

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) -

"Together We Learn"

2011 Carbon Neutral Action Report

Executive Summary

On behalf of School District No.23, we are pleased to submit the 2011 Climate Action Report. This report provides an overview of our accomplishments and our initiatives for the calendar year 2011. One of our foremost accomplishments is that SD23 is the only district to operate fleet of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses. Our school district has taken a leadership role in area of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction by continuously improving our student transportation system. CNG buses operate with 22% less GHG emission than conventional diesel buses. This continuous improvement model is our school district's commitment to consistent effort in the proper management of our social and natural environment.

Another major accomplishment for SD23 is that our 2011 electrical reduction targets have been achieved. In 2008, the Provincial Government and BC Hydro's entered in "Public Sector Energy Conservation Agreement". The agreement states that electricity consumption in Public Sector Offices (PSO) will be reduced by 5% from 2006 baseline. Our school district has reduced 1,000,000 kWhr per year of electricity as a part of this agreement. We are committed to being leaders in environmental sustainability in all aspects of our operations taking measures to minimize the impact of our school district on the environment. In our role as leaders we dedicate time and resources to encourage and educate about the benefits and responsibility to participate in energy conservation and other sustainable initiatives. This report provides our goals and describes our plans for the future.

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2011 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

In 2011 School District No.23 created 6546Tonnes of Green House Gases (GHG). Parts of these emissions were created by our bus fleet, which we did not purchase offsets for, so our actual offset emissions were 5284tCO2e. (tCO₂e). (tCO₂e is a standard unit of measure in which all types of greenhouse gases are expressed based on their global warming potential relative to carbon dioxide.

Offsets Applied to Become Carbon Neutral in 2011

Total offsets purchased: 5284(tCO₂e)

• Total offset investment: \$132,100.00 @ \$25 per (tCO2e)

• Emissions which do not require offsets: 1263 (tCO₂e)

School District No.23 bus transportation department do not require offsets. 1263 Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO_2e) are offset exempt. Bussing school children is exempted because it removes parent's vehicles from roadways. SD23 transported students 1.3 million km in 2011. A total of 61 passenger buses transport students daily safely to and from SD23 schools. Bussing students removes the equivalent of 5,000 cars from our roadways every school day.

Changes to Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Offsets Reporting from Previous Years

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) made corrections to 2010 SMARTTool data after our 2010 public report was released on June 30, 2011. This was due to errors that were uncovered by the late arrival of data that reflected energy use during the 2010 calendar year.

Following the public release of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) – 2010 Carbon Neutral Action Report, it was determined that the total emissions for the 2010 calendar year were over reported by 179.8 tonnes CO2e and offsets required to become carbon neutral in 2010 were over reported by 179.6 tonnes CO2e.

The surplus of offsets purchased in 2010 has been applied against our 2011 emissions.

Actions Taken to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2011

Goals

- Create a healthy and comfortable learning and work environment;
- Reduce energy consumption;
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- Reduce landfill waste, developing a long range 5 year plan for waste, recycling and composting;
- Manage and operate facilities in ways that minimize negative effects on our ecosystem;
- Promote and advance environmental sustainability;
- Increase awareness and education opportunities on the importance of sustainability;
- Share information and expertise on sustainability issues internally and externally;



- At Chute Lake Elementary School, a pilot project to redesigned the HVAC heating loop that will reduce glycol fluid flow when heatpumps are staging off. The calculated electrical pump saving is estimated at 25% of the total electrical usage at this school.
- Working with Fortis BC to develop a school district total energy strategy that will reduce SD23's GHG by 33%.
- An energy study was commissioned to report on eight Heatpump Schools across BC. The report included four newer SD23 schools and compared total energy and real utility costs. The executive summary indicated that Heatpump Schools were used 50% less total energy, 33% less cost in energy, and 750% less carbon foot print then conventional heating & cooling systems.
- Begin of SD23's school year, 13 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) school buses transported students to schools. Within the first four months of operation the CNG buses saved cost by purchasing 37,000 liters of diesel fuel. The 13 CNG buses used 2,000Gj of Natural Gas.
- Solar Domestic Hot Water heating systems at Glenrosa Middle and at Rutland Senior Secondary were used to teach Students about the power of the Sun. Solar BC, Fortis BC and National Resource Canada incentives through Public Sector Energy Conservation Agreement (PCESA) supplied the funding.
- Schools were challenged to become involved with the Destination Conservation (DC) program. Nine schools have committed to the program. Students presented on electrical conservation campaigns throughout our district. School District No.23 won DC's conservation award of the year.

