

 <p style="text-align: center;">CDM: Response form for request for clarification on Approved Methodologies (version 01.1)</p>	
<i>Date of A/R Working Group meeting:</i>	A/R Working Group 27 17–19 February 2010
<i>Title and number of request for clarification</i>	AR_AM_CLA_0008: Methane emissions of biomass removed during the site preparation and burned outside the project boundary
<p><u>Summary of the query:</u></p> <p>Please use the space below to summarize the request for clarification on the related approved methodologies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should the methane emissions caused by biomass, removed during the site preparation and burned outside the project boundary be taken into account in the emissions “due to biomass burning of existing vegetation as part of site preparation”? 2. Should these emissions be considered as a leakage? Or should not be taken into account? 	
<p><u>Recommendation by the A/R Working Group:</u></p> <p>Please use the space below to provide amendments/changes (in your expert view, if necessary).</p> <p>Please refer to paragraph 11 of the meeting report of the A/R WG 27 <http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ar>.</p>	
<p><u>Answer to authors of the request for clarification by the A/R Working Group :</u></p> <p>Please use the space below to provide an answer to the authors of the above query</p> <p>The methane emissions resulting from biomass collected from the project area and burned outside the project boundary shall be accounted as leakage emissions, unless the burning is not attributable to the A/R CDM project activity, or the burning results in GHG emission that obeys the definition of “market leakage” as contained in paragraph 33 of the report of the 28th meeting of the Board namely:</p> <p>“The Board agreed that “market leakage”, which may include the increase in GHG emissions occurring outside the project boundary, attributable to effects of price, supply or demand of goods affected by the market impact of the A/R CDM project activity (for example the manufacture and sale of wood based products produced from wood harvested from the A/R CDM project activity), which is measurable and attributable to the A/R CDM project activity, shall not be accounted for in afforestation/reforestation baseline and monitoring methodologies”.</p> <p>Please note that the approved methodologies do not provide any approach for estimation of “market leakage” because the guidance contained in paragraph 33 of the report of the 28th meeting of the Board states that it shall not be accounted for in afforestation/reforestation baseline and monitoring methodologies.</p>	



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