



Organic Waste Composting Project Protocol

Version 1.1

ERRATA AND CLARIFICATIONS

The Climate Action Reserve (Reserve) published its Organic Waste Composting Project Protocol Version 1.1 (OWC V1.1) in July 2013. While the Reserve intends for the OWC V1.1 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 OWC V1.1.¹

Per the Reserve's Program Manual, 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 OWC 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 OWC.

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 Statement 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 x3.

¹ See Section 4.3.4 of the Climate Action Reserve Program Manual 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 OWC are contained in this single document.

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Section: 3.4.1 (The Performance Standard Test)

Context: This section defines eligible waste streams and a specific, additional set of requirements for food waste that is sourced from grocery stores. Food waste is only eligible if it is “non-industrial” in nature. Certain commercial facilities exist that do not process food but also do not provide it directly to consumers. It is not clear whether food waste from these facilities should be considered “industrial” and thus ineligible.

While not specifically addressed in the protocol, the Reserve believes that the intent is for food wholesalers and food distributors to be treated in the same manner as grocery stores. Food waste from food wholesalers and food distributors is therefore eligible, but must meet the documentation requirements applied to grocery stores.

If the activities of a particular food wholesaler or food distributor goes beyond the mere distribution of food products to the processing of food, and food that has undergone such processing then becomes waste, such waste is considered industrial in nature and ineligible. Facilities with multiple waste streams, some eligible and some ineligible, must be able to document the quantity of eligible waste separately from ineligible waste.

Clarification: Food waste originating from food wholesale and distribution facilities shall not necessarily be excluded as “industrial” per the first bullet of Section 3.4.1. The following text shall be added after the third paragraph on page 8:

“Food waste originating at food wholesale and food distribution facilities shall not be considered ‘industrial’ for the purposes of eligibility as long as this facility does not process the food in any way (i.e. output a food product that is materially different from the input food product), but simply serves as a link in the distribution of food to commercial customers or consumers. Such facilities are considered akin to grocery stores and subject to the requirements of this protocol applicable to that source category.”