

	<b>CDM: Response form for request for clarification on Approved Methodologies (version 01.1)</b>
<i>Date of Meth Panel meeting:</i>	19 - 23 October 2009
<i>Title and number of request for clarification</i>	Clarification on the operating history applicability condition of AM0001, version 5.2"  AM_CLA_0164
<b>Summary of the query:</b>	
Please use the space below to summarize the request for clarification on the related approved methodologies.	
<p>The clarifications relates to the applicability section AM001 version 5.2</p> <p>The questions are related to the proposed project activity Quimobasicos HFC recovery and destruction project (Plant 2) Ref. 2398. In the baseline, the project HFC plant releases HFC23 to the atmosphere. In the proposed project activity, the HFC23 waste stream is recovered and destroyed in an in-flight argon plasma arc destruction facility.</p> <p>Project proponents request for clarification on the following applicability condition : “The HCFC-22 production facility has an operating history of at least three years between beginning of the year 2000 and the end of the year 2004 and has been in operation from 2005 until the start of the project activity.”</p> <p>If only HFC production facilities were allowed under AM0001 version 5.2 it would be clear that the 3 years operating history signify 3 years of HCFC-22 production. However swing plants (i.e. plants that produce HCFC-22 that also produce CFC in the past) that have produced HFC22 between 2000 and 2004 are also permitted under this version. Therefore, it is not clear whether the production facility, HCFC-22 or swing plant, must have 3 years of "operating history" regardless of the product, or if it refers to 3 years of HCFC-22 production.</p>	

**Recommendation by the Meth Panel:**

Please use the space below to provide amendments /changes (in your expert view, if necessary).

The Meth Panel notes that the issue raised by this request of revision was already partially dealt with in the context of an earlier request of revision (AM REV 0016).

**Response to the request of revision AM\_REV\_0016**

In the response for AM\_REV\_0016 the Meth Panel noted that the EB seems to have decided how it interprets this definition by setting a precedent at EB 24. Para 69a of the report states:

“The Board agreed to register the project activity: Quimobásicos HFC Recovery and Decomposition Project (0151)”, if the project participants submit a revised PDD which removes the CFC production line from the project boundary. The only eligible emission reductions are those arising from the existing HCFC 22 stream. After the submission of this documentation, the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Board, will check the revised documentation before the activity is displayed as registered.

By the above decision it seems that the EB is of the view that present applicability should only include swing plants that have produced HCFC22 during 2000 and 2004. It is noted that the CDM-PDD submitted along with the request for revision is also for the Quimobásicos’ industrial facility.

**Response to the request of revision AM\_CLA\_0164**

The panel seeks guidance from the Board in view of decision 8/ CMP.1, under which conditions, in the case of swing plants, the applicability condition with regard to the “operating history” is deemed to be met.

**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

Please refer to the section above.



Signature of Meth Panel Chair .....

Date: 23/10/2009

(Philip Gwage)



Signature of Meth Panel Vice-Chair .....

Date: 23/10/2009

(Pedro Martins Barata)

**Information to be completed by the secretariat**

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