



**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>	Clarification on the thresholds' criteria for qualifying limits for bundled SSC CDM project activities
<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.G "Landfill methane recovery" and AMS-I.D "Grid connected renewable electricity generation"
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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.

Original text from Stakeholder:

The summary below is a determination that we are trying to make for a methane recovery project bundled with two (2) 1 MW Landfill Gas-Fired RICEs used to deliver electricity to the grid. We haven't completed the emissions reduction analysis yet, but we are trying to figure out whether the small-scale procedures are an option for our client. The summary that I have drafted for my client is as follows:

"In accordance with paragraph 28 of Decision 1/CMP.2, dated 2 March 2007, small-scale clean development mechanism project activities are defined as

follows:

(a) Type I project activities shall remain the same, such that renewable energy project activities shall have a maximum output capacity of 15 MW (or an appropriate equivalent) (this includes the use of landfill gas to generate electricity - see methodologies AMS-III.G.3 and AMS-I.D);

(c) Type III project activities, otherwise known as other project activities, shall be limited to those that result in emission reductions of less than or equal to 60,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent annually (this includes methane recovery).

The project activities in question can be bundled if the Type III activity (just the methane recovery portion of the project) will result in reductions that are less than the 60,000 metric ton equivalent/yr threshold.

Essentially, the engines would be a small scale Type I activity (which the engines clearly qualify for) and the methane recovery would be a small scale Type III. Just the Type III activities need to be below the 60,000 metric ton equivalent/yr reduction threshold for the project to be bundled as a combination Type I and Type III small scale project. If the 60,000 metric ton equivalent annual reduction from the Type III activity is going to be exceeded, the whole project should be considered a large scale project."

Please let me know if any portion of the aforementioned summary is inaccurate. Our questions are whether the emissions reductions from the Type I and Type III projects should be looked at separately or

together? If the reductions can be looked at separately, does the 60,000 metric ton reduction threshold also apply to the Type I project?>>>

**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.

The SSC WG agreed to clarify that the understanding of the author of the submission as reflected in the text under quotations is correct and is in accordance with the paragraph 56, EB 28 stating "The Board agreed that the sum of the size of components of a project activity belonging to the same type (capacity for type I, energy savings for type II and emission reductions for type III) should not exceed the limits for small-scale CDM project activities as stated in paragraph 28 of the Decision 4/CMP.2 (e.g. the limit for methane recovery component is 60ktCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr and the limit for the electricity production component is 15 MW output capacity)" i.e., the emission reductions from the type I and type III project components should be looked at separately and 60,000 metric ton reduction per year threshold applies to type III component only.



Signature of SSC WG Chair .....

(Peer Stiansen)

Date: 09/04/2010



Signature of SSC WG Vice-Chair .....

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