

Alberta Offset System

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Outline

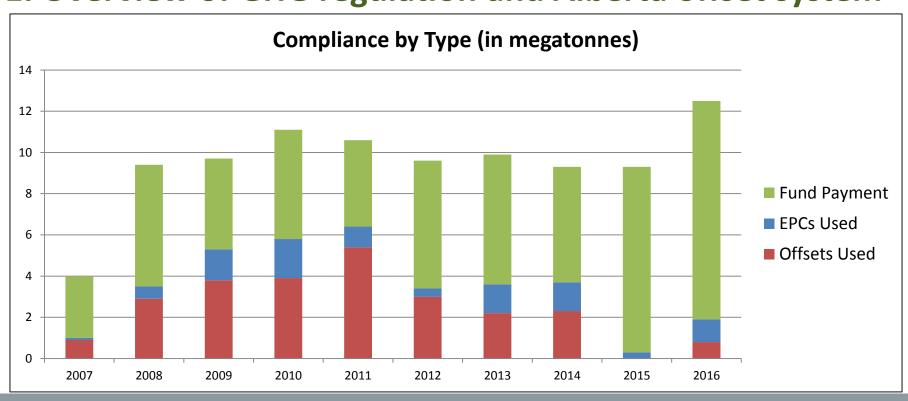
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1. Overview of GHG regulation and Alberta offset system

- Specified Gas Emitters Regulation (2007 to 2017)
- Carbon Competitiveness Incentive Regulation (2018)
 - Applies to facilities emitting equal to or greater than 100,000 tonnes
 CO_{2e} per annum
 - Regulates generation of emissions offsets
 - Product-based emission benchmarks (best in class, top quartile)
 - Regulated facilities comply by:
 - Reducing on-site emissions, submitting emission offsets, submitting emission performance credits, or paying into "the fund"

1. Overview of GHG regulation and Alberta offset system





2. How emission offsets are generated

- Offset generation governed by regulation, standards, and protocols
- Offsets are generated by project developers, using quantification protocols approved by Government. Emissions offsets generated are serialized and listed on the Alberta Emission Offset Registry
- Currently over 30 quantification protocols are approved for use
 - Key types include: Wind, Biomass power, Landfill Gas Capture, Composting, Biogas, Energy Efficiency, Waste Heat Recovery, Carbon Capture and Storage, Conservation Cropping
- Over 45 million emission offsets registered since 2007
- Over 25 million emission offsets used for compliance from 2007-2016





2. How emission offsets are generated





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3. Features and benefits of offset credits, including means to ensure quality

- Benefits of Alberta offsets include:
 - Real and immediate GHG reductions
 - Cost effective compliance option for regulated facilities in Alberta
 - Economic diversification
 - Ability to drive emission reductions outside of regulated facilities

- Regulatory Requirements
 - Reductions must occur in Alberta
 - Must be "additional"
 - Must be from actions taken on or after Jan 1, 2002
 - Must be real, demonstrable, quantifiable and measurable
 - Must use an approved protocol and be verified by a qualified third party





3. Features and benefits of offset credits, including means to ensure quality

Assurance that the reductions generating offsets are real and meet regulatory requirements **OAG Protocol Development Key Elements of the Project Developer Assurance System Implements Offset Project** Offsets are 3rd Party Verified then Listed on Registry **Offsets are Purchased** by a Regulated Party **Offsets Submitted** for Compliance **Government Re-**Verification



4. Where/How potential buyers can purchase offset credits

- Alberta maintains a registry for both emission offsets and emission performance credits.
- Offset registry is a listing service
- Contains all project documentation
- Assigns unique serial numbers to offsets
- Tracks ownership and use of offsets
- Transparent / Public access: https://www.csaregistries.ca/albertacarbonregistries/eor_about.cfm



5. Tracking the use of offset credits

- Use of emission offsets are tracked on the offset registry.
 - Registry states:
 - Active, pending retirement, retired, retired for compliance, removed, revoked
 - Intra-registry and inter-registry duplication checks are performed to ensure there is no double-listing
 - Provides a system of safeguards to ensure that system rigour is protected







