



Memorandum

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Subject: **Ownership Requirements for First Nations Projects**

It has come to Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development's attention that there is confusion on eligibility requirements for First Nations tillage projects.

Proof of ownership for First Nations tillage projects is as follows:

An agreement with Canada, **and**

A Third Party Farming Permit, which could include a band corporation, **OR**
An occupancy agreement issued by the band, including a band – tenant agreement.

Examples of occupancy agreements include, but are not limited to, a Band Council Resolution, or a letter from the Band granting occupancy.

If a band - tenant agreement is used, the agreement must clearly state how offset credit ownership is being allocated, and must be signed by both parties. This requirement is consistent with ownership requirements for non-First Nations farm operations. Aggregators can provide templates for this agreement based on the land owner – tenant agreements for non-First Nations tillage system management projects.

Please note, First Nations must still be able to demonstrate proof of practice requirements discussed in the July 27, 2012 memo available at <http://environment.gov.ab.ca/info/library/8636.pdf>

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