



GUNNER TUGAK

Heavy Equipment Operator

MELIADINE, AGNICO EAGLE

Gunner is a heavy equipment operator at Agnico Eagle's Meliadine mine near Rankin Inlet, Nunavut. This role is part of the site services department.

Gunner's day, like most others in the day shift, starts out at six a.m. at which time he is assigned specific tasks, such as maintaining the road for proper safe operation. Before driving, he is required to do a safety inspection on any of the heavy equipment he uses. Gunner had previous experience with this job before coming to work for the mine: he was a heavy equipment operator for a company called Inukshuk, in Rankin Inlet.

When he joined Agnico Eagle, he originally started out at the Meadowbank mine, and was a haul truck operator driving a 100-ton rock truck for eight years before transferring to Meliadine. Gunner especially enjoys working on the loader and is grateful for his team as well as supervisors who are always there to support him, and always listen when he has any concerns regarding safety.

Throughout his career progression, Gunner is proud to report he has become a class one operator, which means he is able to drive any piece of equipment.



JOB GOALS

- Operate heavy machinery, such as loader, grader, backhoe, container handler, and fuel truck
- Perform field services, including snow removal, muck transfer, road maintenance, and site fuel delivery
- Follow and promote best practices for site maintenance
- Ensure equipment is operated safely and carefully to avoid premature breakage
- Conduct daily equipment inspections

SKILLS THAT PLAY A PART

- Possess physical requirements to perform the job
- Ability to work in a team
- Interpersonal skills
- Observant and attention to detail
- Strong ability to communicate in English (oral and written)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEEDED

- Heavy equipment certificate (or equivalent)
- At least 2,000 hours of experience operating machinery