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Good day Mr. Olszynski.

Thank you for your comments regarding the Final Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISG) for the Suncor Base Mine Expansion project. I would like to assure you that your submission was given thorough consideration. I recognize however that there are fewer explicit references to adaptive management in the final version of the TISG. These changes were made at the advice of our specialists at the Agency.

The Agency is updating its guidance on adaptive management to further elaborate on its meaning in the context of Impact Assessment. Until this guidance is finalized, the Agency will apply the existing definition and guidance for adaptive management to the Suncor Base Mine Expansion project. The Agency's existing guidance can be found at [Adaptive Management Measures under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act - Canada.ca](#).

The Agency's current practice with adaptive management is still captured in Section 16 of the TISG (Follow-up Programs). It is not referred to as adaptive management in the TISG as the term is expected to be redefined in the Agency's guidance that is under development. The Agency will be consulting with experts on the draft, including those with whom we previously engaged in spring 2020.

As well, the TISG are not the only, or main, source of guidance for follow up programs. The development of follow-up programs for the project, including the approach to adaptive management, will happen throughout the impact assessment, through engagement with the proponent, Indigenous communities, Federal Authorities and other participants, including yourself.

I hope the above rationale will clarify the changes made in the final TISG.

Regards,

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