Plans to Continue Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2012 – 2014

- Continue "The Energy Conservation Committee" composed of the utility sector and district staff with the mandate to share energy ideas and lay out framework for future energy projects.
- By using Learning Technology Department's help desk, the LT department employees can provide remote support for any computer in the district, reducing vehicle travel between schools and Hollywood Education Services.
- Lighting inventory of all BC Hydro territory school buildings was completed. This inventory list was used to identify and plan for future lighting upgrade projects at Kelowna Secondary School and George Elliot Secondary. The Energy Manager has applied for energy grants offered by BC Hydro.
- Continually monitoring our districts utility/energy data to seek out billing and usage anomalies. The schools monthly energy usage is compared against other schools of size and design. Heating and cooling schedules are being optimized to reduce energy waste. High energy usage school are being audited to find the energy savings.
- In collaboration with Heath Promoting Schools, a Sustainability Policy and Regulations will be developed.
- Build on the success of pilot composting projects to implement for the Rutland school area. RSS's composting tubs are serving as the Rutland hub for compostable material.
- Enhance current recycling program to full co-mingling. In 2011, the first year of a school district wide comingled recycle program, this program diverted recyclable material from Kelowna's landfill. Celebrating that 233.4 metric tonnes of material were recovered which reduced the landfill requirements by 917.3 cubic yards.
- Purchase or convert additional fleet vehicles to CNG (Natural Gas).
- Develop water conservation plan that includes a continuous review of irrigation practices and landscaping standards.
- Continue to upgrade water closets and sink faucets to low flow operation.
- Develop and implement general "green purchasing" policy within Finance.
- Develop an Energy & Sustainability link to the "Health Promoting Schools" website.
- Review AFG plan for sustainability initiatives and rank within a five year plan.

Objectives of Environmental Sustainability Education are to:

- 1. Continue to develop the foundation for an enduring sustainability education in Health Promoting School communities.
- Support comprehensive, cross-disciplinary classroom and external learning opportunities
 related to climate change and sustainability education. KLO's Fascieux creek restoration
 project is great example of the good planning. KLO's Green Community members are
 working hard to present a comprehensive environment plan for the Trustee of SD23
- 3. Provide educational experiences for students to study climate change, including:
 - Solar BC's "Solar School for British Columbia"
 - WildBC's dynamic hands-on workshops, learning resources and programs for educators.
- 4. Assist students in examining how human practices affect the sustainability of populations and ecosystems, including:
 - Impact of land-use decisions, de-forestation, urbanization and agriculture on the environment and living species within School Based Garden Clubs
 - Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC) is a multi-sectoral, non-profit organization promoting the principles of <u>Zero Waste</u> through information services, informing on how consumption and waste contribute to climate change
 - Natural resource management; water, energy and forests
- 5. Use learning resources to empower students and school communities to take action on climate change, and become sustainability messengers
- 6. Continue to develop comprehensive energy awareness in students about:
 - Where energy comes from; energy systems, the energy system today and in future
 - How we use energy
 - How our use of energy impacts natural and human environments
 - How to make sustainable decisions around energy/natural resource use, from a local, provincial/regional and global perspective

Actions Towards Carbon Neutrality

The actions listed below contribute to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from sources for which public sector organizations are responsible under the carbon neutral government regulation of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act.

