



## 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)*

<i>Date of SSC WG meeting:</i>	As per procedures for fast track clarifications
<i>Title/Subject (give a small title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters):</i>	Applicability of SSC general guidance on leakage for biomass project activities using AMS-III.F
<i>Indicative methodology to which your submission relates (refer the items of Appendix B of the Simplified Modalities and Procedures), if applicable.</i>	AMS-III.F version 05
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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.

The project activity is composting of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) which uses methodology AMS-III.F – version 05. CDM benefit is available to the project activity for avoidance of methane production from decay of biomass (MSW) through composting.

AMS-III.F refers to general guidance on leakage at <http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/SSCmethodologies/approved.html>.

The general guidance on leakage includes attachment C to Appendix B (information on leakage in biomass project activities).

The guideline identifies potentially significant sources of leakage and project emissions for small-scale energy CDM project activities involving renewable biomass, and suggests methodological approaches to address them. In the guidance Biomass residues or wastes have been identified as renewable biomass.

However since composting activity does not generate any renewable energy, the project proponent feels that this guideline is not applicable to the project activity using AMS-III.F “Avoidance of methane production from decay of biomass through composting” (version 05), and leakage as defined under the guidance may not be considered for the project activity.

The project proponent thus seeks clarification regarding the applicability of attachment C to Appendix B (information on leakage in biomass project activities) to AMS-III.F.

**Recommendation by the SSC WG:**

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

This recommendation is as per the procedures for fast track clarifications as specified in paragraph 8 of the 'procedures for the submission and consideration of request for clarification of approved small-scale methodologies' found at [http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/MethSSC\\_proc01\\_EB34a06.pdf](http://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Procedures/MethSSC_proc01_EB34a06.pdf).

**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 would like to thank the author for the submission.

As can be inferred from Table 1 of "General guidance on leakage in biomass project activities", the only plausible potential leakage source for biomass waste is 'competing use'. AMS-III.F, through its applicability conditions, is only applicable to 'measures to avoid the emissions of methane to the atmosphere from biomass or other organic matter that would have otherwise been left to decay anaerobically in a solid waste disposal site'. Therefore the proof that the biomass waste would have remained in the landfill or solid waste disposal site through the crediting period and beyond is a prerequisite for the project applying the methodology. If this condition were satisfied, it would also imply that the competing uses are absent. In that case therefore there is no need to apply the requirements of attachment C to Appendix B (General guidance on leakage in biomass project activities).



Signature of SSC WG Chair .....

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