Indicative simplified baseline and monitoring methodologies
for selected small-scale CDM project activity categories

TYPE III - OTHER PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Project participants shall take into account the general guidance to the methodologies, information on additionality, abbreviations and general guidance on leakage provided at: http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/SSCmethodologies/approved.html.

III. B. Switching fossil fuels

Technology/measure

1. This category comprises fossil fuel switching in existing[1] industrial, residential, commercial, institutional or electricity generation applications. Fuel switching may change efficiency as well. If the project activity primarily aims at reducing emissions through fuel switching, it falls into this category. If fuel switching is part of a project activity focussed primarily on energy efficiency, the project activity falls in category II.D or II.E.

2. This category is not applicable to project activities that propose switch from fossil fuel use in the baseline to renewable biomass, biofuel or renewable energy in the project scenario. A relevant type I methodology shall be used for such project activities that generate renewable energy displacing fossil fuel use.

3. Measures are limited to those that result in emission reductions of less than or equal to 60 kt CO_2 equivalent annually.

Boundary

4. The project boundary is the physical, geographical site where the fuel combustion affected by the fuel-switching measure occurs.

Baseline

5. The emission baseline is the current emissions of the facility expressed as emissions per unit of output (e.g., kg CO_2e/kWh). Emission coefficients for the fuel used by the generating unit before and after the fuel switch are also needed. IPCC default values for emission coefficients may be used.

Project Activity Emissions

6. Project activity emissions consist of those emissions related with the use of fossil fuel after the fuel switch. IPCC default values for emission coefficients may be used.

Leakage

7. No leakage calculation is required.

[1] This does not preclude project participants from proposing, in accordance with paragraphs 7 and 8 of the simplified modalities and procedures for small-scale CDM project activities, simplified baselines for switching of fossil fuels for new applications.

Monitoring

8. The emission reduction achieved by the project activity will be calculated as the difference between the baseline emissions and the project emissions.

9. Monitoring shall involve:

(a) Monitoring of the fuel use and output for an appropriate period (e.g., a few years, but records of fuel use may be used) prior to the fuel switch being implemented - e.g. coal use and heat output by a district heating plant, liquid fuel oil use and electricity generated by a generating unit (records of fuel used and output can be used *in lieu* of actual monitoring);

(b) Monitoring fuel use and output after the fuel switch has been implemented - e.g. gas use and heat output by a district heating plant, gas use and electricity generated by a generating unit.[2]

10. In the case of coal, the emission coefficient shall be based on test results for periodic samples of the coal purchased if such tests are part of the normal practice for coal purchases.

Project activity under a programme of activities

The following conditions apply for use of this methodology in a project activity under a programme of activities:

11. In case the project activity involves fossil fuel switching measures, leakage resulting from fuel extraction, processing, liquefaction, transportation, re-gasification and distribution of fossil fuels outside of the project boundary shall be considered. The guidance provided in the leakage section of ACM0009 as in annex of this document shall be followed in this regard. .

12. In case the project activity involves the replacement of equipment, and the leakage effect of the use of the replaced equipment in another activity is neglected, because the replaced equipment is scrapped, an independent monitoring of scrapping of replaced equipment needs to be implemented. The monitoring should include a check if the number of project activity equipment distributed by the project and the number of scrapped equipment correspond with each other. For this purpose scrapped equipment should be stored until such correspondence has been checked. The scrapping of replaced equipment should be documented and independently verified.

[2] The necessary data are probably readily available, but may need to be organized into appropriate records and be supported by receipts for fuel purchases.

Annex 1

(GUIDANCE ON LEAKAGE BELOW CONCERNS PROJECT ACTIVITY UNDER A PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES)

Leakage

13. Leakage may result from fuel extraction, processing, liquefaction, transportation, re-gasification and distribution of fossil fuels outside of the project boundary. This includes mainly fugitive CH_4 emissions and CO_2 emissions from associated fuel combustion and flaring. In this methodology, the following leakage emission sources shall be considered:[3]

- Fugitive CH_4 emissions associated with fuel extraction, processing, liquefaction, transportation, re-gasification and distribution of natural gas used in the project plant and fossil fuels used in the grid in the absence of the project activity.
- In the case LNG is used in the project plant: CO_2 emissions from fuel combustion / electricity consumption associated with the liquefaction, transportation, re-gasification and compression into a natural gas transmission or distribution system.

