



**The Climate Registry**  
**Overview of Changes from GRP 1.1**  
**GRP 2.0 Public Comment Draft**

**Overview of main changes to GRP 1.1**

This draft revised edition of the GRP incorporates the updates and clarifications as of the [July 15, 2011 version](#) of that document as well as updates that were finalized in [GVP 2.0](#), changes to our [membership options](#), software functionality, references to [other Registry resources](#) and new guidance on accounting for renewable energy certificates and offsets.

Specific changes include:

**Terminology:**

- TCR and the Registry becomes The Registry
- Reporters becomes Members
- Verifiers becomes Verification Bodies
- Registry-approved Verifiers becomes Registry-recognized Verification Bodies
- Reporting year becomes emissions year
- Submitting year term is removed
- Scopes become scopes

**Part I:** Changes to Registry program overview to incorporate changes from updates and clarifications.

**Part II:**

- **CHAPTER 1:**
  - Introduced the concept of Climate Registered Members and complete reports.
  - Restriction regarding timeline for beginning reporting was removed.
  - Reference to The Registry's Updates and Clarifications documents and sector-specific reporting protocols were added.
  - Changes made to Table 1.1 to reflect updates and clarifications.
- **CHAPTER 2:**
  - Removed requirement to indicate if a facility is located within the territory of a Native Sovereign Nation.
  - Added language describing Member's options for reporting emissions outside of North America.
- **CHAPTER 3:**
  - Removed language describing the option to report additional greenhouse gasses beyond the Kyoto-defined greenhouse gasses.
- **CHAPTER 4:**
  - Clarified that annual emission reports should include emissions from activities for the portion of the year that they were within a Member's control.

- Removed the requirement to report a list of equity investments for Members that are not also reporting according to the equity share approach. This disclosure can now be reported optionally.
- Added opportunity for subsidiary companies or government agencies to report to The Registry as a separate Member when their parent company is also reporting to The Registry.
- Updated references to the Local Government Operations (LGO) Protocol.
- Clarified guidance around reporting emissions from leased spaces based on control approaches.
- Updated examples to reflect changes in Chapter 4.
- **CHAPTER 5:**
  - Clarified which emissions categories must be reported to The Registry and which are optional.
  - Introduced the concept of miniscule source exemptions.
  - Aligned definition of fugitive emissions to more closely align with the definition of the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard.
  - Added information about the new GHG Protocol Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Accounting and Reporting Standard.
- **CHAPTER 6:**
  - Shifted The Registry's minimum reporting requirement from facility-level data to entity level emissions.
  - Added SEMs emissions to the types of emissions that can be aggregated into a single facility when reporting facility-level information to The Registry.
  - Added flexibility for Members in reporting ground based mobile emissions as either part of a stationary facility or as a stand-alone mobile fleet.
- **CHAPTER 7:**
  - Removed the requirement to establish a base year when reporting to The Registry. Setting a base year is now optional.
  - Clarified that base years set through the Climate Leaders program are accepted by The Registry.
- **CHAPTER 8:**
  - Extended the number of years a Member can transitionally report to The Registry from two to five.
  - Expanded the minimum requirements for transitional reporting to allow Members to self-define their transitional reporting boundaries.
- **CHAPTER 9:**
  - Removed the requirement to report consecutive years of historical data through the first year of reporting to The Registry.
  - Expanded the minimum requirements for historical reporting to allow Members to self-define their historical reporting boundaries.



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**Part III:** Data quality tiers and default emission factors have been removed from all chapters and replaced with unique methodology identifiers.

- **CHAPTER 10:**
  - Removed references to the concept of data quality tiers in favor of unique methodology identifiers.
  - Clarified that disclosure of the methodologies used to quantify emissions does not need to be public but does need to be provided to the Member's Verification Body upon request.
  - Expanded the information about acceptable industry best practice methods.
  - Introduced the ability for Members to propose new methodologies to The Registry.
  - Indicated that default emission factors are provided through The Registry's website and will no longer be in the protocol itself to sure defaults can be updated on an annual basis.
- **CHAPTER 11:**
  - Clarified that the threshold for using simplified estimation methods incorporates biogenic combustion emissions in addition to total scope 1 and scope 2 emissions.
- **CHAPTER 12:**
  - Added methodology for landlords to subtract unmetered tenant natural gas use. This method was included in the updates and clarifications document but the methodology has been adjusted to be more consistent with the content of Chapter 12.
- **CHAPTER 13:**
  - No significant changes have been made to Chapter 13.
- **CHAPTER 14:**
  - Added electricity consumption estimation methodologies for the cost method, alternative electricity intensity method, and sample and proxy data methods.
  - Added flexibility for members in selecting the emission factors that are used to quantify emissions associated with purchased power (scope 2).
  - Added guidance on accounting for the purchase of renewable energy certificates.
- **CHAPTER 15:**
  - Added guidance on calculating indirect GHG emissions from imported steam, district heating and district cooling in leased spaces.
- **CHAPTER 16:**
  - Added clarification for reporting refrigerants R-22, R-12 and R-11 to The Registry.
  - Added guidance on reporting refrigerants that are a blend of HFCs and PFCs.

## **Part IV:**

- **CHAPTER 17:**
  - Removed requirements to report additional facility-level information.
  - Added requirement to disclose parent company if they are also reporting to The Registry.
  - Introduced the concept of an Adjusted Inventory Summary that lets Members demonstrate external GHG mitigation actions.
  - Added guidance on how to account for sold RECs
  - Added eligibility requirements for offsets and guidance on how to apply offsets to a GHG inventory.
  - Added references to The Registry's performance metrics for electric power companies and transit agencies.
- **CHAPTER 18:**
  - No significant changes have been made to Chapter 18.
- **CHAPTER 19:**
  - Clarified that all Registry-recognized Verification Bodies are required to have a minimum level of professional indemnity insurance to address liability concerns.
  - Updated the eligibility requirements for batch verification participants as well as The Registry's process for selecting a Batch Verification Body.
  - Clarified that materiality concept must also include biogenic combustion emissions.
  - Clarified that Verification Bodies must first confirm that Members have conformed with The Registry's reporting requirements and then must conduct a risk assessment to sample for reporting errors.
  - Changed reporting cycle from five years to three and extended the years a Member can contract with any one Verification Body from five years to six.
  - Updated Figure 19.2 to reflect the new three year verification cycle.
  - Clarified how verification cycle applies when Members contract to have multiple years of data verified at once.
  - Clarified how verification cycle should be applied when there is a previous Verification Body- Member relationship.
  - Clarified the dispute resolution process between the Verification Body and the Accreditation Body.
- **CHAPTER 20:**
  - Updated confidential business information requirements to conform to Updates and Clarifications document.

**Glossary of Terms:** Updated or added definitions of the following terms:

- Base Year
- Basic Member
- Commercial Building
- Complete Report
- Climate Registered
- Emissions Year

- Facility
- Fugitive Emissions
- Historical Emissions
- Industry Best Practices
- Member
- Miniscule Sources
- Mobile Combustion Emissions
- Non-Commercial Buildings
- Simplified Estimation Methods
- Stationary Combustion Emissions
- Transitional Member
- Verification