

FORM

FORM - DEVIATION REQUEST SUBMISSION

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RELATED DOCUMENTS

– [Deviations Approval Requirements and Procedures](#)

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1| General Guidelines

1.1 | Applicability

- 1.1.1 | This form is to be completed for projects (project activities/PoAs/VPAs) seeking deviation or is/are at a risk of deviating from any [applicable requirements](#), GS4GG-specific requirements listed in the applicable [Methodologies](#) or any other deviations occurring in any of the various aspects of the project.
- 1.1.2 | Refer to the latest version of [Deviation Request Requirements and Procedures](#) for detailed information on the procedures and requirements.
- 1.1.3 | This form can be used in the following instances i.e.,
 - a. Deviation from GS4GG requirements and/or applicable methodologies prior to submission for certification with GS4GG.
 - b. Temporary changes to a certified project - which include changes from the registered monitoring plan, the applied methodologies or other standard documents - that are expected **not** to occur beyond a given monitoring period.
- 1.1.4 | For any permanent changes to a design certified project, the requirements set in [Design Change Approval Requirements and Procedures](#) shall be followed.

2| Submission of deviation form

- 2.1.1 | This form shall be submitted in Microsoft Word (.doc) format to Gold Standard at deviations@goldstandard.org
- 2.1.2 | Forms with incomplete/inaccurate information shall not be considered for review and shall be returned to the applicant.

3| Implementation of deviation decision

- 3.1.1 | The decision prescribed in this form shall be considered by the entity applying for deviation for further course of action.

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4| Decision summary

To be completed by Gold Standard

4.1 | General information

DEVIATION REFERENCE NUMBER	DEVREQ-342
Date of decision	15/04/2026
Decision	☒ Approved [No precondition to apply the deviation decision] ☐ Conditionally approved [Decision is subject to compliance with the precondition defined below] ☐ Not approved [reason for rejection is provided in decision summary]

4.2 | Decision

4.2.1 | Decision Summary

The deviation has been approved for the delayed submission of the annual report for the 2023-2024 verification period. The CME must submit the separate annual reports for year 2023 and 2024 for each of the VPAs to the Assurance Platform as soon as possible. The annual report for 2025 period must be submitted by 31/12/2026.

4.2.2 | Directions for the project developer/CME, if applicable

The CME shall establish and implement a process/procedure to ensure that Annual Reports are submitted annually, no later than the end of the year.

4.2.3 | Directions for the Validation and Verification Body (VVB), if applicable

The verifying VVB shall verify compliance with the requirement, as stipulated in the applicable version of Principles & Requirements and report its opinion in the report.

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

The review team shall check the information reported by the CME and the VVB for appropriateness, accuracy and consistency.

4.3 | Applicability to other activities

Is this decision applicable to other projects under similar circumstances? ¹	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ²	☐ Yes ☐ No
Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)	

¹ If this is marked yes, this means that any other project (PoA/VPA/PA) in similar situation may apply the decision of this deviation to their project as well. The project developer/VVB may quote this deviation decision in the relevant certification documents. This is relevant to only the projects which have already entered the certification cycle with GS4GG.

² If this is marked yes, it means the decision is valid to all the future projects which will enter the certification cycle with the similar situation. This is relevant to all the projects which are not yet design certified with GS4GG or have not submitted their documents for preliminary review yet.

5| Deviation Request Details

To be completed by the entity requesting deviation - (Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB)

5.1 | Submitted by

- ☐ Project developer
☒ CME
☐ VVB
☐ Other (specify...)

5.2 | Details of the entity and its representative submitting the form

Item	Information
Name ³ :	Nawa Raj Dhakal
Email ID ⁴ :	nawa.dhakal@aepec.gov.np
Organisation: ⁵ :	Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC)
Are you an authorized project participant as per the cover letter submitted for this activity?	☒ Yes ☐ No

5.3 | Background information

Type	☐ Project activity	☐ PoA GSXXXX	☒ VPA
GS ID	GSXXXX GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS3109; GS3113; GS3114; GS3116; GS3566; GS6393; GS6394; GS7508; GS7509; GS10739.
Host country(ies)	Nepal		
Project Title	Nepal Biogas Support Program-PoA		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1488 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1469 https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1489		