Action	Status (as of 12/31/11)		Performance to Date (as of 12/31/11)	Steps Taken in 2011	Steps Planned for 2012 -2014	Start Year	End Year	
Mobile Fuel Combustion (Fleet and other mobile equipment)								
Vehicle fuel efficiency								
Replace vehicles with more fuel-efficient models	Ongoing/In Progress	1 1 2	6 of vehicles are fuel- efficient nodels	2011: Convert one of two district vehicles to NG, bought 13 CNG Buses	Track performance	2008	No End Date (Continuous)	
Replace larger vehicles with smaller models according to fleet "right-sizing" principles	Ongoing/In Progress	5	6 of vehicles down-sized since tart year indicated	2011: Additional vehicles right-sized as older models sold	2012: Additional vehicles right-sized as older models sold	2007	No End Date (Continuous)	
Perform regular fleet maintenance specifically to improve fuelefficiency	Ongoing/In Progress	100 re	6 of vehicles are subject to egular maintenance for fuel efficiency	2011: Ongoing, regularly scheduled maintenance	2012: Ongoing, regularly scheduled maintenance	2000	No End Date (Continuous)	
Replace small maintenance vehicles with more fuel-efficient models	Ongoing/In Progress	1 10	6 of small maintenance vehicles are fuel-efficient	2011: 11 New Natural Gas Buses will be in place for the new school year	2012: 11 New Natural Gas Buses will be in place for the new school year	2003	No End Date (Continuous)	
Behaviour change program								
Provide fleet driver training to reduce fuel use	Ongoing/In Progress	90 %	6 of current drivers are trained	Ongoing NRCan training program to educate new drivers	2012-2013: New drivers trained	2005	No End Date (Continuous)	
Introduce anti-idling policy and/or raise anti-idling awareness for fleet drivers (e.g., signs, stickers, messages)	Ongoing/In Progress	98 %	6 of current drivers are trained	Ongoing program with training, signage monitoring and incentives	2012: Continue anti-idling program	2005	No End Date (Continuous)	
Encourage carpooling in fleet vehicles	Ongoing/In Progress	10 P	Project vehicles are shared	Vehicle and bus pooling encouraged where appropriate	2012-2013: Ongoing	2006	No End Date (Continuous)	
Promote alternatives to fleet vehicle travel where possible (e.g., bicycles, public transit, walking)	Ongoing/In Progress	10 %	6 Participation	Multiple school programs, bike to school, walk to school, walking school bus, Mayor of Kelowna Youth Forum.	2012-2013: Encourage federal, provincial, municipal programs	2003	No End Date (Continuous)	
Other Mobile Fuel Combustion Actions								
GPS monitoring of fleet vehicle run time	Ongoing/In Progress	100 %	6 service vehicles,	Ongoing monthly review and reporting	2012: Continue program	2006	No End Date (Continuous)	
Diesel multi-stage filter muffler	Ongoing/In Progress	30 %	6 of buses with mufflers installed	10 buses retrofitted	2012: 4 additional buses planned as funding permits	2008	No End Date (Continuous)	
CCV, crankcase ventilation kit	Ongoing/In Progress	40 %	6 of buses with CCV kit installed	Additional buses identified	2012: Additional kits installed as provincial program allows	2006	No End Date (Continuous)	
NGV engine operation and maintenance training	Ongoing/In Progress	2 F	TE started multi year training	Started training	2012: Training proposed for all mechanics	2009	2013	
20 Nataural gas refueling stations installation	Completed in 2011	100 cc	omplete	Design system with Fortis BC	Track performance	2010	2012	
Stationary Fuel Combustion, Electricity and Fugitive Emissions (Buildings)								
Planning/management								

