Verra Registry Release Notes

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Background

Verra is pleased to announce the latest updates to the Verra Registry. As of February 22, expanded statuses for projects in all Verra programs are operational in the Verra Registry. This ensures that up-to-date information about where each project is in the certification process is transparently available to all stakeholders. We hope these improvements will add functionality and enhance your registry user experience. Specifically, the updates include the following:

* New project denial statuses added for the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) Program; Climate, Community & Biodiversity Standards (CCBS) Program; Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard (SD VISta) Program; and Plastic Waste Reduction Program (Plastic Program)
* New project administrative and review statuses added for the VCS, CCBS, and Plastic Programs
* New “On Hold - see notification letter” statuses added for the CCBS, SD VISta, and Plastic Programs
* New automatic project status transitions implemented for the VCS, CCBS, SD VISta, and Plastic Programs
* Public report enhancements for VCS Program and Plastic Program project statuses
* Public report enhancements for retired units display

If you have any questions about these updates, please do not hesitate to contact [registry@verra.org](mailto:registry@verra.org).

# VCS Project Denial Statuses

To optimize the project request denial process, the following new project statuses have been added to support the registry workflow for the VCS Program:

* Registration request denied
* Registration and verification approval request denied
* Verification approval request denied
* Crediting period renewal request denied
* Crediting period renewal and verification approval request denied

Where a project request is denied, Verra staff will change the registry status to the relevant denial status and upload a letter stating the reason that the request was denied. Once the project status is in one of the new denial statuses, no next statuses will be available for the account holder to select on their project setup page under the “Progress to Next Step” field. After 90 days have elapsed, the account holder will then be able to submit a new request using the applicable next step available to them while uploading the required documentation. For example, if a project is in a status of “Registration request denied,” after 90 days, the account holder will be able to select “Registration requested” or “Registration and verification approval requested” from their setup page to initiate a new review after uploading the required documents. The account holder will be required to pay new fees as applicable. In this example, the account holder will be required to pay a new VCS Project Registration Request Review Fee before Verra will process the new request.

Information about all projects in these denial statuses is publicly available when viewing the “All Projects,” “Pipeline,” and/or “Registered” tabs in the [VCS public reports](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/VCS), as appropriate. Review Sections 4.3.5–4.3.10 of the [*VCS Registration and Issuance Process, v4.4*](https://verra.org/documents/registration-and-issuance-process-v4-4/) for more details on the project request denial process.

# CCBS Project Denial Statuses

To optimize the project request denial process, the following new project statuses have been added to support the registry workflow for the CCBS Program:

* Validation approval request denied
* Validation and verification approval request denied
* Verification approval request denied

Where a project request is denied, Verra staff will change the registry status to the relevant denial status and upload a letter stating the reason that the request was denied. Once the project status is in one of the new denial statuses, no next statuses will be available for the account holder to select on their project setup page under the “Progress to Next Step” field. After 90 days have elapsed, the account holder will then be able to submit a new request using the applicable next step available to them while uploading the required documentation. For example, if a project is in a status of “Validation approval request denied,” after 90 days, the account holder will be able to select “Validation approval request” or “Validation public comment period requested” from their setup page to initiate a new review after uploading the required documents. The account holder may be required to pay new fees as applicable.

Information about all projects in these denial statuses is publicly available when viewing the “All Projects,” “Pipeline,” and/or “Validated” tabs in the [CCBS public reports](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/CCB), as appropriate. For more details, review the [*Corrections to CCBS Program Rules and Requirements*](https://verra.org/documents/ccb-corrections-and-clarifications-02-2024/), published on February 16, 2024.

# SD VISta Project Denial Statuses

To optimize the project request denial process, the following new project statuses have been added to support the registry workflow for the SD VISta Program:

* Validation approval request denied
* Validation and verification approval request denied
* Verification approval request denied
* Design evaluation approval request denied
* Design and implementation evaluation approval request denied
* Implementation evaluation approval request denied

Where a project request is denied, Verra staff will change the registry status to the relevant denial status and upload a letter stating the reason that the request was denied. Once the project status is in one of the new denial statuses, no next statuses will be available for the account holder to select on their project setup page under the “Progress to Next Step” field. After 90 days have elapsed, the account holder will then be able to submit a new request using the applicable next step available to them while uploading the required documentation. For example, if a project is in a status of “Validation approval request denied,” after 90 days, the account holder will be able to select “Validation approval request” or “Validation public comment period requested” from their setup page to initiate a new review after uploading the required documents. The account holder may be required to pay new fees as applicable.

