared and submitted to the MECP following a dusting event in February of 2021.

This plan supersedes the 2020 updates and includes a section on the total suspended particulates (TSP) emitted from the Primary Ore Stockpile. The addition includes measures and limits to control the dust created by RRM that poses a threat to the environment and surrounding communities.

RRM activities continued to follow the 2016 plan for construction while using updated data collection forms from the 2018 plan updates. Electronic records for dust suppression methods were collected and stored during 2024.

### **Condition 3**

*Sound will be monitored during construction, operations and active closure phases consistent with Ministry of the Environment (MOE) requirements.*

An Acoustic Assessment Report was prepared in a manner that satisfies the requirements of the MECP Publication NPC-300 and is included in Appendix C

### **Condition 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 NO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>. NG commits to conducting this monitoring which is also expected to be an approval requirement.*

During 2024, ambient air quality monitoring continued at three ambient air quality stations located along the North, South and Northwest boundaries of the mine site. The 2024 ambient air quality monitoring program strictly follows the Ambient Air Monitoring Program Plan approved by MECP in 2016. Ambient air quality parameters measured included total suspended particulate (TSP), metals and metalloids, particulate matter less than 2.5 microns (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), monthly total dustfall, passive nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). The MECP completed two semi-annual particulate audits in June and October of 2024, where all audited instruments met requirements.

Quarterly reporting of data was compared to provincial standards during 2024 as per ECA requirements.

### **Condition 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.*

Updated Water Use Plan for dust was submitted to MOEC Dec 14, 2016. Updates of the Fugitive Dust Best Management Practices Plan (FDBMPP) were sent to MECP in December 2018, April 2019, July 2020 and March 2021, in order to address gaps in RRM's effort to mitigate fugitive dust.

### **Condition 6 – Completed September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

*A transboundary notification under the Canada - U.S. Air Quality Agreement will be filed prior to operation.*

### **Condition 7**

*Planning measures aimed at reducing fuel and power consumption for the RRM site include the following:*

2024 Results:

- Mill Vent Heating Setpoint Temps: 1,392 GJ Propane (85 t/C02e Scope 1 Reductions)
- Biodiesel Supply: 1,776 t/C02e (Scope 1 Reductions)
- Tracked Fuel Reductions in Haul Fleet Optimizations: +2 Mill L Diesel (81,394 GJ and 5,839 t/C02e Scope 1 Emission Reductions)

- 1,701 GJ LED Lighting and Controls (24 t/C02e Scope 2 Emissions)
- Heat Recovery from Compressed Air to Lime Process displacing 1,146 GJ new planned Propane (70 t/C02e Scope 2 Emissions)
- Summer Peak ICI Management and Demand Response Actions: 9.9 Mill forecast dollars (434 t/C02e Scope 2 Emissions)
- 2025 Estimates:
  - Repeat or improve on the historical Project Results (Scope 1, Scope 2)
  - Expand on Scope 3 quantifications.
  - Initial UG Main Vent Developments HVAC (CNG Supply alternative = 1,000 t/C02e Scope 1)
  - Additional identified Compressed Air retrofit opportunities = 2,000 GJ (Scope 2 reductions)
  - Additional Identified LED Lighting and Controls = 2,000 GJ (Scope 2 reductions)
  - Additional Mill Heat Setbacks, Recovery Opportunities and HVAC upgrades (10,000 GJ Heating volumes and 700 t/C02e Scope 1 reductions)

**2023 Results:**

- Mill Vent Heating Setpoint Temps: +376 KL Propane (581 t/C02e Scope 1 Emission Reductions)
- +14 Mill L B7 Biodiesel Supply: 1160 t/C02e (Scope 1 Emission Reductions)
- Tracked Fuel Reductions in Haul Fleet Optimizations: +2 Mill L Diesel (5,918 t/C02e Scope 1 Emission Reductions)
- +392 MWh/yr LED Lighting and Controls (15.4 t/C02e Scope 2 Emissions)
- +240 MWh/yr Compressed Air (10 t/C02e Scope 2 Emissions)
- 2024 Estimates:
  - Repeat or improve on the 2023 Project Results (Scope 1, Scope 2)
  - Expand on Scope 3 quantifications.
  - Initial UG Developments HVAC Recommendations (CNG Supply alternative = +400 t/C02e reduction)
  - Additional identified Compressed Air retrofit opportunities = (+1800 MWh/yr avoidance)
  - Additional Identified LED Lighting and Controls = (+575 MWh/yr avoidance)
  - Additional Mill Heat Setback and Recovery Opportunities (+1400 KL/yr Propane avoidance)

2022 Results:

- Mill Ventilation Heating Setpoint Temps: +482 KL Propane (746 t/C02e Scope 1 Emissions)
- Tracked Haul Fleet optimization Aug-Dec: +995 KL Diesel (2,739 t/C02e Scope 1 Emissions)
- +362 MWh/yr LED Lighting and Controls (9.4 t/C02e Scope 2 Emissions)
- +240 MWh/yr Compressed Air (6.2 t/C02e Scope 2 Emissions)
  - Further UG Developments Recommended for Review
  - Additional identified Compressed Air retrofit opportunities = (+4650 MWh/yr in 2021)

2020-2021 Results:

- 4170 MWh Leach Circuit Energy Reductions
  - Project closed out and recommissioned to 2019 baseline consumption in 2021
- 266 MWh/yr project UG Compressed Air
- 354 MWh/yr project Admin LED Lighting and Controls

2021 Identified Opportunities:

- +4650 MWh/yr Compressed Air
- +410 MWh/yr LED Lighting and Controls
  - Further UG Developments Recommended for Review

**Condition 8**

*Monitoring of air quality will occur during construction, operations and active closure phases per Section 13.1.1 of the Final EA Report.*

Monitoring of air quality at the RRM site continued during 2024. New Gold Environmental staff continued to collect data from the two air quality sampling stations as per the Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan, and the additional recommended station.

Air Quality Monitoring Reports for each quarter of 2024 can be found in the supporting documentation Appendix C.

**Condition 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.*

Measures that were implemented during 2015 and continued into 2024 to reduce sound included:

- Specific trucks that allow exhaust to pass through the truck box rather than directly through the exhaust pipe (can muffle sound).
- Reducing size of blasts where appropriate and scheduling those blast only at 1100 hours and 1500 hours.
- Tree buffers maintained where practical.
- Annually the acoustic model is updated.

#### **Condition 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.*

The type of equipment and equipment sound levels currently operating at New Gold are consistent with the equipment type and equipment sound levels presented in the Acoustic Assessment Reports (AAR) prepared for Environmental Assessment (EA), the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) and as part of the annual updates. An updated AAR was prepared for the 2024 operating year, and is included in the ESDM report in Appendix C.

#### **Condition 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 6 ¾-inch diameter hole drill patterns the design may have 4 holes (216 kg each) blasting in proximity (within 8 milliseconds of each other for non-electric detonators). For the 8 ½-inch diameter hole, the design may have 3 holes on average blasting (320 kg each) in proximity. Therefore, our maximum in-hole charge per delay can be estimated at 864-960 kg per delay.

### **Condition 12**

*NG will continue to work actively with local residents throughout the period of mine construction, operation and active closure to further manage and reduce any disturbances due to air and sound emissions to the extent possible, as well as for other effects.*

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 typically contact the Community Coordinator directly, who then ensures follow-up and closeout. It is typical for New Gold to host the neighbours for a site visit and lunch; the tour and lunch were held on September 11, 2024. In 2024, there were three complaints in March relating to dust, one complaint and one inquiry relating to unsafe driving and one complaint related to a dry well. The inquiries and complaints were amicably resolved. New Gold and site neighbours formed a committee to regularly discuss mine actions taken to decrease dust and improve air quality as well as provide a forum for mine updates and discussion of any other items.

## **Condition 13 to 22 Water Management**

### **Condition 13**

*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:*

- *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;*
- *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 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;*

- *Use of emulsion and/or emulsion blend explosives as a means of limiting ammonia residuals from the use of blasting agents at source; and*
- *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.*

During 2024 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.

Treated tailings are continuously pumped from the mill through the tailings pipeline into the TMA. Effluent is aged in the TMA before transfer to the Water Treatment Train, consisting of a water treatment plant, biochemical reactor #1, and three nitrification cells. Treated effluent is further aged in the Water Management Pond and is discharged directly to the environment through one of three final discharge points, providing it meets water quality objectives. Effluent is sent for further treatment if necessary to reach water quality objectives. Prior to closure, a Constructed Wetland will be developed for final effluent polishing.

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 found in Appendix A.

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 2024. The current drilling and blasting contractor on site, Dyno Nobel, continued to use a straight emulsion for all blasting in 2024. As per MDMER regulations, collection of site runoff and seepage was directed into on-site holding ponds. Effluent discharges to the environment from ECA compliant water retained in on-site holding ponds took place in the Spring, Summer, and Fall of 2024.

#### **Condition 14**

*Surface water runoff will be diverted from entering the pit or flowing through stockpiles by ditching or other means.*

During 2024, most surface water was diverted from the stockpiles and the open pit with permanent ditching and sumps. RRM built a permanent ditch that can divert a 100-year return period away from the Open Pit. West Mine Rock Stockpile has permanent ditching surrounding the periphery of the footprint relying on Sediment Pond 3 and Sumps 1 and 2 to collect the southern and eastern portion of ditching and Sediment Ponds 1 and 2 to collect the northern and western portion ditching. Water captured in Sediment Pond 3 and Sumps 1 and 2 is pumped to Sediment Ponds 1 or 2. If it meets water quality objectives, it is discharged to either West Creek Diversion via Sediment Pond 1 or the Pinewood River via Sediment Pond 2. East Mine Rock Stockpile also has permanent ditching around the periphery of the footprint. This ditching directs all water to the Mine Rock Pond.

#### **Condition 15**

*Open pit dewatering water will be contained and if necessary, treated before it is discharged to the environment.*

The Open Pit used an extended ditch along its northern edge to collect surface water before it entered the footprint as well as temporary sumps within the footprint itself to stage pumps and remove localized surface water runoff and groundwater seepage. This ditch was increased in 2023 to contain a 100-year return period. This water is directed to Sediment Pond 3 or pumped to the Mine Rock Pond or the Plant Site water management structures and used in ore processing. If it is not required, it can bypass the mill and go straight to the Tailings Management Area. It can either be used in the ore processing again or go through the Water Treatment Train and be discharged to the Pinewood River.

#### **Condition 16**

*In regard 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.*

The CPA was filed on September 15, 2020 by the ENDM and addresses this requirement.

**Condition 17 – Completed 2020**

*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.

**Condition 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.

**Condition 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.*

Perimeter ditches are in function for the stockpiles. Compliant water can be discharged, and a system of pump back is in place for sedimentation ponds 1, 2 and 3, should water not be compliant.

Passive treatment options will be considered at closure for Open Pit overflow with water quality objectives will not be met with the Water Treatment Plant planned to be in place and functional from 10 years post closure.

**Condition 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 MMER 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 2024. Permanent ditch design in EMRS has been designed by qualified engineers based on 100 year storm event criteria and has been fully constructed.

Permanent ditching for WMRS has been designed by qualified engineers based on 25 year storm event. The north, west and south sides were completed in 2020 with natural topography draining the north-east section to the open pit. In 2022, a full ditch was completed for the north-east section. The ditch was in full operation 2023.

#### **Condition 21– Completed 2018**

*The retention time for sediment ponds 1 and 2 has been increased to 12 days, subject to review and acceptance by the MOECC.*

#### **Condition 22– Completed December 2017**

*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.*

### **Condition 23 to 29 ARD**

#### **Condition 23**

*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.*

*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. 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 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*

Monitoring was ongoing during 2024, but no overburden was mined. Periodic sampling of till is ongoing during open pit stripping of till. Results have been in line with the initial interpretations. A Geochemical Monitoring Plan for the Construction and Operation Phases was issued in accordance with MECP ECA 5781-9VJQ2J and MECP ECA 5178- 9TUPD9 requirements and has been implemented at the RRM site. In 2022, till sampling was done through drill cutting in pioneering drill patterns. Even when results came back as NAG, all till material is still treated like PAG material due to the unpredictability of the sulfur distribution in the unconsolidated material.

#### **Condition 24**

*Geochemistry monitoring:*

- *Runoff and seepage related to tailings and stockpiles will be monitored as per surface and groundwater monitoring.*
- *Blast hole sampling from open pit operations for mine rock segregation will be carried out throughout the open pit operations phase.*
- *Tailings samples will be collected at regular intervals during the mine operations phase and*
- *Field trials will be carried out during all or a portion of the mine construction and operations phases as required to generate data to confirm modeling results.*

A Geochemical Monitoring Plan for the Construction and Operation Phases was issued in accordance with MECP ECA 5781-9VJQ2J and MECP ECA 5178- 9TUPD9 requirements and has been implemented at the RRM site. Regular sampling (approximately monthly between May and October) of seepage from the EMRS is being conducted, along with an annual walkaround of the EMRS in the spring to identify any changes to seepage in the area. Monitoring of PAG and NAG material through blast hole and RC sampling was ongoing during 2024, and data is reviewed quarterly to ensure PAG and NAG material is being segregated properly. Tailings samples are being regularly collected as of 2023 and are being analyzed for aqueous and solid phase geochemistry. A field capping trial was commissioned in 2017. Field barrels containing mine rock (established in 2021) and tailings (established in 2024) have been constructed to collect kinetic data under ambient climate conditions, and routine sampling of these barrels is ongoing.

#### **Condition 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 2024 has either been stockpiled in the East Mine Rock Stockpile, used in the pit (road construction, padding in the overburden, and overburden buttressing), placed in the North Lobe In-Pit Dump or stockpiled in the Tailings Management Area and used for upstream dam construction.

#### **Condition 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.*

In 2024, 2.5 ha of progressive reclamation occurred on the East Mine Rock Stockpile.

#### **Condition 27**

*Encapsulation of the east mine rock stockpile under a multi-layered cover is proposed with a long-term goal of controlling ARD.*

In 2017, a multi-layered cover system test plot was set up on the Northeast side of the plant to test the

proposed design through multiple years. In 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, this multi layered cover system was monitored to ensure complete encapsulation was successful and memo outlining the results in 2021 was prepared. See PAG Cover Trial Factual Data Report in Appendix B for more information. The east mine rock stockpile will be encapsulated by this same multi-layer cover system throughout operations and active closure phases.

### **Condition 28**

*As part of the geochemical characterization studies for the project, NG committed to an extended monitoring period of kinetic cells to demonstrate and continue to evaluate the robustness of the geochemical results.*

Kinetic cell monitoring continued in 2017 to support geochemical characterization studies. As of December 31, 2024, only one waste rock humidity cell kinetic test remains active, providing long-term data on water quality evolution from waste rock.

In 2021, New Gold reinstated its kinetic field bin trials in response to the Independent Technical Review Board (ITRB) recommendations. This program, designed to simulate acid rock drainage from waste rock, includes eight collection bins. Seepage from these bins is collected at least monthly during non-freezing months.

Additionally, in May 2024, two tailings field bins were recommissioned to enhance the understanding of tailings kinetic geochemistry under field conditions. These bins are sampled at the same frequency as the waste rock field bins. Data from these trials contribute to ongoing updates of geochemical models and source terms used in site-wide water and load balance models.

### **Condition 29**

*The run-of-mine stockpile is the temporary, working stockpile for the processing plant; the low grade ore stockpile is proposed to be depleted during the latter part of operations. As a contingency only, it is proposed that should an ore stockpile remain at closure, it will be managed similar to PAG in the East Mine Rock Stockpile with a multi-layer cover and seeded. Runoff and seepage will be directed to the open pit as part of the passive water management system.*

At closure, should an ore stockpile remain, as the Rainy River Mine Closure Plan stipulates that it will be considered part of the East Mine Rock Stockpile and reclaimed in the same manner.

## Condition 30 to 59 Water

### Condition 30

*Site runoff and seepage will be collected, managed and treated per the Provincial and MMER requirements.*

- Site runoff and seepage are collected, managed, and treated as per provincial and federal requirements.
- 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 WMP and TMA, respectively.
- West Mine Rock Stockpile - Ditches and drains direct seepage and dump runoff to Sediment Ponds #1, #2 and #3 for treatment by settling. Treated seepage and runoff in Sediment Ponds #1 and #2 that meets provincial and federal effluent limits is discharged to the environment.
- Open Pit - Sumps in catch benches, in-pit sumps and interception ditches collect runoff and seepage from the open pit and pumped to the Mine Rock Pond or South Pond which the Mill draws from for use in ore processing.
- East Mine Rock Stockpile - Ditches and drains direct seepage and dump runoff to the Mine Rock Pond for use in ore processing.
- Process Plant Site - Ditches direct seepage and site runoff to the South and North Ponds. South and North Ponds are drawn into the Mill for use in ore processing.

### Condition 31– Completed during design.

*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.*

### Condition 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, was established in the West Creek Diversion at the Haul Road 8 culvert downstream of Sediment Pond 1 discharge and where the Marr Diversion enters the West Creek Diversion.

**Condition 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 measures will be implemented.

**Condition 34– Completed 2017.**

*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.*

**Condition 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.

**Condition 36– Completed 2016**

*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 all still remain in 2022.

**Condition 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.*

Roughly 75% of the water takings for the Mill were sourced from the Tailings reclaim water structure, 25% from Mine Rock Pond and the remainder from South Pond. The Process Plant operated on 100% contact water throughout 2024.

**Condition 38– completed November 30<sup>th</sup> 2018**

*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.*

**Condition 39**

*Water recycle will be maximized, using approximately 100% water recycle for the processing plant water supply.*

Roughly 75% of the water takings for the Mill were sourced from the Tailings reclaim water structure, 25% from Mine Rock Pond and the remainder from South Pond. The Process Plant operated on 100% contact water throughout 2024.

**Condition 40**

*Local area lakes will not be used for process water supply for the RRM.*

Roughly 75% of the water takings for the Mill were sourced from the Tailings reclaim water structure, 25% from Mine Rock Pond and the remainder from South Pond. The Process Plant operated on 100% contact water throughout 2024. No local lakes or rivers were utilized to source any water.

**Condition 41**

*All process reagents and materials, and wastes, will be handled and stored responsibly, according to*

*supplier and safety guidance, regulatory requirements and industry best practices.*

During 2024 process reagents and materials were handled and stored according to supplier and safety guidance, Regulatory requirements and industry best practices. 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 RPRA (Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority) in 2024, formerly HWIN. Certified hazardous waste transportation companies were contracted to remove hazardous waste from designated areas. New Gold Staff inspect these designated areas to ensure appropriate storage methods were being implemented. Mill Operations stored reagents and chemicals used in ore processing either in dry storage facilities or within secondary containment areas.

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.

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.

#### **Condition 42**

*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.*

During 2019, an MECP guidance document on environmental protection measures at chemical and waste storage facilities was implemented sitewide. 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. In 2020, fully covered storage facilities were built for new and used lube and oil and was continued to be used in 2024.

In 2024, 12 incidents (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 2290-CAVKGN permit conditions. Event details are captured in a computer program called INX 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. Information related to the spills reported to MECP can be found in the Supporting Documentation for Appendix H.

### **Condition 43**

*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.*

Section 5.6.1 of the Rainy River Mine Comprehensive Closure Plan Amendment (December 2019) outlines the Geotechnical Design Criteria for the TMA dams and Water Management Pond dams (WMP). It indicates that;

- The dams are designed to meet the most severe flood and earthquake criteria, being the probable maximum flood and maximum credible earthquake, in accordance with the Ontario Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act requirements.
- The designs are supported by several geotechnical investigations of subsurface condition, the most recent of which was completed by BGC in 2021.
- Emergency spillways are provided for each stage of the TMA dams and WMP to safely pass the probable maximum flood
- Adequate freeboard is maintained in the TMA and WMP to contain the environmental design flood corresponding to a 100-year 30-day storm event and all spillways are protected against erosion
- New Gold has successfully obtained appropriate LRIA permit approvals for the construction of all onsite dams.

An Operational Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) manual was submitted to the MNRF as per conditions of the LRIA and accepted in August 2017. The OMS is updated at least annually, with the

most recent version provided in Appendix I.

**Condition 44**

*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.*

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. If discharge of this water is required, it will go through the Water Treatment Train process before discharging to the Pinewood River. Seepage collection systems will continue to be built along the downstream section of the TMA dam extensions. Ditches and sediment ponds have also been constructed around the East and West Mine Rock Stockpiles to capture any runoff or seepage. Runoff or seepage can be discharged from Sediment Ponds 1 and 2 located around the West Mine Rock Stockpile if required and applicable criteria are met while the ditching around East Mine Rock Stockpile directs flows to the Mine Rock Pond which is used in the ore process with an option to send directly to the TMA.

**Condition 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 each part of the Rainy River Mine Operation, Maintenance and Surveillance (OMS) Manual, where relevant. 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. A copy of the OMS can be found in the Supporting Documentation in Appendix I.

**Condition 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.*

On September 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 an amended Closure Plan was filed by ENDM. There is no change with regards to the treatment of the tailing's treatment at closure.

**Condition 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.*

On September 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 an amended Closure Plan was filed by ENDM. There is no change with regards to the treatment of the tailing's treatment at closure.

**Condition 48**

*The thickness and maintenance of water cover over the TMA will be clarified in the Closure Plan.*

On September 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 an amended Closure Plan was filed by ENDM. There is no change with regards to the treatment of the tailing's treatment at closure.

