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ANSI Signs MoU for Partnership in Greenhouse Gas Accreditation Program

New York, June 18, 2008: As part of its continuing commitment to developing an accreditation program for greenhouse gas (GHG) verification bodies (VBs), the [American National Standards Institute](#) (ANSI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with [The Climate Registry](#) (TCR).

TCR sets consistent and transparent standards for the calculation, verification, and public reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions throughout North America in a single unified registry. TCR is a non-profit organization that supports both voluntary and mandatory GHG reporting programs and provides meaningful information to reduce GHG emissions.

In the first initiative of this agreement, ANSI and TCR commit to jointly coordinate and implement a [pilot program](#) for the accreditation of GHG VBs. This program will evaluate the competency of candidate VBs against the international standards dictated in [ISO 14065](#), *Greenhouse gases – Requirements for greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies for use in accreditation or other forms of recognition*. Organizations will also be appraised against TCR's *Guidance on Accreditation for Verification Bodies* and the [International Accreditation Forum](#) (IAF)'s document on the application of ISO 14065.

Through ongoing assessments, ANSI will ensure that VBs continue to follow the guidelines set for accreditation and meet all necessary competency requirements for TCR.

“We’re proud to partner with The Climate Registry on this important initiative,” said Lane Hallenbeck, vice president of accreditation services for ANSI. “Already we’ve received nearly seventy applications to join the pilot GHG accreditation program, a clear indication that organizations nationwide recognize the importance of monitoring greenhouse gas emissions and the value that ANSI accreditation brings to the process.”

For more information on the ANSI/TCR MoU or on ANSI's [accreditation services](#), contact Lane Hallenbeck (202.331.3612; lhallenbeck@ansi.org).

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ANSI's Accreditation Program for Greenhouse Gas Validation/Verification Bodies

Earlier this year, ANSI announced the launch of a [pilot accreditation program](#) for third-party bodies working to validate and verify GHG emission assertions for a broad spectrum of industries. For more information, visit www.ansi.org/ghg or view these ANSI Online news items:

- [Strong Start for ANSI Pilot Accreditation Program for Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification](#) (May 27, 2008)
- [ANSI Launches Pilot Accreditation Program for Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification](#) (February 5, 2008)

[About ANSI](#)

ANSI is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance U.S. global competitiveness and the American quality of life by promoting, facilitating, and safeguarding the integrity of the voluntary standardization and conformity assessment system. Its membership is comprised of businesses, professional societies and trade associations, standards developers, government agencies, and consumer and labor organizations. The Institute represents the diverse interests of more than 125,000 companies and organizations and 3.5 million professionals worldwide.

The Institute is the official U.S. representative to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and, via the U.S. National Committee, the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), and is a U.S. representative to the International Accreditation Forum (IAF). ANSI currently has offices in New York City and Washington, DC.

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