

ERRATUM & CLARIFICATION TO VCS PROGRAM RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

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This document provides errata and clarifications applicable to the program document(s) referenced in the table below. Such errata & clarifications are effective on the effective date listed in the table. Project proponents and validation/verification bodies (VVBs) shall apply and interpret the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) Program documents consistent with the errata & clarifications set out in this document.

The errata & clarifications will be incorporated into the next issued versions of the program documents.

Erratum/ Clarification	Description	Document and Section Reference	Effective Date
Clarification 1	Clarified intent of the requirements describing permissible scenarios for project design changes during the gap validation process.	VCS Standard, v4.4, Sections 3.22.4 and 3.22.6 (2)	Effective immediately
Erratum 1	Added missing VCS <i>Project Description Template</i> section that transfer projects are required to complete (Section 2.4).	VCS Standard, v4.4, Section 3.22.6 (3)	Effective immediately for all projects

I. Clarification 1: Clarified intent of the requirements describing permissible scenarios for project design changes during the gap validation process

Clarifications to VCS Standard, v4.4:

3.22.4 Projects shall not alter their design during the gap validation process, ~~except for projects described in Section 3.22.6.~~

3.22.6 For projects registered under the CDM:

- 2) Multiple CPAs registered under the CDM that have the same project proponent and project activity, but do not occur within 10 km of one another, may register under the

VCS as a single project. Such projects shall complete a full *VCS Project Description Template*. A validation/verification body shall undertake a validation of the full project description.

Background:

Sections 3.22.4 and 3.22.6(2) of the *VCS Standard, v4.4* required an immediate clarification of intent to convey to project proponents the specific scenarios in which it is permissible to alter the project design during the gap validation process.

II. Erratum 1: Added missing VCS Project Description Template section that transfer projects are expected to complete (Section 2.4).

Clarifications to VCS Standard, v4.4:

3.22.6 For projects registered under the CDM:

- 3) Projects or single CPAs registered under the CDM that register under the VCS as a standalone project shall complete the cover page and sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 1.10, 1.12, 1.13, 1.14, 1.15.1, 1.16, 1.17, 1.18, 2.4, and 3.6 of the *VCS Project Description Template*. A validation/verification body shall undertake a validation of same, which shall be accompanied by a validation representation, to provide a gap validation for the project's conformance with the VCS Program rules.

Background:

Section 3.22.6(3) of the *VCS Standard, v4.4* indicates which sections of the *VCS Project Description Template* that projects or single CPAs registered under the CDM that register under the VCS as a standalone project are required to complete. Section 2.4 of the *VCS Project Description Template*, which pertains to information about public comments received, is now included.