

 CDM: Response form for Request for revision of approved methodologies (version 01.1)	
<i>Date of Meth Panel meeting:</i>	02 - 06 March 2009
<i>Title and number of Request for revision</i>	AM0009 v3-rev "Recovery and utilization of gas from oil wells that would otherwise be flared or vented" AM_REV_0109
Summary of the query: Please use the space below to summarize the request for revision on the related approved methodologies.	
<p>Existing AM0009 v.3.2 "Recovery and utilization of gas from oil wells that would otherwise be flared or vented" is applicable to project activities that recover and utilise associated gas from oil wells that was previously flared or vented. At present, this methodology does not allow the use of gas coming from an oil production technique referred as "gas-lift" in the project activity. This Request for Revision intends to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Extend the scope of the AM0009v3 by adding low-pressure gas coming to the surface from gas-lift systems to baseline emissions; (2) Extend the scope of the AM0009v3 by including the situations when the recovered gas is mixed with gas from other oil wells prior to being delivered to the gas processing facilities and to transmission pipelines; (3) Allow methane emissions from gas venting to be accounted for in the baseline scenario; and (4) Correct Equation 3, using a factor of 16/12 instead of 44/12 to convert the mass of carbon into the mass of methane. 	
Recommendation by the Meth Panel: (a) Please use the space below to provide amendments /changes (in your expert view, if necessary).	
Please, refer to the box below.	
(b) Please use the space below for providing guidance, as per Para 93 of EB25 Report, on what type of projects need to revise the PDD as a consequence of the suggested revision, if the recommendation is to revise the methodology.	
Please, refer to the box below.	

Answer to authors of the request for revision by the Meth Panel :

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

The Meth Panel recommends:

- (1) To accept the revision with changes, concerning the first proposed revision.

The methodology will be revised removing the applicability condition: “No gas coming from a gas lift system is used by the project activity” and adding applicability condition “the injection of any gases into the oil reservoir and its production system is allowed in the project activity only for the purpose of the gas-lift process”.

- (2) Not to approve the second proposed revision.

Current revision of the methodology addresses this issue.

The cases A and B are the situations already present in the methodology. However, the Panel did not agree to include cases C and D, as it is not acceptable to include associated gas and non-associated gas from other wells before point A and C in the figure. Associated gas and non-associated gas from other wells even if supplied to the transportation pipeline after point C is not relevant to the underlying gas flare out project covered by this methodology.

The project participants are advised to see the figure 2 in the new version of AM0009 when it is approved by the Executive Board to determine whether their underlying CDM project situation fits into the methodology framework.

- (3) Not to approve the third proposed revision.

Rationale

Please refer to the Report of the EB Meeting thirty-sixth, paragraph 15 (f) on the case NM0227:

“(f) NM0227 (“Recovery of methane from on- and off-shore oil fields that otherwise will be vented into the atmosphere”), which was integrated into the approved methodology AM0009, as contained in annex 6 of this report. The Board agreed to expand the applicability of the approved methodology to project activities where in the absence of project activity gas would have been vented but limited the baseline emissions equivalent to those from flaring of the gas.”

The paragraph above clearly shows that the CDM Executive Board has decided EB to allow CDM projects that avoid venting or flaring of gases from oil fields, but restricting baseline emissions only to its equivalent as flaring.

- (4) To approve the forth proposed revision.

The equation 3 has already been corrected in the revision of AM0009 version 03.1 to version 03.2.



Signature of Meth Panel Chair

Date: 06/03/2009

(Philip Gwage)



Signature of Meth Panel Vice-Chair

Date: 06/03/2009

(Pedro Martins Barata)

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