

**Final Ruling Regarding the Request for Registration of
“The Colomba-Guabal Landfill Gas Project” (5142)**

The CDM-Executive Board decided to reject the above proposed project activity on 28 June 2012 in accordance with the “Procedures for review of requests for registration”, version 1.2, EB 55, Annex 40, paragraphs 20 and 28 (the procedures). In accordance with paragraph 27 of the procedures, the ruling shall contain an explanation of the reasons and rationale for the final decision, which are as follows:

- The DOE (SQS) failed to validate the choice of the baseline scenario and adjustment factor in line with version 1.2 of the validation and verification manual (VVM), paragraph 84 and version 11 of the approved methodology ACM0001.
- Paragraph 84 of the VVM, version 1.2 states that “The DOE shall determine whether the baseline scenario identified is reasonable by validating the assumptions, calculations and rationales used, as described in the PDD. It shall ensure that documents and sources referred to in the PDD are correctly quoted and interpreted.” Further, the applied methodology ACM0001 version 11 states that “where a specific system for collection and destruction of methane is mandated by regulatory or contractual requirements or is undertaken for other reasons, the ratio of the destruction efficiency of the baseline system to the destruction efficiency of the system used in the project activity shall be used.”
- The DOE failed to validate the choice of the baseline scenario and adjustment factor in line with version 1.2 of the validation and verification manual (VVM), paragraph 84 and version 11 of ACM0001 considering that the original license for the project’s landfill represents a contractual requirement which has not been taken into account by the project participant while establishing the baseline scenario and the adjustment factor. The DOE has validated the choice of baseline scenario as the total release of LFG into the atmosphere and adjustment factor (0%), based on the CVC Resolution which removed the obligation for passive flaring of the landfill gas from the Environmental License of the landfill. The DOE explained that the removal of the passive flaring obligation by CVC was allowed to seek more effective alternatives to mitigate the environmental impact of the methane emissions. However, the DOE has not described what would have been the other more effective alternatives other than having the project being developed as a CDM project and thus the total release of LFG into the atmosphere would represent the baseline scenario (e.g. that an adjustment factor of 0% would be applicable for the project activity).

Please note, however, that, with appropriate revisions, this project activity may be resubmitted for validation and registration provided it meets the requirements for validation and registration, in accordance with paragraph 42 of the CDM Modalities and Procedures (Decision 3/CMP.1).

History of the document

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