



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>	30 June–2 July 2008, SSC WG 16
<i>Title/Subject (give a small title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters):</i>	Applicability condition of AMS III.F when composted waste would have gone to a registered landfill methane project activity
<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 5
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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.

Project proponents request clarification on the applicability of AMS III.F version 5. AMS III.F is applicable to project activities, which avoid the production of methane from biomass or other organic matter that would have otherwise been left to decay anaerobically in a solid waste disposal site without methane recovery. Due to the project activity, decay is prevented through aerobic treatment by composting and proper soil application of the compost.

Project proponents intend to develop a project activity composting municipal organic waste (primarily residential food residues - approximately 15,000 tons/year) which otherwise would have been disposed off on a waste disposal site near the city of Medellín, Columbia. For the disposal sites where the biomass waste would have been disposed, CDM project activities are being developed intending to capture the methane from the landfills. Clarification is requested whether AMS III.F version 5 is still applicable to the envisaged project activity involving composting, as the landfills might be equipped with methane capture equipment in the future, whereas AMS III.F requires that no methane capture takes place in the baseline situation.

Recommendation by the SSC WG:

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

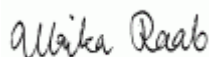
Please refer to paragraph 16 of the meeting report of the SSC WG 16
http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg.

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.

The SSC WG agreed to recommend a revision to AMS III.F as contained in annex 5 of SSC WG 16 report, clarifying the consideration of the capture and flaring of landfill gas in the baseline situation at the landfill where the biomass would otherwise be disposed off. In the project situation biomass will be composted. Baseline emission calculations shall exclude methane emissions that would have to be removed to comply with national or local safety requirement or legal regulations. Capturing and flaring of landfill gas by registered CDM project activities are considered as voluntary, and therefore not considered as required by national or local regulations.



Signature of SSC WG Chair

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Date: 02/07/2008



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