

22 January 2015: Rule update for ex-post validation of Monitoring Plan

The CDM Executive Board has agreed *to allow the post-registration validation of monitoring plans for all scales of project activities and PoAs, i.e. it would allow validation of complete monitoring plan by a DOE and approval by the Board: (a) at registration; (b) at any time prior to the first request for issuance; or (c) at the first request for issuance*. The COP at its December 2014 meeting also adopted this decision.

The Gold Standard Rules are being aligned with the CDM rule, which allows for the ex-post validation of the greenhouse gas (GHG) monitoring plan. This rule is adopted for both GS-CDM and GS-VER projects. The Sustainable Development (SD) monitoring plan that goes into the GS Passport will not be included within this new rule. Project developers will still be required to finalise and seek approval of the SD monitoring plan at the time of project registration.

Please be aware there maybe risk of delays during issuance stage due to the finalization of GHG monitoring plans. Therefore project developers shall adopt this rule at their own risk and discretion. Further, for projects using GS VER methodologies, the monitoring parameters required to be validated before registration will need to be validated and approved as required by the methodology.

All project activities that are currently new applicant/listed/under validation and have not submitted a request for registration to Gold Standard can benefit from this rule change.