Action	Status (as of 12/31/11)		Performance to Date (as of 12/31/11)	Steps Taken in 2011	Steps Planned for 2012 -2014	Start Year	End Year
Install a real time metering system (e.g. Pulse, Reliable Controls, Houle Controls)	Ongoing/In Progress	70	% of buildings have a real time metering system installed	4 additional schools to real-time electrical metering	Working with BC Hydro and Fortis BC to install smart meters.	2005	No End Date (Continuous)
Owned buildings							
Incorporate integrated design process into new construction or during renovations of owned buildings	Ongoing/In Progress	1	% of buildings built or renovated since start year indicated used the integrated design process	HVAC, lighting upgrades completed at multiple locations,	2013: HVAC, lighting upgrades,	2002	No End Date (Continuous)
Perform energy retrofits on existing, owned buildings	Ongoing/In Progress	20	% of owned buildings have undergone energy retrofits since start year indicated	HVAC, lighting upgrades completed at multiple locations, Energy Conservation Committee	2012: HVAC, lighting upgrades,	2002	No End Date (Continuous)
Retrofitting owned buildings							
Upgrade mechanical systems (heating, cooling, ventilation) during retrofits	Ongoing/In Progress	66	% of retrofits since start year indicated had heating, cooling, and ventilation systems upgrades	Mechanical system upgrades at 2 locations	Mechanical system upgrades at 2 locations	2002	No End Date (Continuous)
Upgrade lighting systems during retrofits	Ongoing/In Progress	46	% of retrofits since start year indicated had lighting systems upgrades	Lighting systems upgrades at 5 locations	Lighting systems upgrades at 5 locations	2002	No End Date (Continuous)
Upgrade/adjust control systems during retrofits	Ongoing/In Progress	65	% of retrofits since start year indicated had control system upgrades or adjustments	DDC upgrades, motion sensors, CO2 sensors installed	DDC upgrades, motion sensors, CO2 sensors installed	2002	No End Date (Continuous)
Improve building insulation (including windows) during retrofits	Ongoing/In Progress	45	% of retrofits since start year indicated had insulation improvements	Roll shutters on windows	Roll shutters on windows	2007	No End Date (Continuous)
Install an on-site renewable energy demonstration project	Ongoing/In Progress	31	% of retrofits since start year indicated had on-site renewable energy components	Solar DHW preheating, geoexchange at Helen Gorman Elementary	Designed Geo School in West Kelowna	2012	No End Date (Continuous)
IT power management							
Install power management software which shuts down computers outside of regular business hours	Ongoing/In Progress	75	% of computers shut down automatically outside of regular business hours	2011: Implement/install Faronics PowerSave software on workstations which allows central management of shut downs and power management profiles. Will continue installation for all workstations.	2012: Implement/install Faronics PowerSave software on workstations which allows central management of shut downs and power management profiles. Will continue installation for all workstations.	2009	No End Date (Continuous)
Implement server virtualization	Ongoing/In Progress	65	% of servers have been virtualized since start year indicated	2011: Continue to move as many existing physical servers and new servers to the virtual environment, mainly in the Data Centre. Due to low bandwidth between schools and Data Centre, schools still need local servers.	2012: Continue to move as many existing physical servers and new servers to the virtual environment, mainly in the Data Centre. Due to low bandwidth between schools and Data Centre, schools still need local servers.	2005	No End Date (Continuous)
Apply auto-sleep settings on computer monitors and CPUs	Ongoing/In Progress	40	% of computers have auto-sleep settings applied	2011: Implement Faronics PowerSave software on workstations.	2012: Implement Faronics PowerSave software on workstations.	2009	No End Date (Continuous)

