

ACR Aboriginal Programs Project Program Template

Program Area:	4.0	Community Relations
Sub Program:	4.1	Developing Framework Agreements
Template:	4.1.7	Cooperation Protocol
Sponsor(s):	<i>Petro-Canada Ltd.</i>	

1. Objective

To establish a positive relationship through a cooperation protocol with respect to Petro-Canada's activities in the consultation area for administrative oil and gas referrals only.

2. Description

This cooperation protocol embodies key general provisions intended to govern the relationship between the company and the First Nation.

The parties wish to nurture a long-term relationship wherein members of the First Nation have an opportunity to benefit from education, training, employment and business opportunities that may arise from time to time in relation to Petro-Canada's operations. The parties also wish to consult and work together to identify and reasonably address concerns arising from the potential environmental impact of the company's operations on traditional territory as well as describe a process to resolve disputes should they arise.

3. Implementation

Some of the key general provisions of the cooperation protocol include:

- Consultation
- Employment opportunities
- Business opportunities
- Environmental protection
- Community contributions
- Dispute resolution

4. Timeframe for Results

Immediate upon signing of the protocols

5. Measurable Criteria

These include:

- Satisfaction by the parties of the key general provisions with opportunities to amend the protocol

- Creation of a successful cooperation protocol model

6. Budget

No direct budget is included in the protocols and costs vary depending on level of activity and engagement of local contracts.

7. Partners and Sponsors

Petro-Canada Ltd. and First Nations including Fort Nelson First Nation, Halfway River First Nation, and Prophet River First Nation

8. Experience with the Program

Cooperation protocols were put in place in 2002 and 2003. Since the introduction of cooperation protocols, Petro-Canada has significantly improved relationships with Aboriginal communities and expectations are clearly identified and followed through.

9. General Applicability

This program is generally applicable to resource industries and provides a framework for establishing a collaborative, mutually beneficial relationship and consultation process that will assist in providing for reasonable development while avoiding unjustifiable infringement on treaty rights, Aboriginal rights or significant heritage sites.

10. Additional Information or Support

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