Thus, leakage emissions are calculated as follows:

$$LE_y = LE_{CH4,y} + LE_{LNG,CO2,y} \quad (1)$$

Where:

LE_y	Leakage emissions during the year y in t CO_2e
$LE_{CH4,y}$	Leakage emissions due to fugitive upstream CH_4 emissions in the year y in t CO_2e
$LE_{LNG,CO2,y}$	Leakage emissions due to fossil fuel combustion / electricity consumption associated with the liquefaction, transportation, re-gasification and compression of LNG into a natural gas transmission or distribution system during the year y in t CO_2e

Note that to the extent that upstream emissions occur in Annex I countries that have ratified the Kyoto Protocol, from 1 January 2008 onwards, these emissions should be excluded, if technically possible, in the leakage calculations.

Fugitive methane emissions

For the purpose of determining fugitive methane emissions associated with the production – and in case of natural gas, the transportation and distribution of the fuels – project participants should multiply the quantity of natural gas consumed in all element processes *i* with a methane emission factor for these upstream emissions ($EF_{NG,upstream,CH4}$), and subtract for all fuel types *k* which would be used in the absence of the project activity the fuel quantities multiplied with respective methane emission factors ($EF_{k,upstream,CH4}$), as follows:

[3] The Meth Panel is undertaking further work on the estimation of leakage emission sources in case of fuel switch project activities. This approach may be revised based on outcome of this work.

$$LE_{CH4,y} = \left[FF_{project,y} \cdot NCV_{NG,y} \cdot EF_{NG,upstream,CH4} - \sum_{k} FF_{baseline,k,y} \cdot NCV_{k} \cdot EF_{k,upstream,CH4} \right] \cdot GWP_{CH4} \quad (2)$$

with

$$FF_{project,y} = \sum_{i} FF_{project,i,y} \quad \text{and} \quad (3)$$

$$FF_{baseline,k,y} = \sum_{i} FF_{baseline,i,k,y} \quad (4)$$

Where:

$L_{CH4,y}$	Leakage emissions due to upstream fugitive CH_4 emissions in the year y in t CO_2e
$FF_{project,y}$	Quantity of natural gas combusted in all element processes during the year *y* in m³
$FF_{project,i,y}$	Quantity of natural gas combusted in the element process *i* during the year *y* in m³
$NCV_{NG,y}$	Average net calorific value of the natural gas combusted during the year *y* in MWh/m³
$EF_{NG,upstream,CH4}$	Emission factor for upstream fugitive methane emissions from production, transportation and distribution of natural gas in t CH_4 per MWh fuel supplied to final consumers
$FF_{baseline,k,y}$	Quantity of fuel type *k* (a coal or petroleum fuel type) that would be combusted in the absence of the project activity in all element processes during the year *y* in a volume or mass unit
$FF_{baseline,i,k,y}$	Quantity of fuel type *k* (a coal or petroleum fuel type) that would be combusted in the absence of the project activity in the element process *i* during the year *y* in a volume or mass unit
NCV_k	Average net calorific value of the fuel type *k* (a coal or petroleum fuel type) that would be combusted in the absence of the project activity during the year *y* in MWh per volume or mass unit
$EF_{k,upstream,CH4}$	Emission factor for upstream fugitive methane emissions from production of the fuel type k (a coal or petroleum fuel type) in t CH_4 per MWh fuel produced
GWP_{CH4}	Global warming potential of methane valid for the relevant commitment period

Where reliable and accurate national data on fugitive CH_4 emissions associated with the production, and in case of natural gas, the transportation and distribution of the fuels is available, project participants should use this data to determine average emission factors by dividing the total quantity of CH_4 emissions by the quantity of fuel produced or supplied respectively.[4] Where such data is not available, project participants may use the default values provided in Table 2 below. In this case, the natural gas emission factor for the location of the project should be used, except in cases where it can

[4] GHG inventory data reported to the UNFCCC as part of national communications can be used where country-specific approaches (and not IPCC Tier 1 default values) have been used to estimate emissions.

be shown that the relevant system element (gas production and/or processing/transmission/distribution) is predominantly of recent vintage and built and operated to international standards, in which case the US/Canada values may be used.

