

Climate Change and Emissions Management Act

The province of Alberta's *Climate Change and Emissions Management Act* provides a framework for the implementation of Alberta's action plan on climate change. This legislation strengthens and complements our existing statutes on environmental protection and resource management related to air emissions. The Act provides for:

- An overall greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction target for Alberta and reduction targets for specific sectors of the province's economy that will be established through negotiated agreements;
- Matters that could be included in sectoral agreements, including regulation powers for their implementation and enforcement; and
- A framework relating to a GHG emissions offset system.

Sections of the Act support the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting Program. The Specified Gas Reporting Regulation and Specified Gas Reporting Standard, which set out the detailed requirements for greenhouse gas reporting, are also in place.

Standards and Guidelines

The *Climate Change and Emissions Management Act* allows Alberta Environment and Parks to develop regulations, standards, codes, and objectives to protect Alberta's environment.

Compliance Assurance

Alberta Environment and Parks uses a balance of education, prevention and enforcement to ensure compliance with the *Climate Change and Emissions Management Act*.

Inspections and monitoring ensure activities comply with environmental standards and conditions set out in regulations, approvals and codes of practice during and after operation.

Every suspected violation that comes to the attention of our department is assessed and responded to in an appropriate and timely manner.

Various education, prevention and enforcement tools are available under the Act, including administrative penalties, compliance orders, and prosecutions.

Environmental Appeals Board

The Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) is an independent tribunal established to hear appeals of certain Alberta Environment and Parks decisions made under the *Climate Change and Emissions Management Act*, such as administrative penalties and compliance orders.

For more information on the EAB, visit:

- eab.gov.ab.ca

For More Information

For more information on climate change and emissions management, contact the Alberta Environment and Parks regional office nearest you.

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