



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

<i>Date of Meth Panel meeting:</i>	27 June - 1 July 2011
<i>Title and number of request for clarification</i>	Clarification on the determination of reference year v in projects applying ACM0013, Version 04.0.0 in China AM_CLA_208

Summary of the query:

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

The DOE refers to Version 4 of ACM0013 *Consolidated baseline and monitoring methodology for new grid connected fossil fuel fired power plants using a less GHG intensive technology*, which involves construction and operation of a new fossil fuel fired grid-connected electricity generation plant that uses a more efficient power generation technology than what would otherwise be used with the given fossil fuel category. Option 2 of the baseline emission factor is the average emissions intensity of all the power plants whose performance is among the top 15 % of their category, using data from a reference year. The reference year is defined as “the most recent year prior to the date of submission of the PDD for validation of the project activity, for which the required data from the power plants to be included in the sample group for the emissions benchmark is available. In any case, the reference year v cannot begin more than two years prior to the date of submission of the PDD for validation of the project activity.”

The proposed project activity involves the construction of a new ultra-supercritical coal power plant in China. The PDD was submitted for the global stakeholder consultation on 10 September 2010. As of now, according to the DOE, the most recent data available for Option 2 of the baseline emission factor is from the year 2008, published by the Chinese government on 26 Nov 2010. The DOE proposed that the 2009 data may be used to recalculate the emission reduction after the project is registered.

The DOE seeks clarification from the Meth Panel on the definition of the reference year.

Recommendation by the Meth Panel:

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

Not applicable.

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

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The Meth Panel would like to confirm that in Version 4 of ACM0013 the definition of the reference year is clear. The Meth Panel would also like to clarify that Version 4 of ACM0013 does not allow an update of the baseline emission factor after it is registered.

In this case, where the PDD was submitted for the global stakeholder consultation on 10 September 2010, the reference year should not begin more than 2 years prior to September 2010, and the calendar year 2008 is not appropriate to be used as the reference year.

The project participants may consider the possibility of submitting a request for revision to resolve the data availability issue without compromising the environmental integrity.

Signed by the Chair, Mr. Philip Gwage

Date: 06/06/2011

Signed by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Lex de Jonge

Date: 06/06/2011

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