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The California Air Resources Board (ARB) has become aware that individuals holding Certified Emissions Reductions credits or Verified Emissions Reductions credits developed using the Clean Development Mechanism or voluntary carbon market standards have received offers from third parties to sell those credits, for a fee, in ARB's Reserve Sale. Please be aware that ARB does not sell these types of credits at its Reserve Sale.

As set forth in Section 95913 of California's Cap-and-Trade Regulation (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, §95913) (Regulation), only ARB allowances from the Allowance Price Containment Reserve may be sold at a Reserve Sale. Further, as set forth in Section 95910 of the Regulation, only allowances issued by ARB or a linked jurisdiction may be sold at ARB's Joint Greenhouse Gas Allowance Auctions (Auction). Québec is currently the only jurisdiction linked with California's Cap-and-Trade Program.

ARB has been and will continue to coordinate with law enforcement authorities and other market regulators to address any potential fraudulent activity. ARB will also continue to monitor for market impacts. At this time, ARB has not observed any impact on the California-Québec Linked Cap-and-Trade Program.