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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)

Date of SSC WG meeting:	24–27 February 2009, SSC WG 19
Title/Subject (give a small title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters):	Applicability of AMS-III.H for Greenfield project activity
Indicative methodology to which your submission relates (refer the items of Appendix B of the Simplified Modalities and Procedures), if applicable.	AMS-III.H
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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 PP:

Clarification is required with respect to the applicability of the methodology AMS III.H version 10 in the development of Greenfield projects.

Considering that:

1. The use of methodology AMS III.H to develop Greenfield projects is recognized in paragraph 9, only if they comply with the requirements included in the *General Guidance for SSC Methodologies*.
2. In the document *Indicative Simplified Baseline and Monitoring Methodologies for Selected Small-Scale CDM Project Activity Categories*, version 12, on paragraph 14, specifies that Greenfield projects can be developed using Type II and III small-scale methodologies if they demonstrate that the most plausible baseline scenario is the baseline. It also describes a way in which the most plausible baseline scenario has to be defined.
3. AMS III.H, in paragraphs 17 and 18, the methodology requires either (a) 1-year historical data or (b) actual measurements through a representative campaign of some parameters in the baseline scenario such as COD removal efficiency of the wastewaters treatment systems, amount of dry matter in sludge and power consumption.
4. The fact that the methodology requests in paragraphs 17 and 18 actual measurements in the baseline scenario wastewater treatment prevents its application for Greenfield projects since those cases the baseline scenario is not operational; it is impossible to measure the required parameters when the baseline is not operational.
5. The fact described in the previous point seems contradictory to both paragraph 9 of the same methodology and paragraph 14 of *Indicative Simplified Baseline and Monitoring Methodologies for Selected Small-Scale CDM Project Activity Categories*, version 12.

Considering all the facts exposed above, it is not clear how the methodology AMS III.H can be applicable to Greenfield projects.

Guidance about how to apply methodology AMS III.H to Greenfield projects is requested to the Small Scale Working Group.

Recommendation by the SSC WG:

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

Please refer to paragraph 7 of the meeting report of the SSC WG 19 (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 clarify that in accordance with paragraph 9 of AMS-III.H version 10, Greenfield projects are indeed eligible to apply the methodology; however, the guidance on the baseline data to use for Greenfield projects is not explicitly provided in the current version of the methodology.

The SSC WG agreed to recommend a revision of AMS-III.H as contained in annex 4 of the SSCWG 19 meeting report. The proposed revisions clarify the methods for determination of baseline for Greenfield projects.

If the revisions are approved by the Board, the project proponent may evaluate if the proposed greenfield project activity is covered by the revised version.



Signature of SSC WG Chair

(Hugh Sealy)

Date: 27/02/2009



Signature of SSC WG Vice-Chair

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