**Condition 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 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:*

- *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;*
- *Establishment of a water level monitoring station within the tailings pond, near to the spillway, with measurements to be taken at regular intervals.*

The first Closure Plan for the Rainy River Project was filed in 2015, followed by a Closure Plan Amendment submitted to the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines in October 2017, as the project transitioned from the construction phase into operations. An additional amendment was filed on September 15, 2020. Section 6.2.4 of the Closure Plan outlines the progressive reclamation strategy for the Tailings Management Area (TMA), which will be implemented later in the mine's life, as the TMA will remain active for tailings deposition throughout operations before being allowed to flood upon closure.

At the end of mine operations, a low permeability overburden cover will be placed approximately 150 meters in width along the upstream side of the dam, covering about two-thirds of the ultimate perimeter, with the remaining one-third to be reclaimed at closure. This overburden cover is designed to prevent direct contact between the water cover and the dams while also limiting oxygen diffusion into the uppermost portion of the tailings below. The overburden layer will be seeded with native vegetation and armored with Non-Acid Generating (NAG) rock for stability. The remaining tailings will be permanently submerged under approximately 2 meters of water to ensure long-term stability and environmental protection.

As the project advances through its operational phase, further research and planning will be conducted to refine the tailings management strategy for closure. Additional details and updates on this strategy will be included in future Closure Plan Amendments as necessary.

### **Condition 50**

*In the event that observed water levels within the TMA pond were to decline to a level where there was a risk of the deposited tailings solids becoming partially unsaturated for extended periods, the available contingencies to mitigate that condition would be the following:*

- *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);*

- *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*
- *Raising the dam crest, as well as the spillway invert to further increase the depth of the TMA water cover.*

*In development of the above contingencies, trigger levels would be developed for implementation of the contingencies. the following:*

- *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);*
- *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*
- *Raising the dam crest, as well as the spillway invert to further increase the depth of the TMA water cover.*

*In development of the above contingencies, trigger levels would be developed for implementation of the contingencies.*

In the fall of 2017, the Rainy River Project transitioned from a construction to operational state.

Currently this condition doesn't apply as the mine and Tailings Management Area (TMA) are not in a closure state. However, New Gold intends to have a 2m water cover over the tailings as discussed in the Mine Closure Plan.

### **Condition 51**

*Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to the Pinewood River aquatic system will include the following:*

- *Extensive contact water recycling for process plant needs to reduce overall water demands and to minimize final effluent discharge volumes to the Pinewood River;*

- *Use of SO<sub>2</sub>/Air treatment for cyanide destruction and heavy metal precipitation in the process plant followed by extended effluent aging in the TMA pond and in the water management pond to achieve the highest quality effluent reasonably achievable;*
- *Use of a constructed wetland system for final effluent polishing of a major portion of the discharge;*
- *Management of the site for ARD control during operations and following closure to prevent adverse water quality impacts to the Pinewood River;*
- *The DDFO (DFO) Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Guidelines will be followed as mitigation for potential fisheries effects associated with water intakes;*
- *Construction of the Pinewood River Highway 600 re-alignment crossing (bridge or culverts) in a manner that does not restrict fish passage;*
- *Maintaining current fish habitat productivity; and*
- *Implementation of an extensive monitoring plan for water quality and flow discharges, and receiving water aquatic life and habitat.*

RRM maximizes water recycling for ore processing and treats excess water for release to the environment to remain below the normal operating water level of all site dams in preparation for storm events and spring freshet. In 2024, 100% of the water use for the mill came from four sources: TMA, MRP and South Pond (pit) and North Pond (plant site runoff). The RRM site water balance informs the annual site discharge target.

In 2024, RRM discharged from 3 final discharge points a total of 4,220,859 m<sup>3</sup> to the Pinewood River. Prior to deposit in the TMA, process plant effluent and tailings pass through an in-plant slurry cyanide destruction (SO<sub>2</sub>/Air) treatment facility. Effluent is aged in the TMA before transfer to the Water Treatment Train for treatment. Treated effluent is further aged in the WMP and is either discharged directly to the environment or sent for further treatment, dependent on water quality. Prior to closure, a Constructed Wetland will be developed for final effluent polishing at closure.

The East and West Mine Rock Stockpiles have perimeter ditching to collect seepage and runoff to contain potential ARD. A seep monitoring program has started 2021 for all stockpiles, and insitu monitoring equipment is being installed to monitor ARD potential and development in the East Mine Rock Stockpile.

The DFO Freshwater Intake End of Pipe Guidelines were implemented at RRM in 2016 during the construction of the Pinewood River pumphouse. 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. RRM has an extensive aquatic resource monitoring program which includes the Pinewood Biological Monitoring Plan to monitor direct effects to fish in the Pinewood River. 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.

### **Condition 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. All final discharge points are sampled at the frequency required by MDMER and amended ECA 2290-CAVKGN during active discharge to assess compliance.

### **Condition 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 (EDL1, EDL2 and Sediment Pond 2) were active in 2024. All effluent met applicable Federal and Provincial guidelines for the protection of aquatic life, and ECA 2290-CAVKGN site-specific limits, with the exception of two events. Upon discovery of an exceedance, discharge was stopped and MECP was notified. Discharge was only resumed when water was deemed compliant with all applicable limits.

### **Condition 54**

*Minimize the number of final effluent compliance points as reasonable.*

In 2024, there were three active effluent compliance points under amended ECA 2290-CAVKGN, ECA 7004-BC7KQ5, ECA 3855-C4E3FF and MDMER.

- Sediment Pond 2 Final Discharge Point was active for 75 days with a total discharge of 739,163

m<sup>3</sup> to the Pinewood River.

- EDL1 (Water Discharge Pipeline) Final Discharge Point was active for 76 days with a total discharge of 2,140,195 m<sup>3</sup> to the Pinewood River.
- EDL2 Final Discharge Point was active for 61 days with a total discharge of 1,341,501 m<sup>3</sup> to the Pinewood River.

#### **Condition 55—Completed October 2018**

*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.*

#### **Condition 56—Completed October 9<sup>th</sup> 2015; Upgraded December 2019.**

*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.*

#### **Condition 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.*

Approval for eight temporary construction final effluent discharge locations per ECA 5781-9VJQ2J expired on May 8, 2018. Consistent with this commitment, there are four approved final effluent discharge locations per amended ECA 2290-CAVKGN. Efforts are made to ensure that continuous discharges are made within the constraints of the discharge criteria outlined in the ECA, while minimizing the number of times discharge is stopped and started.

#### **Condition 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 and will be used for passive water treatment in perpetuity throughout post closure phase. NG has constructed and is currently operating a water 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.

#### **Condition 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.*

Effluent mixing structures (EMS), were installed in the Pinewood River at EDL1 (EMS1) in December 2019 and at EDL2 (EMS2) at the Loslo Confluence in September 2020, along with installation of two duckbill diffusers and riverbed armouring. Improvements were completed at EMS1 in August 2020 as a result of inspections after spring 2020 discharge was completed, which were also applied to the construction of EMS2. During the spring of 2023 the internal hugger-style duckbill diffusers were replaced by flange-mount style duckbill diffusers of a similar size at both EDL1 and EDL2 to correct the problem of diffusers blowing off the pipe at the approved discharge rates.

## **Condition 60 to 65 Fish**

#### **Condition 60**

*Scheduling of RRM development activities will consider environmental aspects, such as fish spawning.*

Since 2015, Rainy River Mine activities and mitigation measures previously implemented to consider

environmental aspects such as fish spawning;

- No Construction activities occurred near fish bearing waterbodies.
- In 2024 no fish salvage occurred as no in-water work was required

### **Condition 61**

*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.*

To offset habitat loss New Gold has currently completed the following:

- 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.
- 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, West Creek and Stockpile systems in 2018 and proved to support fish passage. Stockpile Pond does not remain full year round and the Stockpile diversion does not have enough flow to allow fish passage for the majority of the year. With the reduction of Stockpile system NG lacks 3.5 hectares of fish habitat, this habitat is being re-created on-site along with modifications to Stockpile Pond to encourage more reliable fish passage downstream in 2025/26. West Creek system Clark Creek system and Teeple system met the intent of DFO success criterion in 2022. White Suckers were seen spawning as far up the West Creek pond and diversion systems as the lower end of the Stockpile Diversion. Northern Pike were observed in West Creek Diversion for the first time in 2022 and have moved up the system to Stockpile Diversion as of 2023.
- Reclamation of Tait Quarry was completed in summer 2018.
- The first bench of the EMRS and batch plant locations were reclaimed in 2021.

### **Condition 62**

*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.*

Buffer zones are maintained by reducing tree clearing, grubbing and equipment access. New Gold

regulates this by; providing construction contractors with maps of buffer zones, limiting the use of equipment around water courses, ensuring BMP are followed when sediment and erosion measures should be in place and confirming this during field inspections of work areas.

**Condition 63**

*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.*

Large body fish tissue sampling did not occur in 2024 as it is meant to occur concurrent with MDMER and EEM sampling programs. New Gold has not been made aware of increased fishing in the Pinewood River and this program will occur again in 2026.

**Condition 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 did not occur in 2024 as it is meant to occur concurrent with MDMER and EEM sampling programs. Statistical comparisons of the current sampling program (2023) to baseline did not indicate increased mercury concentrations within muscle tissue of Northern Pike or Walleye. This program will occur again in 2026.

**Condition 65**

*Specific erosion and sediment control measures and their locations will be provided in the permit application documents once detailed design is completed to avoid direct impacts to fish during the mine construction phase.*

During 2023, the Mine is no longer in the construction phase but in the operational phase. However,

erosion and sediment control measures were in limited use and no work occurred that could have affected fish bearing water ways. All work occurred within site catchment.

## Condition 66 to 75 Monitoring

### Condition 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.*

Tailings and water management dams are inspected monthly by qualified site personnel from the Dam Monitoring team for any visible signs of instability. Special inspections are also conducted during and after flood and/or seismic events exceeding the alert thresholds specified in the OMS Manual. The dams are additionally inspected by the Engineers of Record (SRK Consulting) as part of the annual Dam Safety Inspections to meet regulatory requirements and industry standards. The Dam Safety Inspection for 2024 was conducted in June, with the final report issued in December.

Daily inspections were carried out by Mill Operators as per MIL-CND-SOP-0009 (targeting 2 inspections per shift).

A Dam Safety Review (DSR) was conducted by SRK Consulting in 2021, while BGC was still the Engineer of Record. The objective of the DSR was to independently review and evaluate the design and performance of the dam structures at RRM in accordance with standards, guidelines, and good dam safety practices. The next DSR is scheduled for 2026.

### Condition 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 monthly as per permit conditions at sites upstream and downstream of the project footprint in 2024. Results were consistent with baseline studies and the Annual Surface

Water Report is included in Appendix L.

**Condition 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.*

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 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.

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.

**Condition 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.*

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.

In 2024, 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 as per the Closure Plan.

### **Condition 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 2024. A monthly performance report which includes site discharge and surface water quality results is submitted to the MECP area office each month.

### **Condition 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 2020. 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 had undergone reclamation in 2018.

### **Condition 72 – Completed November 2015 to April 2016**

*Related to the transmission line:*

- *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*
- *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*
- *No in-water work will be conducted and all poles will be placed above the high water mark*
- *Industry standard sediment interception and erosion control practices will be applied wherever appropriate / needed*
- *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*

- *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*
- *Fueling and maintenance of vehicles will not occur within 50 m of surface waterbodies.*

### **Condition 73**

*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).*

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 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.

### **Condition 74**

*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.*

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. 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.

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 Environmental Monitor in order to access the site and collect samples.

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. During 2024, both Environmental Monitors remain in their roles at RRM and continue to carry out the duties listed above.

#### **Condition 75 – Completed December 2020**

*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.*

*Completed*

During 2020, 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. This wick drain zone was completed in 2020 and non-acid generating material continued to be placed up the channel to the edge of the stockpile.

## Condition 76 to 81 Groundwater

### Condition 76

*Groundwater will be monitored throughout the construction, operational, and active closure phases. Following active closure, monitoring is expected to continue at reduced frequencies for at least a decade (or more), subject to ongoing data analysis and assessment.*

In 2024, the RRM network of groundwater monitoring wells was assessed and sampled three times at approximately 60-day intervals, provided they were not dry, following provincial environmental compliance approval conditions.

### Condition 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.*

In 2024, RRM groundwater monitoring wells were assessed for water levels and quality three times each, provided they were not dry. Data from 2023 was analyzed for trends to evaluate the impact of dewatering and other RRM activities. The 3-D Groundwater Model, originally developed in 2020 and updated in 2023 in accordance with ECA 3855-C4E3FF, indicates that the simulated dewatering zone of influence has expanded, potentially extending further west and southeast. However, the model also suggests that the zone does not reach as far east and south as previously projected.

The offsite groundwater well monitoring program began in 2017. Each year, neighboring property owners are contacted to confirm their participation in this voluntary program. Groundwater sampling of local wells was completed in 2024.

**Condition 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.*

In accordance with the New Gold RRM Offsite Groundwater Monitoring Plan established in 2017, sampling of neighboring property owner wells continued in 2024. This monitoring program will remain in place for the life of the mine. New Gold is committed to addressing any water quality or availability issues demonstrated to be caused by mining activities, and the Offsite Groundwater Monitoring Plan plays a key role in identifying potential impacts on local wells.

**Condition 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 2024.

**Condition 80**

*Several 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.*

The installation of additional groundwater monitoring wells, following baseline studies, began in 2015 and was completed in 2016 in compliance with Provincial Approval requirements.

No replacement wells were added to the existing monitoring system in 2024. Groundwater monitoring wells were sampled three times in 2024, provided they were not dry. Several wells are scheduled for restoration in 2025.

**Condition 81**

*Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential effects on groundwater include the following:*

- *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;*

- *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;*
- *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;*
- *Accelerating open pit inflow following mine closure, to the extent practicable, balancing the need for managing water quality*
- *and maintaining Pinewood River flows over the interim period until the pit can be completely flooded; and*
- *Implementing a monitoring plan for water levels, water quality and flow discharges, and receiving water aquatic life and habitat maintenance.*

RRM water management activities are consistent with this commitment:

- Water from mine dewatering activities is directed to the Mine Rock Pond and South Plant Site Pond for recycling or sent to the TMA to be treated to meet effluent quality regulations and released at licensed final discharge locations.
- The Mill operates a cyanide destruction unit through which all tailings pass before.
- Runoff from the Mine Rock Stockpiles is captured by perimeter ditching.
- Runoff from the PAG dump reports to the Mine Rock Pond and is used for processing in the Mill.
- As RRM is still operating, the requirements for optimizing pit inflow at mine closure are not applicable currently. Both Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring Plans were implemented in 2015 and continued through 2024.

## Condition 82 to 126 Wildlife and Community

### Condition 82

*Monitoring of key terrestrial systems and Species at Risk (SAR) will occur during the construction and operations phase, with post closure habitat development and utilization by wildlife to continue at reduced frequencies consistent with SAR Permit requirements.*

Monitoring of terrestrial systems and SAR during 2024 was compliant with environmental approvals and monitoring plan requirements. Eastern Whip-poor-will surveys were conducted on the mine site and its periphery as required. 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.

### Condition 83 – Completed December 11, 2014

*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.*

### Condition 84 – Completed Summer of 2014

*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.*

### Condition 85

*The principal mitigation measures that are proposed to limit short and long term adverse effects to local vegetation communities include:*

- *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.*

- *Annual monitoring of dust deposition on vegetation adjacent to mine roads; and*
- *Active revegetation and encouragement of natural revegetation / recolonization of disturbed areas as part of progressive reclamation during operation and active reclamation at mine closure.*

During 2024 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. Calcium chloride dust suppression was sprayed onto light vehicle and haul roads in 2024. In addition, speed limits on and around site were in place. Primary and auxiliary aggregate crushers used chemical and water suppressant dispersed by spray bars during non-freezing conditions. Commercial traffic was limited to site access along the east access on Korpi Road.

#### **Condition 86**

In regards to the transmission line:

- *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*
- *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*
- *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*
- *Access to the right of way (ROW) will be provided from existing infrastructure (some of which may need to be upgraded, as reasonable for personnel, material and equipment access), but no new permanent access roads are proposed. Generally, where access is poor, the ROW will be accessed along the ROW itself. Construction vehicles will not be allowed to travel through surface waters*

- *Mechanical means will be used for periodic vegetation height maintenance along the transmission line, instead of herbicides.*

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. Vegetation maintenance along the transmission line was done by mechanical means in 2024.

### **Condition 87 – Completed 2016**

*Scheduling of RRM development activities will consider environmental aspects. Clearing of forests having a density of at least 10 cavity trees per hectare with a diameter at breast height greater than 25 cm will be limited to outside of the bat roosting season (April 1 to November 15) unless cleared by a bat biologist that has surveyed the trees for bat activity. Timing of the transmission line construction will be planned to avoid the breeding bird and main tourist season, as possible.*

During baseline monitoring it was determined by qualified professionals that the forest type to be cleared did not qualify as bat habitat. Each year there is no tree clearing from May 1 to August 15 (breeding bird window). Clearing of the transmission line right of way was initiated in late November 2015 and completed by April 2016. Vegetation maintenance did occur in 2022 but outside of the breeding bird window and none of the vegetation would have qualified as bat habitat.

### **Condition 88**

*Wildlife awareness information will be included in regular safety and environmental inductions performed by the mine, along with SAR identification and sensitivities, permit conditions and cultural awareness. Wildlife sighting logs or information boards will be installed to notify workers of local bear, wolf or other large mammal or furbearer observations. Workers and contractors will be made aware of seasonal changes in local mammal behavior or presence in proximity to the mine. Food wastes generated on site will be managed in a manner that limits the attraction of wildlife, such as Black Bear.*

In 2015 New Gold RRM incorporated wildlife awareness, avoidance and SAR information to the site orientation that is still delivered to all employees and contractors. Also during 2015 a no tolerance policy was implemented related to feeding and harassing wildlife onsite. This policy remains in effect.

Regular site wide bulletins and during "tool box" talks employees are reminded about the importance of following this policy as well as reporting wildlife sightings. During 2024 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 where sightings have been reported. This information is helpful in answering a number of scientific questions related to wildlife adaptation.

**Condition 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 work areas, and in "tool box" meetings.

**Condition 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 2024 were disposed of in an area of the mine site with limited to no human interaction or buried.

**Condition 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 2024 the following monitoring was required from the Follow up Monitoring Plan. Monthly SAR and wildlife sightings still collected as well as a site mortality list. Breeding bird and EWPW surveys were done, fish tissue and habitat studies were undertaken as well as deer tissue monitoring.

In 2024, there were no requests for annual wildlife monitoring reports, however, the annual reporting for

2023 was provided as part of the 2023 Annual Compliance Report. Links to the document were sent to the following communities: Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, and Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation.

### **Condition 92 – Completed May 2016**

*A more detailed wildlife follow-up monitoring plan will be developed through consultation with the MNR and EC. As suggested by the reviewer, additional control sites around the periphery of the mine footprint can be developed and monitored following mine construction and periodically throughout mine operations. A draft plan will be issued to MNR and EC prior to commencement of construction. NG will provide opportunities to Aboriginal groups to participate in the development of the plan.*

In February 2016 a final version of the Wildlife Monitoring Program for the project was submitted to MNRF. New Gold RRM started to implement the program during 2016. Wildlife Monitoring Program Submissions to MNRF are as follows; Version 1; January 22, 2015, Version 2; April 20, 2015; Version 3; July 9, 2015, Version 4; July 30, 2015, Version 5; February 3, 2016 (final). The plan was accepted in May 2016.

### **Condition 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 MNRF each year which allows for the live trapping and relocation of reptiles that may be impacted by activities on site. Fencing remains up and is monitored at least once a month.

### **Condition 94 – Completed April 2016**

*In regards to the transmission line:*

- *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;*
- *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*
- *Should any nuisance wildlife be encountered which pose a risk to construction crews, the MNR will be contacted for direction.*

### **Condition 95**

*The primary mitigation strategies for limiting adverse effects to wildlife will include:*

- *Preventing hunting from occurring on all lands owned by NG (required for the safety of workers; this is currently ongoing during exploration as well);*
- *Maintenance to the extent practical of a 120 m buffer zone adjacent to rivers and creeks to protect watercourses and their associated vegetated margins;*
- *Restoration of disturbed habitats at closure, including the development of habitats capable of supporting a diversity of wildlife species, including ungulates, large predators, furbearers and bats;*
- *Enforcement of speed limits along proposed mine access roads to 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 mitigation measures will be implemented if necessary;*
- *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;*
- *Treatment of the tailing's slurry to levels equal to or less than 1mg/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);*
- *Fencing the TMA to prevent access;*

- *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. The margins of the tailings pond will develop as wetland habitat;*
- *Minimizing dust production along primary haulage routes by implementing dust suppression methods and thereby minimizing the RRM zone of influence; and*
- *Disposing of food wastes generated on site in a manner that limit the attraction of wildlife, such as Black Bear and wolves*

The following mitigation strategies applied during 2024:

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.

Wildlife crossing signs have been installed at six locations on the mine site 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 in wildlife mortality is kept and can be found in SAR report in Appendix F. Wildlife awareness training is provided to all contractors and employees during site orientation.

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. 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.

### **Condition 96**

*Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to amphibians will include the following:*

- *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,*
- *Restricting the clearing of terrestrial amphibian breeding habitats to periods outside the*

*amphibian breeding season as directed by the MNR,*

- *Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine,*
- *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 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;*
- *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).*

*Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to amphibians will include the following:*

- *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,*
- *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,*
- *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,*
- *Maintenance of generally abiotic conditions within the TMA to discourage wildlife presence, and- 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.*

During the planning stage of the project consideration into 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 2024 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.

