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QUESTIONS RAISED BY CDM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS	RESPONSE SUMMARY FROM DNV	ACTION TAKEN (IF RELEVANT)
<p>1. The DOE is requested to clarify how it verified that the project activity was implemented and operated as described in the PDD as per paragraph 197 of VVM (version 01.2) considering that monitoring report states that project participant will no longer monitor 3 project sites (site ID 10611, 10721, and 10699).</p>	<p>This project, an early conceptual approach of the programme of activities, consists of numerous swine production sites owned and operated by different entities. The three sites, 10611, 10721 and 10699, were implemented and operated according to the PDD, and have now ceased operating.</p> <p>AgCert International, the project participant, designed, operated, and maintained the project equipment. However, due to the economic downturn and greater than expected operational costs, the business contract was severed for the three sites in question, thus terminating continued operations and maintenance of the anaerobic digester and associated equipment by AgCert International, as well as ending continued monitoring of the three site's contribution to project activity 0412.</p> <p>It is thus DNV's opinion that the project implementation complies with the description in the PDD and advanced waste management systems (AWMS), i.e. anaerobic digesters, were implemented also at sites 10611, 10721 and 10699. This was verified by DNV during the verification of previous monitoring periods.</p>	<p>The verification report was revised to include DNV's validation of how it verified that the project activity was implemented and operated as described in the PDD as per paragraph 197 of VVM.</p>

	<p>The Guidelines on assessment of different types of changes from the project activity as described in the registered PDD state that changes to the project design to be considered may include “removal or addition of one (or more) site of a project activity registered with multiple-sites”. It is DNV’s understanding that “removal” would apply in case a site in the PDD was never implemented or the measure to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions is physically removed. Due to this, DNV has not considered it necessary to submit a notification of changes from the project activity as described in the registered PDD.</p> <p>Nonetheless, the project participants are currently in the process of providing DNV with a list of sites included in their AWMS project activities in Brazil and Mexico which are no longer monitored. DNV is in the process of assessing this list and the impact of no longer monitoring selected sites on the additionality, scale of project activity, and the applicability/ application of the approved methodology of the registered CDM project activities by AgCert International. DNV’s preliminary assessment concludes no longer monitoring selected sites does raise no concerns with regard to the additionality, scale of project activity, and the applicability/application of the approved methodology.</p>	
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