

iii. Registration

If the OE determines a project to be valid, it shall submit a request for registration to the EB. Registration will be considered complete 8 weeks after receipt of the request unless one of the Parties, or at least 3 members of the EB, request a review of the proposed CDM project. The EB will finalise their review no later than at the second meeting following the request.

1.2.2 Monitoring the Project

Before a CDM project can begin, the project participants are required to set up a monitoring plan for the regular assessment of emissions reductions (see text box above).

Once the project has begun its operational cycle, participants need to monitor GHG emissions reductions according to the monitoring plan contained in the Project Design Document. When the participants wish to undergo a verification by a designated OE (see following section), they will need to issue a monitoring report to them that is consistent with the registered monitoring plan.

The issuance of CERs will depend on the participant's adherence to the registered monitoring plan.

The Monitoring Plan

As part of the Project Design Document, participants must include a monitoring plan to explain how they intend to measure the GHG reductions. Such a monitoring plan must be based on methodologies previously approved by the EB and shall include provisions for:

- the collection of data for both estimating anthropogenic emissions caused by the project activities, and determining the baseline
- the collection of data and identification of potential sources of GHG emissions outside the project boundary
- procedures for the periodic calculation of emissions
- documentation of all steps involved

New methodologies can be proposed but they must be submitted to the EB for approval. If revisions to the monitoring plan are required to improve its accuracy, participants will justify their changes and submit them to a designated OE for validation.