



Climate Change, GHG Registries (formerly VCR Inc.)

# CANADIAN GHG REDUCTIONS REGISTRY<sup>®</sup> : RER VERIFICATION REPORT GUIDELINE

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## Overview

This document is designed to guide the preparation of a Verification Report required for registration of emission reductions/removals (RERs) in the [Canadian GHG Reductions Registry](#)<sup>®</sup> maintained by GHG Registries.

Registering emission reductions in the [Canadian GHG Reductions Registry](#)<sup>®</sup> is a four-step process:

1. Gathering Data and Project Document Preparation – \$200
2. Public Review of the Project – maximum \$1000
3. Serializing Verified Registered Emission Reductions (RERs) – \$0.05/tonne as received
4. Updating RER Information –fee included in serialization

This RER Verification Report Guideline applies to Step 3: Serializing Verified Registered Emission Reductions (RERs) and the preparation of a Verification Report.

# 1. Key Principles of Verification

## 1.1 Independence

If an independent third-party verifier is engaged, the organization must remain independent of the emissions reductions being verified. A third-party verification organization must have no conflict of interest or bias regarding the emission reduction project, the project proponent or potential end-user of the Registered Emission Reduction (RER). The only exception is for RERs which are immediately retired to the environment and not used against an obligation. These immediately retired emissions reductions may be verified by a party more closely associated with the emissions reduction project (first- or second-party verifiers).

## 1.2 Ethical Conduct

The verifying entity must demonstrate ethical conduct throughout the verification process. This includes ensuring confidential information is protected along with integrity of the verification process.

## 1.3 Fair Presentation

The verification report must truthfully reflect the accuracy of the verification process, including documenting differing professional opinions and obstacles encountered.

## 1.4 Due Professional Care

Use due diligence to ensure that you are qualified and capable of performing the necessary elements of the RER verification.

# 2. Verification Process

Please refer to the Registered Emission Reduction/Removal (RER) [Project Document Guideline](#) to ensure that all project document requirements are addressed.

## 2.1 Agreement with Proponent

A project proponent may select any verification entity that can fulfil the key principles listed above. Both parties should agree on the scope of the verification, including identifying the specific RER, project boundaries, level of assurance, verification criteria, and the objective of the verification process (to generate the RER). This agreement should also include the rights and responsibilities for documents created during the verification process.

## 2.2 Development of Verification Approach

A verifying entity must ensure that sufficient information is available to verify the RER. As well, the verification entity and project proponent must agree on the level of assurance the verification will target, the verification criteria, and the overall verification scope.

## 2.3 Assessment of GHG Information System

A verifying entity will review all aspects of how the RER GHG information is gathered, stored, and analyzed, documenting potential error sources.

## 2.4 Assessment of GHG Data

The verifier will examine the relevant project and RER data set accuracy.

## 2.5 Assessment Against Verification Criteria

Based on the agreed upon verification criteria, the verifier must determine whether the project meets the standard. When evaluating a material discrepancy, the verifier should take into account the intended end-user of the verified emission reductions and the requirements of the [\*Canadian GHG Reductions Registry\*](#)<sup>®</sup>.

## 2.6 Evaluation of the GHG Assertion

Does the verifier agree with the proponent's claimed RER? The verifier should determine if any discrepancies are material based on the verification approach (see section 2.2).

## 2.7 Verification Statement

The verifier will issue a statement regarding the verification, targeted at the users (the Canadian GHG Reductions Registry, project proponent and potential RER owner). This statement will include the scope, boundaries, and level of assurance. This verification statement will be accompanied by a statement from the project proponent agreeing to the facts of the verification statement.

## 2.8 Verification Records

The verifier must maintain records pertaining to the verification as per the verification agreement.