Action	Status (as of 12/31/11)	Performance to Date (as of 12/31/11)		Steps Taken in 2011	Steps Planned for 2012 -2014	Start Year	End Year
Remove stand-alone printers, copiers, and/or fax machines and install multi-function devices	Ongoing/In Progress	80	% reduction in printers, copiers, and/or fax machines since start year indicated	2011: Recommend users direct printing to multi-function photocopier/printers to reduce costs. Continue to recommend high-end network printers (when required) over personal printers.	2012: Recommend users direct printing to multi-function photocopier/printers to reduce costs. Continue to recommend high-end network printers (when required) over personal printers.	2004	No End Date (Continuous)
Apply auto-sleep settings on printers, copiers, fax machines, and/or multi-function devices	Ongoing/In Progress	98	% of devices have auto-sleep settings applied	2011: Setup printers and copiers with auto-sleep settings applied.	2012: Setup printers and copiers with auto-sleep settings applied.	2008	No End Date (Continuous)
Replace computers with ENERGY STAR models during regular computer upgrades	Ongoing/In Progress	100	% of computers are ENERGY STAR rated	2011: Purchase Lenovo workstations and laptops. Continue to purchase IBM servers and blades.	2012: Purchase Lenovo workstations and laptops. Continue to purchase IBM servers and blades.	2005	No End Date (Continuous)
Appliances and electronic devices							
Replace refrigerators with ENERGY STAR models or source ENERGY STAR models for future purchases	Ongoing/In Progress	55	% of fridges are ENERGY STAR rated	2011: Establish standards and practices for appliance purchases	2012: Establish standards and practices for appliance purchases	2011	No End Date (Continuous)
Replace other appliances or electronic devices with ENERGY STAR models or source ENERGY STAR models for future purchases	Ongoing/In Progress	55	% of replaced other appliances	2011-2012: Continue to upgrade other appliances	2012-2014: Continue to upgrade other appliances	2005	No End Date (Continuous)
Behaviour change program							
Help staff reduce personal energy use through "workstation tune-ups"	In Development			2011: Begin staff training	2012: Continue staff training	2010	No End Date (Continuous)
Ask staff to unplug electrical equipment or switch off power bars when not in use	Ongoing/In Progress			2011-2013: Ongoing program	2012-2013: Ongoing program	2004	No End Date (Continuous)
Ask staff to close blinds at end of work day to reduce heating/cooling demands	Ongoing/In Progress			2011-2013: Roll shutters as funding allows	2012-2013: Roll shutters as funding allows	2004	No End Date (Continuous)
Provide tips to staff on saving energy in the office while working outside of regular business hours	Ongoing/In Progress			2011: Renewed DC funding and program	2012: Renewed DC funding and program	2005	No End Date (Continuous)
Provide reminders for turning off lights (e.g., signs, stickers, messages)	Ongoing/In Progress	25	% of Schools	More schools involved	More schools involved	2010	No End Date (Continuous)
Promote hot water conservation	Ongoing/In Progress	2	Solar Panels	Destination Conservation program, Water module	Destination Conservation program, Waste module	2005	No End Date (Continuous)
Supplies (Paper)							
Paper Type							
Purchase 30% post-consumer recycled paper	Ongoing/In Progress	17	% of total paper purchased contains 30% recycled content	Paper purchases tendered annually, more recycled material purchased	Review other paper supply options eg. truckload tenders	2006	No End Date (Continuous)
Purchase 100% post-consumer recycled paper	In Development	15	% of total paper purchased contains 100% recycled content	Paper purchases tendered annually, more recycled material purchased	Review other paper supply options eg. truckload tenders	2012	No End Date (Continuous)

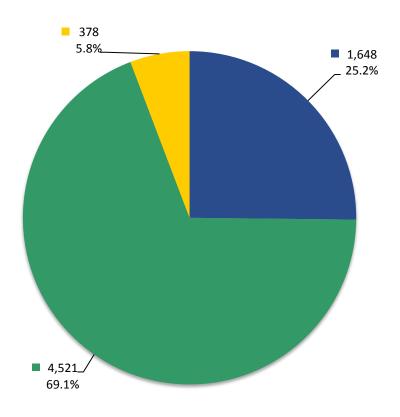
Actions to Reduce Provincial Emissions and Improve Sustainability

The actions listed below contribute to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from sources that fall outside of the reporting requirements defined in the carbon neutral government regulation of the *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act*. Public sector organizations can optionally use this section to report on actions that will help British Columbia meet its provincial greenhouse gas reduction targets, engage the public, and improve environmental sustainability across all aspects of their organization.

Action	Status (as of 12/31/11)		Performance to Date (as of 12/31/11)	Steps Taken in 2011	Steps Planned for 2012 -2014	Start Year	End Year
Business Travel							
Policy and budgeting							
Create a low-carbon travel policy or travel reduction goal	In Development						
Education, Awareness, and Engagement						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Team-building							
Create Green, Sustainability, Energy Conservation, or Climate Action Teams with executive endorsement	Ongoing/In Progress	25		Destination Conservation teams, Energy Conservation Committee in place	Environmental Sustainability Task Force in support of policy		
Provide resources and/or dedicated staff to support teams	Ongoing/In Progress	25		teachers, staff, resources support DC	expand DC program		
Providing behaviour change education/training to teams (e.g., community-based social marketing)	Ongoing/In Progress	25		Twitter Account	proposed in support of Environmental Sustainability policy #660		
Awards/Recognition							
Establish a sustainability/green awards or recognition program	Ongoing/In Progress			awards, recognition to DC teams, anti-idling program participants	continued		
Staff Professional Development							
Support green professional development (e.g., workshops, conferences, training)	Ongoing/In Progress			staff workshops and teacher Professional Development events	Climate Action Exchange Host 2012		
Include green options in employee performance measurement system	Ongoing/In Progress			in place for limited Operations staff	broaden green performance measurement system		
Staff awareness/education							
Provide education to staff about the science of climate change	Ongoing/In Progress			student education, science curriculum, Mayor's Youth Forum	continued		
Provide education to staff about the conservation of water, energy, and raw materials	Ongoing/In Progress			student education, science curriculum	continued		
Provide green tips on staff website or in newsletters	Ongoing/In Progress			working with Heath Promoting School Committee	proposed in support of Environmental Sustainability policy		
Provide sustainability education during new staff orientation	In Development				Twitter Account News		
Client/public awareness/education							
Provide education to clients/public about the science of climate change	Ongoing/In Progress			student education, science curriculum, Mayor's Youth Forum	continued		
Provide education to clients/public about the conservation of water, energy, and raw materials	Ongoing/In Progress			student education, science curriculum	MoE science curriculum		

