



**CDM: Response form for request for clarification on
Approved Methodologies
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<i>Date of Meth Panel meeting:</i>	2 - 6 May 2011
<i>Title and number of request for clarification</i>	Use of Wood (non- residue biomass) AM_CLA_0206
<u>Summary of the query:</u> Please use the space below to summarize the request for clarification on the related approved methodologies.	
<p>The approved methodology ACM0006 “Consolidated methodology for electricity and heat generation from biomass residues” is applicable to project activities that operate biomass-residue (co-)fired power-and-heat plants, including greenfield power plants, power capacity expansion projects, energy efficiency improvement projects and fuel switch projects.</p> <p>The request seeks clarification on whether non-residual biomass can be used for power and/or heat generation in case biomass residues are not available during some periods of the year. In particular the request seeks clarification on whether the non-residual biomass could be considered as a fossil fuel.</p> <p>The underlying project activity is the installation of a cogeneration plant based on a mix of biomass residues: bagasse, sawdust, wood chips and biogas. The power produced will be partly used in the industrial facility and partly fed into the electric power grid.</p>	
<u>Recommendation by the Meth Panel:</u> Please use the space below to provide amendments /changes (in your expert view, if necessary).	
Please refer to the next section.	

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

The Meth Panel clarifies that the current version of the approved methodology ACM0006 does not apply to project activities that use non-residual biomass, such as wood produced in dedicated plantations, for power and/or heat generation. Thus, the use of non-residual biomass is not allowed in ACM0006, nor is it possible that such type of biomass is considered as fossil fuels.

The use of non-residual biomass as fuel for power and/or heat generation requires that the source of biomass be identified and provisions made accordingly. For instance, provisions must be included in ACM0006 to account for upstream emissions associated with the production of the biomass (including direct emissions from cultivation and indirect emissions, such as shifting of pre-project activities) in cases where biomass is coming from dedicated plantations. Provisions need also be included to ensure that the non-residual biomass comes from renewable sources. If the source of non-residual biomass cannot be identified, provisions have to be included on how to treat the non-residual biomass. The approved methodology ACM0006 does not include these provisions. Project participants may refer, for instance, to the approved methodologies AM0042 and ACM0017, as an example of methodologies that deal with these kind of issues.

The proposal of considering the non-residual biomass as fossil fuels is out of the scope of a clarification. Project participants may wish to submit a request for revision to ACM0006 taking into account the recommendation above.

Signed by the Chair, Mr. Philip Gwage

Date: 05/05/2011

Signed by the Vice-Chair, Lex de Jonge

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