



**CDM: Response form for request for clarification on  
Approved Methodologies  
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<i>Title and number of request for clarification</i>	Clarification on measurement technique in place for measurement of clinker production in a cement manufacturing plant and its compliance to the applied monitoring methodology  AM_CLA_0218
<p><b><u>Summary of the query:</u></b></p> <p>Please use the space below to summarize the request for clarification on the related approved methodologies.</p> <p>The request for clarification on AM0024 describes a situation of a registered project (#1907) of India, according to whose registered monitoring plan the clinker is measured through a “drop test” on weekly basis where as raw meal fed to kiln is measured during same time (for 4 hours) using a solid flow meter. This data is used to calculate the conversion factor from raw meal to clinker. It is also stated that such procedure is the prevailing practice in India.</p> <p>The designated operational entity (DOE) seeks clarification on whether such a “drop test” is acceptable, particularly when the methodology requires direct measurement of clinker production.</p>	
<p><b><u>Recommendation by the Meth Panel:</u></b></p> <p>Please use the space below to provide amendments /changes (in your expert view, if necessary).</p> <p>Please refer to the next section.</p>	

**Answer to authors of the request for clarification by the Meth Panel :**

Please use the space below to provide an answer to the authors of the above query

Subsequent to the above request for clarification, the Meth Panel requested some more information from the project participants (PPs), which was provided readily and satisfactorily. This information includes the quality management system procedure on “drop test” adopted by the PPs, the results of “drop test” and reference from a recognised source on the standard conversion factor from raw meal and clinker. The conversion factor values obtained using “drop test” are within the range of international industry standard value.

Based on the additional information and responses provided by the PPs, the Meth Panel clarifies that the “drop test” can be considered as an acceptable alternative to continuous measurement of clinker production, as required by the methodology. However, it is important to note that the project participants can use this method only if they have an agreed procedure by management, stipulating precise steps to be taken to conduct tests, frequency of tests and expected outcomes of tests. Furthermore, the project participants shall have to ensure that the outcomes of “drop test” are within the standard industry range.

It is recommended that the DOE should check the accuracy of results obtained using the “drop test” through various means such as, material balance and expert opinion based on the cluster specific quality of raw meal and cement kiln design.

Signed by the Chair, Mr. Philip Gwage

Date: 7/10/2011

Signed by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Lex de Jonge

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