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Pilot Soil Monitoring Incentives Program

Information for participants: Emissions Reduction Fund projects



About the pilot Soil Monitoring Incentives Program

Under the pilot Soil Monitoring Incentives Program, land managers can access low-cost soil sampling and testing. This data will be uploaded to the Australian National Soil Information System (ANSIS).

Only aggregated soil information will be publicly available. No personal or individual property information will be shared publicly.

About the Emissions Reduction Fund

The Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF) supports activities to reduce emissions.

Land managers can generate carbon credits for increases in soil carbon by incorporating one or more new or materially different management activities in grazing, bare fallow or cropping land (including perennial woody horticulture such as grapevines) that store carbon in the soil.

For more information, see [ERF 2021 soil method requirements](#).

Assistance for gathering data under the Emissions Reduction Fund

The program can assist with the costs of gathering data for ERF projects.

Under the program, land managers can receive a contribution of \$275 per sampled site (strata) towards sampling and testing costs, and up to a total of \$10,000 per business towards the cost of soil sampling, testing, and sharing data on ANSIS.

Land managers may also qualify for an [advance payment of up to \\$5,000](#) through an ERF carbon abatement contract to help with the upfront costs of soil sampling. The advance payment is then repaid in the form of Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU) delivered under the contract.

Participating in the pilot Soil Monitoring Incentives Program as an ERF participant

There are 6 steps to participate in the program as an ERF participant:

- 1) Contact Southern Cross University (SCU), as your service provider, at soiltest@scu.edu.au, indicating you are interested in participating in the program as an ERF participant.
- 2) Read the [ERF participation requirements](#).
- 3) Register, or apply to register, your ERF soil carbon project with the Clean Energy Regulator (CER). (See [Participate in the Emissions Reduction Fund](#)).

- 4) Once you have applied to register your soil carbon project with ERF, SCU will assist with the program application process, including:
 - a) confirming eligibility
 - b) signing the data-sharing agreement; and
 - c) completing the program survey.
- 5) SCU will engage a soil sampling provider to work with you on a sampling plan, collect your samples and test your soil to meet [ERF soil method requirements](#).
- 6) SCU will share the results with you and upload your soil information on ANSIS in line with the program data-sharing agreement once testing is completed.

More information

Soil Monitoring Incentives Program

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Emissions Reduction Fund

Web cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/ERF/About-the-Emissions-Reduction-Fund

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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