



PROCEDURES REGARDING CHANGES DURING PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

(Version 01)

A. Background

1. Paragraphs 30–45 of the annex to decision 9/CMP.1 on guidelines for the implementation of Article 6 of the Kyoto Protocol (hereinafter referred to as JI guidelines) define the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC).
2. After considering inputs received during the development of the determination and verification manual (DVM), the JISC discussed priority areas for further guidance and agreed to develop further guidance regarding changes during project implementation.
3. The design of a JI project may change during the course of its implementation, compared to the project information provided in the project design document (PDD) and its supporting information.
4. The JI guidelines, including its Appendix B, along with the “Guidance on criteria for baseline setting and monitoring” address changes to a project’s monitoring plan, but does not address changes to the project design occurring during implementation of a project for which the determination in accordance with paragraph 33 of the JI guidelines (determination) has already been deemed final in accordance with paragraph 35 of the JI guidelines.
5. The present document extends existing guidance by providing general procedures regarding changes during project implementation.

B. Procedures regarding changes during project implementation from a determined project design

6. Changes, if any, to the project’s design as described in the PDD, that occur after the determination has been deemed final, shall be justified by project participants. The project participants shall prepare a detailed description of all changes that have occurred since the determination was deemed final and provide justification for these changes. The description and justification shall be made publicly available as an annex to the next monitoring report submitted for determination in accordance with paragraph 37 of the JI guidelines (verification) by the AIE.
7. The AIE shall in a separate section of the verification report form (F-JI-VRep) list all revisions to the project design and express a determination opinion. The AIE shall confirm that the conditions defined by paragraph 33 of the JI guidelines are still met for the project, and that the changes do not alter the original determination opinion for the project. Specifically, the AIE shall confirm that:
 - (a) The physical location of the project has not changed;
 - (b) If the emission sources have changed, they are reflected in an updated monitoring plan;
 - (c) Baseline scenario has not changed;
 - (d) The changes are consistent with the JI specific approach or the clean development mechanism (CDM) methodology upon which the determination was prepared for the project.
8. A positive determination opinion regarding the changes in accordance with paragraph 7 above, shall be a condition for expressing a positive verification opinion in any verification reports provided by an AIE following the changes referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 above.

History of the document

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