

Reply to SSC\_009  
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**Subject: CDM Small Scale Projects: Methodological Question**

Reference is made to your query dated of 8 March 2005. The small scale working group (SSC WG) of the CDM Executive Board has considered it at its second meeting and noted that improvements of efficiency of equipment (such as stoves) in principle is a CDM measure relating to the type II activities (energy efficiency measures). The emissions reductions for such projects are to be calculated as the difference in use of fuels/energy due to the efficiency improvement of the equipment. The questions relating to wood stoves therefore is mainly whether it is renewable (which would therefore imply such projects do not reduce emissions since the fuel would be a zero emitting source) or whether wood is non-renewable in which case one has to assess: (a) how to calculate emissions from this fuel and (b) leakage. At this stage there is no agreed definition of renewable and non-renewable biomass in accordance the Marrakech agreement. Work on developing such a definition is ongoing in the Panels and Working groups of the Executive Board. Once a definition is agreed the SSC WG may consider appropriate amendments to the Appendix B.

In order to ensure that this kind of CDM projects will see the light of day in the current CDM process, the SSC WG wants to request you, or the project participants on behalf of which you contacted the SSC WG, to recommend methods which can be used to handle the estimation of such leakages. It look forward to your suggestions in this direction.  
For more information regarding the outcomes of the second meeting of the SSC WG please refer to: [http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc\\_wg](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg).

Best regards,

CDM team