

Clean Infrastructure Royalty Credit Program

2018 RFA Questions and Answers

Question 1:

Are Vapour Recover Units (VRUs) eligible as an electrification project under the 2018 CIRCP?

Answer 1:

Installing a VRU that reduces GHG emissions is eligible for the 2018 CIRCP. If the VRU compressor is electric driven, the project can apply under Category 2. If the VRU compressor is not electric driven, Category 1 can be applied for.

Question 2:

Could you please comment on a potential BC Pneumatics Offset Protocol? I.e. is that mechanism imminent and how would/could it complement the BC CIRCP?

Answer 2:

The offset protocols are still in development. The final version of the fuel switch protocol (which was put out for consultation late last year) should be published soon. It is anticipated that the draft version of the 'vented methane' protocol should also be out soon. The BC Government's intent is to avoid overlapping incentives for the same emissions reductions, so stakeholders should expect that acceptance of a project under CIRCP negates eligibility for those emissions reduction to generate BC carbon offsets.

Question 3:

Are there details as to how you would calculate the baseline GHG for a greenfield project?

Answer 3:

Information related to the calculation of baseline emissions is provided in the RFA Appendix A, and in the Guidance Document (see Section C and Appendix A). Example calculations are also provided in Appendix B of the Guidance Document.

Question 4:

Is the third party GHG Verification only provided post construction or is the RFA to be reviewed by the third party before submitting?

Answer 4:

The third party verification of GHG Emissions should occur post construction as part of Step 2 (Verification) activities. There is no requirement for the third party to review the RFA application.

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Question 5:

Could the Ministry indicate how a proposed project would screen relative to other projects that have been applied for in the past? In other words, whether a given project would be worthwhile applying for?

Answer 5:

We can not provide this information as each application is ranked relative to the other applications that are received under the same RFA. Therefore, each installment will vary based on the type and number of project applications submitted. In addition, the use of 2 project categories under the 2018 CIRCP would also affect how projects are ranked compared to 2016 CIRCP.