OVERVIEW OF CANADA'S GHG OFFSET CREDIT SYSTEM

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CANADA'S GHG OFFSET CREDIT SYSTEM

Launched on June 8th, 2022 and consists of three main elements



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Offset Credit System Regulations

Rules to operationalize the system (enabled under the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act)

Federal Offset Protocols

- Developed outside of regulation on evergreen basis through extensive consultation
- Set out the approach for quantifying GHG emissions reductions /removals for a given project type

Credit and Tracking System

Enables registration of offset projects, issue and track offset credits

FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS OF THE OFFSET SYSTEM

A project is required to achieve GHG reductions/removals that are:

Real

Credits are only issued for GHG reductions that have already occurred

Quantifiable

Must follow an approved federal offset protocol

Additional

GHG reductions must be additional to business-as-usual, go beyond legal requirements, and not already incentivized by carbon pricing

Verifiable

Any claims must be confirmed by a third party (verification body)

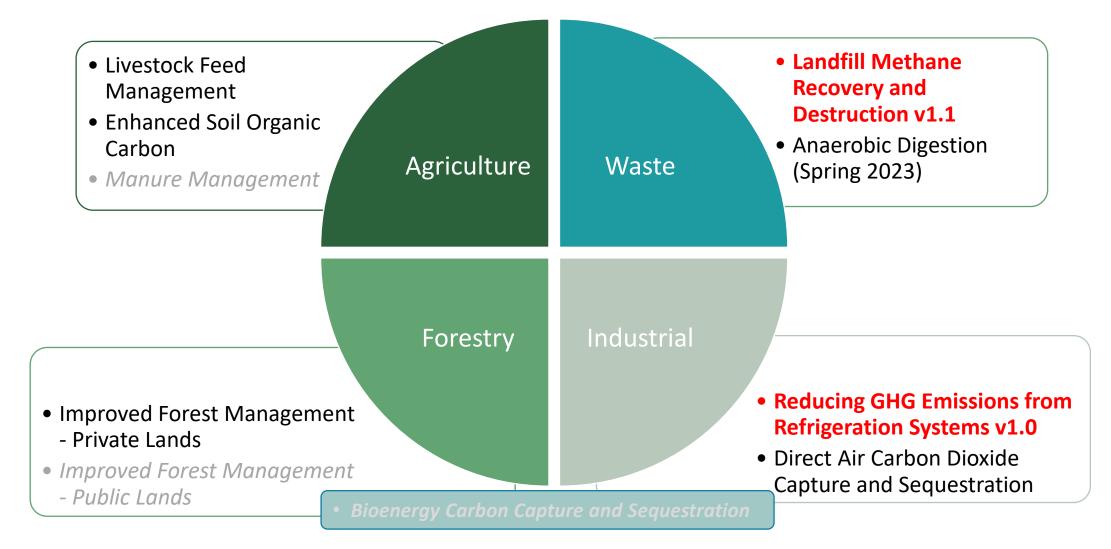
Unique

Project cannot generate credits in two systems for the same GHG reductions or removals

Permanent

Any CO₂ sequestered (removed) must be permanent

FEDERAL OFFSET PROTOCOLS



THANK YOU

 For more information and to access the protocol, the Regulations and CATS, please visit our website:

Canada's Greenhouse Gas Offset Credit System - Canada.ca

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