

SPECIFIED GAS EMITTERS REGULATION

CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROTOCOLS: CUSTOM COEFFICIENTS

Alberta Environment Policy Framework for Custom Coefficients:

1. Government Approved Protocols Only
 - All credits used for compliance must be verified using Alberta Government approved protocols.
 - This includes new protocols and any already approved protocols where **custom coefficients** are being considered.
 - The process for submitting new protocols can be found <http://www.carbonoffsetsolutions.ca/>.
2. Rigorous Scientific Foundation
 - All protocols will be based on best-available science.
 - Adjustments will be made as appropriate to ensure credits reflect **beyond business as usual** reductions.
 - Guidance on developing new coefficients/protocols can be found on <http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/climate/>
 - For carbon sequestration projects, the following adjustments will be made:
 - i. Baseline adjustment to account for existing practices.
 - ii. Incorporation of an assurance factor to account for potential carbon releases over the project period.
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3. Retroactive Crediting
 - Where custom coefficients have been demonstrated to reflect sound science and have incorporated the appropriate adjustments:
 - i. The **new coefficients will be made publicly available** as a revised Alberta Government approved protocol.
 - ii. All applicable projects are eligible to receive credit for the difference in associated reductions between the originally approved and new quantification protocol, **back to 2002**.

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