# Information about all projects in these denial statuses is publicly available when viewing the “All Projects,” “Listed,” and/or “Registered” tabs in the [SD VISta public reports](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/SDVISTA), as appropriate. For more details, review the [*Corrections to SD VISta Program Rules and Requirements*](https://verra.org/documents/sd-vista-corrections-and-clarifications-02-2024/), published on February 16, 2024.

# Plastic Project Denial Statuses

To optimize the project request denial process, the following new project statuses have been added to support the registry workflow for the Plastic Program:

* Registration request denied
* Registration and verification approval request denied
* Verification approval request denied
* Crediting period renewal request denied
* Crediting period renewal and verification approval request denied

Where a project request is denied, Verra staff will change the registry status to the relevant denial status and upload a letter stating the reason that the request was denied. Once the project status is in one of the new denial statuses, no next statuses will be available for the account holder to select on their project setup page under the “Progress to Next Step” field. After 90 days have elapsed, the account holder will then be able to submit a new request using the applicable next step available to them while uploading the required documentation. For example, if a project is in the status “Registration request denied,” after 90 days, the account holder will be able to select “Registration requested” from their setup page to initiate a new review after uploading the required documents. The account holder may be required to pay new fees as applicable.

Information about all projects in these denial statuses is publicly available when viewing the “All Projects,” “Pipeline,” and/or “Registered” tabs in the [Plastic Program public reports](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/PWRP), as appropriate. For more details, review the [*Corrections and Clarifications to the Plastic Program Rules and Requirements*](https://verra.org/documents/plastic-program-corrections-and-clarifications-02-2024/), published on February 16, 2024.

# VCS “Late to Verify” Status

# A new VCS status of “Late to Verify” has been added to the registry. If a VCS project remains in the “Registered” status for more than five years without submitting a new verification approval request and its required documentation, then the project status will automatically transition to a “Late to Verify” status. Information about all projects in this status is publicly available when viewing the “All Projects” and “Registered” tab in the [VCS public reports](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/VCS).

# If an account holder wishes to submit a letter with evidence that the project is still active despite not having been verified, please upload the document to the registry and email registry@verra.org for assistance. A project will remain in a “Late to Verify” status until its account holder is ready to request the next verification or crediting period renewal approval, as appropriate. Once ready, the account holder must upload the required document to the registry and email registry@verra.org for assistance in changing the project status. Review Section 4.7.1 of the [*VCS Registration and Issuance Process, v4.4*](https://verra.org/documents/registration-and-issuance-process-v4-4/) for more details.

# CCBS Public Comment Period Expiration Statuses

To improve the CCBS workflow, the following new statuses have been added to the registry:

# Validation public comment period expired

# Validation and verification public comment period expired

* Verification public comment period expired

# If a CCBS project remains in closed public comment period status for more than 335 days without requesting the next review status, then the project status will automatically transition to the appropriate expired status. Information about all projects in these statuses is publicly available when viewing the “All Projects” and “Inactive” tabs in the [CCBS public reports](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/CCB). More information on the new CCBS automatic status transitions is provided in Section 10 below.

# If an account holder wishes to change their project status from an expired status to request a new comment period, they must upload the required documentation and email registry@verra.org for assistance. Review Section 4.2.5 of the[*CCB Program Rules, v3.1*](https://verra.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/CCB-Program-Rules-v3.1.pdf)[[1]](#footnote-2) for more details.

# Plastic Program Crediting Period Renewal Statuses

The Plastic Program workflow has been updated with eight new project statuses to enable users to initiate the crediting period renewal process (with the required documents provided as applicable):

# Crediting Period Renewal Public Comment Period Requested

# PWRP Project Description

* Crediting Period Renewal Public Comment Period Open
* Crediting Period Renewal Public Comment Period Closed
* Crediting Period Renewal Requested
  + PWRP Project Description
  + PWRP Registration Representation
  + PWRP Validation Report
  + PWRP Validation Representation
* Crediting Period Renewal and Verification Approval Public Comment Period Requested
  + PWRP Project Description
  + PWRP Monitoring Report
* Crediting Period Renewal and Verification Approval Public Comment Period Open
* Crediting Period Renewal and Verification Approval Public Comment Period Closed
* Crediting Period Renewal and Verification Approval Requested
  + PWRP Project Description
  + PWRP Registration Representation
  + PWRP Validation Report
  + PWRP Validation Representation
  + PWRP Monitoring Report
  + PWRP Issuance Representation
  + PWRP Verification Report
  + PWRP Verification Representation

