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**SUMMARY OF REVISIONS:
U.S. LIVESTOCK PROJECT PROTOCOL VERSION 2.2 TO 3.0
AND
MEXICO LIVESTOCK PROJECT PROTOCOL VERSION 1.0 TO 2.0
September 29, 2010**

The following changes were made from the U.S. Livestock Project Protocol Version 2.2 to Version 3.0 and the Mexico Livestock Project Protocol Version 1.0 to 2.0 (revisions are consistent over both protocols):

- **Revised start date to reflect new start date policy (Section 3.2)**
Per the start date policy memo issued by the Reserve in November 2009, as of March 1, 2010 for U.S. livestock projects and June 30, 2010 for Mexico livestock projects, a project must be submitted within 6 months of the project start date. Section 3.2 was revised to reflect this change in policy.
- **Added opportunity for second 10-year crediting period (Section 3.3)**
Consistent with more recently developed Reserve protocols, livestock projects now have the ability to apply for a second 10-year crediting period, subject to the requirements of the most current version of protocol at the time of application for the second crediting period.
- **Updated guidance and presentation of GHG Assessment Boundary (Section 4).**
The Reserve modified the GHG Assessment Boundary diagram and table. These changes were made to bring the protocol in line with other Reserve protocols and to make the protocol ISO conformant.
- **Added new standardized equation to account for digester venting events (Section 5.2 and Equation 5.7)**
This new equation provides standardized quantification to account for methane vented during catastrophic digester failure.
- **Added CO₂ from electricity consumption to emission calculations (Section 5.4)**
Project developers must now account for CO₂ emissions from an increase in electricity consumption due to project activities, along with the CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion that earlier protocol versions required.

- **New verification options to reduce verification costs (Section 7).**

In an effort to make the program more accessible to livestock operations of all sizes, two new options to reduce livestock project verification costs were developed and are now included. The Reserve believes that these options uphold the environmental integrity of the credits created by livestock projects. The two new options are:

 1. A 12-month verification period with desktop verification
 2. A 24-month maximum verification period

- **Incorporated verification guidance section (Section 8).**

In recent protocols, the Reserve has provided reporting and verification guidance in a subsection of the protocol, rather than in a separate document as with the existing livestock protocol. Incorporating this guidance into the Livestock Project Protocol itself brings the protocol in line with current practice. The section also provides improved guidance on verifying livestock projects and removes general verification guidance, which is now presented in the Verification Program Manual.