



The Climate Registry

General Verification Protocol Version 2.1 Updates and Clarifications Last Revised: November 23, 2015

The Climate Registry published General Verification Protocol Version 2.1 (GVP v. 2.1) in June 2014. While The Registry intends for the GVP v. 2.1 to be a complete document, it recognizes that updates and clarifications will be necessary as the program evolves. Therefore, The Registry created this document to track all modifications relating to GVP v. 2.1. This document will be updated as new updates and clarifications are identified. The updates and clarifications identified in this document will be incorporated into the next version of the GVP. Until the next version of the GVP is released, all Members and verification bodies should refer to the updates and clarifications listed below for the most current interpretation and explanation of verification policies, processes, and activities.

Please note: Proposed sector-specific accreditation requirements for verification bodies have been incorporated into the Draft Draft General Reporting Protocol Version 2.1, which was released for public comment on November 23, 2015. TCR welcomes comments from verifiers and other stakeholders on the update, which is expanded upon in a proposed GVP update under “Becoming a Registry-Recognized Verification Body” in the table below. Please refer to draft GVP text below and page 150 of the redline [draft of GRP v. 2.1](#). We ask that you submit your feedback to policy@theclimateregistry.org using our [Public Comment Template](#) by **December 23, 2015**. The Registry will consider the public comments that are received in finalizing GRP v. 2.1 and updating the GVP v. 2.1.

If you have any questions about the updates or clarifications in this document, or if you wish to request further explanation or clarification of other verification policies, please contact Michelle Zilinskas at: verification@theclimateregistry.org or (213) 542-0283.

GVP v 2.1 Updates and Clarifications

GVP Section 1.2.2	Becoming a Registry-Recognized Verification Body	p. 6	PROPOSED: 11/23/2015 Expected to become effective: Jan. 2016
<p>The Registry is proposing an expansion of sector-specific accreditation requirements to conform to ANSI’s policies. VBs would need to achieve accreditation against specific scopes specified by ANSI in order to conduct verification work for clients that have operations in any of the following scopes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General (all organization-level reporting) 2. Manufacturing 3. Power Generation 4. Electric Power Transactions 5. Mining and Mineral Production 6. Metals Production 7. Chemical Production 8. Oil and gas extraction, production and refining, including petrochemicals 9. Waste <p>Accordingly, section 1.2.2. is replaced with the following proposed text:</p> <p>“Prospective verification bodies must become accredited by a partnering accreditation body before they can conduct verification activities for The Registry’s voluntary reporting program. The Registry designed its accreditation process to be consistent with the ISO 14065 standard (<i>Greenhouse Gases – Requirements for Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification Bodies for use in Accreditation or other forms of Recognition</i>). Please refer to <i>The Registry’s Guidance on Accreditation</i> for details about accreditation.</p> <p>To undertake verification for any Registry Member, a verification body must be accredited to the organizational-level general scope (e.g. ANSI Group 1⁹) by a Registry partner accreditation body.</p> <p>The Registry’s requirements for sector-specific accreditation are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing (e.g. ANSI Group 2): Verification bodies must be accredited to this scope in order to verify inventories of Members that operate in the manufacturing sector. • Power Generation (e.g. ANSI Group 3): Verification bodies must be accredited to this scope in order to verify inventories of Members that operate in the power generation sector and/or prepare inventories in accordance with The Registry’s Electric Power Sector Protocol. • Electric Power Transactions (e.g. ANSI Group 4): Verification bodies must be accredited to this scope in order to verify inventories of Members that have electric power transactions and/or prepare report delivery metrics in accordance with The Registry’s Electric Power Sector Protocol. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mining and Mineral Production (e.g. ANSI Group 5): Verification bodies must be accredited to this scope in order to verify inventories of Members that operate in the mining and mineral production sector. • Metals Production (e.g. ANSI Group 6): Verification bodies must be accredited to this scope in order to verify inventories of Members that operate in the metals production sector. • Chemical Production (e.g. ANSI Group 7): Verification bodies must be accredited to this scope in order to verify inventories of Members that operate in the chemical production sector. • Oil & Gas Production (e.g. ANSI Group 8): Verification bodies must be accredited to this scope in order to verify inventories of Members whose operations involve oil and gas extraction, production, and refining, including petrochemicals and/or prepare inventories in accordance with The Registry’s Oil & Gas Production Protocol. • Waste (e.g. ANSI Group 9): Verification bodies must be accredited to this scope in order to verify inventories of Members that operate in the waste sector. <p>The Registry’s sector-specific requirements for verification are specified in the GVP addenda provided in Appendix C.</p> <p>⁹ ANSI’s policy and assessment requirements for accrediting firms to industry sector scopes can be viewed through ANSI’s website.</p>
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GVP Section 3.3	Assembling the Verification Team	p. 37	Issued: 11/23/2015 Effective: 11/23/2015
	<p>The Registry has implemented a new training requirement for verifiers.</p> <p>Accordingly, the following text is added to the end of the list of Registry requirements for assembling verification teams:</p> <p>6. All verifiers that began verifying for The Registry after May, 2014 are required to view The Registry’s General Verification Training webinar, which outlines the verification activities and requirements prescribed by the GVP. Please e-mail verification@theclimateregistry.org for the most recent version of the training.</p>		