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 2024 most effluent discharged to the environment achieved guidelines for protection of aquatic life or better. Two exceedances of water quality objectives were detected on 2024-05-01 and 2024-06-07. The exceedance in May was of copper (0.0104 mg/L over the limit) and free cyanide (0.008 mg/L over the limit), the exceedance in June was of unionized ammonia (0.106 mg/L over the limit) and total suspended solids (0.7 mg/L over the monthly average limit). No harmful effects were observed downstream of the discharge locations and acute toxicity tests were collected as part of normal discharge sampling in relation to these events. Toxicity testing indicated no mortality or stress in the testing organisms. Further information can be found in Appendix H Exceedance Letters Submitted to MECP. Generally abiotic conditions exist within the TMA.

A wildlife exclusion fence was installed and monitored around the TMA, WMP and WDP in 2019.

#### **Condition 97**

*Generally abiotic conditions will be created within the fenced TMA during operations to limit the interest of the pond to waterfowl.*

Water quality is considered to be abiotic based on weekly testing results and periodic acute toxicity sampling. To the extent possible, the TMA has been cleared of trees and the area is monitored daily for birds which are hazed with bangers when present.

#### **Condition 98**

*Scheduling of RRM development activities will consider environmental aspects, such as fish spawning and bird nesting seasons. Tree and woodland clearing will be restricted to periods outside of the breeding bird season (May 1 to August 15). Clearing or modification of known Trumpeter Swan*

*breeding habitat will be restricted to outside the breeding season (March 15).*

All scheduling of site activities during 2024 was in full consideration of environmental aspects and no known timing conflicts occurred.

#### **Condition 99**

*A monitoring plan will be developed for Common Nighthawk and Eastern Whip-poor-will, in partnership with the MNR, EC and interested First Nation Communities including the standardized information suggested well as a mortality trigger that will be decided upon during consultation with the MNR and EC, and in consideration of conditions under the Net Benefit Permit being developed by the MNR.*

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, MNRF and other stakeholders. MECP is now overseeing the ESA file for Ontario as of 2019-04-01.

#### **Condition 100- Completed September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

*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.*

#### **Condition 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 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,*

- *Minimizing the level of potentially disturbing activities near any known or subsequently discovered active raptor and raven nest sites until the nest is vacated,*
- *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,*
- *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.*
- *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.*
- *Environmental induction programs and ongoing environmental updates provided to workers will make them aware of Bald Eagle nesting activities prior to the commencement of new or irregular activities in proximity to an active eagle nest (within 500 m), and having them observe proper protocol in order to avoid disturbance during these activities;*
- *Restriction of tree and woodland clearing to periods outside of the breeding bird season which extends between May 1 and August 15;*
- *Protection of suitable breeding habitat as a result of the provision of compensatory habitat for species protected under the Endangered Species Act;*
- *Restoration of disturbed habitats at closure to habitats capable of supporting a diversity of wildlife species;*
- *Implementation of sound abatement strategies;*
- *Enforcement of speed limits along proposed mine access roads to reduce the potential adverse effects of increased vehicular traffic associated with the RRP. 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*

Since the start of construction in 2015 New Gold has been implementing a no tree cutting policy during the breeding bird window. The project has also installed speed limit signs on project roads and has implemented a radar system for speeding. In the summer of 2016 wildlife crossing signs were installed

at six locations on the project site to help reduce the potential for vehicle collisions with wildlife. Monitoring logs of reported wildlife collisions have been kept although there is room to improve on the reporting strategy as not all small animals (squirrels) are reported. By the end of 2017 there were two reported Bald Eagle's nests more than a kilometer from the infrastructure footprint of the mine but none within that footprint. No new nests were discovered in 2024.

Acoustic modeling is done annually in an effort to see what sound abatement may be necessary. No additional abatement has been deemed necessary. The rehabilitation plan for Tait Quarry involves creating suitable Whip-Poor-Will habitat. The site was fully rehabilitated by Summer 2018. During the baseline studies for the Rainy River Mine no known Trumpeter Swan breeding habitat was identified in areas where clearing was necessary. Trumpeter Swans were seen in 2021 to have raised 3 Cygnets in and around Sediment Pond 1. Sediment Pond 1 captures water from the overburden dump only and is of sufficient quality to be discharged directly to the environment.

In 2015 New Gold ramped up the waste management program by obtaining bins with lids and in some cases locking mechanisms. Lids on garbage disposal bins have been effective in deterring birds however there have been some bear encounters. The Environmental Department has been actively working with the MNRF Bear Technician in Fort Frances to find effective methods to reduce black bear encounters. During 2022 there was a marked decrease in instances of bears being attracted to waste compared to the previous year and this downward trend continues in 2024. In 2020 two problem bears were relocated which may have been a factor in the decrease. In 2024, five Environmental Department members remain certified to trap and transport black bears. Carcasses from wildlife killed on roads is removed and disposed of in approved locations within the project boundary where people do not frequent, or the carcasses are buried.

### **Condition 102- Completed April 2016**

*With regards to the transmission line:*

- *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,*
- *Tree clearing to take place outside of the breeding bird nesting season, defined as the period*

*from May 1 to July 31,*

- *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,*
- *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,*
- *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,*
- *Construction crews will be advised not to interfere with or harass wildlife. No hunting or fishing by construction crews will be allowed. Disciplinary actions will be taken should either occur, and*
- *Contractors will be required to handle food and food wastes in a responsible manner, and to educate workers to ensure no feeding of wildlife.*

### **Condition 103**

*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 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 Eastern 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.

### **Condition 104**

*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).*

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.

#### **Condition 105**

*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.*

A monitoring plan was developed in 2015 and implemented as required during 2024 in accordance with ESA FF-C-001-14. New Gold retains trained biologists to conduct monitoring as per permit conditions. A draft of the EWPW Management plan was submitted to the MNR in early 2019. As of 2019-04-01 the MECP is now the driving ministry for SAR and the ESA. After further discussion with MECP and assessment of data collected to date by qualified biologist, any physical alteration of EWPW OB land was not required during 2024. Monitoring will continue as per Species at Risk Report in Appendix F of the ESA permit; habitat management will be conducted once MECP have approved the HMP and as construction timelines and the breeding bird window allow.

#### **Condition 106**

*NG will implement a monitoring plan for Bobolink populations and nesting in proximity to the proposed mine site within compensatory habitat areas, and in appropriate control areas - developed through consultation with the MNR. Acquire and protect compensatory open country breeding bird habitat suitable for Bobolink breeding at a ratio of 1:1 for open-country habitat removed for RRM development.*

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.

**Condition 107**

*NG will identify Barn Swallow nesting colonies prior to mine construction. Establish zones where Barn Swallow colonization is desired, tolerated or not wanted. Create artificial nesting structures to encourage recolonization or new colonization by Barn Swallows in areas where farm structures are removed. Implement a monitoring plan for Barn Swallow populations in proximity to the proposed mine and transmission line sites and in appropriate control areas.*

Four artificial nesting structures were put in place in April 2015, prior to the 2015 breeding season. During 2024, no nesting attempts were made on any structure.

**Condition 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 isolated areas that are active for a short time, such as waste dumps on. Visual inspections are performed on a regular basis of work areas to ensure lighting fixtures are pointed downwards and away from tree lines.

**Condition 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 between 2015 and 2024, the MNRF have received eight annual monitoring reports. 2024 efforts were focused on EWPW near site and on-site surveys. Forest management in EWPW OB lands maybe done after approval from MECP

**Condition 110**

*Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to Eastern Whip-poor-will will include the following:*

- *Provision of compensatory whip poor-will habitat that protects known territories and other identified suitable habitat,*
- *Restricting the clearing of habitats to periods outside the breeding bird season which occurs from May 1 to August 15,*
- *Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine,*
- *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), Maintenance of forest buffers between RRM components and whip poor-will nesting and foraging habitat where practical,*
- *Management of dust through dust suppression activities (best,management practices),*
- *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.*

*Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to Eastern Whip-poor-will will include the following:*

- *Environmental induction of RRM personnel, including SAR, identification and sensitivities, and knowledge of Endangered Species Act permit conditions,*
- *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*
- *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.*

These measures have been implemented since 2015 and continued to date. New Gold RRM did fund a separate / independent research program as a requirement and in accordance with the ESA permit during 2014 and remains open to further research studies should the opportunity arise.

### **Condition 111**

*The primary mitigation strategies for limiting adverse effects to Bobolink will include:*

- *Restricting the development of open country habitats to periods outside the breeding bird season which occurs from May 1 to July 31,*
- *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,*
- *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,*
- *Environmental induction of RRM personnel, including SAR identification and sensitivities and knowledge of Endangered Species Act permit conditions,*
- *Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine,*
- *Restoration of disturbed habitats at mine closure or encouraging development of habitats capable of supporting Bobolink and other open country species, and*
- *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.*

Since the start of construction (2015) New Gold RRM has implemented the mitigation strategies listed in this commitment on site.

### **Condition 112**

*Mitigation measures that will be used to reduce potential adverse effects to Barn Swallows will include the following:*

- *Identification of Barn Swallow nesting colonies prior to mine construction,*
- *Restricting habitat displacement for mine infrastructure to periods outside the breeding bird season which occurs from May 1 to August 15,*
- *Creation of artificial nesting structures to encourage recolonization or new colonization by Barn Swallows in areas where farm structures are removed,*
- *Restoration of disturbed habitats at closure or encouraging development of habitats capable of*

- providing suitable Barn Swallow foraging habitat, Sound abatement strategies will be implemented to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding high traffic areas of the mine,*
- *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,*
  - *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*
  - *Implementation of a monitoring plan for Barn Swallow populations in proximity to the proposed mine and transmission line sites and in appropriate control areas.*

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 8 years. 2016 was the first year that nesting attempts occurred in any of the structures, 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. For 2024 no nesting attempts were made. As the mine operations continue 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.

### **Condition 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:*

- *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,*
- *Implementation of sound abatement strategies to dampen sound infiltrating habitats surrounding*

*high traffic areas of the mine,*

- *Where feasible, RRM lighting fixtures will be directed in such a fashion as to reduce excess production of light to the surrounding environment,*
- *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,*
- *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,*
- *Inclusion of wildlife awareness information into regular safety inductions performed by the mine.*
- *Workers will be made aware of seasonal changes in wildlife behavior or presence in proximity to the mine,*
- *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*
- *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.*

Since the start of construction New Gold RRM has been implementing a no tree clearing policy during the breeding bird season. RRM has also implemented sound abatement strategies through planning tree clearing in available areas of mine infrastructure, purchasing new equipment constructed with muffler systems and implementing preventative maintenance programs to ensure all equipment is operating adequately. In 2015 speed limit signs were posted on project roads and security was equipped with radar detection equipment. During the summer of 2016 wildlife crossing signs were installed at six locations to warn drivers of the possibility of wildlife encounters. Currently Black-billed Magpie are found throughout the mine site with no colonization in high vehicular activity or areas of concern. Currently there are no mitigation measures necessary. 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.

Progressive reclamation working towards closure is on-going, at the end of 2024 an approximate 129.4 ha of mine site is considered reclaimed.

**Condition 114 – Completed November to April 2016**

*Timing of the transmission line construction will be planned to avoid the breeding bird and main tourist season, as possible.*

**Condition 115**

*Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Land Use (TK/TLU) data has been widely collected for the RRM, including from the closest communities of BGRFN, Rainy River First Nations and Naicatchewenin First Nation. All TK/TLU sessions were community driven, meaning that the method of data collection was community specific. The majority of the data has been broad and overreaching, which NG will continue to respect as it serves as the basis for Aboriginal Persons unique relationship to the land. TK/TLU collection will continue; information collected will be appropriately considered for construction, operation and closure phases. For example, NG will further investigate the historical travel corridor and incorporate appropriately any new information that may become available. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).*

No additional TK/TLU was provided in 2024.

**Condition 116- Completed prior to January 15<sup>th</sup> 2015**

*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).*

**Condition 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).*

As part of negotiated Agreements, New Gold funds two full time positions of Environmental Monitors from two First Nations. The 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 Indigenous Communities via email and through communication at the Environmental Monitoring Board Meetings. New Gold developed Environmental Monitoring Boards with Indigenous agreement holders as a method of communicating on permit applications and onsite environmental activities.

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.

### **Condition 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. In 2020, 2021, and 2022, the COVID 19 pandemic prevented any further efforts. In 2024, as part of the regulated fisheries work, the site contractor responsible for this work partnered with a local Indigenous Community to complete the required work.

### **Condition 119 – Completed March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

*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).*

**Condition 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 provided information on planned administrative updates, application and status of the update at EMB meetings held in 2024 on February 27, June 11, and September 19.

**Condition 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, 2018, 2021 and 2024. 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.

**Condition 122- Completed October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

*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).*

**Condition 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 2024 related to the RRM that could affect the health of Aboriginal people. The Deer Tissue Monitoring Program was run in 2024 which is the fifth monitoring year of the program. The report was not complete at time of printing but was available upon request in 2025. New Gold would still welcome any submission of tissue for analysis and now holds a database with which to compare samples against.

**Condition 124 – Duplicate of Condition 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).*

Two Indigenous Community Coordinators have been employed by 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 ceremonies. Tobacco offering stations are available at the mine site. The roundhouse on site was used for the Spring and Fall ceremonies held on April 25 and October 17, 2024.

**Condition 125**

*As a best practice and acting as a responsible neighbor, NG will notify local stakeholders of project activities as appropriate.*

There were several tours/site visits in 2024 including public tours and site neighbours' tour. New Gold distributed two newsletters in 2024; newsletters are distributed throughout the Rainy River district via a mail drop; those outside of the mail drop area are emailed an electronic version. Blast notifications are provided for any blasts that occur outside of the usual blast times or there is a change in schedule or considered to be at a location that may impact neighbours. New Gold continues to meet or contact with the local township to discuss possible uses of waste created at the mine.

2024 Public Tours: July 19 and Aug 16. Neighbours Tour: Sept 21. 2024 Newsletters: July 10 and December 13. Township meetings/communications: February 7, April 23, May 9, July 23, September 13, September 18, October 4, November 21, and December 5.

**Condition 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 2024 two members of the New Gold Environmental Department completed the Problem Black Bear Management Course provided by MNRF. The total number of staff trained during 2025 was 5. New Gold again obtained an Authorization to Trap and Relocate Black Bears. No bears were required to be relocated in 2024. Regular discussions occur with the individual who holds the Bear Management Area in which the mine resides.

## **Condition 127 to 139 Community**

### **Condition 127- Completed January 2015**

*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.*

### **Condition 128- Completed September 2014; updated December 2019**

*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.*

### **Condition 129**

*NG is open to discussing closure objectives in relation to the results of the Traditional Knowledge / Traditional Land Use (TK / TLU) study.*

New Gold remains committed to providing access. No specific comments received in 2024.

### **Condition 130**

*NG is supportive of the further development of mitigation measures in relation to traditional hunting (and plant gathering), which could potentially involve:*

- *Continuing to involve BGRFN members in the development of adaptive management techniques related to closure planning, including the rehabilitation of habitat for wildlife; and*
- *Restoring access to RRM lands following mine closure to the extent that such access is safe / possible.*

New Gold has a Participation Agreement with BGRFN that takes this commitment into consideration. The agreement was signed in January 2015.

### **Condition 131**

*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.*

NG remains committed to providing access to all areas of the site that are safe to do so. No access was requested relating to the gathering of wild medicines, berries or other vegetation.

### **Condition 132**

*NG has committed to ensure that Aboriginal communities (including BGRFN, Big Island First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation and Métis represented by the MNO 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.*

New Gold remains committed to the opportunity for ceremony. New Gold hosts two ceremonies each year, one in Spring and one in Fall.

- Spring Ceremony – April 25, 2024
- Fall Ceremony – October 17, 2024

**Condition 133- Completed April 2016**

*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.*

**Condition 134**

*NG will engage with local stakeholders as appropriate to provide notification of project activities and to mitigate potential impacts as practical.*

The 2024 newsletters were distributed on July 10 and December 13, 2024. Meetings were held with local stakeholders and site neighbours. New Gold also participated in local career fairs and held hiring blitzes.

Informational meetings and career fairs were held:

- January 13, 2024 – Municipal AGM
- February 29, 2024 – UNFC, Fort Frances
- March 12, 2024 – Animakee Wa Zhing #37 First Nation
- March 28, 2024 – Site Neighbour Meeting
- April 8, 2024 – Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation
- May 2, 2024 – RRHS Career Fair
- June 12, 2024 – Site Neighbour Meeting
- June 17, 2024 – FFCS Chiefs’ Meeting
- July 23, 2024 – Animakee Wa Zhing #37 First Nation
- September 3, 2024 - Rainy River First Nations
- December 4, 2024 – Site Neighbour Meeting
- December 10, 2024 – Big Grassy First Nation

Hiring blitzes (at NG Emo office):

February 8, 2024; May 13/14, 2024; November 21, 2024

**Condition 135 - Completed Fall 2015**

*Related to the transmission line: Compensation will be provided for merchantable timber value where applicable;*

- *Maintain transmission line set back distances of not less than 100 m from area lakes to provide effective visual screening from open waters;*
- *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 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.*

### **Condition 136**

*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.*

In 2015, NG implemented a Human Resource Strategy that focused on local employment which continued through 2023. As of December 31, 2024, 67.3% of New Gold employees were from the human environment regional study area. Local and Indigenous content is a consideration in all RFP's issued.

Training and development is provided to all operations employees to ensure legislated requirements are met.

New Gold RRM 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.

### **Condition 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.*

NG continues to send out newsletters and engage with local stakeholders. NG and its' contractors continue to engage with local businesses for accommodation as post-construction activities continue.

2024 Newsletter distributions: July 10 and Dec 13, 2024

2024 Meetings/presentations/business expos with Chambers of Commerce:

- January 13, 2024; April 26-27, 2024

**Condition 138- Completed August 11<sup>th</sup> 2017**

*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.*

**Condition 139- Completed January 9<sup>th</sup> , 2015**

*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.*

## **Condition 140 to 166 Safety and Health**

**Condition 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 and in compliance with the condition. The most recent TMA extension logging activities occurred between January and March of 2022. There has been no further site logging since that time.

**Condition 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.*

Since 2015 the project footprint has been cleared under permits and authorizations granted from the MNRF and in compliance with the condition. The most recent TMA extension logging activities occurred between January and March of 2022. There has been no further site logging since that time.

#### **Condition 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.*

In 2021, HR worked on identifying initiatives to begin programs to help with transitioning the workforce. Work has begun on identifying succession plans, employee development plans, training initiatives and other work to support our employees. This work continued in 2024.

#### **Condition 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. Silica, Lead and Mercury awareness programs were developed to protect workers against exposure risks and establish medical surveillance protocols for the exposed workers. The safety department also ensures that workers receive appropriate training with regards to PPE.

#### **Condition 144 – Duplicate of condition 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 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.*

#### **Condition 145 – Duplicate of condition 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).*

In 2024, there were two Indigenous Community Coordinators employed by 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 ceremonies at the round house at site (members of local Indigenous communities are invited to participate) and established tobacco offering stations at the mine site. Additionally, ceremonies have been provided to employees by request though none were requested in 2024.

**Condition 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 2024 RRM continued to follow the developed blasting plans 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.

**Condition 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.

**Condition 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.*

All personnel on site receive a site orientation. The site has a fire truck and an ambulance. Emergency Response Teams have been created for the surface operations, the mill and the underground. Employee members have received training on how to respond to fires and other potential onsite emergencies. In order to prepare for major events, mock exercises are conducted (tabletop or actual)

involving a fire scenarios. Training is setup every Tuesday out of the firehall for the Emergency Response Team members, which includes fire truck operation, firefighting, and walk-through scenarios for the site.

**Condition 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 2024.

**Condition 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.*

The site has a fully functional gate system at our main entrance on Korpi access for the mine as well as the TMA entrance. Gates were also installed at our Camp property on Atkinson Road. Entrances and site are monitored by surveillance cameras with night vision capacity and security perform regular rounds. Gates and perimeters are patrolled regularly by security.

**Condition 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 2024, there was no expansion of or changes to the electrical services for RRM.

**Condition 152 – Completed in 2017.**

*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.*

**Condition 153 – Completed in 2017.**

*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.*

**Condition 154 – Completed in 2016**

*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.*

**Condition 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.*

All inbound equipment that is oversized, follows all provincial ministry of transportation regulations.

**Condition 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. In 2024, the MNO Regional Councillor was emailed an annual update on the supply and transport of cyanide.

**Condition 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 for materials arriving on site must meet MTO requirements to operate commercial vehicles. All SDS sheets are available online on RR intranet for materials transported on site.

**Condition 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.*

Remains compliant. All vehicles transporting materials to site must meet the MTO and CVOR requirements.

**Condition 159**

*Notification and/or reporting of any vehicular accidents and spills will follow Provincial (Ministry of the Environment) and other applicable requirements.*

During 2024, there were no offsite incidents of vehicular accidents causing reportable spills. Each incident where a vehicle left the road was monitored during the vehicle removal for any spills.

**Condition 160 – Completed April 2016**

*With regards to controlling adverse traffic effects during transmission line construction:*

- *Ensuring that NG employees and contractors / subcontractors adhere to posted speed limits and practical speed limits along the ROW;*
- *Contractors and their subcontractors will be required to have properly and seasonally maintained equipment; and*
- *Maintain regular communications with the Township of Chapple, the MTO and Ontario Provincial Police representatives, to monitor and mitigate traffic effects.*

**Condition 161 - Completed 2021**

*NG will monitor regional housing supply, particularly in the Chapple, Emo, and Fort Frances markets during the planning and operation 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.*

To alleviate pressures on regional housing supply and hoteliers, during 2021 NG has:

- 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
- Currently rent 3 houses and a 16 apartment building in EMO for employees.
- 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 was owned and operated by Onikaajigan Construction.