To request a public comment period for a crediting period renewal (with or without verification approval), an account holder will change the project status on their setup page after uploading the required documents listed above. After Verra staff reviews and approves the documentation, the project status will change to reflect the open comment period. After 30 days, the status will automatically transition to a closed comment period status. From the closed comment period status, an account holder will request the crediting period renewal review (with or without verification approval) by changing the project status on their setup page after uploading the required documents listed above.

Information about all projects in these crediting period renewal statuses is publicly available when viewing the “All Projects,” “Open Comment Period,” and/or “Registered” tabs in the [Plastic Program public reports](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/PWRP), as appropriate. Review Sections 5.3, 5.6.8, 5.6.9, 5.7, and 5.13.1(4) of the[*Plastic Program Guide, v1.0*](https://verra.org/documents/plastic-program-guide-v1-0/) for more details.

# On Hold Status for the CCBS, SD VISta, and Plastic Programs

# A new “On Hold - see notification letter” status has been added to the registry for the CCBS, SD VISta, and Plastic Programs. The previous VCS status of “On Hold” has also been updated to reflect the new text of “On Hold - see notification letter.” Information about all projects in these statuses is publicly available when viewing the “All Projects” tab in the public reports.

# VCS Automatic Project Status Transitions

# The following new automatic transitions have been implemented in the registry to support the VCS project workflow:

# If a VCS project remains in a “Registered” status for more than five years without submitting a new verification approval request and its required documentation, the project status will automatically transition to a “Late to Verify” status.

# If a VCS project remains in a “Registration request denied” status for more than a year without submitting a new request and its required documentation, the project status will automatically transition to a “Rejected by administrator” status.

# If a VCS project remains in a “Registration and verification approval request denied” status for more than a year without submitting a new request and its required documentation, the project status will automatically transition to a “Rejected by administrator” status.

# If a VCS project remains in a “Crediting Period Renewal Request Denied” status for more than a year without submitting a new request and its required documentation, the project status will automatically transition to an “Inactive” status.

# If a VCS project remains in a “Crediting Period Renewal and Verification Approval Request Denied” status for more than a year without submitting a new request and its required documentation, the project status will automatically transition to an “Inactive” status.

# Information about all projects in these statuses is publicly available when viewing the appropriate tabs in the [VCS public reports](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/VCS). See Section 5 above for more information on the “Late to Verify” status and next steps for account holders. If an account holder wishes to change their project status from an inactive status to request verification approval, they must upload the required documentation and email registry@verra.org for assistance. Projects with an inactive status resulting from crediting period renewal request denials can no longer request for crediting period renewal. Review Sections 4.3.8–4.3.10 and 4.7.1 of the [*VCS Registration and Issuance Process, v4.4*](https://verra.org/documents/registration-and-issuance-process-v4-4/) for more details.

# CCBS Automatic Project Status Transitions

# The following new automatic transitions have been implemented in the registry to support the CCBS project workflow:

# If a CCBS project remains in an “Under validation (public comment period closed)” status for more than 335 days without submitting a new request and its required documentation, the project status will automatically transition to a “Validation public comment period expired” status.

# If a CCBS project remains in an “Under validation and verification (public comment period closed)” status for more than 335 days without submitting a new request and its required documentation, the project status will automatically transition to a “Validation and verification public comment period expired” status.

# If a CCBS project remains in an “Under verification (Close 30-Day Commenting Period)” status for more than 335 days without submitting a new request and its required documentation, the project status will automatically transition to a “Verification public comment period expired” status.

# Information about all projects in these statuses is publicly available when viewing the appropriate tabs in the [CCBS public reports](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/CCB). As noted under Section 6 above, if an account holder wishes to change their project status from an expired status to request a new comment period, they must upload the required documentation and email registry@verra.org for assistance. Review Section 4.2.4–4.2.5 of the [*CCB Program Rules, v3.1*](https://verra.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/CCB-Program-Rules-v3.1.pdf) for more details.

