



ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VERIFICATION BODIES under the Climate Action Reserve

The Climate Action Reserve (the Reserve) and the California Climate Action Registry (the California Registry) requires participants in its GHG accounting programs to use third-party verification in support of its two reporting programs:

- Annual GHG emission inventories reported in CARROT (October 2002-October 2010)
- Emission reduction projects submitted through the Climate Action Reserve (2005-ongoing)

Verification requirements for these two programs are related, but different. A summary of the qualifications for accreditation and training are outlined in the table below.

In an effort to streamline the accreditation process for GHG verification bodies in North America, both the Reserve and the Climate Registry (Registry) are partnering with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to accredit verification bodies under ISO 14065, and to qualify verification bodies under the respective protocols of the Registries.

Requirements to Verify Annual GHG Emission Inventories under the California Registry

The California Registry will accept annual GHG emissions inventory reports through December 31, 2010 only, and is encouraging its members to transition reporting to The Registry with their 2010 emission year reports at the latest.

Since the California Registry will cease to operate as an emissions inventory registry, it has discontinued its current practice of approving verification bodies to perform general entity verifications. Verification bodies that are currently approved by the California Registry will be allowed to conduct verification activities through December 31, 2009.

Effective January, 1 2010 the California Registry will recognize only firms that are:

- ISO 14065 accredited Verification Bodies that are also recognized by The Climate Registry, and/or
- California Air Resources Board (ARB)-accredited Verification Bodies.

The ten verification bodies currently approved by the California Registry to perform Power/Utility-sector and Cement-sector verifications will continue to be recognized to provide sector-specific verification services through December 31, 2009.

Firms that are ANSI-accredited, TCR-recognized verification bodies or ARB-accredited verification bodies may also provide sector-specific verification services to members of the California Registry, but sector-specific training is recommended. It should be noted that ANSI-accredited, TCR-recognized verification bodies are permitted to conduct verifications for members of TCR in all sectors in which they are competent until the time that TCR allows for ANSI accreditation to TCR sector-specific protocols.

Requirements to Verify GHG Emission Reduction Projects under the Reserve

Effective January, 1 2010, the Reserve will only recognize verification bodies of emission reduction projects that are ANSI-accredited, Reserve recognized for sector-specific project activities listed under its offset program.

Summary

A summary of the requirements for verification bodies to conduct verification activities is presented in the table below.

VERIFICATION BODY ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CALIFORNIA REGISTRY PROGRAMS

Annual GHG Emissions Inventories (CARROT)	Emission Reduction Projects (Climate Action Reserve)
<p>Any company or organization seeking to conduct emissions inventory verification activities under the California Registry must meet ONE of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISO 14065 accredited and recognized by The Climate Registry • CARB-accredited • Currently approved verification bodies under the California Registry (valid until December 31, 2009). <p>Any company or organization seeking to conduct emissions inventory verification activities under the California Registry must meet ALL of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate to ANSI a thorough understanding of the California Registry General Reporting Protocol and General Verification Protocols. • Have at least two qualified “Lead Verifiers”, identified in the Designated Staff roster submitted to 	<p>Any company or organization seeking to conduct emissions reduction project verification activities for Forests, Urban Forests, Landfill or Livestock Project Protocols listed under the Climate Action Reserve must meet one the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accredited under ISO 14065, Reserve recognized for that specific sector (by ANSI or another accreditation body as approved by the Reserve) • Currently accredited sector-specific project verification bodies under the Reserve are valid until December 31, 2009. <p>Any company or organization seeking to be qualified and eligible to conduct emissions reduction project verification activities for Forests, Urban Forests, Landfill or Livestock Project Protocols listed under the Climate Action Reserve must meet ALL the following criteria:</p>

<p>help@climateregistry.org</p> <p>Lead Verifiers are RECOMMENDED to have completed California Registry-sponsored protocol training.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the Climate Action Reserve Project & Verification Protocols. • Have a minimum of two staff designated as Lead Verifiers • Lead Verifiers are REQUIRED to have completed Reserve training on its project protocols, specific to the sector that the verification body is applying to be accredited under. <p>Meet the Reserve's accreditation additional sector specific requirements.</p>
<p>Sector-Specific Emissions Inventory (CARROT)</p>	<p>Sector Specific Project Verification Body Accreditation under the Climate Action Reserve</p>
<p>To conduct emissions inventory verification activities for either the California Registry's Electric Power or Cement Sector Protocols, all verification bodies must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a current California Registry approval to conduct sector-specific verifications (through December 31, 2009 only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>When available, future sector-specific approval awarded by either The Climate Registry or ARB will also be recognized.</i> • ALL Lead Verifiers, regardless of accreditation source, are RECOMMENDED to complete sector specific California Registry training for that specific sector before beginning sector-specific verification activities. 	<p>SAME AS ABOVE.</p>

INDIVIDUAL VERIFIER ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CALIFORNIA REGISTRY PROGRAMS

Inventories Reported in CARROT	Reduction Projects Submitted to the Climate Action Reserve
<p>For any individual to be qualified as a Lead Verifier and eligible to conduct verification activities under the California Registry he/she must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be employed or subcontracted to an ANSI-accredited, TCR-recognized verification body OR an already approved Verification Body under the California Registry (valid only through December 31, 2009). • Meet the internal training requirements, following the proper processes and procedures under their ANSI-accredited, TCR-recognized, CARB-accredited or California Registry-grandfathered Verification Body. • Recommended by sponsoring verification body to attend California Registry training on its General Reporting Protocol and General Verification Protocol and successfully complete, designated by receipt of a Certificate of Completion for the training. • Be identified as “Lead Verifier” in the Designated Staff roster submitted by their verification body to help@climateregistry.org 	<p>For any individual to be qualified as a Lead Verifier and eligible to conduct verification activities under the Climate Action Reserve, he/she must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be employed or subcontracted to a verification body accredited under ISO 14065 OR an already approved Verification Body under the Reserve • Meet internal training requirements, following proper processes and procedures under their ISO 14065 accredited verification body or already approved verification body under the Reserve • Attend and successfully complete a required Project Verifier training under the Reserve protocols (receive a Certificate of Completion for the training course) • Be identified as “Lead Verifier” in the Designated Staff roster submitted by their verification body to reserve@climateregistry.org