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.

**Condition 162 – Policy completed April 14<sup>th</sup> 2015**

*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.*

Completed on April 14, 2015. A number of former local residents have come forward to request copies of the reports which New Gold provided. During 2024, Newgold provided buses for transport employees to site from Fort Frances, Emo, Rainy River, Barwick and Stratton.

**Condition 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.*

New Gold continues to reduce strain on the local medical system by employing a Nurse Practitioner on site that is available to all employees.

#### **Condition 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.*

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, in 2018, 29 samples, 2021 15 samples, and in 2024 13 samples.

The samples were sent to a certified lab to be analyzed for metal and cyanide accumulation. It is important to note that all the contaminants which were tested for can be produced by mining operations but can also occur naturally in the environment and can be introduced by other human activities. The study is planned to be active again in 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.

#### **Condition 165- Completed October 2015**

*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.*

#### **Condition 166**

*Emergency response procedures will be established as part of the environmental management system. After any incident, a review will be conducted to ensure that the required design changes and procedures and appropriate monitoring measures are in place to ensure that incident will not be repeated.*

A dedicated Emergency Response Coordinator is in place to put more emphasis on ER preparedness. In addition, New Gold has an underground emergency response team. All incidents are entered and tracked with a safety software program (INX InControl) by assigning action items to individuals and identifying root causes.

## Condition 167 to 180 Community and Environment

### Condition 167

*NG has committed to ensure that First Nations (including Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy River First Nation, Big Island First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, and Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation) and Métis community members have the:*

- *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. 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.*
- *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.*

New Gold RR is committed to providing access to the site for cultural and ceremony purposes. All New Gold RR staff and contractors undergo Cultural Awareness training as part of the site induction. Additionally, New Gold has a Participation Agreement with BGRFN which addresses additional mitigation and accommodation measures.

### Condition 168

*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.*

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, in 2018, 29 samples were submitted, in 2021 15 samples, in 2024 13 samples.

The samples were sent to a certified lab to be analyzed for metal and cyanide accumulation. It is important to note that all of the contaminants which were tested for can be produced by mining operations but can also occur naturally in the environment and can be introduced by other human activities. The study is planned to be active again in 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.

Results from the 2023 Large Body 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 mining operations. A copy of the 2023 Fish Tissue Quality Monitoring Report can be found in Appendix J of the 2023 ACR. Large body fish tissue samples of these species will be collected again in 2026.

#### **Condition 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 two years before closure for passive water treatment for perpetuity during

post-closure phase.

This risk assessment will take place after the constructed wetland is commissioned and fully operational.

**Condition 170 – Completed September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

*Unterman McPhail will prepare a complete description of the evaluation process for resources identified of cultural heritage value or interest in a memo format.*

**Condition 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 2024.

**Condition 172**

*A range of conservation approaches will be considered in the recommended Cultural Heritage Assessment Report / Cultural Heritage Documentation Reports for Sites #11 and #13 as suggested by MTCS.*

Site #11 was demolished in 2015 as it was deemed to be hazardous as it was not structurally fit. Unique features, such as blacksmith hardware, were removed and are currently in storage. As part of the development of the Richardson Trail, NG intends to highlight the settlement history through artifacts such as the hardware. Prior to the demolition, NG had contacted a representative of the Chapple Heritage Committee to ensure there were no other considerations. Site #13 remains in situ.

**Condition 173 – Completed April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

*NG will provide follow-up documentation related to Cultural Heritage Assessment Report / Cultural Heritage Documentation Reports to the following local museums and archives:*

- *Chapple Museum;*
- *Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre (Manitou Mounds);*
- *Rainy River District Women's Institute Museum; and*

- *Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre.*

**Condition 174 – Completed 2015-2017**

*Monitoring would occur for the following durations:*

- *Archaeology: construction phase*
- *Built heritage: construction phase*

**Condition 175 – Completed April 2016**

*With regards to protection of cultural heritage values during transmission line construction:*

- *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 Cemeteries, Ministry of Government Services.*
- *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*
- *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, Naoakamegwanning 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.*

**Condition 176 – Completed December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

*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.*

**Condition 177**

*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.*

This condition will be applied at the time of mine closure and reclamation.

**Condition 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 2024. Revisions were made to the External Feedback and Complaint Protocol in June 2023 to update contact information and the addition of Section 3.2 to reflect current practice of reviewing/assessing external feedback and use of INX software to escalate response to complaints as needed. The current version of the External Feedback and Complaint Protocol was issued to MECP in July 2023 and accepted in August 2023. No updates in 2024.

**Condition 179 – Completed**

*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).

**Condition 180 – Completed January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*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.

## **Condition 181 to 185 Safety and Health**

### **Condition 181**

*Environmental monitoring will be conducted in accordance with standard practice and regulatory requirements, including any site- specific environmental approvals.*

Since the start of construction New Gold has had environmental personnel assigned to environmental monitoring to satisfy Regulatory requirements and Permit Approvals. During 2016 and 2017 several of these monitoring protocols were written into Operational Policies or Plans for the Environmental Department. Water, wildlife, air and land monitoring are addressed throughout the Annual Compliance Report. Part of the implementation of the Environmental Management System (EMS) includes discipline specific management plans for all commitments and permits.

### **Condition 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.*

Risk assessments are completed in each area to identify potential safety or environmental hazards. Procedures are developed from the risk assessment to minimize/eliminate the likelihood and consequences of the hazards.

### **Condition 183**

*Procedures will be regularly reviewed as part of the environmental management system.*

The RRM has policies and procedures in place that are regularly reviewed as part of our Document Control process.

### **Condition 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.*

The emergency response plan included in the RRM EMS addresses the primary hazardous materials onsite and spill response. Subplans were created for the primary risks and are reviewed annually.

**Condition 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 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.

## **Condition 186 to 193 Monitoring Systems**

**Condition 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 2020 NG was successful in transitioning most of its monitoring requirements in house and this continued in 2024. Third party reviews of reports still occur to ensure quality assurance.

**Condition 187**

*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:*

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

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 Gold has developed. The monitoring components are also tracked through our regulatory requirements and commitments for the project. New Gold tracks compliance with respect to reporting and obligations within permits and approvals using a computer program called Intalex, where assigned employees are responsible for tracking performance against these commitments and conditions. These obligations will continue to be distributed to responsible departments through the continued development of the Environmental Management System (EMS).

Since May 2016 (when the FMP was approved by MNRF) the FMP has been adhered to and overall the environmental assessment has proven accurate and no major needs for mitigation measures save the addition of the Water Treatment Train and the delay of the Constructed Wetland until two years prior to closure.

### **Condition 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.

### **Condition 189**

*A list of FMP commitments made during the EA process will be maintained by NG, indicating where appropriate:*

- *The nature of the commitment;*
- *To whom, or to what group or agency the commitment was made, if specific;*

- *Whether the commitment is related to the EA process alone;*
- *Whether the commitment is addressed or linked to a regulatory instrument, such as a regulation or environmental approval;*
- *Any applicable timeline if any;*
- *The status of the commitment; and*
- *Additional actions required to fulfil the commitment*

This registry addresses these conditions.

### **Condition 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.*

The management of environmental aspects and impacts is achieved through the Environmental Risk Management Process.

This process supports the identification and management of any significant environmental aspects that may impact the RRM Environmental Management System, associated operations or relevant stakeholders.

### **Condition 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.*

Formal training programs, through Training and Awareness requirements, new employee orientation and contractor packages focus on Rainy River Mine's commitment to ongoing environmental compliance.

### **Condition 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.*

Each department reviews their custom Management Plans which include Regulatory tasks and actions and completes Performance Assessments and Status Reports. As part of the EMS, periodic management reviews are conducted to ensure continuous improvement.

### **Condition 193**

*NG proposes to amend the Closure Plan periodically as more information becomes available and as required by the Ontario Mining Act.*

Comprehensive Closure Plan Amendment was submitted to MNDM 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. New Gold submitted a response to the Government Agencies' second set of comments in December 2019 and was filed by ENDM on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

## **Condition 194 to 205 Community**

### **Condition 194 – Completed April 2017.**

*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).

### **Condition 195**

*NG will communicate with Aboriginal groups including Rainy River First Nations, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy River First Nation, Big Island First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation and Métis community members on traditional teachings and ceremony.*

NG hosts two annual ceremonies at site. All NG employees undertake Indigenous engagement (cultural awareness) session as part of onboarding. During 2024 the following ceremonies were held onsite:

- Spring Ceremony – April 25
- Fall Ceremony – October 17

**Condition 196 – Completed January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*NG will review the Big Grassy River First Nation Traditional Knowledge / Traditional Land Use study and discuss accommodations of the cultural heritage sites identified.*

**Condition 197 – Completed April 2016**

*Related to transmission line construction, environmental monitoring will include (but will not be limited to) inspection of:*

- *ROW to ensure excessive vegetation clearing is not conducted;*
- *Appropriateness of equipment choice and maintenance of equipment to minimize environmental impacts;*
- *Effectiveness of erosion control measures where applicable;*
- *Construction activities and equipment operation, including refueling exercises;*
- *Waste management, including wood waste from clearing and domestic wastes;*
- *Monitoring of remedial actions associated with malfunctions and accidents (if any); and*
- *Any requirements contained in environmental approvals and permits required to construct the transmission line.*

*At a minimum, weekly inspections by a qualified person will occur of worksites and related areas, during clearing of the ROW and construction of the transmission line. Contractors will be required to have properly trained personnel to provide guidance to construction teams in the absence 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.*

**Condition 198**

*NG will continue to communicate closely with First Nations and the MNO regarding the Project. (Letter to Chiefs from Kyle Stanfield, October 2013).*

NG has several Participation Agreements / Impact Benefit Agreements in place which identify ongoing communication protocols: FFCS (with Seine River, Lac La Croix, Couchiching and Mitaanjigamiing First Nations) - March 22, 2012 Rainy River First Nations/Naicatchewenin First Nation - Oct 10, 2014 Big Grassy River First Nation - Jan 9, 2015 Metis Nation of Ontario - Nov 25, 2014 Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing First Nation - October 31, 2017 Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation - May 24, 2017 Naotkamegwanning First Nation - April 19, 2017 Animakee Wa Zhing #37 First Nation - Feb 13, 2018. In addition, NG provides regular updates through newsletters, public presentations and individual meetings and emails with community representatives.

**Condition 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.

**Condition 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 Mine, 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.

### **Condition 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.

### **Condition 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.

### **Condition 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 2024.

**Condition 204 – Completed August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

*NG will develop an accommodation with local trapline holders that meets the needs of both the proponent and the trappers.*

**Condition 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 2024.

# SECTION 6

## NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE

### FOLLOW UP MONITORING PLAN REGISTRY



Figure 20. Technician taking flow measurements on the Pinewood River, Fall 2024

## Follow Up Monitoring Plan

### **Condition 13.1**

*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.*

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.

New Gold RRM continues to meet 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. 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.

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.; Air Quality Monitoring and Acoustic Monitoring (MECP) and are included as supplemental information with this report and are included in Appendix C.

### **Condition 13.2.2**

*For fugitive dust from roads, stockpiles and open pit operations, RRM will assess the effectiveness of planned dust control measures both visually by plume assessment, and using dust fall jars and high-*

*volume samplers for total particulate and PM<sub>2.5</sub>. 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).*

The Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program continued during 2024. Data was collected from three air quality sampling stations: one to the North of the site on Gallinger Road, one to the South of the site near the beginning of the Highway 600 reroute on McMillan Road and a third station Northwest of the tailings along Highway 600. These stations are equipped with hi- volume samplers (brush motor and mass flow controlled), PQ200 samplers, and dustfall jars. The North and South Stations also include passive sampling for Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>). The hi-volume 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 dustfall samplers measure total deposition over a 30-day period. SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations are averaged over a 30-day period. There were four dustfall exceedances, two iron Exceedances, and one Total Suspended Particulate and iron exceedance recorded in 2024.

**Condition 13.3.2**

*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:*

- *One residence to the south of the mine site in Black Hawk;*
- *One residence to the east of the mine site on Gallinger Road;*
- *One residence to the southeast of the mine site on south Gallinger Road;*
- *One residence to the west of the mine site in Dearlock; and*
- *One residence to the northwest of the mine site on Highway 600.*

*A dedicated remote monitoring system may be used to provide a real time access system. All sound monitors 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. will conform to MOENPC-103 measurement protocols. As per MOE protocols, sound level measurements are to be taken at each measurement location.*

A noise audit was completed by Trinity Consultants in July of 2023. Noise measurements were collected in accordance with MECP Publication NPC-103. An updated Acoustic Assessment Report was completed in 2024 in a manner that satisfies the requirements of the MECP Publication NPC-103. The overall noise impact at sensitive points of reception, including the five residences specified above, was predicted during worst-case operating scenarios. The noise impacts were assessed for compliance with the MECP sound level limits. The 2024 Acoustic Assessment Report is included in Appendix C.

#### **Condition 13.4.2**

*In addition, RRR will carry out the following geochemical monitoring program:*

- *As part of the ongoing mine rock management plan, collect and analyze blast hole and RC 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;*
- *Submit a subset of Leco furnace analyzed samples, collected as part of the ongoing mine rock management plan, for acid base accounting static testing and metals analysis;*
- *Collect and analyze mill composite tailings samples, on an approximate monthly basis, for acid base accounting static testing and metals analysis; and*
- *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.*

A Geochemical Monitoring Plan for the Construction and Operation Phases was issued in accordance with MECP ECA 5781-9VJQ2J and MECP ECA 5178- 9TUPD9 requirements and was implemented in 2016.

Monitoring continued through 2024 and included analyzing blast hole and RC drill cuttings using a Leco furnace and submission of a subset for ABA and metals analysis, per the commitment.

### **Condition 13.5.2**

*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:*

#### **13.5.2A**

- *TMA discharges to the Pinewood River both directly by pipeline discharge and through the constructed wetland;*
- *Sedimentation Pond #1 and #2 discharges to West Creek;*
- *Aggregate operation(s), discharges (if any);*
- *Sewage effluent discharge; and*
- *Runoff and seepage collected from site operations areas (TMA, overburden and mine rock stockpiles, plant site area and haul roads) in accordance with MMER and Environmental Compliance*
- *Approval requirements.*

New Gold cannot discharge from the TMA directly as stated in this condition. A monitoring program was put in place during 2015 and remains active. During 2024, surface water was monitored on and off site as per the Surface Water monitoring program.

All effluent discharges in 2024 met the provincial and federal discharge requirements apart from one instance where the combined 1:1 ratio of EDL1/EDL2 to the Pinewood River was exceeded by less than 1% on November 10, 2024.

#### **13.5.2B**

*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.*

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 2024, total and methyl mercury samples were collected during the open water period in the Pinewood River upstream and downstream of the site. See the 2024 Annual Surface Water Monitoring Report in Appendix L and the 2024 Annual Pinewood River Biological, Sulphate and Methyl Mercury Monitoring Report in Appendix K for more information.

### **13.5.2C**

*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:*

- *West Creek at the West Creek pond outflow*
- *West Creek diversion; and*
- *Pinewood River at Highway 617 (Water Survey of Canada Station WSC 05PC023).*

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. In fall of 2020, a second hydrometric station was installed in the WCD downstream of the Sediment Pond 1 final discharge point and the confluence of the Marr Creek Diversion to further monitor the WCD.

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 New Gold RRM H1 Hydrometric Station (formerly Site 19). In August 2020, the H1 Hydrometric Station was rehabilitated to correct an issue with the concrete canvas installed to stabilize the river cross-section.

In September 2019, a hydrometric station was installed upstream of the RRM in the arch culvert that passes under Heatwole Road, off of Teeple Road. This location is referred to as New Gold RRM H2 Hydrometric Station.

### **13.5.2D**

*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:*

- *Monthly averages*
- *Annual averages*
- *Extreme low flow statistics corresponding to 2, 5, 10 and 20 year return period conditions; and*
- *Extreme high flow statistics corresponding to 2, 5, 10 and 20 year return period conditions.*

In-stream measurements were on going during 2024 in the Pinewood River at the H1 (formerly Site 19), the H2 hydrometric station upstream of site and the H3 hydrometric station in the West Creek Diversion. Continued in-stream flow monitoring is planned for 2025.

### **13.5.2E**

*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:*

- *West Creek diversion; and*
- *Pinewood River upstream and downstream of the RRM site area.*

In 2023 RRM completed the EEM Phase 3 interpretive report which received comments and guidance from ECCC attached in Appendix J.

There are minor confirmed effects on the benthic community based on consecutive differences in the Bray-Curtis Index for the EDL2 discharge. Similarly, there are a few minor confirmed effects comparing both Brook Stickleback and Central Mudminnow at EDL2 associated sites with their respective reference areas. Considering that EDL2 is no longer considered the primary discharge for assessment during the biological component of the EEM program, according to EEM guidance Phase 4 of EEM will focus on EDL1 at primary discharge. EDL1 sees the most effluent loadings and the cumulative effects of EDL2 and Sediment Pond 2 discharges.

It should be noted that RRM is under no obligation to undertake an EEM study within the West Creek Diversion as no mine effluent is or ever will be discharged into West Creek Diversion. The West Creek Diversion is fish compensation habitat deemed complete and functional by DFO.

### **13.5.2F**

*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:*

- *West Creek;*
- *Clark Creek (upstream of the east mine rock stockpile); and*
- *Pinewood River.*

RRM is under no obligation to undertake an EEM study within the West Creek as the remnant channel receives no effluent and the tributaries upstream of RRM that once fed West Creek now flow into fish compensation habitat deemed complete and functional by DFO.

Clark Creek upstream of EMRS is a 320-meter-long channel that has no input other than local runoff and drains into a French drain under the EMRS, it is not fish habitat.

As for the Pinewood River see response to 13.5.2E.

### **13.5.2G**

*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.*

Large body fish tissue monitoring occurred in 2023 and no increase in contaminants has been identified in the target large body species, (Walleye and Pike). This monitoring will occur again in 2026.

### **13.5.2H**

*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.*

In February of 2024, snowpack samples were collected at 10 locations around the mine site and analyzed for pH and metals at a certified laboratory.

### **Condition 13.6.2**

*RRM will carry out groundwater system monitoring as per the following:*

- *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);*

- *Establish a groundwater well (piezometer) network around the open pit area to monitor groundwater levels throughout the area continuously 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;*
- *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*
- *Review groundwater monitoring data annually and update the groundwater model at three-year intervals. The first such update will be based on data obtained from the first three full years of pumping, and the model updates will be completed within nine months of the end of the data collection period.*

Internal monitoring samples are regularly collected and analyzed for the Mine Rock Pond (MRP). As water moves from the mine to the MRP or the Mill, daily records are maintained to track the volume pumped from the open pit and future underground operations.

A groundwater well monitoring program was established around the mine footprint, with sampling initiated in early 2016. Selected piezometers and wells are equipped with water level transducers, which are downloaded quarterly alongside sample collection and manual water level measurements. In 2023, groundwater samples were collected from the piezometer and well network three times. However, some wells were not sampled because they were dry or inaccessible for safety reasons. The collected groundwater samples were analyzed based on Provincial Environmental Compliance Approval parameters, and the data were reviewed in 2024.

The 3-D groundwater model was last updated in 2023, with the next scheduled update planned for 2026.

#### **Condition 13.7.1 – Completed May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

*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.*

### **Condition 13.7.2**

*Methods for determining adverse RRM-induced effects on mammals following the implementation of proposed mitigation measures will include:*

- *Bat acoustic monitoring at representative locations;*
- *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;*
- *Working with any Aboriginal hunters to document White-tailed Deer, Moose, Wolf and Black Bear harvesting activities in the RRM site area;*
- *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*
- *Monitoring of Black Bear activity related to waste disposal (if applicable) and general site activities.*

Bat acoustic monitoring occurred in 2024 and will occur again on a three cycle in 2027.

The aerial surveys will not be undertaken in the future as MNRF has stated any data RRM would collect with not be valid or of use the MNRF thus making the requirement unnecessary and will not be undertaken by RRM again.

No hunting is allowed on the RRM site as it has been deemed unsafe to do so. New Gold RRM implemented a wildlife log at the site during 2015 and continued documenting wildlife sightings and interactions through 2024.

In 2016 the Environmental Department started tracking sightings in a GIS database. The wildlife logs for 2024 include documented Black Bear activity and a mortality log. New Gold has 5 staff that received training from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to live trap and transport problem Black Bears under an authorization from MNRF. In 2024 no bears required relocation.

### **Condition 13.7.3**

*Methods for determining adverse effects to breeding birds following the implementation of proposed mitigation measures will include:*

- *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),*
- *Incidental data collection for SAR and Provincially rare species which are currently present at lower abundance including: Canada Warbler, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Short-eared Owl, American Pelican, Bald Eagle and Black-billed Magpie,*
- *Targeted twilight surveys for Eastern Whip-poor-will in suitable habitat. Whip-poor-will monitoring efforts will follow standardized survey protocols as outlined in the whip-poor-will Roadside Survey Participant's Guide (BSC 2012).*
- *Concurrent data collection for Common Nighthawk to be undertaken during targeted Eastern Whip-poor-will surveys as described above as no standardized survey protocols have been developed specifically for this species;*
- *Annual monitoring of active Bald Eagle nests which occur in close proximity the RRM site. Monitoring will attempt to establish fledging success;*
- *Implementation of a wildlife log of general breeding bird observations at the RRM site by employees (focused on raptors and raptor nests, and SAR species); and*
- *Any additional monitoring defined in ESA permits.*

Near site and on-site EWPW surveys were undertaken in 2024 as per New Gold's ESA permit as were migratory bird point count surveys

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 SAR bird sightings were reported in 2024; 6 bobolink, 6 barn swallow, 12 eagle, 120 pelicans,. Education and awareness of the reporting procedure and onsite Species at Risk is conducted through new employee/contractor orientation and site wide publications. The two known eagles' nest near (>1 kilometer) the project boundary are monitored each year through visual observation.

