



VCS Program Update

9 July 2009

Update to the VCS 2007.1: HFC Projects in Annex B Countries

Background

The scope of the VCS Program includes all six of the Kyoto Protocol greenhouse gases, which means that projects that reduce emissions of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) are eligible under the program. Given the relatively low cost of reducing HFC emissions from the production of HCFC-22, and in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, the VCS Board has determined that the VCS Program does not have a role to play in reducing HFC emissions from the production of HCFC-22 in Kyoto Protocol Annex B countries.

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The VCS Association issues the following new rules with respect to HFC projects.

- 1) With effect from 9 July 2009, projects that reduce HFC emissions from the production of HCFC-22 in Kyoto Protocol Annex B countries are not eligible under the VCS Program.
- 2) Projects that reduce such HFC emissions in non-Annex B countries shall remain eligible under the VCS Program.