# SD VISta Automatic Project Status Transitions

# The following new automatic transitions have been implemented in the registry to support the SD VISta project workflow:

# If an SD VISta project remains in an “Undergoing validation (public comment period closed)” status for more than 335 days without submitting a new request and its required documentation, the project status will automatically transition to an “Under development” status.

# If an SD VISta project remains in an “Undergoing design evaluation (public comment period closed)” status for more than 335 days without submitting a new request and its required documentation, the project status will automatically transition to an “Under development” status.

# If an SD VISta project remains in an “Under development” status for more than two years without submitting a new request and its required documentation, the project status will automatically transition to a “Listing expiration” status.

# Information about all projects in these statuses is publicly available when viewing the appropriate tabs in the [SD VISta public reports](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/SDVISTA). If an account holder wishes to change their project status from an “Under development” or “Listing expiration” status to request a new public comment period review, they must upload the required documentation and email registry@verra.org for assistance. Review Sections 3.3.4–3.3.5 of the [*SD VISta Program Guide, v1.0*](https://verra.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/SD-VISta-Program-Guide-v1.0.pdf) for more details.

# Plastic Program Automatic Project Status Transitions

# The following new automatic transitions have been implemented in the registry to support the Plastic Program project workflow:

# If a Plastic Program project remains in an “Under validation (public comment period closed)” status for more than a year without submitting a new request and its required documentation, the project status will automatically transition to an “Inactive” status.

# If a Plastic Program project remains in an “Under validation and verification (public comment period closed)” status for more than a year without submitting a new request and its required documentation, the project status will automatically transition to an “Inactive” status.

# If a Plastic Program project remains in an “Under verification (public comment period closed)” status for more than a year without submitting a new request and its required documentation, the project status will automatically transition to an “Inactive” status.

# If a Plastic Program project remains in a “Registered” status for more than five years without submitting a new request and its required documentation, the project status will automatically transition to a “Late to verify” status.

# Information about all projects in these statuses is publicly available when viewing the appropriate tabs in the [Plastic Program public reports](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/PWRP). If an account holder wishes to change their project status from an “Inactive” status to request a new public comment period review, they must upload the required documentation and email registry@verra.org for assistance. If an account holder with a project in a “Late to verify” status wishes to submit a letter with evidence that the project is still active despite not having been verified, please upload the document to the registry and email registry@verra.org for assistance. A project will remain in a “Late to Verify” status until it is ready to request the next verification or crediting period renewal approval, as appropriate. Once ready, the account holder must upload the required document to the registry and email registry@verra.org for assistance in changing the project status. Review Sections 5.3.7 and 5.11.2 of the [*Plastic Program Guide, v1.0*](https://verra.org/documents/plastic-program-guide-v1-0/) for more details.

# Public Report Enhancements for VCS and Plastic Program Project Statuses

# New “Inactive” tabs have been added to the VCS and Plastic Program public reports.

# The VCS “Inactive” tab includes projects in the statuses of:

# Inactive

# Withdrawn

# Rejected by Administrator

# The Plastic Program “Inactive” tab includes projects in the statuses of:

# Inactive

# Withdrawn

# Rejected by Administrator

# Other updates to the [VCS public reports](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/VCS) include improvements to ensure all projects in a status of “Verification approval requested” appear in both the “All Projects” and “Registered” tabs.

# Other updates to the [Plastic Program public reports](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/PWRP) include improvements to ensure all projects in a status of “Registration requested” and “Registration and verification approval requested” appear in both the “All Projects” and “Pipeline” tabs.

# Public Report Enhancements for Retired Units Display

# To improve the information displayed for historically retired units, the logic is updated across all public reports, including for the “[VCUs](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/VCS),” “[CCB-Labeled VCUs](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/CCB),” “[SDVISta-Labeled VCUs](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/SDVISTA),” and “[Plastic Credits](https://registry.verra.org/app/search/PWRP)” tabs. The “Retirement Beneficiary,” “Retirement Reason,” and “Retirement Detail” data columns are populated in the public reports based on user selection. This update ensures that the information is shown if the account holder chooses only to make the “Retirement Beneficiary” and “Retirement Reason” public and not the “Retirement Detail.”

1. Please note that Verra is transitioning to “CCBS Program” when abbreviating the Climate, Community and Biodiversity Standards Program. However, some documents may still refer to it as the “CCB Program.” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)