#### **Condition 13.7.4**

*Effects on amphibians after implementation of proposed mitigation measures will include:*

- *Implementation of a wildlife log of general amphibian observations by employees.*

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.

#### **Condition 13.8.2**

*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:*

- *Highways 71 and 11, west of Fort Frances and south of Kenora;*
- *Highway 600;*
- *Teeple Road west of Highway 71; and*
- *East Access Road.*

*Methods for assessing traffic accidents along public roads will include:*

- *Monitoring road surface conditions for the identified roads of interest during the winter months and working with the MTO (MTO) and the local municipalities, to ensure that roads are properly cleared, salted and sanded, as appropriate to maintain safe driving conditions;*
- *Maintaining a record of any accidents involving RRR employees and contractors related to the RRM; and*
- *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.*

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. 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. Radar warning speed signs have been installed on the East Access Road to remind drivers of excessive speeds. Rainy River Security will also perform radar speed checks. Employees /contractors caught travelling at

excessive speeds or employees/contractors who's unsafe driving behaviors have been reported are spoken to by Rainy River site security and supervision. Repeat infractions or significant one-time events may lead to the employee/contractor's loss of site driving privileges including the use of New Gold parking areas. New Gold vehicles are now identified with their unit numbers on the side and back of each unit for easy identification.

Security conducts road inspections on site each night shift. These inspections include Teeple Road, East Access Road and Highway 600. If hazards are identified on roads owned and maintained by New Gold, they are addressed by an onsite construction team. Hazards identified on municipal or public roads are reported to the appropriate authority (Municipality or MTO). Reports of road hazards are communicated during morning management meetings.

### **Condition 13.9.2**

*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:*

- *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*
- *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*
- *Confirm any expected changes in the availability of fisheries and wildlife resources to local harvesters, based on data derived from biological monitoring programs.*

New Gold has verbally discussed the TLU process with community partners and will be planning to attend information sessions in the communities to discuss any possible changes in the availability of fisheries and wildlife in 2025. HR department will reach out to employees to determine the effects of employment on their traditional activities.

**Condition 13.10.2**

*RRR will carry out the following monitoring program to ensure the protection of cultural heritage resources*

- *Maintain a record of all cultural heritage resources known to occur in the vicinity of planned RRM developments, such that intrusion or damage to such resources can be avoided during construction, recognizing and respecting confidentiality limitations*
- *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*
- *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*
- *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)*
- *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.*

NG engaged qualified Archaeologists and Built Heritage Specialists to record all resources prior to construction commencing. NG continues to actively engage local residents and Indigenous groups through meetings and visits.

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. 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.

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. Updated photos were taken of the resources in 2024.

### **Condition 13.11.2**

*RRR will carry out the following monitoring program to ensure the documentation of cultural heritage landscapes and built heritage resources as appropriate:*

- *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*
- *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.*

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 was completed in 2019 and submitted to MTCS. Updated photos were taken of the relevant resources in 2024 and available in Appendix M.

### **Condition 13.12.2**

*Traffic flow on local roads with more limited capacity is of greater interest, notably:*

- *Highway 600;*
- *Teepie Road west of Highway 71; and*
- *The East Access Road.*

*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:*

- *Periodic traffic count surveys using automated traffic counters;*
- *Employee surveys to determine transport routes to and from the mine site; and*
- *Ongoing discussions with MTO and the Township of Chapple to support additional traffic volume monitoring studies if appropriate.*

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. RRM also has a community complaint hotline to bring issues to the site's attention.

### **Condition 13.13.2**

*Methods for documenting accommodations use in association with the RRM will include conducting contractor and employee surveys to determine:*

- *Community or nearest community of local residence;*
- *Type of residence (rental or ownership);*
- *Type of accommodation (existing or new);*
- *Type of occupancy (single, shared or family); and*
- *Whether or not the employee / contractor is an existing local resident, or new to the area.*

New Gold Rainy River employee population can be divided into residential, drive in drive out (DIDO) and fly in fly out (FIFO and employees who qualify for camp accommodations. New Gold Rainy River has approximately 70% of our employees live within a 100km radius of the mine site. DIDO employees account for 16% of our employees, FIFO employees account for 13% with the other New Gold provides accommodation for contractors on the site Relocation Policy and provides that option to potential employees if they prefer to move to the local area.

### **Condition 13.14 A**

*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):*

- *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; and*
- *Response to malfunctions and accidents.*

The management of environmental aspects and impacts is achieved through the Environmental Risk Management Process.

The EMS design framework consists of various stand-alone Management Plans as well as subsets to core Management Plans.

#### **Condition 13.14 B**

*Environmental management system maintenance and effectiveness will be monitored through a variety of programs, such as:*

- *Formal and informal audits;*
- *Environmental monitoring;*
- *Non-conformance incidents, status of corrective actions; and*
- *Stakeholder feedback.*

*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.*

The RRM EMS maintenance and effectiveness is monitored through audits, inspections, environmental monitoring, non-conformance incidents, status of corrective actions and stakeholder feedback. As well as through the completion of Performance Assessments and Status Reports for each EMS Management Plan. Periodic management reviews support continuous improvement.

# SECTION 7

## NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE PUBLIC CONSULTATION REGISTRY



Figure 21. New Gold's Fall Ceremony held at the on-site Roundhouse

Table 5 Record of Consultation for 2024

Date	Record No.	Consultation Type	Topics	Notes on Implementation	Stakeholders	Focus
2024-01-02	4619	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the weeks of December 11 - 17, December 18 - 24, and December 25 - 31, 2023.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-01-03	4621	E-mail	New Gold emailed weekly spill reports as distributed by the Environmental Department (weeks of December 18-24 and December 25-31, 2023).	Questions regarding any incidents were invited.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-01-04	4622	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Lac La Croix First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First	Public and Aboriginal

Date	Record No.	Consultation Type	Topics	Notes on Implementation	Stakeholders	Focus
					Nation,Northern Community Development Services,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,United Native Friendship Centre,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
2024-01-04	4431	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	A local resident dropped in to find out more about current employment opportunities.		Town of Rainy River	Public
2024-01-05	4476	Phone Call	New Gold contacted site Neighbours to advise of a change in the blast time for the blast scheduled on 01/06/2024. The blast to occur between 1:00pm & 3:00pm.	n/a	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
2024-01-08	4507	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with AWZFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-01-08	4624	E-mail	New Gold received a request from MNO member looking for summer student opportunities.	NG will advise the opportunities available once the summer student positions are confirmed.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
2024-01-08	4623	E-mail	New Gold received a request for cover letter and resume workshop from RRFN.	NG will participate in the workshop, planned for February 15, 2024.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-01-09	4629	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	A person dropped in at the Emo office to find out more about current employment opportunities.	New Gold advised the person about the hiring process and would let them know when another Hiring Blitz date is set.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
2024-01-09	4628	E-mail	NG emailed information as requested relating to qualifications for summer students.	NG will advise the opportunities available once the summer student positions are confirmed.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-01-09	4625	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of January 1 - 7, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Northwest Angle 33	Public and Aboriginal

Date	Record No.	Consultation Type	Topics	Notes on Implementation	Stakeholders	Focus
					First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	
2024-01-10	4631	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Bitong, Northern Community Development Services, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
2024-01-10	4630	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for December 2023 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-01-11	4634	Presentation	NG provided a presentation to a local high school, teaching students about mining and different career paths in mining. A drone was brought so	There were 8 students and teacher in attendance.	Rainy River High School	Public

Date	Record No.	Consultation Type	Topics	Notes on Implementation	Stakeholders	Focus
			students could see some technology from the mine.			
2024-01-11	4633	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill report, Jan 1-7, 2024.	There were no incidents to report.	Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-01-13	4647	Community Event	New Gold attended the Municipal AGM and presented the Rainy River mine update.	New Gold presented the Rainy River update and the social closure planning schedule (late 2024 and 2025 for next steps).	Town of Stratton,Emo Chamber of Commerce,Township of Chapple,Township of Emo,Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce	Public
2024-01-15	4635	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of Jan 8 to 14, 2024.		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-01-16	4638	E-mail	New Gold was invited to participate in UNFC Career Fair.	NG will attend the career fair once the date is confirmed.	United Native Friendship Centre	Aboriginal
2024-01-17	4648	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-01-17	4639	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,United	Public and Aboriginal

Date	Record No.	Consultation Type	Topics	Notes on Implementation	Stakeholders	Focus
			descriptions.		Native Friendship Centre, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services	
2024-01-18	4642	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill report, Jan 8-14, 2024.	There were no incidents to report.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-01-19	4644	Phone Call	Outland Youth Employment Program National Manager contacted New Gold to discuss support for their program. A tour of mine, employment at the mine, presentation and support for their 25 year anniversary video planned this summer was discuss. Information provided for submitting an application through the Community Investment Program was provided and a follow-up meeting with New Gold's	A meeting will be organized with HR and Indigenous Community Coordinator regarding the requested presentation.	Outland Youth Employment Program	Public

Date	Record No.	Consultation Type	Topics	Notes on Implementation	Stakeholders	Focus
			Indigenous Community Coordinator and Human Resources to be set up to discuss presentation and other ideas.			
2024-01-21	4649	E-mail	New Gold received a thank you from Emo Knox United Church for providing financial support and volunteers to assist with the annual Christmas Take-out dinner.	150 meals were provide individuals in the community.	Emo Knox United Church	Public
2024-01-23	4646	E-mail	New Gold emailed the EMB minutes from December 6, 2023 to EMB and JIC members.	The next quarterly meeting is planned for February 27, 2024.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-01-23	4645	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of Jan 15 - 21, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-01-23	4650	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill report, January 15-21, 2024.	There was one incident.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Buffalo Point First	Public and Aboriginal

Date	Record No.	Consultation Type	Topics	Notes on Implementation	Stakeholders	Focus
					Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation	
2024-01-24	4651	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Seine River First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,United Native Friendship Centre,Northern Community Development Services,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-01-24	4652	Meeting	New Gold held their bi-monthly JIC meeting with Naicatchewenin.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-01-25	4654	E-mail	An email introduction and summary of discussion from a meeting held on January 19 sent to OYEP National Manager. New Gold Indigenous Community Coordinator and HR Career Development Office to follow-up to discuss a tour of the RRM and Presentation to the OYEP Mink Lake youth in July.	n/a	Outland Youth Employment Program	Public
2024-01-25	4653	E-mail	New Gol emailed information and a poster to create awareness of the hiring blitz to be held at the NG Emo office February 8, 2024.	Recipients of email were requested to share the information on the planned event.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Northern Community Development Services,United Native Friendship Centre,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy	Public and Aboriginal

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					First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing 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	
2024-01-29	4655	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of January 22 - 28, 2024.		Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-01-30	4658	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill report, January 22-28, 2024.	There were no incidents reported.	Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-01-30	4657	Meeting	A virtual introductory meeting was held between the GM and WFB's new Chief and Council. Discussions were based around the IBA and current partnerships		Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-01-31	4660	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory	Public and Aboriginal

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			at the mine along with job descriptions and a poster for the upcoming hiring blitz planned at the NG Emo office on February 8, 2024.		Services,Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,United Native Friendship Centre,Northern Community Development Services,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations	
2024-01-31	4659	E-mail	New Gold provided an update to MNO regarding the recent fire at the Fort Frances bus depot as per their request. The incident had been reported in the most recent weekly incident report.		Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
2024-02-01	4662	E-mail	The weekly incident report was distributed for the week of January 29 - February 4, 2024.		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Township of Chapple,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-02-01	4663	Meeting	New Gold and OYEP rep met to discuss a site tour, the potential for job shadowing at NG, connecting communities to OYEP by sharing their brochure and NG sharing community names with OYEP.		Outland Youth Employment Program	Public

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2024-02-01	4661	Community Investment	New Gold delivered a donation of tools for the Rainy River High School Shop Program as committed to in 2023.		Rainy River High School	Public
2024-02-07	4668	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill report, January 29 - February 5, 2024.	There were no incidents reported.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Township of Chapple,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
2024-02-07	4665	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,United Native Friendship Centre,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Northern Community Development Services,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-02-07	4667	Meeting	New Gold met with the Public Works Superintendent - Township of Chapple at the Shenston Landfill to gather feedback on the public use of the Recycle Program and take photos of the new debris fencing installed at the landfill		Township of Chapple	Public

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			(as previously funded by New Gold). Items were identified that the mine could provide that the public would use.			
2024-02-07	4666	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for January 2024 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-02-08	4670	Open House	New Gold hosted a hiring blitz at the Emo office. Approximately 70 people attended and 55 interviews were conducted.		Individual - GP	Public
2024-02-08	4669	Community Investment	New Gold was invited to attend the Fort Frances Muskie Sponsor Recognition event on February 20th.		Fort Frances High School	Public
2024-02-12	4671	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of February 05 - 11, 2024.		Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-02-13	4672	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with AON.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
2024-02-14	4674	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First	Public and Aboriginal

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			at the mine along with job descriptions.		Nations,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,United Native Friendship Centre,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Northern Community Development Services,Naotkamegwanning First Nation	
2024-02-16	4675	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill report, February 05-11, 2024.	There was one incident.	Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-02-20	4676	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of Feb 12 - 18, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-02-20	4677	E-mail	New Gold emailed EMB and JIC members the Notice of	The applications will be discussed at upcoming	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Seine River First	Aboriginal

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			Upcoming Government Applications that New Gold plans to apply for in 2024. The list of amendments and authorizations included the following (and are subject to change): Notice of Material Change (Stage 6 TMA dam raise and Stage 7 TMA dam raise); Schedule 2 Compensation Plan Amendment (submitted); ECA Industrial Sewage Works Amendment (submitted); and LRIA for water discharge capacity increases.	2024 EMB meetings.	Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation	
2024-02-21	4679	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Naotkamegwaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Northern Community Development Services, Shoonyaa Wa-Biitong, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-02-21	4680	E-mail	New Gold emailed Big Grassy requesting feedback on Community wants/needs for Community Information Sessions currently being planned.		Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-02-23	4681	E-mail	New Gold emailed information		Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First	Aboriginal

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			on the summer student job opportunities at the mine along with job description and qualifications.		Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Métis Nation of Ontario,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,United Native Friendship Centre,Northern Community Development Services,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
2024-02-23	4682	Phone Call	New Gold contacted the Rainy River & District Social Services Administration Board Community Engagement Coordinator to discuss Community Services and gaps.	n/a	Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board	Public
2024-02-26	4684	Meeting	New Gold held their regular meeting with the FFCS Advisory Committee / Enviro subcommittee.	Enviro update: No permits received since last meeting. Permits applied for (discussed at last meeting but not yet approved): CP Amendment, PTTW amendment for open pit dewatering wells, and Amendment for Industrial Sewage Works ECA. Permit applied for since last meeting but not yet approved: Stage 6 dam raise. Other updates: Stage 5 TMA dam raise construction completed	Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal

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				and letter of conformance from the Engineer of Record sent to the Ministry Mines and approved. Working on annual compliance reporting. Permits applied for but not yet submitted: Amendment to ECA sewage works (discussed at last meeting), LRIA approval for diffuser needed in river, and LRIA application for the Loslo Pond habitat at the lower west creek diversion.		
2024-02-26	4687	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly incident report, February 19 - 25, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Township of Chapple, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-02-27	4689	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill report, February 12 - 18, 2024.	There was one incident.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Township of Chapple, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First	Public and Aboriginal

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2024-02-27	4725	Meeting	<p>New Gold hosted a teleconference EMB meeting; the following topics were discussed: Closure plan amendment - Specialist comments received from Ministry of Mines; NG will respond by end of year. Offset Compensation Plan - continue to work with engineering; DFO has reviewed the memo and overall concept will be distributed to EMB members for review. PTTW Open Pit Dewatering - currently under review - increasing the amount of dewatering wells along southern extend of the open pit to reduce seepage rates. Industrial Sewage Works ECA Amendment BCR2 to treat TMA water - pilot project completed and results compile and preparing ECA Amendment documentation. ESA Habitat Management Plan per ECA permit - NG is actively following the permit and working on a plan for WPW habitat management with MECP. Stage 6 Dam Raise, Industrial sewage works ECA Amendment - in review with regulators. Application for LRIA from MNRF initiating screening process for additional diffusers in the Pinewood River and Loslo Pond -</p>	<p>The Fall ITRB report was reviewed. Spill reports and exceedances reviewed. Fish habitat package is still under review with engineers; plan should be 90% completed in March 2024.</p>	<p>Nation Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation</p>	<p>Aboriginal</p>

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			engineering work still to be reviewed by Enviro team prior to submission of LRIA application.			
2024-02-28	4691	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Naotkamegwanning.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-02-28	4690	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold went to Couchiching First Nation to discuss empowerment workshop and give info for student opportunities, OYEP and Inspire.	New Gold will connect with mineral and development to discuss community info sessions.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-02-28	4692	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Northern Community Development Services, United Native Friendship Centre, Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-02-29	4695	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill report, February 19-25, 2024.	There was one incident.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of	Public and Aboriginal

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					Onigaming First Nation	
2024-02-29	4693	Community Event	New Gold participated in the UNFC Career Fair.	Approx 25 people attended and we received 6 resumes.	United Native Friendship Centre	Public and Aboriginal
2024-02-29	4694	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-03-01	4696	Meeting	New Gold held a virtual meeting with a local Counselling Service to sharing information on gaps in services in the community. The service has been providing one-on-one counselling and workshops to local service providers.	n/a	Local Organization	Public and Aboriginal
2024-03-04	4698	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with RRFN to give information on summer student opportunities at New Gold, Outland Youth Employment program brochure and Indspire bursary information sponsored by New Gold as well as information about their Soaring Event. The empowerment workshop was also discussed with a tentative presentation date of April 24th.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-03-04	4699	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with Big Island to give information on summer student opportunities at New Gold, Outland Youth Employment program brochure and Indspire bursary information sponsored by New Gold as well as information about their Soaring Event. New Gold also discussed the empowerment workshop with	New Gold will follow up with the community to set a date for the empowerment workshop.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

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			an Elder.			
2024-03-04	4700	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with Big Grassy to give information on summer student opportunities at New Gold, Outland Youth Employment program brochure and Inspire bursary information sponsored by New Gold as well as information about their Soaring Event. New Gold also discussed the empowerment workshop with an Elder.	New Gold will follow up with the community to set a date for the empowerment workshop.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-03-05	4701	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of Feb 26 - Mar 03 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanigamiing First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-03-05	4703	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with Rainy River High School, Fort Frances High School, Seven Gens and Confederation College to provide information on summer student opportunities at New Gold, Outland Youth Employment program brochure and Inspire bursary information as well as information about the Soaring Event. New Gold will include the info on future announcements.		Rainy River High School, Fort Frances High School, Seven Generations Education Institute, Confederation College	Public and Aboriginal

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2024-03-06	4710	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill report, February 26 - March 03, 2024.	There were no incidents reported.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-03-06	4704	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-03-06	4708	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with Mitaanjigamiing to give information on summer student opportunities at New Gold, Outland Youth Employment program brochure and Inspire bursary information sponsored by New Gold as well as information about their Soaring Event. The empowerment workshop was also discussed		Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal

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			with a presentation date tentatively set for April 10th or 11th.			
2024-03-06	4709	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with Naicatchewenin to give information on summer student opportunities at New Gold, Outland Youth Employment program brochure and Indspire bursary information sponsored by New Gold as well as information about their Soaring Event. The empowerment workshop was also discussed with a tentative presentation date of April 3rd.		Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-03-06	4705	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with AWZFN to give information on summer student opportunities at New Gold, Outland Youth Employment program brochure and Indspire bursary information sponsored by New Gold as well as information about their Soaring Event.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-03-06	4706	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with Naotkamegwanning to give information on summer student opportunities at New Gold, Outland Youth Employment program brochure and Indspire bursary information sponsored by New Gold as well as information about their Soaring Event. The empowerment workshop was also discussed with a presentation date		Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal

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			tentatively set for April 10th or 11th.			
2024-03-06	4707	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with Onigaming to give information on summer student opportunities at New Gold, Outland Youth Employment program brochure and Indspire bursary information sponsored by New Gold as well as information about their Soaring Event.	New Gold will attend meeting next week for empowerment workshop collaboration.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-03-07	4713	External Feedback	A site neighbour contacted the New Gold Community Office to issue a complaint regarding Dust from the TMA. Complaint sent to Management for a response		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
2024-03-07	4711	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold dropped off information on summer student opportunities at New Gold, Outland Youth Employment program brochure and Indspire bursary information as well as information about the Soaring Event.	New Gold will follow-up regarding the empowerment workshop.	Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-03-07	4712	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with Seine River to give information on summer student opportunities at New Gold, Outland Youth Employment program brochure and Indspire bursary information sponsored by New Gold as well as information about their Soaring Event. The empowerment workshop was also discussed with a presentation date to be decided at a later date.		Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal

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2024-03-07	4910	Community Investment	New Gold approved support for donations and/or sponsorship to Backpack for Kids, West Rainy River New Gold Youth Grant, Fort Frances High School Chem Free Grad, Town of Rainy River Railroad Daze, Emo Public Library, Rainy River West End Food Bank, Community Safety Net, "Smart Choices for Life" , Riverside Foundation for Healthcare, and the Rainy River High School Student Food Needs program.		Local Organization,Township of Emo,Town of Rainy River,Riverside Foundation for Health Care,Rainy River High School,Fort Frances High School	Public and Aboriginal
2024-03-11	4715	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of March 04 -10, 2024.		Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
2024-03-11	4714	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for February 2024 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Rainy River First Nations,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation	Aboriginal

