Project Definition
The installation and operation of any device, or set of devices, that results in the destruction of methane gas that would otherwise have been vented to the atmosphere from an active underground coal mine, as well as Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) Category III trona mines.

Includes:
- A project destroying methane from a methane drainage system
- A project destroying ventilation air methane (VAM) from ventilation shafts

Project Eligibility Requirements
Location: Project must be within the United States or its territories or on U.S. tribal lands.

Start Date: Project must be submitted no more than six months after the project start date.

Performance Standard Test: The performance standard is confirmed once each crediting period.
- Drainage projects: any destruction device other than injection into a natural gas pipeline for offsite consumption
- VAM projects: any destruction device that destroys VAM

Legal Requirement Test: Project developer attests that there are no legal requirements for destruction of coal mine methane at the project site. The project is subject to a review of the Legal Requirement Test for each verification period.

Crediting Period: Project is eligible to receive credits for 10 years from start date or until failure of the Legal Requirement Test. Project may apply for a second 10-year crediting period.

Reporting and Verification Schedule: Annual verification at a minimum; reporting period can be no longer than 12 months. Sub-annual reporting and verification is allowed.

Other Eligibility Requirements:
- Clear ownership of GHG emissions reductions
- Project must not be registered with any other registry for the same vintages of reductions
- Proper accounting and monitoring
- Project activities must be in material compliance with all applicable laws

Project Exclusions
- Methane sent through a pipeline for offsite consumption
- Projects that operate at surface mines
- Projects that destroy methane from abandoned mines
- Projects that destroy virgin coal bed methane
- Projects that use any fluid/gas to enhance coal mine methane drainage
- Displacement of fossil fuel consumption associated with production of electric power for the grid

Important Note: This is a summary of the protocol. Please read the full protocol for a complete description of project requirements.