



**Approved baseline and monitoring methodology /  
methodological tool clarification response form  
(Version 03.0)**

**INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SECRETARIAT OR PANEL / WG**

<b>Date and number of Panel / WG meeting:</b>	N/A
<b>Title/Subject of the request for clarification:</b>	Clarification on applicability condition for the baseline anaerobic lagoons to be at least 1 m deep
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<b>Exact reference (number, title and version) of the methodology or methodological tool to which the request for clarification applies:</b>	<p>AMS-III.D.: Methane recovery in animal manure management systems --- Version 21.0</p> <p>ACM0010: GHG emission reductions from manure management systems --- Version 8.0</p> <p>AM0073: GHG emission reductions through multi-site manure collection and treatment in a central plant --- Version 1.0</p>
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**Summary of the request for clarification**

**Original text from Stakeholder:**

AMS-III.D, Methane recovery in animal manure management systems --- Version 21.0, Section 3(d) under Applicability, states the following: *"In the baseline scenario the retention time of manure waste in the anaerobic treatment system is greater than one month, and if anaerobic lagoons are used in the baseline, their depths are at least 1 m."* The other methodologies noted above reference similar language.

"Anaerobic treatment system" is assumed to be those systems within the eligible list of "manure treatment systems" where MCF is greater than zero, therefore indicating that anaerobic conditions exist to produce methane. AMS-III.D methodology references Table 10.17 of 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, Volume 4, Chapter 10, which provides a list of manure management systems (which are further defined in Table 10.18). In this list, "Pit storage below animal confinements", "Liquid/Slurry", and "Uncovered anaerobic lagoon" are three of several distinct systems listed with an MCF greater than zero.

For anaerobic lagoons (the only manure management system where the 1 meter depth criterion is applicable) please clarify that if there are only a few months during the year where the depth of the manure falls below 1 meter, a proportional adjustment may be made to the MCF to account for those non-compliant months.

**Clarification by the secretariat or Panel / WG**

The Methodologies Panel (MP) of the CDM Executive Board would like to thank the author for the submission.

The MP agreed to clarify that, as stated in paragraph 3 (d), when anaerobic lagoons are used in the baseline, AMS-III.D. v21 is only applicable if their depths are at least 1 meter; furthermore, the methodology does not include provisions to adjust the methane conversion factor (MCF) for cases that do not meet this specific requirement.

The MP further clarified that the submitter may choose to propose a revision to the approved methodology, in accordance with section 6 of the procedure: "Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools" v02.1, or seek guidance from the Board on the acceptability of a deviation from the approved methodology, in accordance with section 4.7 of the "CDM project cycle procedure for project Activities" v02.

<b>Version(s) of the approved methodology / methodological tool to which the clarification is applicable:</b>
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### Document information

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01.0	4 July 2013	Initial publication. This document supersedes and replaces the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation Form for Small Scale Methodologies (F-CDM-SSCwg) (Version 01.1)</li> <li>• Recommendation Form for Small Scale A/R Methodologies and Procedures (F-CDM-SSC-AR) (Version 01.1)</li> </ul>

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