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2024-03-11	4718	E-mail	New Gold emailed the Chief to offer an Empowerment Workshop in the community. New Gold sent a copy of the workshop for review.		Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-03-11	4717	E-mail	New Gold provided Seine River with more information on the Empowerment Workshop for more input from community. The workshop date still needs to be set.		Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-03-11	4716	E-mail	New Gold scheduled the empowerment presentation with Nigigoonsiminikaaning for April 8th.	New Gold will also present more information about careers in mining.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-03-12	4720	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Big Grassy.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-03-12	4722	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill report, March 04 - 10, 2024.	There was one incident.	Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-03-12	4719	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming 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,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Town of Atikokan,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Seven	Public and Aboriginal

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					Generations Education Institute, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, United Native Friendship Centre	
2024-03-12	4721	Community Event	The community requested that New Gold provide an information booth at a community event. Geology and career development participated.	Six community members attended the information session.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-03-13	4723	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold dropped off information about summer student employment opportunities, Outland Youth Employment Program brochure, and Inspire bursary information. New Gold also attended the health fair and met some community members and Elders.	New Gold sent an electronic copy of the empowerment workshop to help them determine if they wanted to proceed with the workshop. New Gold also offered tobacco and met with an Elder from community.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-03-14	4727	External Feedback	A site neighbour dropped by the Emo Office to discuss a recent dust event that created a large plume of dust that drifted to the neighbour's property. Information shared with the neighbour on the action taken to-date to address this issue. The neighbour will send NG an email detailing the dust event and complaint details.	New Gold received the information from the site neighbour outlining the details of the complaint; the details were submitted to the Health and Safety Manager, Environment Manager and Community Manager for follow-up action. NG took a number of short-term and longer-term actions to address the dust issue in addition to routine air quality sampling and forming a dust impact	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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				committee. Neighbours will be updated on progress.		
2024-03-18	4729	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of March 11 - 17, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwaning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-03-19	4731	External Feedback	A site neighbour contacted the Emo Office to issue a complaint regarding the Dust from the mine. The neighbour advised the dust was like a thick white cloud. The neighbour is concerned about the health effects of the dust and said she has a headache as a result of the dust. The neighbour would like to know what actions will be taken to address this issue. The complaint was sent to the Mine Operations Manager, Environment Manager, Health & Safety Manager for a response.	NG took a number of short-term and longer-term actions to address the dust issue in addition to routine air quality sampling and forming a dust impact committee. Neighbours will be updated on progress.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
2024-03-19	4732	External Feedback	A site neighbour was contacted to set up a meeting at his property to provide a visual of the effects of the dust and discuss the issue further. Two members of the management team will meet with the site neighbour for further	NG took a number of short-term and longer-term actions to address the dust issue in addition to routine air quality sampling and forming a dust impact committee. Neighbours will be updated on progress.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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			discussion.			
2024-03-20	4733	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming 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,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Town of Atikokan,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwaning First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,United Native Friendship Centre,Northern Community Development Services,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong	Public and Aboriginal
2024-03-20	4735	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN. The meeting was held at the mine site.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-03-21	4736	Meeting	Meeting was held with AON to discuss community activities and New Gold updates. Other topics included camp availability and NG's community service initiative, still in development.	AON requested job postings be clearly identified "Entry Level" where no prior experience or qualifications required. AON thought some video of available jobs (typical work of the job) would be helpful to potential applicants.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
2024-03-21	4737	Meeting	A leadership meeting was held in Big Grassy and discussion topics included camp availability, and New Gold's community service initiative (still in development).		Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-03-22	4738	Phone Call	New Gold contacted 20 site neighbours living in proximity of	A summary of the comments/feedback	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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			the mine that may have been impacted by the increase of dust from the TMA. The neighbours were invited to a Dust Impact Information Meeting scheduled March 28 at the Emo office. The focus of this meeting is to discuss the mitigation the mine has taken to address the dust issue and answer questions.	received from neighbours provided to Community Superintendent to determine action.		
2024-03-25	4739	E-mail	The weekly incident report was distributed for the week of March 18 - 24, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-03-27	4741	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Lac La Croix First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Town of Atikokan,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,United Native Friendship Centre,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Northern Community Development Services,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-03-27	4742	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly	Confidential meeting	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

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			JIC meeting with MNO.	minutes were taken.		
2024-03-28	4743	Community Meeting	New Gold held a meeting with site neighbours to share information and answer questions related to dust from the TMA. New Gold provided an overview of the short-term and long-term plans to mitigate future dust events. Site Neighbours had the opportunity to share their concerns and ask questions they had regarding the dust.	Further updates on the measures to address dust to follow.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
2024-04-02	4744	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of March 25 - 31, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Township of Chapple,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-04-03	4746	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Northern Community Development Services,United Native Friendship Centre,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Anishinabe	Public and Aboriginal

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					of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
2024-04-03	4749	E-mail	NG emailed an MS Teams invitation for the next EMB meeting scheduled for June 11, 2024.	Attachments included the meeting documents.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-04-03	4748	Workshop	Empowerment Workshop was presented in NWB. There were 8 in attendance.	Feedback forms about the presentation were completed by participants.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-04-03	4747	Community Meeting	An informal meeting was held between RRFN Chief and New Gold Leadership.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-04-04	4752	E-mail	NG emailed Onigaming to reschedule meeting and sent copy of Empowerment presentation.	NG will follow up at a later date.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-04-04	4750	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for February 2024 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-04-04	4751	Community Meeting	Leadership meeting was held between MNO and New Gold in Kenora.	Item discussed was potentially developing a procedure for verifying MNO employee membership status.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
2024-04-05	4753	Phone Call	A site neighbour was contacted as a follow-up to a recent complaint to inquiry if complaint was handled appropriately and	n/a	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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			if the process taken to address complaint worked. The neighbour was satisfied with how the complaint was handled and felt his complaint was addressed.			
2024-04-08	4754	E-mail	The weekly incident report was distributed for the week of April 1 - 7, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-04-08	4755	Presentatio n	New Gold assisted OW clients with resume writing and applying for New Gold positions. NG also met with Elder to collaborate on Empowerment Workshop.		Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-04-09	4756	E-mail	New Gold emailed JIC and EMB members the link to the 2023 Annual Compliance Report.	New Gold invited any questions the members may have.	Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-04-09	4757	E-mail	New Gold distributed PNP packages summarizing		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First	Aboriginal

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			upcoming RFPs that may be issued over the next year.		Nations,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	
2024-04-09	4758	E-mail	New Gold emailed invitations to the upcoming Spring Ceremony, planned for April 25, 2024.	The invitation was distributed to EMB, JIC members and Indigenous leadership with a reminder on April 18, 2024.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-04-09	4760	E-mail	NG emailed Nigig's Health Director to share empowerment workshop and hope to set up meeting to discuss further.	NG will follow up at a later date.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-04-10	4761	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,United Native Friendship Centre,Northern Community Development Services,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Confederation College,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Métis Nation of Ontario,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-04-12	4763	Phone Call	New Gold contacted a site		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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			neighbour (located west of the project) as a follow-up to a dust complaint received. The neighbour was satisfied with how the complaint was addressed and the complaint was closed.			
2024-04-12	4762	Phone Call	New Gold contacted a site neighbour (located south of the project) as a follow-up to a dust complaint received. The neighbour was satisfied with how the complaint was addressed and the complaint was closed.		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
2024-04-15	4764	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of April 8 - 14, 2024.		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-04-16	4765	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill reports, March 11 - 17, March 18 - 24, and March 25 - 31.	There was one incident in the week of March 11 - 17th, five incidents in the week of March 18 - 24th, and two incidents in the week of March 25 - 31st.	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy	Public and Aboriginal

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					River First Nations	
2024-04-16	4766	E-mail	The NFN JIC member shared community newsletters with NG JIC members.		Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-04-17	4769	Presentation	New Gold provided a Rocks and Minerals presentation to twenty-two students from the Grade 4 Class at JW Walker School in Fort Frances.		Local Organization	Public
2024-04-17	4768	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Confederation College, Seven Generations Education Institute, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Northern Community Development Services, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong	Public and Aboriginal
2024-04-18	4770	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with AWZFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-04-18	4771	Information Kiosk	New Gold was a sponsor and participated in the Indspire Youth Gathering (held in Ottawa April 15-18). There were approximately 1500 youth in attendance, with approximately 400 youth that came to our tradeshow table to speak with us.	Approximately 40 youth attended Youth Empowerment Workshop presented by New Gold.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-04-19	4772	Community Event	New Gold participated in the Annual Emo Chamber of		Emo Chamber of Commerce	Public

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			Commerce -Spring Fever Days event April 18-20. As part of New Gold's participation, a Spring Basket Draw was held at Emo Office.			
2024-04-22	4773	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of Apr 15 - 21, 2024.	There was a question regarding one of the incidents; further details were provided.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Seine River First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-04-23	4774	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill reports, April 1 - 7, April 8 - 14, and April 15 - 21, 2024.	There were no incidents in the week of April 1 - 7th, one incident in the week of April 8 - 14th, and one incident in the week of April 15 - 21st.	Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-04-23	4775	Meeting	The Shenston Landfill Recycle Program committee identified items available for donation to the program. The Public Works Superintendent for the Township of Chapple was contacted and a list of items to be provided.		Township of Chapple	Public
2024-04-23	4776	Community	NG was invited and attended a	A future school shop class	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal

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		Event	Youth Japan Trip Fundraiser held in WFB.	tour with Mobile Maintenance and tire shop was discussed.		
2024-04-23	4778	Information Kiosk	Career Expo was held in Couchiching First Nation geared to youth up to 29 years old. There were presentations from multiple agencies for the youth.	Approx 25 youth in attendance.	Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong	Aboriginal
2024-04-24	4781	Workshop	NG presented the Empowerment Workshop in RRFN drum room.	There were 12 in attendance; 9 submitted feedback forms.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-04-24	4780	Meeting	New Gold held their regular JIC meeting with Naicatchewenin.	Confidential meeting minutes taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-04-24	4779	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, United Native Friendship Centre, Northern Community Development Services, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seven Generations Education Institute, Confederation College, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-04-25	4782	Ceremony	New Gold hosted Spring Ceremony at the Roundhouse. The officiant was an Elder from Naicatchewenin.	There were approximately 30 participants.	Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Sunset Country Métis	Public and Aboriginal
2024-04-26	4783	Community Event	New Gold participated in the Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce Business Expo April 26-27.		Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce	Public and Aboriginal

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2024-04-29	4784	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-04-30	4787	Workshop	New Gold presented the Empowerment Workshop in Naotkamegwanning.	There were 4 people in attendance with 3 feedback forms on the presentation completed.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-04-30	4789	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold tried to meet with Director of Operations and Supervisor of Customary Care Program for Onigaming, but nobody was available to meet.	New Gold left a message with staff regarding the empowerment workshop and will follow up by email at a later date.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-04-30	4788	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with Economic Development at NWA 37 for updates and to see if they are still interested in having an Empowerment Workshop in community.	New Gold will follow up at a later date.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-04-30	4785	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of April 22 - 28, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-05-01	4790	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Northern Community Development Services, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Confederation College, Seven Generations Education Institute, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First	Public and Aboriginal

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					Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
2024-05-01	4791	E-mail	New Gold distributed the most recent PNP to a new addition to the LLC bidder's list.		Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-05-01	4792	E-mail	RRFN emailed NG to request volunteers at the upcoming fish fry.	NG committed to sending volunteers.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-05-02	4795	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	NG travelled to the community to discuss the empowerment workshop and catch up on community events.	NG will follow up to find out if there is interest in the workshop.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
2024-05-02	4796	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	NG travelled to the community to discuss the empowerment workshop and catch up on community events.	NG will follow up to find out if there is interest in the workshop.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-05-02	4794	Community Event	New Gold attended the Rainy River High School Career Fair.	There were approximately 75 participants.	Rainy River High School	Public
2024-05-02	4793	E-mail	New Gold distributed a poster to advise of an upcoming 2-day hiring blitz at the Emo office.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Confederation College,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Seven Generations Education Institute,Northern Community Development Services,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,United	Public and Aboriginal

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					Native Friendship Centre	
2024-05-04	4797	Community Event	New Gold participated in the Rainy River Trade Show. Participants were welcomed to sign up for mine tours.	Approximately 60 people in attendance.	Town of Rainy River	Public
2024-05-06	4799	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of April 29 - May 5, 2024.		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-05-06	4800	Community Event	New Gold participated in the MMIWG walk/ ceremony in RRFN.	Approximately 100 people participated including community members, students from the local schools, and reps from local organizations.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-05-07	4801	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill report of April 22 - 28, 2024.	There was one incident reported.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
2024-05-07	4802	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Naotkamegwanning.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-05-08	4803	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First	Public and Aboriginal

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			at the mine along with job descriptions along with a poster for the upcoming hiring blitz being held at the Emo office.		Nation,United Native Friendship Centre,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Northern Community Development Services,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Confederation College,Seven Generations Education Institute,Town of Atikokan,Métis Nation of Ontario,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 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	
2024-05-08	4804	Presentation	New Gold provided a presentation to students about geology and mining.		Crossroads Public School	Public
2024-05-08	4805	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for February 2024 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-05-08	4819	Community Event	New Gold attended the first day of the GCT#3 Chiefs assembly, hosted in RRFN.		Grand Council Treaty #3,Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-05-09	4820	Community Event	New Gold attended the second day of the GCT#3 Chiefs assembly, hosted in RRFN.		Rainy River First Nations,Grand Council Treaty #3	Aboriginal
2024-05-09	4807	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with the Twsp of Chapple Public Works Superintendent to provide an		Township of Chapple	Public

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			update on a donation of used materials for the Shenston Recycle Program. Mine operations and Health and Safety to coordinate the logistics for the safe removal of donated material.			
2024-05-13	4821	Open House	New Gold held a two-day career fair and hiring blitz at the NG Emo Office.	There were approximately 30 people interviewed on Day 1.	Individual - GP	Public and Aboriginal
2024-05-14	4822	Open House	New Gold held a two-day career fair and hiring blitz at the NG Emo Office.	There were approximately 25 people interviewed on Day 2.	Individual - GP	Public and Aboriginal
2024-05-14	4809	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Big Island.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
2024-05-14	4823	Meeting	AON's FN coordinator met with NG to discuss upcoming events, community visits.	NG provided a copy of a video relating to employment. NG's Community Coordinator will visit the community monthly.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
2024-05-15	4810	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis Nation of Ontario,Town of Atikokan,Seven Generations Education Institute,Confederation College,Naotkamegwaning First Nation,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,United Native Friendship Centre,Northern Community Development Services,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-05-15	4811	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First	Public and

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			distributed for the week of May 6-12, 2024		Nations,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-05-16	4825	E-mail	New Gold received a Tour Request from the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry local citizen's committee. Environment Department to provide the tour.	The tour date was set for June 26, 2024.	Local Organization	Public
2024-05-16	4812	Meeting	New Gold held the regular FFCS AC/Enviro subcommittee meeting. However, no one called in at the agreed meeting time.	The meeting was rescheduled to June 26th.	Seine River First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-05-17	4813	Community Event	New Gold volunteered to help at RRFN's 52nd Anniversary Fish Fry.	There were 9 volunteers from New Gold. There were approximately 600 people in attendance.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-05-21	4827	Workshop	NG presented the Empowerment Workshop in Seine River.	There were 25 - 30 in attendance. Feedback forms were completed by some of the participants.	Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-05-21	4814	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of May 13 - 19, 2024.		Rainy River First Nations,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin	Public and Aboriginal

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					First Nation, Township of Chapple, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	
2024-05-22	4815	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Confederation College, Seven Generations Education Institute, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Northern Community Development Services, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Bitong, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
2024-05-23	4816	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill reports, April 29 - May 5, May 6 - 12, and May 13 - 19, 2024.	There was one incident in the week of April 29 - May 5th, no incidents in the week of May 06 - 12th, and two incidents in the week of May 13 - 19th.	Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-05-23	4828	Presentation	New Gold provided a presentation to the St Mary School Kindergarten class on May 23.	Approximately 18 students were in attendance.	Local Organization	Public
2024-05-24	4829	Community Event	New Gold was asked to participate in the 120 Anniversary of the Town of Rainy River by providing tours of	The event was scheduled July 19 and July 20. NG agreed to participate.	Town of Rainy River	Public

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			the mine during the event.			
2024-05-28	4835	E-mail	New Gold received an inquiry to provide an interactive presentation for the Town of Fort Frances Summer Programs with a focus on STEM. Follow-up communication sent to set a date the first week of July.	The presentation did not take place as the FF supervisor did not finalize the scheduling of the event. New Gold will participate next year if requested.	Town of Fort Frances	Public
2024-05-28	4833	E-mail	The weekly incident report was distributed for the week of May 20 - 26, 2024.		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Township of Chapple,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Public and Aboriginal
2024-05-28	4832	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold visited a Knowledge Keepers / Drum Keepers house in Rainy River First Nations, offered him Tobacco, and requested he speak at an event on June 19th for Indigenous Peoples Day.	Follow up, with a map to Round House	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-05-29	4836	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,United Native Friendship Centre,Northern Community Development Services,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Seven Generations Education Institute,Confederation College,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Métis Nation of Ontario,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin	Public and Aboriginal

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					First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	
2024-06-03	4837	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of September 11 - 17, 2023.		Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-06-04	4841	Community Event	NG attended a Pow wow at the Fort Frances High School and assisted the Elder with smudging.		Fort Frances High School	Public and Aboriginal
2024-06-04	4840	Meeting	New Gold held their regular JIC meeting with Naicatchewenin.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-06-05	4844	E-mail	New Gold emailed the 2023 Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Report.	Questions and comments were invited.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Township of Chapple, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-06-05	4845	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold went to Big Grassy for a community visit. Discussed potential for an Elders' bus for grocery shopping, providing Pow		Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal

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			wow volunteers (Powwow Aug 9-11). An Elder's contact info was provided to learn about the history of the community name. Sign up sheets for mine tours were left with the community. A mine tour will be planned if there is interest.			
2024-06-05	4846	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with AON to discuss powwow and other info. The Pow wow will be held Aug 17-19. Volunteers are needed for serving food and clean up. AON will submit request for a donation but noted their preference for a monetary donation rather than in-kind that was received last year. A career fair was discussed but is not yet planned; NG will attend when AON sets the date. New Gold will send sign up sheets for mine tour to see how many are interested. New Gold will meet with Elder to learn history of community name. New Gold will bring video of "A Day in the Life of a Haul Truck Driver" to show at the career fair.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
2024-06-05	4843	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Confederation College, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Northern Community Development Services, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Seven Generations Education	Public and Aboriginal

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					Institute, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services	
2024-06-05	4911	Community Investment	New Gold approved support for donation and/or sponsorship to Rainy River Chem Free Grad, Tour de Fort Canadian Concert Series, Rainy River Community Garden, Chapple Recreation Community Garden, Ducks Unlimited, Emo Walleye Classic, Fort Frances Canadian Bass Championship, Borderland Racing Association Canada Day Celebration, Sturgeon Creek School, Kids & Company, Rainy River Walleye, Fort Frances Public Library, Fun in the Sun and Naotkamegwanning First Nation.		Town of Fort Frances, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River High School, Local Organization, Township of Chapple	Public and Aboriginal
2024-06-06	4847	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold introduced our new Summer Student, and received contact info for collecting community name history, talked with the Pow wow organizer and dropped off tour sign up forms with reception.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-06-06	4848	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold introduced our new Summer Student, and received contact info an Elder to learn more about the community		Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal

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			name history, talked with the Pow wow organizer regarding volunteer opportunities and dropped off tour sign up forms with reception.			
2024-06-07	4849	Phone Call	New Gold notified neighbours to advise of the change of the open-pit blast time scheduled for Saturday, June 8th. Blast time was changed from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
2024-06-10	4851	Community Meeting	New Gold attended Confederation College's Annual Report meeting at the Fort Frances campus.	There were approximately 30 people in attendance.	Confederation College	Public
2024-06-11	4853	Meeting	New Gold hosted a teleconference EMB meeting. PERMITS UNDER REVIEW: (1) Closure Plan Amendment: Changes in Open Pit shell and mine rock stockpile sizing. Specialist comments received from the Ministry of Mines. New Gold to respond before year-end. (2) Offset Compensation Plan: 3.5 ha of fish habitat at Loslo Creek and West Creek Diversion confluence. DFO reviewed memo. Overall concept to be reviewed by EMB. Engineering completion January/February 2024. (3) PTTW – Open Pit Dewatering: Increasing dewatering wells along southern Open Pit to reduce seepage rates. (4) Industrial Sewage Works ECA	Other topics: EXCEEDANCES: A Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) and Iron exceedance was reported on December 20th, 2023, due to tailing management issues. Mitigation strategies have been implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). FALL ITRB REPORT: The Water Treatment timeline involves submitting the ECA amendment in early 2024, with a year for regulatory review. Construction will proceed post-approval, aiming for increased capacity by 2027.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal

