



**CDM: Response form for request for clarification on
Approved Methodologies
(version 01.1)**

<i>Date of Meth Panel meeting:</i>	15 - 19 August 2011
<i>Title and number of request for clarification</i>	Clarification on the identification of the baseline alternative scenarios AM_CLA_0210
<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> <p>The request for clarification refers to Version 12 of AM0025 “Avoided emissions from organic waste through alternative waste treatment processes”. This methodology is applicable to project activities involving one or a combination of waste treatment options, one of which is composting.</p> <p>The proposed project activity would divert organic waste from disposal at a landfill to a composting process, therefore avoiding the generation of methane emissions in a landfill. The clarification is submitted because the landfill where the organic waste is currently being disposed has biogas capture and flare, which is implemented as a CDM project activity.</p> <p>Clarification is sought on whether the correct baseline alternative is <i>M3: Disposal of the waste on a landfill without the capture of landfill gas</i>. It is explained that selecting this alternative was based on two key understandings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Capturing and flaring of landfill gas by registered CDM project activities are voluntary, and therefore should not be considered as required by national or local regulations; and (2) Common-practice analysis of similar projects excludes CDM project activities. 	
<p><u>Recommendation by the Meth Panel:</u></p> <p>Please use the space below to provide amendments /changes (in your expert view, if necessary).</p> <p>No changes necessary.</p>	

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 proposed the PPs to hypothetically consider the situation described in their request as two CDM projects competing for the same waste. The first CDM project is a landfill gas capture and flaring while the second is a composting one. In the composting project, gas capture and flaring installation without CDM should be evaluated as an alternative. The disposal of the waste in the landfill without gas capture and flaring should be considered as a second alternative. If the waste goes to the composting CDM project (and not the gas capture and flaring CDM project), then the credits will be estimated only in the composting project. Therefore, the gas capture and flaring project will not receive any credits from this amount of waste (since it will not be disposed of in the landfill) hence, no double counting will occur. The Meth Panel also highlighted that the identification of baseline alternatives for a proposed composting project must take into account all revenues associated with the project, (e.g. selling the compost product). Concluding, it is possible to include the disposal of the waste in the landfill without capture and flaring as an alternative scenario in the composting project.

Signed by the Chair, Mr. Philip Gwage

Date: 19/08/2011

Signed by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Lex de Jonge

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