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Memorandum

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To: Alberta Emissions Offset Stakeholders:

Subject: Update on Vent Gas Reduction Protocol – Category 2 Crediting Period and Addition of Category 3 for SCVF Destruction

The [Quantification Protocol for Vent Gas Reduction under the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction \(TIER\) Regulation – Version 1.0](#) is currently under review for revisions.

As part of the proposed revisions, the September 30, 2025 deadline for the offset crediting period under Category 2 (vent gas destruction) is being removed. This change will be reflected in the forthcoming protocol update to allow projects to continue generating emission offsets under the requirements of the revised protocol.

Project developers are advised to continue maintaining all relevant records to support offset quantification, reporting, monitoring, and verification requirements. This is necessary to ensure continued eligibility for generating emission offsets under Category 2.

In addition, a new Category 3 is being developed to address Surface Casing Vent Flow (SCVF) destruction. This category will include specific conditions, which are anticipated to be included in the protocol update.

Further updates will be provided when the revised protocol is complete. There will be a 30-day public comment period following publication of the draft protocol, where we will invite your comments on the updates.

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

Sincerely,

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