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			<p>Amendment - Biochemical Reactor #2: TMA water treatment using only BCR#2. Results compiled, ECA Amendment documentation being prepared. (5) Endangered Species Habitat Management Plan: Plan for Whip-poor-will habitat management with MECP following existing schedule. PERMITS APPROVED: Stage 6 Dam Raise: 1-meter dam raise in 2024. PERMITS NOT SUBMITTED, CURRENTLY WITH NG: (1) Industrial Sewage Works ECA Amendment: Water balance model rebuild identified site changes. Discharge 130,000 cubes/day, treat 60,000 cubes/day. Permit planned for mid-2024 submission. (2) Application for LRIA from MNRF: Screening for additional diffusers in Pinewood River and Loslo Pond initiated. Engineering review by New Gold's Environmental Department.</p>	<p>WET VS DRY TAILINGS STUDY: A high-level study is underway. NG UPDATE: The company plans to extend the Open Pit by two years. A three-year forecast is available on the NG website. A new sustainability vision is planned for 2024-2025. FISH HABITAT PACKAGE: The plan is under review with engineers. A 60% review was submitted, with a 90% plan expected by March.</p>		
2024-06-12	4854	Community Meeting	<p>New Gold held a follow-up meeting with site neighbours to provide an update regarding the progress on addressing dust from the TMA and overall dust from the mine. Information was also shared regarding the Underground Development and general questions were answered.</p>		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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2024-06-14	4912	E-mail	New Gold distributed PNP packages summarizing upcoming RFPs that may be issued over the next year.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Rainy River First Nations, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-06-17	4856	Community Meeting	NG was invited and attended the FFCS monthly meeting to present an update about the mine.	There was some discussion at forming an Elders committee relating to Closure Plan activities.	Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-06-18	4857	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold and Naotkamegwanning discussed the upcoming community information session. It was decided that the session should include mine updates, HR updates and Enviro updates. New Gold learned that the community name of Naotkamegwanning translates to "the bay where the whitefish are".	New Gold will send posters to help promote the community info sessions.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-06-18	4858	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with the community to learn more about the history of the community name and to find out if there was any interest in hosting an Empowerment Workshop.	Onigaming means "portage".	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-06-20	4860	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly incident reports, June 3-9 and June 10-16, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Township of Chapple, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of	Public and Aboriginal

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					Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation	
2024-06-20	4861	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Northern Community Development Services, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Seven Generations Education Institute, Confederation College, United Native Friendship Centre, Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-06-23	4864	Community Event	New Gold attended the Town of Fort Frances Splash Park Grand opening.	There were approximately 100 people in attendance.	Town of Fort Frances	Public
2024-06-24	4865	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of June 17 - 23, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-06-24	4866	Meeting	New Gold held their regular JIC meeting with RRFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-06-24	4867	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly	Confidential meeting	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal

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			JIC meeting with MNO.	minutes were taken.		
2024-06-25	4873	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill reports: May 20 - 26; May 27 - June 02; and June 03 - 09, 2024.	"There were two incidents reported May 20-26; there were three incidents reported May 27 - Jun 02; and one incident reported June 03 - 09, 2024. An EMB member asked for clarification on an un-ionized ammonia exceedance and adaptive management measures to be taken; the information was provided by the Environment Manager. The EMB member requested further response regarding preventative actions to be taken to reduce risks and was emailed a further detailed response. The Enviro manager offered to go over in further detail in the scheduled EMB meeting of Sept 19th. The EMB member thanked NG for the response and would advise if there were any other concerns."	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-06-25	4868	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for February 2024 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching	Aboriginal

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					First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	
2024-06-25	4871	E-mail	A request for a letter of support for the Rural Community Immigration Pilot was received from the Town of Rainy River. Information forwarded to the HR Manager and General Manager.	New Gold provided a letter of support to bring the Rural Community Immigration Pilot program to Northwestern Ontario. New Gold's HR Department provided the letter of support.	Town of Rainy River	Public
2024-06-26	4875	Meeting	New Gold held their regular Advisory Committee / Enviro sub-committee meeting with FFCS.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigaming First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-06-26	4878	Site Visit	A tour was provided for the MNRF Citizens Committee. The tour included a mine tour and tour of the TMA. The Environment Manager sharing information on the mining process, water treatment process and provided a general overview of the mine.	Eight people participated in the tour.	Local Organization	Public
2024-06-26	4876	E-mail	A site neighbour requested to be included in New Gold's Off-Site Well Monitoring program and requested early testing.	Arrangements made with the Environment Department to conduct the testing.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
2024-06-26	4879	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	During a tour of the mine for the MNRF Citizens Committee, one of the participants who has property close to the mine requested to be invited to the next Neighbour Dust Impact Meeting.	Contact information was provided and neighbour will be invited to the next meeting.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
2024-06-26	4874	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Seven Generations Education Institute, Confederation	Public and Aboriginal

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			descriptions.		College, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, United Native Friendship Centre, Northern Community Development Services, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services	
2024-06-27	4880	Community Event	New Gold volunteered at the UNFC Fundraiser for Children's Programs.		United Native Friendship Centre	Public and Aboriginal
2024-06-27	4881	Community Event	New Gold attended a Residential school Gathering in Couchiching First Nation as hosted by Grand Council Treaty 3. Survivors from local First Nations shared their stories. There was also a Pow wow.		Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-07-02	4884	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of June 24 - 30, 2024.		Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-07-02	4913	Workshop	NG organized a resume workshop in the community	NG went to the community for the workshop; one OW	Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Aboriginal

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			jointly with the Ontario works worker.	Client participated in the resume workshop.		
2024-07-03	4885	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Northern Community Development Services, Seven Generations Education Institute, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Confederation College, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
2024-07-03	4916	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	NG travelled to the community to discuss a mine tour for community members and provide a sign up sheet to help determine interest.	There was no one available to talk to, but the list was left for posting.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-07-03	4915	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	NG travelled to the community to discuss a mine tour for community members and provide a sign up sheet to help determine interest.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
2024-07-03	4917	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	NG travelled to the community to discuss a mine tour for community members and provide a sign up sheet to help determine interest.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-07-04	4887	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill reports: June 10-16 and June 17-23, 2024.	There were no incidents reported June 10-16 and one spill reported June 17-23, 2024.	Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Big	Public and Aboriginal

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					Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple	
2024-07-04	4886	Meeting	New Gold and Advisory Services discussed setting up a supper for the Chiefs of FFCS communities to meet with the President of New Gold.	The date for the supper was set for August 20th.	Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat	Aboriginal
2024-07-08	4892	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of July 1 - 7, 2024.		Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Nigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
2024-07-08	4890	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	New Gold met with Director of Operations at Couchiching to discuss Mine Tour and Edev opportunities.	New Gold emailed information requested by Couchiching.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-07-08	4893	Community Event	New Gold Community Coordinators travelled to the community in response to a Healing circle calling on all Anishinaabe to come out and support family of missing woman from Whitefish Bay.	A poster advertising for community information session was dropped off.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-07-09	4891	Meeting	Fort Frances Confederation College reached out to promote	They are looking for support across the district	Confederation College	Public

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			a new program they will be rolling out for 2024-25, Women in Skilled Trades Program. They have asked to work with us to have the possible candidates to work 8-week placements at the mine site.	and will contact us again when program is further developed.		
2024-07-10	4895	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Confederation College,Seven Generations Education Institute,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,United Native Friendship Centre,Northern Community Development Services,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Métis Nation of Ontario,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,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-07-10	4896	Mass Mailout	New Gold mailed the RRP 2024 Newsletter Issue 1 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		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,United Native Friendship Centre,Confederation College,Seven Generations Education Institute,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Northern Community Development Services,Big Grassy First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Métis Nation of Ontario,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Lac La Croix First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First	Public and Aboriginal

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			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 (those communities include: Buffalo Point, Rat Portage (Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum) and Northwest Angle 33). The email included a request to provide feedback by taking New Gold Quick Poll through the website.		Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation	
2024-07-15	4899	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of July 8 - 14, 2024.		Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Township of Chapple,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
2024-07-15	4918	E-mail	Big Grassy advised NG that a mine tour would be best organized for September.		Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-07-16	4902	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly meeting with Big Grassy.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-07-16	4901	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for June 2024 that summarized		Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First	Aboriginal

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			employment and business aspects.		Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	
2024-07-16	4900	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Seven Generations Education Institute,Confederation College,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Northern Community Development Services,United Native Friendship Centre,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis Nation of Ontario,Town of Atikokan,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-07-18	4903	Community Event	New Gold handed out the awards for the West Rainy River New Gold Youth Grant in Rainy River.		Town of Rainy River	Public
2024-07-18	4920	E-mail	NG emailed Onigaming to find out if they were still interested in a mine tour as calls had not been returned.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-07-19	4921	E-mail	A new worker in Big Grassy reached out to discuss scheduling an Empowerment Workshop. The worker offered to circulate another sign up		Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal

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			sheet for those with interest in attending a mine tour in September.			
2024-07-19	4904	Site Visit	New Gold provided tours of the Rainy River mine in support of the Town of Rainy River's Railroad Daze & 120 Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Rainy River. Transportation was provided from Rainy River the mine. Two Tours were offered and a total of 61 people joined the tour.		Town of Rainy River	Public and Aboriginal
2024-07-20	4905	Community Event	New Gold participated in the Town of Rainy River's Railroad Daze/120 Anniversary Parade held in the Town of Rainy River. New Gold had a float in the parade.		Town of Rainy River	Public and Aboriginal
2024-07-22	4923	E-mail	NG received a phone call from Whitefish Bay advising that they had not advertised the Community Information Session planned for July 29th and requested a new poster and date. The session was rescheduled for August 20th.	New Gold confirmed the new date and sent an updated poster.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-07-23	4907	E-mail	New Gold emailed an MS Teams invitation for the next EMB meeting scheduled for September 19, 2024.	Attachments included meeting documents.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-07-23	4870	Meeting	The Township of Chapple had requested a mine and Social Closure update from the general manager.	New Gold met with the Reeve and Council members. A mine and social closure update was provided and a general	Township of Chapple	Public

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				discussion held.		
2024-07-23	4925	Community Event	NG worked with Animakee Wa Zhing to put on a community information session in the community. Personnel from Enviro, HR and Mine Ops departments provided updates.	There were 2 people in attendance.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-07-23	4906	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of July 15 - 21, 2024.		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,Buffalo Point First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-07-24	4908	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Confederation College,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Seven Generations Education Institute,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,United Native Friendship Centre,Northern Community Development Services,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-07-29	4926	E-mail	New Gold contacted communities to determine if they would like to go on a site tour. The contacts would put up	There was not enough interest at this time to schedule tours. NG will reach out again in the	Rainy River First Nations,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal

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			sign up sheets to determine interest.	future.		
2024-07-30	4909	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill reports; June 24-30, July 01-07, July 08-14 and July 15-21, 2024.	"There were no incidents reported June 24-30; there were five spills reported July 01-07; there were no spills in the weeks of July 08-14 and July 15-21, 2024. An EMB member had further questions requesting more detail and the plan for further mitigation by New Gold. Enviro responded with the requested detail and information on the mitigation efforts planned to suppress TMA dust when similar conditions arise (i.e. no snow cover on the TMA this past winter). The EMB member thanked NG for the response."	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-07-30	4928	Community Event	New Gold participated in a walk in Fort Frances for World Day Against Human Trafficking.	Approximately 50 people participated.		Public and Aboriginal
2024-07-31	4930	E-mail	New Gold emailed current information on the jobs available at the mine site.		Naotkamegwaning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Confederation College,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,United Native Friendship Centre,Northern Community Development Services,Seven Generations Education Institute,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo	Public and Aboriginal

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					Point First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
2024-07-31	4929	E-mail	New Gold emailed JIC members the EMB meeting minutes of Feb 27 and June 11, 2024.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
2024-08-01	4932	E-mail	Onigaming planned a career fair for August 19, 2024 and asked NG to attend.	NG committed to participating in the career fair.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-08-06	4934	External Feedback	A local resident contacted New Gold to advise that at Korpi Road, an east bound vehicle making the turn south failed to stop at the stop sign, and almost hit the complainant's motorcycle.	The complainant did not wish to file an official complaint, however, the H&S manager was able to identify the vehicle and driver and brought the incident to their attention.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
2024-08-07	4935	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the current job opportunities at the mine.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, United Native Friendship Centre, Northern Community Development Services, Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation, Confederation College, Seven Generations Education Institute, Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-08-08	4937	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Reports were distributed for the weeks of July 22 - 28 and July 29 - Aug		Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of	Public and Aboriginal

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			04, 2024.		Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Township of Chapple, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
2024-08-08	4936	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on a new Haul Truck driver employment opportunity.		Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Seven Generations Education Institute, Confederation College, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-08-12	4938	E-mail	The weekly incident report was distributed for the week of August 5 - 11, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-08-12	4941	E-mail	A site tour for NFN Elders was cancelled due to no sign ups	NG will work with NFN contact if there is more	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal

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			from community and illness.	interest in a site tour.		
2024-08-12	4940	E-mail	Onigaming notified NG that they had cancelled the career fair planned for August 19, 2024.	NG will attend the next planned career fair in Onigaming.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-08-12	4939	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with AWZFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-08-13	4942	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions and a poster to promote an upcoming hiring blitz on August 22, 2024.		Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Confederation College,United Native Friendship Centre,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Seven Generations Education Institute,Northern Community Development Services,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,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,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-08-13	4946	Site Visit	New Gold provided an open pit mine tour for a JIC member.		Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-08-13	4945	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly meeting with Naotkamegwanning at the mine site. An open pit tour took place after the meeting.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-08-13	4943	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for July 2024 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First	Aboriginal

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					Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Seine River First Nation	
2024-08-13	4944	Meeting	New Gold held their regular JIC meeting with Naicatchewenin.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-08-15	4950	E-mail	WFB cancelled community information session planned for August 20th.	The session was rescheduled for Sept 11th.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-08-16	4951	Site Visit	NG hosted a public tour of the Rainy River mine. New Gold provided return transportation from Fort Frances.	There were 24 participants in the site tour.	Individual - GP	Public
2024-08-19	4953	Meeting	NG met with Chief and Council of Animakee Wa Zhing #37 for the leadership meeting.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-08-19	4952	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of August 12 - 18, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzushk Onigum First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-08-20	4954	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly meeting with RRFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-08-21	4956	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions and a poster for the upcoming hiring blitz on August 22, 2024.		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Confederation College,Seven Generations Education Institute,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzushk Onigum First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Northern Community Development Services,United Native Friendship Centre,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis	Public and Aboriginal

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					Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan, 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, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation	
2024-08-22	4957	Site Visit	New Gold provided a site tour for the Youth Rangers.	There were 9 participants.		Public
2024-08-26	4958	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of August 19 - 25, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzushk Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-08-26	4961	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Big Island.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
2024-08-26	4959	E-mail	Naotkamegwanning contacted New Gold to reschedule the Community Information Session planned on Sept 11th.	An alternate date of October 16th was scheduled.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-08-27	4962	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly spill reports; July 22-28, July 29-Aug 04, and Aug 05-11, 2024.	There was one spill reported (total) for the three weekly reports.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzushk Onigum First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal

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2024-08-27	4963	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Seven Generations Education Institute,Confederation College,Naotkamegwaning First Nation,United Native Friendship Centre,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Northern Community Development Services,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis Nation of Ontario,Town of Atikokan,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-09-03	4964	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of August 26 - September 1, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-09-03	4965	Workshop	New Gold was asked to facilitate a resume and cover letter workshop in RRFN.	There was no participation.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-09-04	4967	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Naotkamegwaning First Nation,Confederation College,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,United Native Friendship Centre,Northern Community Development Services,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Seven Generations Education Institute,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory	Public and Aboriginal

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					Services,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
2024-09-05	4968	E-mail	New Gold advised that there were no incidents to report from August 12 to September 01, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-09-06	5105	Community Investment	New Gold approved support for donations and/or sponsorship to RRVAS 4-H Club, Riverside Foundation for Healthcare, Emo, Devlin, Barwick Minor Hockey Association, Cornerstone Christian School, Rainy River Recreation Centre, Fort Frances Minor Hockey Association and Whitefish Bay Fall Bass Classic		Riverside Foundation for Health Care,Township of Emo,Emo Devlin Barwick Minor Hockey Association,Cornerstone Christian School,Rainy River Valley Agricultural Society	Public and Aboriginal
2024-09-11	4971	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for August 2024 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Rainy River First	Aboriginal

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					Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation	
2024-09-11	4970	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly incident report, Sept 2 - 8, 2024.		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-09-11	4972	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Confederation College,Seven Generations Education Institute,United Native Friendship Centre,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Northern Community Development Services	Public and Aboriginal
2024-09-11	4973	Site Visit	The Annual Neighbour Tour and lunch was provided by New Gold. In addition, the quarterly meeting with neighbours was held at the mine site Roundhouse. The focus of the meeting was to provide a mine	Twenty-three neighbours attended.	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public and Aboriginal

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			update, overview of the Tailing Management Area Emergency Response Plan, an update on progress on the dust mitigation. Neighbours were provided with the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.			
2024-09-12	4974	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	A drop-in meeting occurred at the Town of Emo office regarding an upcoming Municipal Council meeting to discuss the closure of Ambulance Services for the Town of Emo. New Gold to attend this meeting for information purposes. The meeting to be held September 16.		Township of Emo	Public and Aboriginal
2024-09-12	4976	Community Event	Overdose Awareness Walk followed by speakers.	There were approximately 60 in attendance.	Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-09-13	4977	E-mail	New Gold contacted the Township of Chapple to enquire if they were interested in empty water jugs for the Shenston Recycle Program. The Public Works Superintendent for the Township of Chapple advised they were interested in the jugs.	Follow-up to make arrangement for pick up of jugs.	Township of Chapple	Public
2024-09-14	4978	Community Event	New Gold attended the annual Riverside Healthcare Foundation Fall Gala.	n/a	Riverside Foundation for Health Care	Public
2024-09-14	4979	External Feedback	A local resident contacted New Gold to advise of a dry well located on their property that they believed was made dry by mine activity. New Gold investigated the complaint.	The location of the well was determined to be outside of the mine's zone of influence, however, it was also noted that the property was located near	Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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				an active gravel pit and may be related. The information was provided to the Ministry of Environment spill action centre on the resident's behalf.		
2024-09-16	4980	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of September 9 - 15, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Township of Chapple,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-09-18	4982	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis Nation of Ontario,Town of Atikokan,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Confederation College,United Native Friendship Centre,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Northern Community Development Services,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Seven Generations Education Institute,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,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-09-18	4983	Site Visit	New Gold provided a mill tour for AWZFN.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

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2024-09-18	4985	E-mail	The Township of Chapple contacted New Gold to advise over 100 pieces of ABS pipe from the mine was picked up as a contribution to the Shenston Recycle Program. Arrangements to be made to pick up two pallets of water jugs.		Township of Chapple	Public
2024-09-18	4984	Meeting	New Gold held their regular JIC meeting with RRFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-09-18	4987	E-mail	New Gold contacted NFN's cultural worker to see if there is any interest in setting up Elders tour.	New Gold will set up a tour if there is interest.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-09-19	4991	Meeting	New Gold hosted a teleconference EMB meeting. The following topics were discussed: PERMITS UPDATE: Closure plan amendment - NG will respond to resubmit with updated information in mid-October. Offset Compensation Plan - continue to work with engineering; DFO has reviewed the memo and overall concept will be distributed to EMB members for review. Construction to commence at end of Q4. PTTW Open Pit Dewatering - currently under review - increasing the amount of dewatering wells along southern extend of the open pit to reduce seepage rates. NG has responded to questions and request for additional data and updated docs by government		Naicatchewenin First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Rainy River First Nations, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

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			<p>hydrogeologists. ESA Habitat Management Plan per ECA permit - NG is actively following the permit and working on a plan for WPW habitat management with MECP. Industrial Sewage Works ECA Amendment - Water balance model rebuild identified changes needed on site. Changes to water treatment plan to be able to discharge 130,000 m3 per day and treat 60,000 m3 per day, with no changes in effluent or dilution. Permit planned to submit mid-2024. Application for LRIA from MNRF initiating screening process for additional diffusers in the Pinewood River and Loslo Pond - engineering work still to be reviewed by Enviro team prior to submission of LRIA application. REVIEW OF SPILL REPORTS AND EXCEEDANCES: TSP, Iron exceedance from December 20, 2023; report submitted to regulators. Dust event due to tailings management, issue has been addressed and mitigation strategies are underway with support from MECP. GENERAL: The Fall ITRB report was reviewed, New Gold update provided, and Fish Habitat Package plan under review with</p>			

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			engineers; plan should be 90% completed in March 2025.			
2024-09-19	4988	Meeting	A meeting was held with the Rainy River Public Library to assist with the completion of the application for external funding.		Local Organization	Public
2024-09-20	4992	Phone Call	The Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre requested a tour of the mine to assist in developing future programming related to mining for the museum.	Potential dates discussed for early October.	Town of Fort Frances	Public
2024-09-25	4994	E-mail	New Gold advised that there were no spills reported between Sept 02-15, 2024 and there was one spill reported Sept 16-22, 2024.	The report with the spill was attached in the email.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-09-26	4995	E-mail	New Gold had received interest from the school in arranging a site tour in October; New Gold later received an email from Donald Young School to cancel the tour that had been tentatively scheduled for October.		Local Organization	Public
2024-09-30	5102	E-mail	New Gold emailed JIC and EMB members the draft IFC designs for the Loslo Pond fish habitat as previously discussed in EMB meetings. NG invited any questions or comments. The	The meeting minutes were not yet ready for review, but would be emailed when complete. Enviro advised that the fish habitat compensation plan	Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Rainy River First	Aboriginal

