
Memorandum

From: Andy Ridge
Director, Climate Change Secretariat

Date: December 20, 2010

Subject: Notice to Aggregators Regarding Aggregation of Offset Credits Generated on First Nations and Métis Lands.

Alberta Environment is aware that some aggregators are contracting offset credits with First Nations. Alberta Environment expects the *Climate Change and Emissions Management Act* and *Specified Gas Emitters Regulation* will apply to First Nations Reserve lands.

If the *Regulation* applies and First Nations wish to participate in the Alberta offset system, they will be required to demonstrate ownership or right to sell the credits as well as adhering to monitoring requirements of the Regulation. Alberta Environment is working with the federal government to understand ownership on band lands.

Alberta Environment requests to be advised of any potential projects that may be seeking offset credits generated on band lands. Until the above issues have been resolved, such credits cannot be used for compliance in this program.

Ownership for Métis Settlement Lands is held by the Métis Settlement General Council in trust. Lands held by Métis Settlement title must have ownership sign-off by a designated authority with the right to legally bind the lands. Lands registered in the name of a member must obtain sign-off from the registered member to participate in the program. All other ownership requirements for proof of ownership across vintage years apply and must be supported by sufficient records to support the implementation of the activity.

Sincerely,

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