CDM: Response form for request for clarification on Approved Methodologies (version 01.1)

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Title and number of request for clarification	Clarification Requested AM_CLA_0231

Summary of the query:

Please use the space below to summarize the request for clarification on the related approved methodologies.

ACM0009 version 03.2 applies to project activities that switch in one or several element processes from coal or petroleum fuel to natural gas.

The request for clarification is on the use of lower or upper limit of uncertainty in case of IPCC default values for certain parameters e.g. emission factors, net calorific values.

The DOE has provided an example of the parameter $EF_{FF,CO2,i}$ whose IPCC default value (Table 1.4 of Chapter 1 of Volume 2, IPCC Guidelines 2006) for residual fuel oil is 77,400 kg/TJ, whereas the upper value at 95% confidence interval is 78,800 kg/TJ and the lower value at 95% confidence interval is 75,500 kg/TJ.

The DOE seeks clarification whether they should choose the upper value of 78,800 kg/TJ for $EE_{FF,CO2,i}$.

Recommendation by the Meth Panel:

Please use the space below to provide amendments /changes (in your expert view, if necessary).

Please refer to paragraph 21 of the meeting report of the MP 56

<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth/index.html>.

Answer to authors of the request for clarification by the Meth Panel :

Please use the space below to provide an answer to the authors of the above query

The Meth Panel would like to thank the DOE for identifying this error in the methodology.

The Meth Panel clarifies that ACM0009 version 03.2 requires all values to be chosen in a conservative manner i.e. “lower values should be chosen within a plausible range” in case of baseline and “higher values should be chosen within a plausible range” in case of project emission.

However, the Meth Panel recognized the error in the monitoring parameters in the existing version of the methodology and agreed to revise the methodology to correctly reflect the requirements for the parameter values $EF_{FF,CO2,i}$ and $NCV_{FF,i}$ under ‘Data and parameters not monitored’ and the parameter value $NCV_{NG,y}$ under the monitoring methodology for ‘Data and parameters monitored’.

Signed by the Chair, Mr. Thomas Bernheim
Date: 15/06/2012

Signed by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Hugh Sealy
Date: 15/06/2012

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