GVP Section 4.3.4	Method B: Based on Ranking Distribution of Generation of Direct Emissions	p. 50	Issued: 6/24/2015 Effective: 6/24/2015
	<p>The Registry issued an update to Method B to clarify that the method is used to determine the minimum number of facilities to be visited, and does not dictate the specific facilities that must be visited. Once the verification body has determined the minimum number of facilities to be visited using Method B, it can then select the specific facilities to be visited based on risk-assessment findings regarding potential for material misstatement.</p>		

	<p>Method B 1.c. is revised from: “All of these facilities must be visited under this method, even if the facilities are not identified through the worldwide analysis described below.”</p> <p>to: “At minimum, the number of facilities identified through this method must be visited, even if the number of facilities exceed the number of facilities identified through the worldwide analysis described below.”</p>
	<p>Method B 2.c is revised from: “All of these facilities must be visited under this method, even if the facilities are not identified through the North American analysis described above.”</p> <p>to: “At minimum, the number of facilities identified through this method must be visited, even if the number of facilities exceed the number of facilities identified through the North American analysis described above.”</p>

COI-A: Case Specific Conflict of Interest Assessment Form Update

COI-A Form	Proposed Verification Services	p. 5	Issued: 6/24/2015 Effective: 6/24/2015
	<p>The Registry has issued an update to the COI-A Form, “Proposed Verification Services” on page 5 to include a question on whether facility visits will be performed. Refer to section 2.8 of the GVP for detailed information on facility visit requirements. Please answer this question to the best of your knowledge at the time of the COI-A form submittal. If your subsequent risk assessment indicates that facility visits are (or are not) necessary, you are not required to resubmit this form. This primary purpose of this question is to notify The Registry whether the verification body will be forgoing facility visits for the full verification in the second three-year verification cycle (refer to GVP page 25 for more details on conditions that must be met).</p>		

Notification of Planned Facility Visits Form – Clarification on Requirements for Submission

NOPFV Form	Notification of Planned Facility Visits	Issued: 6/24/2015 Effective: 6/24/2015
	<p>Notification of Planned Facility Visits (NOPFV) Forms must be submitted for all types of verification (full or streamlined) if a facility visit is performed. If you are performing a facility visit for a streamlined verification, you do not need to explain how the number of facilities selected for visits conforms to GVP v 2.1 Section 4.3.4.</p> <p>Complete NOPFV forms include a case-specific verification plan. Complete forms must be submitted to The Registry at least 10 business days prior to the first facility visit.</p>	

Electric Power Sector Verification Statement - Updates

EPS Verification Statement	Electric Power Sector Verification Statement Updates	p. 1-2	Issued: 6/24/2015 Effective: 6/24/2015
	The Registry has issued a new Electric Power Sector Verification Statement to incorporate the most recent GRP, GVP and EPS Protocol versions and Updates and Clarifications documents, and the addition of NF ₃ , in accordance with the GRP.		