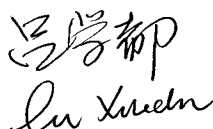
 CDM: Response form for Request for revision of approved methodologies (version 01.1)	
<i>Date of Meth Panel meeting:</i>	12 - 16 November 2007
<i>Title and number of Request for revision</i>	AM0025 ver 09: improving sustainability of waste processing projects by rationalising the crediting pattern in the first order decay model AM_REV_0063
Summary of the query: Please use the space below to summarize the request for revision on the related approved methodologies.	
<p>The submission proposes an alternate method to credit emission reduction for composting activity, as the FOD model credits reductions that would have occurred during the crediting period in the baseline. The submitter contends that the crediting period is only for eligibility of project activities and regulating emissions reductions. The alternate proposal is:</p> <p>For waste Q composted in a year, estimate the emissions that would occurred over 20 years if the waste was disposed in the landfill. These emissions are deemed reduced in year y. It is claimed that since project activity life is 40 years, 20 years is a conservative estimate.</p>	
Recommendation by the Meth Panel: (a) Please use the space below to provide amendments /changes (in your expert view, if necessary).	
<p>The panel would like to clarify that the Board at its twenty third meeting stated (see paragraph 27 of the twenty-third meeting report). "When using the IPCC tier 1 approach in the baseline to calculate avoided methane emissions from biogenic waste that would have been disposed either in a landfill or left to decay in an uncontrolled manner, it is assumed that all potential methane emissions from the waste are emitted in the year it was placed in the landfill. The uncertainty in the baseline scenario beyond the crediting period and the impossibility of its verification makes this approach non-conservative. The Board therefore agreed, based on its consideration of the recommendation of the Meth Panel on the issue of crediting emissions reduction beyond the crediting period, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Only those emissions in the baseline that would have occurred over the crediting period should be considered in estimating the emissions reduction; and (b) In particular, the first order decay (FOD) model shall be used in estimating baseline methane emissions for projects avoiding emission from biogenic waste that would have been disposed either in landfills or left to decay in an uncontrolled manner, which would have resulted in methane emissions. " <p>In view of above the panel's recommendation is not to accept the request.</p> <p>Further it is clarified that the comparison of AM0025 with ACM0001, ACM0008 an ACM0006 drawn by the author of the request is not valid due to reasons mentioned in following section.</p>	
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	
<p>The argument put forth by the authors of request for revision based on Methodologies ACM-0001, ACM-0008 and ACM-0006 are not based on like-to-like comparison with AM-0025. Emission reductions in case of ACM-0001 and ACM-0008 are based on actual methane captured and destroyed whereas AM-0025 is based on methane emission avoided and not captured. Similarly the burning of biomass residue (like bagasse) is not comparable with methane emission avoided because the generation of carbon content of biomass residue is from the CO₂ that was already absorbed from the atmosphere and is released in the atmosphere due to burning with useful energy generation which otherwise would have used fossil fuel.</p>	



Signature of Meth Panel Chair

Date: 16/11/2007

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Signature of Meth Panel Vice-Chair

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