

 <b>CDM: Response form for request for clarification on Approved Methodologies (version 01.1)</b>	
<i>Date of A/R Working Group meeting:</i>	A/R Working Group 34 10–12 October 2011
<i>Title and number of request for clarification</i>	AR_AM_CLA_0016: Parameters of older methodologies and project emissions
<b><u>Summary of the query:</u></b> Please use the space below to summarize the request for clarification on the related approved methodologies.	
<p>1. In the first versions of most AR methodologies long lists of parameters have been included in the monitoring section. Most of these parameters are often not part of the project activity or are sub-results of calculations. Further they are often not ordered in any traceable way.</p> <p>Today's updated versions of the methodologies have reduced these parameters lists to a practical minimum.</p> <p>As many AR projects have already been registered under first versions of the methodology the monitoring plan is full of unused parameters that normally must be discussed in the MR and verification report.</p> <p>We would like to know whether in verifications the parameters listed in MR and discussed in verification report can be reduced to the minimum of latest methodology versions or reduced to the parameters applicable to the project activity.</p> <p>2. In the EB 42 report paragraph 32 it was decided that projects emissions due to: (i) fertilizer application; (ii) removal of herbaceous vegetation and (iii) transportation do not need to be monitored anymore.</p> <p>Is this decision also applicable for projects that have been registered before this decision or were in progress of registration and that have these project emissions included into the monitoring plan?</p> <p>Or can those project emissions be neglected as well for older cases?</p>	
<b><u>Recommendation by the A/R Working Group:</u></b> Please use the space below to provide amendments/changes (in your expert view, if necessary).	
<p>The A/R WG agreed to provide the following clarification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Data and parameters used in a methodology or in a tool applied in an A/R CDM project activity, or listed in the monitoring plan of a registered A/R CDM project activity, are required to be monitored only if these are obtained from field measurement; that is, data and parameters are not required to be monitored if these appear as intermediate values in calculation steps or are taken from existing sources (e.g. published literature).</li> <li>2. The project emissions due to: (i) fertilizer application, (ii) removal of herbaceous vegetation and (iii) transportation shall be verified following guidance contained in the "Guidelines on application of specified versions of A/R CDM methodologies in verification of registered A/R CDM project activities" (EB 63 report, annex 26).</li> </ol>	

<b>Answer to authors of the request for clarification by the A/R Working Group :</b>	
Please use the space below to provide an answer to the authors of the above query	
<p>Please refer to paragraph 6 of the meeting report of the A/R WG 34  <a href="http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ar">http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ar</a>.</p>	
<p>Signed by the Chair, Ms. Diana Harutyunyan  Date: 12/10/2011</p> <p>Signed by the Vice-Chair, Daniel V. Ortega-Pacheco  Date: 12/10/2011</p>	
<b>Information to be completed by the secretariat</b>	
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