

## Memorandum

From: Bob Savage  
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Subject: **Notice of Eligibility Requirements for First Nations Tillage Management Projects for 2002 to 2011 vintage offset credits**

Alberta Environment and Water, in consultation with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, have assessed ownership requirements 2002 to 2011 tillage system management offset credits generated on First Nation reserve lands. In order to participate, First Nations must meet the following conditions:

1. Sign an agreement with Canada to transfer ownership and liability rights for offset credits generated through reduced and no till farming practices to the First Nation.

This agreement must be signed by the First Nation and be submitted to Canada on or before **March 31, 2012** indicating the First Nation wishes to pursue offset credit opportunities. A copy of the executed agreement must be included as part of the required project documentation; and

2. Projects must be compiled according to the *Quantification Protocol for Tillage System Management* (Version 1.3; February 2009).

Projects must have appropriate supporting documentation to prove practice. All records must be compiled, have undergone third party verification, and be submitted to the Alberta Emissions Offset Registry by **March 31, 2013** to be eligible in the Alberta offset system.

Ownership for 2012 and subsequent vintage credits is still being assessed. Likewise, ownership requirements for other offset activity types are still being assessed.

For information on obtaining the agreement with Canada contact Daniel Silbernagel, Lands Project Officer, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada at (780) 495-6473.

For general Alberta Offset System program information, please contact Robyn Kuhn at (780) 644-6958.

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