



CDM: Recommendation Form for Small Scale Methodologies (version 01)
(To be used for presenting questions/proposals/amendments to the simplified methodologies for small-scale CDM project activity categories)

Date of SSC WG meeting:	09–12 May 2011, SSC WG 31
Title/Subject (give a small title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters):	Clarification on the use of lower/upper bound of confidence interval under sampling guideline
Indicative methodology to which your submission relates (refer the items of Appendix B of the Simplified Modalities and Procedures), if applicable.	AMS-III.H “Methane recovery in wastewater treatment” and General Guidelines for Sampling and Surveys for Small-Scale CDM Project Activities
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Summary of the query:

Please use the space below to summarize the query related to SSC methodologies/categories SSC Modalities and Procedures provide recommendation/analysis of the SSC WG.

Original text from Stakeholder:

The CDM consultant requests a clarification for an issue that is relevant to several projects facing verification which apply the sampling and survey guidelines.

It is our interpretation of footnote 2 of the General Guidelines for Sampling and Surveys for Small-Scale CDM Project Activities that once a sampling effort has been checked for its reliability using the relevant confidence/precision, and has been shown to be indeed reliable, the mean value of the sampled parameter will be used for the emission reduction calculation, and not the lower boundary of the sampling effort's confidence range.

We would like to ask you confirm this interpretation or offer a contrary clarification for the actual value that should be used for the calculations.

This request is on behalf of project 0492 utilising AMS-III.H v2 and project 1483 utilising AMS-III.H v5.

Recommendation by the SSC WG:

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

Please refer to paragraph 22 of the meeting report of the SSC WG 31 (http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg).

Answer to authors of query by the SSC WG:

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

The small-scale working group of the CDM Executive Board (CDM-EB) would like to thank the author for the submission.

The group agreed to confirm that the relevant confidence/precision is required to the parameter(s) used in the calculation of CERs that are determined through a sampling effort, as per the General Guidelines for

Sampling and Surveys for Small-Scale CDM Project Activities. Furthermore, the group agreed to clarify that when sampling is undertaken in small-scale projects, unless differently specified in the methodology applied, the sample mean value can be used for the emissions reduction calculation, not necessarily the lower or upper bound of the confidence interval around the mean.

It should be noted that as per the guidance from the Board (paragraph 76 of EB 60 report) the SSC WG and Meth Panel are working to develop one set of common sampling guidelines and best practices examples covering large and small-scale projects and PoAs. The group agreed to clarify the issues discussed above in the new sampling guideline and best-practices examples.

Signed by the Chair, Ms. Fatou Gaye

Date: 12/05/2011

Signed by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Peer Stiansen

Date: 12/05/2011

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