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			MNO EMB member requested the meeting minutes of the September 19, 2024 meeting and asked for further details and an update on the fish habitat compensation plan and if the actual draft plan was available as a presentation to NWOMC may be requested.	is with DFO for review; the primary focus is to get the Loslo Pond design approved and started so the compensation plan is the next area of focus. Enviro will provide when received from DFO and update accordingly. Enviro requested a meeting with NWOMC in November and provided the MNO EMB member with options of availability to meet.	Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
2024-09-30	4996	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the weeks of September 16-22 and September 23-29, 2024.		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Métis Nation of Ontario,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Township of Chapple,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-09-30	4997	Community Event	New Gold attended and helped out with a local Truth and Reconciliation event, including Sunrise Ceremony, Awareness Walk and lunch, and GCT 3 Powwow held in Couchiching.	There were approximately 300 participants.	Grand Council Treaty #3,Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-10-01	4998	Community Event	New Gold attended the Truth and Reconciliation event in RRFN.	There were approximately 100 people in attendance.	Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
2024-10-02	4999	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First	Public and Aboriginal

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			at the mine along with job descriptions.		Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin 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, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Northern Community Development Services, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Confederation College, Seven Generations Education Institute, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation	
2024-10-02	5000	Community Meeting	New Gold attended the Grand Council Chiefs Assembly in Whitefish Bay.	There were approximately 60 people in attendance. NG shared a poster for their Fall Ceremony planned on Oct 17th and invited people to attend. NG was asked by NWA 37 to plan a Chief and Council tour.	Grand Council Treaty #3, Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-10-04	5001	E-mail	New Gold donated two pallets of empty water jugs to the Township of Chapple - Shenston Recycle Program. Feedback was received from the Township of Chapple advising the over 100 pieces of piping donated for the program was well received by the Community.	n/a	Township of Chapple	Public
2024-10-07	5002	E-mail	AZWFN Chief advised they would not proceed with the site tour, but possibly have one for members. Will continue to work with Mining Advisor to see if they still want to have one or	New Gold will follow up with the Mining Advisor regarding the proposed site tour.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal

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			cancel.			
2024-10-08	5003	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of September 30 - Oct 06, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-10-08	5004	E-mail	Naotkamegwanning requested a reschedule of the community information session from Oct 16 to Nov 6.		Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-10-09	5006	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the current job opportunities at the mine.		Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,United Native Friendship Centre,Northern Community Development Services,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Seven Generations Education Institute,Confederation College,Métis Nation of Ontario,Town of Atikokan,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-10-09	5008	Workshop	New Gold facilitated an empowerment workshop in the community.	Three people attended the workshop.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-10-09	5007	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for September 2024 that		Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Rainy River	Aboriginal

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			summarized employment aspects.		First Nations, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation	
2024-10-10	5103	Meeting	New Gold met with the community to discuss potential future exploration.	The community indicated they would support exploration and would look forward to any expansion of the site. Other confidential items were also discussed.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-10-10	5104	Meeting	New Gold met with the council to discuss potential future exploration.	The community asked about water requirements for any exploration drilling; New Gold provided the information.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-10-15	5011	Community Event	New Gold participated in a Water Walk ceremony in Couchiching. Received teachings on nibi and were taught to host our own water walks as well.	There were approximately 15 in attendance.	Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-10-15	5009	External Feedback	A follow-up communication sent to the resident to respond to additional questions regarding an issue with her well (original complaint was on Sept 14th). New Gold requested feedback from the resident on the process that was used by the mine to handle her complaint. This information will be used for process improvement. No		Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public

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			feedback was received. No further action to be taken regarding this complaint.			
2024-10-16	5013	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of October 7 - 13, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-10-16	5012	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Town of Atikokan,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Confederation College,Seven Generations Education Institute,United Native Friendship Centre,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Northern Community Development Services,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Lac La Croix First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-10-17	5015	Ceremony	Fall Ceremony at New Gold Roundhouse.	There were approximately 40 people in attendance.	Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-10-17	5014	Meeting	New Gold provided meeting	n/a	Rainy River Future Development Corporation	Public

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			space for the Rainy River Future Development Corporation to hold a How to Build a Business workshop.			
2024-10-21	5017	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of October 14-20, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-10-22	5019	Community Event	New Gold attended and participated the first day of the Fall Harvest in RRFN.	There were approximately 180 people in attendance.	Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
2024-10-23	5020	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 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,Seven Generations Education Institute,Confederation College,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Northern Community Development Services,United Native Friendship Centre,Métis Nation of Ontario,Town of Atikokan,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Public and Aboriginal
2024-10-23	5022	Community Event	New Gold participated and in RRFN's Fall Harvest and	There were approximately 220 people in attendance.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal

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			volunteered at the rice and bannock Stations.			
2024-10-24	5024	E-mail	New Gold advised that there were no spills reported between Sept 23 - Oct 13, 2024 and there was one spill reported Oct 14-20, 2024. New Gold also shared the poster requesting participation in Deer Tissue Sampling.	The report with the spill was attached in the email.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-10-24	5025	Meeting	New Gold held their regular JIC meeting with Naicatchewenin.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-10-24	5023	Text	New Gold followed up with the community to schedule a site tour for community members.	The community advised that there was no need to schedule a tour due to lack of interest.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-10-29	5026	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of October 21 - 27, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Public and Aboriginal
2024-10-29	5028	Site Visit	New Gold facilitated a site tour for Mineral Development Advisors. The Mill, Geology, and Mine Ops departments guided the tour.	There were 9 participants. Positive Feedback from Mineral Development Advisors Coordinator for the tour, asked if we could share photos of the tour with Advisors (photos	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Seine River First Nation	Aboriginal

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				shared with permission).		
2024-10-30	5029	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Confederation College, Seven Generations Education Institute, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-10-30	5032	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-10-31	5033	E-mail	The community requested that the planned Community Information Session for November 6th be postponed to a later date.	New Gold will work with Naotkamegwanning to set up a new date when New Gold hires a replacement for the community coordinator.	Naotkamegwanning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-10-31	5035	E-mail	New Gold requested assistance from Municipalities to promote New Gold's Deer Tissue collection program to the public.		Township of Emo, Township of Morley, Township of Chapple, Township of Alberton, Town of Stratton, Township of Sioux Narrows - Nestor Falls, Township of LaVallee, Town of Rainy River, Township of Dawson, Township of Lake of the Woods	Public
2024-10-31	5036	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	The West Rainy River Lion's Club offered to collaborate with New Gold to promote the Deer Tissue Collection Program at the Lion's Club Hunters Dinner. New Gold will present information at the		Local Organization	Public

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			Dinner, provide collection kits and information to local hunters willing to participate in the program.			
2024-10-31	5037	E-mail	A representative of the Regional Economic Development Group requested a presentation by New Gold at a meeting. Additional information was requested to assist in determining the focus of the presentation.		Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce	Public
2024-10-31	5034	E-mail	New Gold provided information to site neighbours regarding the Deer Tissue Collection Program and offered the collection of livestock samples to be included in program. At a previous meeting with neighbours, concern was raised about the dust from the mine and effects on livestock. In addition to conducting a Ecological & Human Health Risk Assessment, New Gold offered to include livestock tissue sampling as part of the Deer Tissue Collection Program.		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
2024-11-04	5038	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of October 28 - November 3, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis	Public and Aboriginal

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					Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	
2024-11-06	5040	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Confederation College, Seven Generations Education Institute, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
2024-11-06	5041	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Naotkamegwaning.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-11-07	5043	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for October 2024 that summarized employment and business aspects.		Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Métis Nation of Ontario, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-11-07	5042	E-mail	New Gold advised that there were no exceedances reported for the week of Oct 21-29, 2024 and there was one exceedance		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix	Public and Aboriginal

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			reported for the week of Oct 30 - Nov 03, 2024.		First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	
2024-11-11	5047	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of November 4 - 10, 2024.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Township of Chapple,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-11-11	5046	Community Event	Remembrance Day Ceremonies across the district were all attended by NG Management.		Couchiching First Nation,Village of Barwick,Local Organization,Township of Emo,Town of Rainy River,Town of Stratton,Town of Fort Frances	Public
2024-11-12	5048	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	A neighbour inquired about an issue with sediment in her well. The neighbour had previously issued a complaint in 2023, and it was determined mine operations was not the cause of the issues with the well. Information was shared with the neighbour on the results from 2023. To assist the neighbour, information to be shared with New Gold's Hydrologist to provide suggestions to address the well issue.		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
2024-11-12	5049	Phone Call	A site neighbour was contacted regarding an inquiry regarding		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public

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			the availability of purchasing trees from his property. The neighbour was advised New Gold did not require any trees.			
2024-11-12	5050	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with AON. Chief and Council were invited to participated in a discussion on proposed exploration outside of the mine footprint.	NG provided an overview of the exploration that NG proposes to submit a permit application for. Chief and Council did not attend, however, the EcDev officer did.	Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Aboriginal
2024-11-13	5054	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with MNO. The proposed exploration permit application was discussed briefly.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
2024-11-13	5053	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	Local resident dropped in with resume and advised of upcoming hiring blitz on Nov 21, 2024.		Individual - GP	Public
2024-11-13	5052	E-mail	New Gold shared a cyanide fact sheet with community partners.	Questions were invited and would be shared with mill personnel for response.	Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Public and Aboriginal
2024-11-13	5051	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions. Entry level positions were identified.		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing	Public and Aboriginal

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					First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,United Native Friendship Centre,Seven Generations Education Institute,Confederation College,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Northern Community Development Services,Métis Nation of Ontario,Town of Atikokan,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation	
2024-11-14	5055	E-mail	New Gold shared a poster with the details for the upcoming hiring blitz planned for November 21, 2024.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Big Grassy First Nation,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northern Community Development Services,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Seven Generations Education Institute,United Native Friendship Centre,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Confederation College,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Township of Chapple,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-11-14	5056	E-mail	New Gold emailed individuals a poster with details on the upcoming hiring blitz to be held on November 21, 2024. The individuals had stopped in at the Emo office previously, looking for employment.		Individual - GP	Public
2024-11-14	5057	E-mail	The West Rainy River District Lion's Club contacted New Gold as a follow-up to the recent Hunter's Dinner Event. The WRRD Lion's Club collaborated	n/a	Local Organization	Public

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			with New Gold to promote its Deer Tissue Program at the event. The WRRD Lion's club assisted in distributing kits to local Hunters, Businesses and the local Municipal office. The WRRD Lion's Club asked to publish an article in the local newspaper to share this story.			
2024-11-18	5060	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with AWZFN.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-11-18	5059	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent weekly incident report.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Township of Chapple, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Public and Aboriginal
2024-11-20	5061	E-mail	New Gold emailed the most recent employment opportunities along with some of the job descriptions. Also included was a poster to promote the hiring blitz being held at the NG Emo office on November 21, 2024.		Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, United Native Friendship Centre, Seven Generations Education Institute, Confederation College, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of	Public and Aboriginal

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					Onigaming First Nation	
2024-11-20	5108	Meeting	New Gold attended the Industry Advisory Group meeting.	Agenda items included board committee updates and industry member updates.	International Joint Commission Industry Advisory Group	Public
2024-11-21	5062	Community Event	New Gold participated in the annual Rainy River Christmas Parade and received the People Choice Award for its float entry.	n/a	Town of Rainy River	Public
2024-11-21	5044	Open House	New Gold hosted a hiring blitz at the Emo office.	Approximately 60 people attended and interviewed.	Individual – GP	Public and Aboriginal
2024-11-21	5064	Meeting	New Gold met with Chapple Twp and Fire Chief to discuss mutual aid requirements for mine site and give a site tour. Also raised awareness of cyanide use on site and other chemicals in the mill.		Township of Chapple	Public
2024-11-21	5063	Site Visit	New Gold met with Chapple Twp and Fire Chief and also had a site tour.		Township of Chapple	Public
2024-11-25	5066	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of November 18 - 24, 2024		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing	Public and Aboriginal
2024-11-26	5067	E-mail	A request was received from Big Grassy First Nation to participate at a Community Information Session in their community on December 10th.	New Gold will set up a booth at the event providing mine and employment related information.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal

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2024-11-27	5070	Meeting	New Gold held their quarterly JIC meeting with Big Grassy.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-11-27	5069	Meeting	New Gold held their monthly JIC meeting with RRFN.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-11-27	5068	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Northern Community Development Services, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Seven Generations Education Institute, Confederation College, United Native Friendship Centre, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Seine River First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-11-28	5106	Community Investment	New Gold approved support for donations and/or sponsorships to the Fort Frances Canadians, Fort Frances High School Muskie Girls Hockey, Emo Public Library, area Food banks and the Rainy River District School Board.		Rainy River District School Board, West End Food Bank, Fort Frances High School, Emo Food Bank, Emo Public Library	Public and Aboriginal
2024-11-28	5071	E-mail	Site Neighbours were contacted to invite to the next quarterly meeting on December 4th. The focus of the meeting will be to provide an update on dust mitigation progress, mine update, information on Cyanide and feedback on New Gold's 2024 Materiality Assessment. The meeting will follow with a		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public and Aboriginal

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			Holiday Open House.			
2024-11-29	5072	Phone Call	A follow-up call to Regional Economic Development Group regarding providing an information handout on New Gold for participants. A tour of the mine was requested for their Spring Meeting. Possible collaboration discussed for a presentation and use of the onsite Roundhouse to host this event. REDG to contact New Gold in the Spring to arrange the tour and discussion presentation.		Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce	Public
2024-12-02	5073	Meeting	RRFN and New Gold met to start development of training programs on site for community members to possibly become NG employees and increase the number of Indigenous employees.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-12-03	5076	Meeting	The FFCS AC/Enviro sub-committee meeting was scheduled for today; no one called in and the meeting was cancelled. The meeting had been scheduled on November 4 but was postponed to December 3rd as no one had called in on November 4th.		Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-12-03	5075	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of Nov 25 - Dec 01, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Naotkamegwaning First	Public and Aboriginal

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					Nation,Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation,Lac La Croix First Nation,Seine River First Nation,Buffalo Point First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Township of Chapple	
2024-12-04	5077	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions.		Naicatchewenin First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation,Seine River 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,Naotkamegwanning First Nation,United Native Friendship Centre,Seven Generations Education Institute,Confederation College,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Northern Community Development Services,Métis Nation of Ontario,Town of Atikokan,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-12-04	5079	Community Meeting	The Q4 Neighbours Meeting was held at the New Gold Emo Office. Topics of discussion included a mine update, dust mitigation update, information on cyanide management and neighbours were asked to provide feedback on New Gold's 2024 Materiality Assessment. The meeting was followed by an Holiday Open House.		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
2024-12-04	5080	E-mail	New Gold introduced an UNFC employment counsellor to a New Gold recruiter via email to coordinate hiring blitz events in	The recruiter will work with the counsellor and plan future events.	United Native Friendship Centre	Aboriginal

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			the future.			
2024-12-05	5081	E-mail	New Gold emailed Indigenous leadership a monthly report for November 2024 that summarized employment aspects.		Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-12-05	5082	E-mail	The Township of Chapple was contacted to offer a desk for the Shenston Recycle Program.		Township of Chapple	Public
2024-12-06	5083	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	Holiday Greeting Cards and Cookies were hand delivered to six local municipal offices.		Township of Morley, Township of Emo, Township of Chapple, Town of Rainy River, Township of LaVallee, Town of Stratton, Township of Alberton	Public
2024-12-06	5084	Community Event	New Gold participated in the Emo Christmas Parade in addition to volunteering security for the fireworks display after the parade.		Emo Chamber of Commerce, Township of Emo	Public and Aboriginal
2024-12-09	5085	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of December 02 - 08, 2024.		Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
2024-12-10	5086	Meeting	New Gold met with Naicatchewenin for their regular JIC meeting.	Confidential meeting minutes were taken.	Naicatchewenin First Nation	Aboriginal

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2024-12-10	5087	Community Event	New Gold attended Big Grassy's information session and set up an information booth along with other organizations and agencies.		Big Grassy First Nation	Aboriginal
2024-12-11	5088	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions. Entry level positions were identified where applicable.		Rainy River First Nations, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Confederation College, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Northern Community Development Services, Seven Generations Education Institute, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Métis Nation of Ontario, Town of Atikokan, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, 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, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-12-12	5091	E-mail	New Gold advised that there were no incidents to report from the week of Nov 04 - 10, 2024 or the time period of Nov 18 - Dec 08, 2024. There was one exceedance during the week of Nov 11-17, 2024. The report was attached.		Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Township of Chapple, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Naotkamegwanning First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations	Public and Aboriginal
2024-12-12	5089	E-mail	New Gold distributed PNP packages summarizing upcoming RFPs that may be issued over the next year.		Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Big Grassy First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First	Aboriginal

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					Nation,Naotkamegwaning First Nation,Rainy River First Nations,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	
2024-12-12	5090	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	A representative from the Rainy River Public Library dropped by the New Gold Emo Office to provide an update on the progress on the Library expansion project as NG had coordinated external funding. The project planning is on hold until the first quarter of 2025.		Local Organization	Public
2024-12-13	5092	Mass Mailout	The latest edition of New Gold Rainy River's Newsletter was emailed to community contacts; mailout will occur the last week of December due to postal strike. The mail distribution of the RRP 2024 Newsletter Issue 2 includes 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 on Dec 11th. A		Rainy River First Nations,Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation,Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation,Naotkamegwaning First Nation,Confederation College,Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong,Seven Generations Education Institute,Northern Community Development Services,United Native Friendship Centre,Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation,Métis Nation of Ontario,Northwest Angle 33 First Nation,Town of Atikokan,Big Grassy First Nation,Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, 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,Naicatchewenin First Nation,Couchiching First Nation,Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	Public and Aboriginal

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			digital copy of the newsletter was emailed to all communities, including those that lay outside of the local mail distribution (those communities include: Buffalo Point, Rat Portage (Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum) and Northwest Angle 33).			
2024-12-16	5095	E-mail	New Gold emailed the meeting minutes from the September 19, 2024, EMB meeting to the meeting invitees and JIC members.		Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario	Aboriginal
2024-12-16	5094	External Feedback	A local resident contacted New Gold to advise of poor driving behaviour exhibited by a New Gold coach driver. The bus was driving east and the resident was driving west when the bus turned on the high beams and came close to hitting the resident's vehicle. The conditions were snowy with poor visibility at the time.	The incident was brought to the driver's attention who was unaware of it. Dashboard cameras will be installed on all New Gold coach buses in the near future which will help better investigate this kind of incident.	Local Resident (>10km of project footprint)	Public
2024-12-18	5099	E-mail	New Gold and RRFN cancelled the JIC meeting scheduled for Dec 18th and agreed to continue monthly meetings after the New Year.		Rainy River First Nations	Aboriginal
2024-12-18	5100	Drop-in Visit/Casual Meeting	Hand delivery of Christmas cards and gift cards were provided to site neighbours.		Site Neighbour (within 10km of project footprint)	Public
2024-12-18	5097	E-mail	The Weekly Incident Report was distributed for the week of Dec 09 - 15, 2024.		Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Mitaanjigaming First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Township of Chapple, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa	Public and Aboriginal

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2024-12-19	5098	E-mail	New Gold emailed information on the newest job opportunities at the mine along with job descriptions. Entry level positions were identified and email recipients advised that the next distribution of current employment opportunities would be after the holiday, Wednesday, January 8, 2025.		Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation, Confederation College, Seven Generations Education Institute, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, United Native Friendship Centre, Northern Community Development Services, Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong, Métis Nation of Ontario, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Town of Atikokan, Big Grassy First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Buffalo Point First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Seine River First Nation, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Services, Naicatchewenin First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation	Public and Aboriginal
2024-12-24	5101	E-mail	New Gold distributed the most recent weekly incident report.		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, Seine River First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing First Nation, Buffalo Point First Nation, Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing, Big Grassy First Nation, Northwest Angle 33 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Anishinabe of Wauzhushk Onigum First Nation, Naotkamegwaning First Nation	Public and Aboriginal

# SECTION 8

## NEW GOLD RAINY RIVER MINE

### CONCLUSION

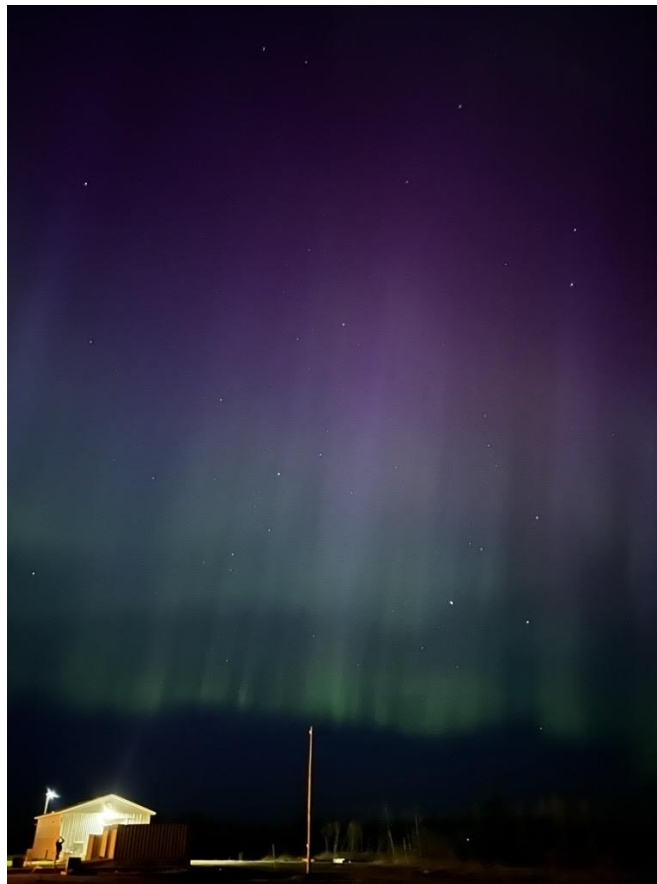


Figure 22. Aurora Borealis pictured over Atkinson Camp, Winter 2024

## ***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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