

BC Assessment 2024 PSO Climate Change Accountability Report

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Organization: BC Assessment

Declaration statement: This PSO Climate Change Accountability Report for the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 summarizes our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions profile, the total offsets to reach net-zero emissions, the actions we have taken in 2024 to minimize our GHG emissions, and our plans to continue reducing emissions in 2025 and beyond.

Emission Reductions: Actions & Plans

BC Assessment plans to maintain its efforts to lower greenhouse gas emissions from both within and beyond its reporting scope under the Carbon Neutral Government Regulation, while also promoting employee engagement and education on climate change and sustainability goals.

A. Stationary Sources (e.g., buildings, power generation)

In 2024 the following actions were taken:

- Amalgamation of the old Victoria Office into the densified new Victoria Office (formally called the Uptown Office) with a total space reduction of 10,016 sq. ft.
- Upgraded the Kamloops Office HVAC unit to a high efficiency rooftop unit with digital controls
- Densified the Kelowna office, adding more capacity without increasing space requirements
- Completed an audit of all refrigerant appliances

In 2024 planning occurred for the following:

- Closure of the Williams Lake and Dawson Creek offices in 2025 and consolidation of services into other locations

BC Assessment plans to further reduce emissions from stationary sources by:

- Prioritizing energy efficiency during office relocations and renovations

- Requiring EV charging infrastructure and adherence to green building standards in all newly leased buildings with parking
- Developing a facilities strategy focused on continued work space densification at existing locations

B. Mobile Sources (e.g., fleet vehicles, off-road/portable equipment)

In 2024 the following actions were taken:

- BC Assessment received 5 new low emission fleet vehicles purchased in 2023
- Installed electric charging stations in the Victoria and Langley locations

In 2024 planning occurred for the following:

- Installation of electric charging stations at the Kelowna location

BC Assessment plans to continue reducing emissions from mobile sources by:

- Regularly reviewing the usage of our fleet vehicles to ensure the investment and number of vehicles is appropriate and replacing or disposing of vehicles older than 10 years to ensure maximum operating efficiencies
- Purchasing only Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) and electrifying our fleet by 2035
- Planning to transition our fleet to ZEVs each year as current vehicles are depreciated and as infrastructure/charging stations are put in place in each office

C. Paper Consumption

In 2024 the following actions were taken:

- Encouraged all offices to lower carbon emission by using sugar sheet paper

BC Assessment will continue to reduce emission from paper by:

- Continuing to purchase 100% recycled paper or alternatives such as sugar sheet paper
- Continuing to invest in digital services and processes to decrease overall paper usage

2024 GHG Emissions and Offsets Summary Table

BC Assessment 2024 GHG Emissions and Offsets Summary	
GHG emissions for the period January 1 - December 31, 2024	
Total BioCO ₂	3.47
Total Emissions (tCO ₂ e)	255
Total Offsets (tCO ₂ e)	252
Adjustments to Offset Required GHG Emissions Reported in Prior Years	
Total Offsets Adjustment (tCO ₂ e)	0
Grand Total Offsets for the 2024 Reporting Year	
Grand Total Offsets to be Retired for 2024 Reporting Year (tCO ₂ e)	252
Offset Investment (\$)	\$6,300.00

Retirement of Offsets:

In accordance with the requirements of the *Climate Change Accountability Act* and the Carbon Neutral Government Regulation, BC Assessment (the **Organization**) is responsible for arranging for the retirement of the offsets obligation reported above for the 2024 calendar year, together with any adjustments reported for past calendar years (if applicable). The Organization hereby agrees that, in exchange for the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions (the **Ministry**) ensuring that these offsets are retired on the Organization's behalf, the Organization will pay within 30 days, the associated invoice to be issued by the Ministry in an amount equal to \$25 per tonne of offsets retired on its behalf plus GST.

Executive Sign-off:



May 27, 2025

Char Paul, Vice President and EFO

Date