

	CDM: Recommendation Form for Small Scale Methodologies (version 01) <i>(To be used for presenting questions/proposals/amendments to the simplified methodologies for small-scale CDM project activity categories)</i>
Date of SSC WG meeting:	12 - 13 September 2005
Title/Subject (give a small title or specify the subject of your submission, maximum 200 characters):	“Definition clarification of carbon-neutral CO ₂ emissions for Type III projects”
Indicative methodology to which your submission relates (refer the items of Appendix B of the Simplified Modalities and Procedures), if applicable.	AMS-III. Types
Name of the authors of the query:	Naoki Matsuo
Summary of the query: Please use the space below to summarize the query related to SSC methodologies/categories SSC Modalities and Procedures provide recommendation/analysis of the SSC WG.	
Mr. Naoki Matsuo asks if the 15 ktonCO ₂ eq/yr is applied for biomass-origin (carbon neutral) CO ₂ emissions. “Especially for LFG recovery/destruction type projects, the project emissions are dominated by CO ₂ from LFG combustion. Such CO ₂ is recognized as carbon-neutral. It may be OK if the 15 ktonCO ₂ eq/yr threshold is applied to the emission “reductions”, while I understand that it is applied for project emissions. In case the threshold does not cover such “neutral” CO ₂ , how to apply the threshold to the large LFG project?”.	
Recommendation by the SSC WG : Please use the space below to provide amendments /changes (in your expert view, if necessary). Please refer to paragraphs 11,12 and 13 of the report of the SSC-WG 03: http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/ssc_wg/sscwg_meetings/SSCWG03_rep_ext.pdf	
Answer to authors of query by the SSC WG : Please use the space below to provide an answer to the authors of the above query The SSC-WG in its third meeting considered in detail your submission concerning the question on how to assess the limits for eligibility of SSC-Projects Type III, when the projects are dominated by CO ₂ emissions from biogenic origin. In fact, the present situation is that only anthropogenic direct emissions of the project (and not emission reductions) are used to assess the eligibility. This clearly imposes difficulties to assess of the scale (if small or large) for projects of type III, if they are dominated by neutral emissions. The agreement was to consider your submission, together with others received in the same field, as input for a proposal to be taken in the next meeting, defining more precisely how to assess the project boundary (and emissions), baselines and leakages, especially in the case of LFG and wastewater treatment projects.	



Signature of SSC WG Chair

Date: 16 / 09 /2005

(Gertraud Wollansky)

Signature of SSC WG Vice-Chair

Date: / /

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