



**CDM: Form for submission of queries from DOEs to the
Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group regarding the
application of approved A/R methodologies (version 01)**
(To be used by DOEs for presenting questions / proposals / amendments
related to the applicability of approved A/R methodologies)

Name of the entity (DOE) submitting this form	TÜV SÜD
Reference number and title of the approved A/R methodologies	All large scale AR-CDM methodologies: AR-AM0002 AR-AM0004 AR-AM0005 AR-AM0006 AR-AM0007 AR-AM0009 AR-AM0010 AR-AM0011 AR-ACM0001 AR-ACM0002
Title/Subject (give a short title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters):	Conservative reduction of the required precision levels of GHG removals at monitoring and verification by reducing the mean carbon density
Attach CDM-AR-PDD example of project activity where applicability raises problem:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, is attached.
Date and signature for the DOE	21/05/2010
Submitted queries Please use the space below to substantiate the queries relating to the application of approved A/R methodologies. If the questions are related to a project activity under development or implementation, please describe the context in which they arose. If you are proposing amendments to approved A/R methodologies, please specify the text you want to change or introduce. If necessary, attach files or refer to sources of relevant information.	
If you have a question relating to the application of the approved A/R methodologies, please specify and provide reference to the exact project activity to which it applies.	

>> Most AR-CDM methodologies foresee a certain precision level at the monitoring of net GHG removals (+/-10% precision level of the mean at a 95% or 90% confidence interval).

- In case this precision level is not met at a given monitoring/verification, please clarify if a wider precision level is accepted in case a conservative reduction of the mean is applied.
- If a wider precision level is accepted, please clarify what reduction is considered appropriate to obtain a conservative estimate of the GHG removals.
- If a wider precision level is accepted while conservatively reducing the mean, please clarify if a request for deviation is needed at verification.

This clarification is of importance for projects in which additional sample plots cannot be installed or the establishment of the plots would be too time intensive or costly.

Further Explanation / Example:

In case an AR-CDM project has a mean of 100 t CO₂-e per hectare (in one strata) and the actual precision level is 25% (=25 t CO₂-e) at 95% confidence interval. However the applied methodology requires a precision level as per methodology is +/- 10% (standard error around the mean) at 95% confidence.

Instead of adding additional sample plots, PPs could consider the lower end of the confidence interval (75 t CO₂-e) as a conservative approach and feasible solution to calculate the amount of tCERs or ICERs to be issued.

(Another potential option could be to solely reduce the mean by 15%, which is the difference between the actual 25% and required 10%)

It needs to be clarified if this approach is acceptable (with or without a deviation), or whether a different approach is more appropriate. This is relevant in case a PP wishes not to increase the number of sample plots.

If you propose an amendment to the approved A/R methodologies, please provide justification.

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In case you propose the amendment to the approved A/R methodologies, please provide your draft below, if not included in an annex:

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Date of submission of contribution:

Information to be completed by the secretariat

Date when the form was received at UNFCCC secretariat

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