

 CDM: Response form for request for clarification on Approved Methodologies (version 01.1)	
<i>Date of A/R Working Group meeting:</i>	A/R Working Group 32 9 –11 May 2011
<i>Title and number of request for clarification</i>	AR_AM_CLA_0013: Consideration of changes in an A/R project as part of the implementation of monitoring plan
<u>Summary of the query:</u> Please use the space below to summarize the request for clarification on the related approved methodologies.	
<p>The following requests for clarifications relates to AR-AM0001: “Reforestation of Degraded Land” (Version 01) and other approved AR methodologies:</p> <p>Issue 1: Reduction of project area and changes to project boundary</p> <p>As part of project monitoring it is observed that an A/R CDM project is implemented on an area smaller than that which was proposed in the registered PDD due to unforeseen reasons (land use change, unforeseen tenure and legal issues, abnormal weather conditions etc.) outside the control of the project proponents. As a result of reduction in project area, some discrete areas are not planted.</p> <p>It is interpreted that as per the A/R CDM methodologies and monitoring plan, the area of an A/R CDM project is monitored and the actual area of project and the project strata are reported in the monitoring report and presented for verification. Any changes to the project area do not require revision of the monitoring plan and its approval by the CDM Executive Board. Clarification is requested that changes in the project area does not warrant revision of monitoring plan.</p> <p>Issue 4: Additionality</p> <p>The changes to the registered project in terms of change in species composition and relative proportions of species planted, due to factors such as low survival rates of some species and/or replanting of species with better survival rates, are part of operational aspects of the project and are addressed through <i>ex post</i> stratification as appropriate. Therefore, changes in species composition and other similar changes that occur as part of the normal operational aspects of project implementation should not require re-assessment of the additionality of a project. Clarification is requested that this interpretation is valid.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> “Issue 2: <i>Ex post</i> stratification” and “Issue 3: Updates to the sample size” were clarified by the group in its 31st meeting.</p>	

Recommendation by the A/R Working Group:

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

The A/R WG agreed to provide the following clarifications regarding issues 1 and 4:

Issue 1: Reduction of project area and changes to project boundary

In the situation described in the request for clarification, the “Procedures for notifying and requesting approval of changes from the project activity as described in the registered project design document” (EB48, Annex 66) and “Guidelines on assessment of different types of changes from the project activity as described in the registered PDD” (EB 48, annex 67) apply.

Issue 4: Additionality

In the situation described in the request for clarification, the “Procedures for notifying and requesting approval of changes from the project activity as described in the registered project design document” (EB 48, annex 66) and “Guidelines on assessment of different types of changes from the project activity as described in the registered PDD” (EB 48, annex 67) apply.

Answer to authors of the request for clarification by the A/R Working Group :

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

Please refer to paragraph 10 of the meeting report of the A/R WG 32
<<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ar>>.

Signed by the Chair, Ms. Diana Harutyunyan

Date: 11/05/2011

Signed by the Vice-Chair, Daniel V. Ortega-Pacheco

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