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Provide green tips on client/public website or in newsletters	Ongoing/In Progress			working with Heath Promoting School Committee	proposed in support of policy			
Other Sustainability Actions								
Water conservation								
Establish a water conservation strategy which includes a plan or policy for replacing water fixtures with efficient models	Ongoing/In Progress							
Put in place a potable water management strategy to reduce potable water demand of building-level uses such as cooling tower equipment, toilet fixtures, etc. and landscape features	In Development							
Introduce a stormwater management landscape strategy (e.g., vegetated roofs, permeable paving, rain gardens, bioswales)	In Development							
Waste reduction/diversion								
Put in place an operations policy to facilitate the reduction and diversion of building occupant waste from landfills or incineration facilities	Ongoing/In Progress			ongoing paper, cardboard recycling, some bottle return, waste audits, composting pilot program	full recycling, commingled recycling audit performance, broaden composting program	2005	No End Date (Continuous)	
Building construction, renovation, and leasing								
Establish a policy to reuse materials where possible and divert construction and demolition debris from landfills and incineration facilities	Ongoing/In Progress			furniture, equipment and metal recycling	continued	2006	No End Date (Continuous)	
Incorporate lifecycle costing into new construction or renovations	Ongoing/In Progress			Shannon Lake Elementary Addition built to LEED Silver standards, energy efficient HVAC and lighting equipment installed	geoexchange upgrade to HVAC system, solar DHW system, efficient lighting systems, condensing boilers	2006	No End Date (Continuous)	
Commuting to and from home								
Encourage commuting by foot, bicycle, carpool or public transit	Ongoing/In Progress	25	% students staff	multiple programs for students	encourage staff to participate in programs	2005	No End Date (Continuous)	
Other Sustainability Actions								
Commingled Recycling Champagne	Completed in 2011	100	% Schools	Monitoring		2010	2011	
Battery Recycling Champagne	Completed in 2011	100	% Schools	Waste audit performed		2010	2011	
Second large composter installation	Completed in 2011	15	% Schools	Waste audit performed		2010	2011	
Wind Tubine Installation	Ongoing/In Progress	10	% Schools	Design of wind turbine	Wind turbine construction	2010	2014	
Rainwater capture from a school roof pilot project	In Development	10	% Schools	Design for rainwater capture system	Construct rainwater retention for school's garden club	2010	2014	

School District 23 - Central Okanagan (Kelowna) Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Source for the 2011 Calendar Year (tCO₂e*)



Total Emissions: 6,546

Mobile Fuel Combustion (Fleet and other mobile equipment)
 Stationary Fuel Combustion (Building Heating and Generators) and Electricity
 Supplies (Paper)

Offsets Applied to Become Carbon Neutral in 2011 (Generated May 18, 2012 11:59 AM)

Total offsets required: 5,284. Total offset investment: \$132,100. Emissions which do not require offsets: 1,263 **

^{*}Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e) is a standard unit of measure in which all types of greenhouse gases are expressed based on their global warming potential relative to carbon dioxide.

^{**} Under the Carbon Neutral Government Regulation of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act, all emissions from the sources listed above must be reported. As outlined in the regulation, some emissions do not require offsets.