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Verra Registry Release Notes

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Introduction

Verra is pleased to announce the latest updates to the Verra Registry. We hope that these improvements will add functionality and enhance your registry user experience. The updates include the following:

- New project status added
- New project document type added
- Project and account setup fields locked
- Report filtering enhanced
- Calendar year vintages required

If you have any questions about these updates, please do not hesitate to contact registry@verra.org.

1. VCS “Pipeline Listing (Under Development) Approved” Status

To optimize the pipeline process, a new project status—“Pipeline Listing (Under Development) Approved”—has been added to the workflow for projects seeking registration in the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) Program. After Verra staff reviews and approves the project documentation, VCS projects with the status of “Pipeline Listing Requested (Under Development)” will be assigned the new status of “Pipeline Listing (Under Development) Approved.” Information about all projects with this status is publicly available when viewing “Under Development” in the “Pipeline” tab on the Verra Registry.

Once Verra moves a project to this new status, account holders will be able to update their project status directly to the next step, “Pipeline Listing Requested (Under Validation),” by uploading the documents required to initiate their projects’ public comment period request. When account holders update their project statuses to “Pipeline Listing Requested (Under Development)” or “Pipeline Listing Requested (Under Validation)” in the Verra Registry, the registry administrators will receive a notification.

2. ERR Calculation Spreadsheet

A new document type specific to emission reductions and removals (ERR), titled “ERR Calculation Spreadsheet,” has been added to the drop-down list of available project document types. Project proponents must upload a completed ERR Calculation Spreadsheet when requesting one of the following VCS project statuses:

- Registration Requested
 - Registration and Verification Approval Requested
 - Verification Approval Requested
 - Crediting Period Renewal Requested
 - Crediting Period Renewal and Verification Approval Requested
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If an account holder fails to upload a completed ERR Calculation Spreadsheet before requesting any of these VCS statuses, they will receive an error message. Once approved by Verra staff, ERR Calculation Spreadsheets will become publicly available in the section “VCS Other Documents” on the project’s page in the Verra Registry. The file size limit for ERR Calculation Spreadsheets is 200 MB (this new file size limit now applies to all document types).

3. Locking of Account Setup Fields

For all Verra Registry accounts, the fields in the “My Account Setup” module are now locked for editing after Verra has approved the account. The account holder will still be able to access the “Require Multi-Factor Authentication?” field. If an account holder needs to request edits to any field, including changes to the account’s billing contact or account manager, they must email registry@verra.org for assistance.

4. Locking of Project Setup Fields

Once a submitted project is no longer under the status of “New,” the project’s setup page will be locked for editing. This applies to all Verra projects in any Verra standards program (the VCS Program; the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Standards Program; the Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard Program; and the Plastic Waste Reduction Program). Account holders will still be able to access certain fields in the Standard Detail and Validation portions of the setup page to request status changes and can also add additional standards to the project. If an account holder needs to request edits to locked fields in a project setup page, they must email registry@verra.org for assistance.

5. Issued Units Public Report Enhancement

The “Issued Units” report available in the “Public Reports” module on the Verra Registry now allows users to pre-filter data before displaying issuance data by selecting from the following new fields at the top of the screen:

- Issuance Date Start (month/year)
- Issuance Date End (month/year)
- Unit Type (ROC, VCU, WCC, or WRC)

Once the desired selections are made, the account holder can click the “Go” button and the pre-filtered data and a value for the “Total Units” will appear onscreen. The pre-filtered data can then be searched further or exported using the icons on the right side of the screen.

6. Calendar Year Vintages

As of April 1, 2023, each VCS project must include vintages from within a single calendar year on its verification summary page. If an account holder enters a new verification record with vintage period start and end dates outside the same calendar year, they will receive an error message. If an account holder needs further assistance entering or requesting issuance from multiyear vintage periods that were approved before the new requirement, please email registry@verra.org.