

Memorandum

Date: December 10, 2020

From: Justin Wheler
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To: Alberta Emission Offset System Stakeholders

Subject: **Withdrawal of the Quantification Protocol for Conservation Cropping,
Version 1.0 April 2012**

The purpose of this Memorandum is to inform Alberta emission offset stakeholders that the Quantification Protocol for Conservation Cropping, Version 1.0, 2012 ('protocol') has been withdrawn. The department would like to thank stakeholders who submitted comments during the additionality assessment. Stakeholder comments were carefully considered. No supplemental barriers were identified that demonstrate the protocol is additional. Therefore, the department has concluded that this protocol is no longer additional in the Alberta Emission Offset System. According to Part 1, section 6(1) (b) of the Standard for Greenhouse Gas Emission Offset Project Developers, no further emission offset projects may be initiated under the withdrawn protocol.

As per section 6(2) of the Standard for Greenhouse Gas Emission Offset Project Developers, the prescribed duration of the offset crediting period for existing emission offset projects using the protocol will end on the original scheduled protocol expiry date, December 31, 2021. This means that sub-projects (fields) that are listed in existing conservation cropping master planning sheets may continue generating emission offsets, as eligible, until December 31, 2021. No emission offsets may be generated after the end of the prescribed offset crediting period. The department will not be revising the protocol to update emission factors; the withdrawn protocol may still be used to serialize emission offsets until the end of the crediting period. All record and record retention requirements for projects using the protocol remain in force.

Please direct any questions to AEP.GHG@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

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cc: Alberta Emission Offset Registry (file)