

2017 Carbon Neutral Action Report

BC Oil and Gas Commission





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The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is the provincial, single-window regulatory agency with responsibilities for regulating oil and gas activities in B.C., including exploration, development, provincial pipeline transportation, processing and reclamation. The Commission's core roles include reviewing and assessing applications for industry activities, consulting with First Nations, ensuring industry complies with provincial legislation and partnering with other responsible agencies. The public interest is served through protecting public safety, conserving the environment and ensuring equitable access to natural gas and petroleum resources.

For general information about the Commission, please visit www.bcogc.ca or phone 250-794-5200.



Mission

We regulate oil and gas activities for the benefit of British Columbians.

We achieve this by:

- Protecting public safety,
- Respecting those affected by oil and gas activities,
- Conserving the environment, and
- Supporting resource development.

Through the active engagement of our stakeholders and partners, we provide fair and timely decisions within our regulatory framework.

We support opportunities for employee growth, recognize individual and group contributions, demonstrate accountability at all levels, and instill pride and confidence in our organization.

We serve with a passion for excellence.

Vision

To provide oil and gas regulatory excellence for British Columbia's changing energy future.

Values

Respectful

Accountable

Effective

Efficient

Responsive

Transparent

Top Three Actions Taken Towards Carbon Neutrality in 2017

1. Replaced five vehicles with more fuel-efficient units

2. Continued the use of the FOB Authentication, Printer Defaults set to duplex and black and white printing, as well as the RightFax system to reduce both paper and printer use.

- Paper use between 2016 and 2017 was reduced by an additional 11 per cent (reduced by 43 per cent the previous year)
- Copies printed between 2016 and 2017 was reduced by an additional 10 per cent (reduced by 18 per cent the previous year)

3. Reduced fleet fuel consumption between 2016 and 2017 by one per cent (reduced by five per cent the previous year)



2017 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The Commission emitted 413 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) from sources covered under the Carbon Neutral Government Regulation (CNGR) in the 2017 calendar year.

Offsets Applied to Become Carbon Neutral in 2017

The Commission has purchased 404 tonnes of offsets to achieve carbon neutrality, as required by the CNGR using the web-based reporting system SMARTTool.

Future Plans for Emissions Reduction Activities

In 2018, the Commission will replace two vehicles in its fleet with more fuel efficient units, add two new vehicles to remote locations to accommodate Business Plan initiatives, and purchase a three-ton truck (potentially gas powered) to replace its rental five-ton truck. Additionally, the Commission will continue to utilize FOB authentication, Printer Defaults and RightFax systems to reduce GHGs as outlined in the core actions taken in 2017. In October 2018, a review is scheduled for the existing printing fleet with the intention of reducing it by approximately seven multi-function devices.

Lastly, the Commission is moving the Victoria staff into a new office in October 2018. The new office space is designed and built according to LEED Gold standards and is in compliance with ASHRAE standards for commercial buildings. The Commission expects to see a significant reduction in utilities/energy consumption.

Contact

This is the ninth Carbon Neutral Action Report or Small Emitters Form prepared and submitted by the BC Oil and Gas Commission. It was prepared in accordance with the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act adopted in November 2007 by the Ministry of Environment's Climate Action Secretariat.

This submission is updated annually with new information and statistics. A current copy is available on the Commission website at www.bcogc.ca. For specific questions or enquiries regarding this report, please contact:

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