Article 5 Ozone Depleting Substances Project Protocol, Version 1.0

ERRATA AND CLARIFICATIONS

The Climate Action Reserve ("Reserve") published its Article 5 Ozone Depleting Substances Project Protocol, Version 1.0 ("A5 ODS V1.0") in February 2010. While the Reserve intends for the A5 ODS V1.0 to be a complete, transparent document, it recognizes that correction of errors and clarifications will be necessary as the protocol is implemented and issues are identified. This document is an official record of all errata and clarifications applicable to the A5 ODS V1.0.[1]

Both errata and clarifications are considered effective on the date they are first posted on the Reserve website. The effective date of each erratum or clarification is clearly designated below. All listed and registered A5 ODS projects must incorporate and adhere to these errata and clarifications when they undergo verification. The Reserve will incorporate both errata and clarifications into future versions of the A5 ODS Protocol.

All project developers and verification bodies must refer to this document to ensure that the most current guidance is adhered to in project design and verification. Verification bodies shall refer to this document immediately prior to uploading any Verification Opinion to assure all issues are properly addressed and incorporated into verification activities.

If you have any questions about the updates or clarifications in this document, please contact Policy at: policy@climateactionreserve.org or (213) 891-1444 x4.

[1] See Section 4.3.4 of the Climate Action Reserve Program Manual (March 2010) for an explanation of the Reserve's policies on protocol errata and clarifications. "Errata" are issued to correct typographical errors. "Clarifications" are issued to ensure consistent interpretation and application of the protocol. For document management and program implementation purposes, both errata and clarifications to the A5 ODS protocol are contained in this single document.

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Clarifications

1. Eligibility of Solvents and Other ODS Applications

Effective Date: May 7, 2010
Section: 2.3 (Eligible ODS)

Context: The A5 ODS V1.0 identifies a single class of ODS that is eligible for crediting: refrigerants. However, the protocol does not explicitly address foam blowing agents, solvents, medical aerosols, or other applications for ODS. The protocol does, however, explicitly provide eligibility to refrigerants. The intention of the protocol is to exclude all sources not explicitly included.

Clarification: ODS that were produced for, used as, or intended for use as foam blowing agents, solvents, medical aerosols, or other ODS applications are not eligible under the A5 ODS V1.0.

2. Ownership of CRTs

Effective Date: May 7, 2010
Section: 6.3 (Custody and Ownership Documentation Requirements)

Context: In discussing custody and ownership of ODS, Section 6.3 states that "The verifier will review these records and will perform other tests necessary to authenticate the previous owners of the material, the physical transfer of the product, and the ***title transfer of ownership*** to the project developer" (emphasis added). While the ownership and physical transfer of the ODS material must be fully documented, it was not the Reserve's intention to require that the project developer own the ODS material in full. Rather, the project developer must possess beneficial ownership rights to the GHG attributes and emission reductions associated with the destruction of that ODS.

Clarification: The project developer must own the beneficial ownership rights, as defined in the Attestation of Title, to all emissions and emission reductions associated with destroyed ODS, as documented by a contract, agreement, or other legal document.

3. Scale Calibration

Effective Date: May 7, 2010
Section: 6.4 (ODS Composition and Quantity Analysis Requirements)

Context: Bullet (2.) in section 6.6 states that "The scale used must be properly calibrated per the facility's RCRA permit, or for non-RCRA facilities calibrated at least quarterly to an accuracy of within 5% of reading." RCRA facilities may not have a calibration requirement contained in their RCRA permits. If this is the case, these facilities must calibrate quarterly.

Clarification: RCRA facilities that do not have calibration requirements defined in their RCRA permits shall calibrate scales quarterly to an accuracy of within 5% of reading.

4. Joint Verification

Effective Date: May 7, 2010
Section: 7.2 (Joint Verification); 8.1 (Joint Project Verification)

Context: U.S. ODS V1.0 allows for the joint verification of concurrent projects in instances where the project developer and the verification body are the same. However, the language is not explicit as to whether the projects must have identical reporting periods, or what the conditions are that allow joint verification to take place. The intent of the joint verification provision is to lessen administrative costs and verification redundancy where common facilities or documentation are used for separate projects.

Clarification: Two or more projects may be jointly verified only if:

- the project developer has contracted with a single verification body for all projects involved
- all projects involved have an approved NOVA/COI form with designated site visit dates prior to the commencement of joint verification activities
- a comprehensive verification plan covering all aspects of the individual projects involved has been prepared prior to any shared site visits or shared verification activities
- project activities associated with all involved projects have commenced prior to the shared site visit or verification activity. In some instances, this may be prior the project start date (e.g., the collection activities have begun but destruction has not commenced)

Provided these elements are met, the verifier may, at his or her discretion, conduct a joint verification of two or more projects.