Note that the emission factor for fugitive upstream emissions for natural gas ($EF_{NG,upstream,CH4}$) should include fugitive emissions from production, processing, transport and distribution of natural gas, as indicated in the Table 2 below. Note further that in case of coal the emission factor is provided based on a mass unit and needs to be converted in an energy unit, taking into account the net calorific value of the coal.

Table 2: Default emission factors for fugitive CH_4 upstream emissions

Activity	Unit	Default emission factor	Reference for the underlying emission factor range in Volume 3 of the *1996 Revised IPCC Guidelines*
Coal			
Underground mining	t CH4 / kt coal	13.4	Equations 1 and 4, p. 1.105 and 1.110
Surface mining	t CH4 / kt coal	0.8	Equations 2 and 4, p.1.108 and 1.110
Oil			
Production	t CH4 / PJ	2.5	Tables 1-60 to 1-64, p. 1.129 - 1.131
Transport, refining and storage	t CH4 / PJ	1.6	Tables 1-60 to 1-64, p. 1.129 - 1.131
Total	t CH4 / PJ	4.1	
Natural gas			
USA and Canada			
Production	t CH4 / PJ	72	Table 1-60, p. 1.129
Processing, transport and distribution	t CH4 / PJ	88	Table 1-60, p. 1.129
Total	t CH4 / PJ	160	
Eastern Europe and former USSR			
Production	t CH4 / PJ	393	Table 1-61, p. 1.129
Processing, transport and distribution	t CH4 / PJ	528	Table 1-61, p. 1.129
Total	t CH4 / PJ	921	
Western Europe			
Production	t CH4 / PJ	21	Table 1-62, p. 1.130
Processing, transport and distribution	t CH4 / PJ	85	Table 1-62, p. 1.130
Total	t CH4 / PJ	105	
Other oil exporting countries / Rest of world			
Production	t CH4 / PJ	68	Table 1-63 and 1-64, p. 1.130 and 1.131
Processing, transport and distribution	t CH4 / PJ	228	Table 1-63 and 1-64, p. 1.130 and 1.131
Total	t CH4 / PJ	296	

Note: The emission factors in this table have been derived from IPCC default Tier 1 emission factors provided in Volume 3 of the 1996 Revised IPCC Guidelines, by calculating the average of the provided default emission factor range.

CO_2 emissions from LNG

Where applicable, CO_2 emissions from fuel combustion / electricity consumption associated with the liquefaction, transportation, re-gasification and compression of LNG into a natural gas transmission or distribution system ($LE_{LNG,CO2,y}$) should be estimated by multiplying the quantity of natural gas combusted in the project with an appropriate emission factor, as follows:

$$LE_{LNG,CO2,y} = FF_{project,y} \cdot EF_{CO2,upstream,LNG} \quad (5)$$

Where:

$LE_{LNG,CO2,y}$	Leakage emissions due to fossil fuel combustion / electricity consumption associated with the liquefaction, transportation, re-gasification and compression of LNG into a natural gas transmission or distribution system during the year y in t CO_2e
$FF_{project,y}$	Quantity of natural gas combusted in all element processes during the year y in m^3
$EF_{CO2,upstream,LNG}$	Emission factor for upstream CO_2 emissions due to fossil fuel combustion / electricity consumption associated with the liquefaction, transportation, re-gasification and compression of LNG into a natural gas transmission or distribution system

Where reliable and accurate data on upstream CO_2 emissions due to fossil fuel combustion / electricity consumption associated with the liquefaction, transportation, re-gasification and compression of LNG into a natural gas transmission or distribution system is available, project participants should use this data to determine an average emission factor. Where such data is not available, project participants may assume a default value of 6 t CO_2/TJ as a rough approximation.[5]

[5] This value has been derived on data published for North American LNG systems. "Barclay, M. and N. Denton, 2005. Selecting offshore LNG process. http://www.fwc.com/publications/tech_papers/files/LNJ091105p34-36.pdf (10th April 2006)".