

REPORT OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE METHODOLOGIES PANEL
 UNFCCC Headquarters, Bonn, Germany
 4-6 February 2004

I. RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE METHODOLOGIES PANEL TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. Consideration of proposed new methodologies

1. The Methodologies Panel (Meth Panel) considered the following proposed new methodologies:

Clarifications made by project participants on preliminary recommendations made at the eighth meeting of the Methodologies Panel (Meth Panel):

• NM0017	SGS - Steam System Efficiency Improvements in Refineries in Fushun
• NM0018	DNV – Metrogas Package Co-generation Project
• NM0020	DNV - La Vuelta and La Herradura Hydroelectric Project
• NM0022	DNV - Methane Capture and Combustion from Swine Manure Treatment for Peralillo
• NM0024	SGS: Colombia: Jeparachi Windpower Project
• NM0026	DNV - Rang Dong Oil Field Associated Gas Recovery and Utilization Project
• NM0027	TUEV-SUED - CERUPT: Alternative Investment Analysis: Catanduva Sugarcane Mill, Brazil
• NM0028	DNV - TA Sugars Co-generation and Fuel Switch Project - Fuel Switch Component
• NM0030	TUEV-RHEIN – Haidergarh Bagasse Based Co-generation Power Project
• NM0031	TUEV-RHEIN - OSIL - 10 MW Waste Heat Recovery Based Captive Power Project
• NM0032	DNV - Municipal Solid Waste Treatment cum Energy Generation, Lucknow, India
• NM0033	KPMG – Holcim Costa Rica's Cartago Plant Expansion Project
• NM0034	PWC - Granja Becker Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Mitigation Project
• NM0035	DNV- TA Sugars Co-generation and Fuel Switch Project - Capacity Augmentation Component

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2. After considering the proposed new methodologies as well as desk reviews, public inputs received and, in twelve cases, clarification requested to the project participants, the Meth Panel:

(a) Agreed on the final recommendations on proposals (NM0017, NM0018, NM0020, NM0022, NM0024, NM0026, NM0027, NM0030, NM0031, NM0032, NM0033 and NM0034) for the consideration of the Executive Board at its thirteenth meeting. Final recommendations will be made available in the UNFCCC CDM web site: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/process>. In particular the Meth Panel:

- (i) Recommended the approval of proposals NM0017, NM0026 and NM0032;
- (ii) Recommended the revision of proposals NM0018, NM0020, NM0022, NM0024, NM0030, NM0031, NM0033 and NM0034;
- (iii) Did not reach consensus on whether to recommend proposal NM0027 for revision or non-approval;

(b) Agreed on the preliminary recommendations on proposals NM0028 and NM0035. In accordance with the procedures for submission and consideration of a proposed new methodology, project participants would have the opportunity to provide technical clarifications on these preliminary recommendations. Preliminary recommendations for which project participants do not provide any clarification within the ten-day consultation period will be made available in the UNFCCC CDM web site: <http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/process>.

B. Revisions to the Project Design Document

3. In accordance with the request by the Board at its twelfth meeting, the Panel considered the public comments received from 17 November to 12 December 2003 on proposed revisions to the Project Design Document (CDM-PDD) and agreed on final recommendations for revisions contained in annexes 1, 2 and 3 (see green highlights) to this report for the consideration by the Board at its thirteenth meeting. Annex 1 also contains a compilation of public comments received in sections not considered by the Meth Panel, which are highlighted in yellow.

C. Clarifications and or revisions to Appendix B “Indicative simplified baseline and monitoring methodologies for selected small-scale CDM project activity categories”

4. The Panel has considered a proposal relating to the category of avoiding methane and will further draft a recommendation to the Executive Board for its consideration at its fourteenth meeting.

D. Consolidation of approved methodologies

5. The Meth panel started considering:

- (a) The consolidation of approved methodologies for landfill gas project activities; and
- (b) The possibility of providing criteria for choosing from different methodological approaches such as dispatch analysis, operating margin, build margin or combined margin methodologies related to project activities which displace grid electricity;
- (c) Consolidation of tools that may be used to demonstrate that a project activity is additional.

6. The Panel agreed to develop recommendations on these issues at its next meeting.

E. Process for preliminary recommendations on new proposed methodologies

7. The Meth Panel recommends to the Board to consider the procedures for submission and consideration of a proposed new methodology (version 04) and:

(a) Consider the possibility to limit preliminary recommendations and technical clarifications to only cases where the Meth Panel recommends that the Board reconsider the proposed methodology, subject to required changes (“B” cases);

(b) Provide for the possibility for the Chair of the Meth Panel to highlight cases where resubmissions of documentation constitutes a “new proposal” - and not only the initial proposal with required changes - and allow for additional desk reviews to be undertaken on the documentation.

F. Proposed revisions to approved methodologies:

8. Based on inputs provided by projects participants and an applicant entity the Meth Panel has considered proposed revisions to the approved methodology AM0001 and agreed on recommendations contained in Annex 4 of this report.

9. As part of its initial discussions regarding the consolidation of methodologies for landfill gas project activities, the Meth Panel agreed to recommend to the Board the need for reconsidering in the approved methodologies how to calculate the CO₂ equivalent of emission reductions from the combustion of CH₄. Given that after combustion each tonne of CH₄ produces 2.75 tonnes of CO₂, these should be discounted from the total value of CH₄ reduced by the project (therefore CO₂ equivalent emissions reductions should be calculated as [GWP_CH₄ -2.75] times the amount of combusted CH₄).

II. ROSTER OF EXPERTS

10. The Meth Panel noted the satisfactory completion of the desk review undertaken for the submission of the proposed new methodologies for proposal NM0017.
