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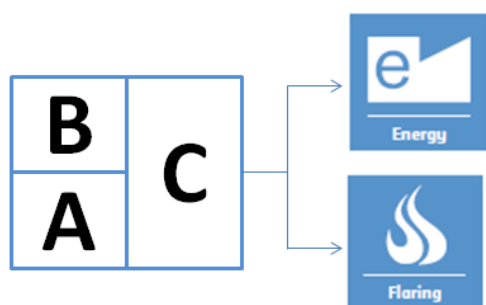
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Summary of the request for clarification

Original text from Stakeholder:

A registered CDM Project Activity consisting of flaring and using the landfill gas (LFG) for electricity generation was first designed comprising three cells of a landfill, named cells A, B and C. Nevertheless, the LFG forced extraction system was implemented in only one of the considered cells (cell A) and the electricity generation component was not implemented at all (Figure 1).

CDM Project Activity, as planned.



CDM Project Activity, as implemented.

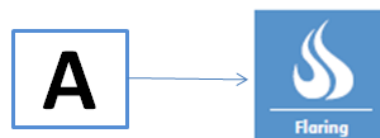


Figure 1 – CDM Project Activity planned and implemented activity.

Moreover, due to the carbon credits market conditions, the above mentioned project is now decommissioned and Project Participants do not have the intention to take it up again.

Nevertheless, while the landfill owner acquired another area (Area 2), which is close to the existing landfill, in order to increase the amount of waste deposited at the site for a longer period of time. In the face of the extension of the landfill's lifetime, a third company became interested in capturing the LFG to produce upgraded LFG (biomethane).

The planned LFG purification plant is planned to use LFG extracted from the cells already considered in the CDM Project Activity where no LFG forced extraction system was implemented (cells B and C) as well as the new area (Area 2) (Figure 2).



Figure 2 – Planned project at the landfill area.

As per ACM0001, the project boundary comprises the sites where the LFG is used and above all, where it is capture.

Taking into account the situation presented above, where it can be evidenced during a future validation that, as of today, the forced extraction system of LFG was not implemented in cells B and C, a clarification of the following aspects is seek:

- a) Is it possible to exclude these areas from the registered PDD so they can be considered in another CDM Project Activity?
- b) Is there any procedure to be adopted with regards to the CDM Project Activity (e.g. approval of changes, cancelation of the registration)?

Clarification by the secretariat or Panel / WG

The Meth Panel agreed to clarify that the project proponent should apply the relevant provisions of the Project standard in relation to the permanent changes to the project design of a registered project activity.

Since the addition of the new “Area 2” is considered an addition of a new project site, this situation should be handled through a change in project design as per paragraph 289 (c) in the Project standard. The Meth Panel would also like to highlight that the provisions listed under paragraph 289 of the Project standard are not comprehensive and therefore the removal of the old cell from the registered project activity may qualify as a permanent change of a registered project activity as well. Consequently, a post registration change for the existing registered project activity should be sought which adequately address the concerns related to baseline identification, baseline estimation of emissions, and additionality.

The Meth Panel further clarifies that addition of a new site to the existing registered project activity cannot result in prolonging the length of the crediting period.

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