



**Approved baseline and monitoring methodology/  
methodological tool clarification response form  
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<b>Title/Subject of the request for clarification:</b>	Clarification on the baseline methane emissions from anaerobic decay of the final sludge produced
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**Summary of the request for clarification**

Original text from Stakeholder:

We are requesting clarification of the term ' $BE_{s,final,y}$ ' contained in methodology AMS-III.H version 16. According to page 5 of the methodology, ' $BE_{s,final,y}$ ' is defined as:

*'Baseline methane emissions from anaerobic decay of the final sludge produced in year y ( $tCO_2e$ ). If the sludge is controlled combusted, disposed in a landfill with biogas recovery, or used for soil application in the baseline scenario, this term shall be neglected.'*

In the case of the project that we are developing, most of the sludge in the baseline scenario is used for soil application i.e. if we follow the above definition explicitly, this term shall be ignored. However, a portion of this sludge is also sent to landfill, which means that there are some baseline emissions from the anaerobic decay of the final sludge. How does the project participant (PP) account for this?

Could the PP proportionally account for this term based on the location of the deposit of the final sludge? I.e. could the PP neglect all baseline emissions from the sludge that used for soil application, and only account for the baseline emissions of the sludge that sent to landfill/not used for soil application?

**Clarification by the secretariat or Panel/ WG**

The Small-Scale Working Group (SSC WG) of the Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) of the clean development mechanism (CDM) would like to thank the author for the submission.

The SSC WG clarifies that it is possible to take into account the baseline emissions of the fraction of sludge that is not controlled combusted, disposed in a landfill with biogas recovery, or used for soil application as long as credible documentation on the proportions of the final destination of the sludge is available.

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## Document information

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