



## Indiana's Emissions Credit Registry

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### **What Is the Indiana Emission Credit Registry?**

- The Emission Credit Registry was created in 2004 to assist sources looking for emission offsets for non-attainment New Source Review (NSR) permitting required by the federal Clean Air Act.
- The non-attainment NSR permitting requirements are intended to help areas in Indiana that are not meeting the National Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) achieve compliance with these standards.
- The purpose of the Emission Credit Registry is to provide a central, publicly available location where information about possible emission credits can be stored and viewed.
- This information will be particularly useful to sources wanting to locate or expand in areas designated as nonattainment under the NAAQS.

### **What Is An Emission Credit?**

- An emission credit represents a permanent, quantifiable, federally enforceable and surplus reduction in air pollutant emissions that exceeds the amount of reduction required under state or federal law, regulation, order (i.e., consent decrees, agreed orders, etc.), or other enforceable mechanism.
- The federal nonattainment NSR program and therefore the Indiana nonattainment NSR program, requires emission credits to be validated at time of use and not time of generation.
- Emission reductions that have previously been used to avoid NSR through a netting demonstration are not considered surplus.

### **Why Must Sources Obtain Emission Credits for Use as Offsets?**

- Sources undergoing nonattainment NSR permitting requirements must offset the increase in emissions from the proposed new construction and provide a net air quality benefit.
- The purpose of offsetting these emissions is to allow an area to move toward attainment of the NAAQS while still allowing industrial growth.

### **Who May Use The Emission Credit Registry?**

- Any permitted source may apply to register emission credits of any regulated pollutant and any source seeking a permit for a new or modified source may obtain credits from sources listed in the Emission Credit Registry.

### **What Fees Are Associated With the Emission Credit Registry?**

- There are no fees for registering emission reductions or updating the Emission Credit Registry though there may be fees associated with needed permit modifications.

### **Why Should I Register My Credits?**

- Registering credits will enable businesses to find the credits necessary to build a new facility or expand an existing one.
- Registering credits will foster economic development in nonattainment areas, thereby providing economic opportunity for existing businesses.

### **Where Can I Find More Information?**

- For more information on the Emissions Credit Registry, please visit this IDEM website:
- [www.idem.IN.gov/airpermit/applicant-assistance-and-resources/emission-credit-registry/](http://www.idem.IN.gov/airpermit/applicant-assistance-and-resources/emission-credit-registry/)  
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