³ Name of the individual representing the entity requesting the deviation

⁴ Email ID for further correspondence related to the deviation request

⁵ The name of the entity requesting the deviation

<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1490>
<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1491>
<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1492>
<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1493>
<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1916>
<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1917>
<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/2728>

Scale

☐ Microscale (GS)
☒ Small scale
☐ Large scale
☐ Other, if applicable please specify below
Insert text here

Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	☐ Listed	☒ Certified design	☐ Certified project	☐ Other <i>If other, specify here</i>
	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<i>14/08/2015</i> <i>24/12/2018</i> <i>23/09/2019</i> <i>14/09/2020</i>	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>

Applied version of Standard	☐ GS4GG ☐ Previous version of Gold Standard			
	Version no.			
	☐ 1.0	☐ 1.1	☐ 1.2	☐ 2.2
Transition date, if applicable	From previous GS version to GS4GG		<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	
	From another standard to GS4GG		<i>03/11/2023</i>	
	Name of another standard		☒ CDM ☐ Other Name of the Standard – Insert text here	

Applicable activity requirement

☐ Renewable Energy Activity Requirements
☒ Community Services Activity Requirements
☐ Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements
☐ Other
Insert name here

5.4 | Project deviation history

Is there any deviation request(s) for the same project activity/PoA/VPA(s) that was submitted to GS previously? If yes, below information.	☐ Yes ☒ No
Reference number	Insert Text here

Status of the deviation	☐ Approved	☐ Rejected	☐ Under review
Were there any findings (CL, CAR, FAR) raised during any certification step (preliminary review, design and/or performance review etc.) that are relevant to this deviation request?	☐ Yes ☐ No Summary of the findings <i>Summary of the CL, CAR, FAR not more than 200 words. Include reference to document, page number</i>		

6| Deviation detail

To be completed by the entity requesting deviation (Project Developer/Coordinating and Managing Entity and/or VVB)

6.1 | Standard document reference

Standard document reference	Title	Gold Standard for the Global Goals – Principles and Requirements
	Version	V2.1
	Paragraph	5.1(d) Annual Reporting

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Delayed submission of Annual Report for Monitoring Period 01.01.2023– 31.12.2023, 01.01.2024– 31.12.2024, 01.01.2025– 31.12.2025,	
Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	☒ Temporary (e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)	☐ Permanent (e.g. deviation from requirements prior to submission for certification)
	Insert Text here (if required) to support the selection	
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	01/01/2023
	End date	31/12/2025
Summarise the changes	The Nepal Biogas Support Program PoA (CPA 1, CPA 2, CPA 3, CPA 4, CPA 5, CPA 8,) transitioned from CDM to Gold Standard on 08/11/2023 and 09/11/2023. Similarly, Nepal Biogas Support Program PoA (CPA 6, CPA 7, CPA 9 and CPA 10) transitioned from CDM to Gold Standard on 09/12/2023. During the ongoing verification process for the 2022 monitoring period for CPA 6 and CPA7, it was identified that the Annual Report in the Gold Standard template had not been submitted. This oversight occurred as the Annual Report submission is a new requirement under the Gold Standard framework, and AEPC was not previously familiar with the specific template and timing. Additionally, the transition from the SustainCert platform to the Gold Standard Assurance Platform caused minor delays in document processing and feedback receipt. The requested deviation seeks approval to submit the Annual Report for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 vintage, while confirming that all underlying monitoring data and third-party biogas user surveys have been conducted and are fully available.	

Reason for deviation	• First-time implementation of the Gold Standard Annual Report process for AEPC. • Administrative and platform-related delays during the transition from CDM to Gold Standard. • No impact on the integrity or quality of emission reductions data; verification can proceed using existing monitoring reports.						
Proposed resolution	AEPC commits to submitting all future Annual Reports on time, in accordance with Gold Standard requirements. For the 2023, 2024 and 2025 monitoring period, the Annual Report were uploaded in assurance platform in compliance to the deviation form approval by GS registry for CPA 6 and 7 on 26 th December 2025. This approach ensures compliance while maintaining the integrity of emission reduction data and allows verification to be finalized.						
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?	Select the relevant area: ☐ Project design ☐ Local stakeholder consultation ☐ Safeguarding principles ☐ SDG assessment ☐ Regulatory compliance ☐ Additionality ☐ Applicability of methodology ☐ Annual emission reduction volume <i>(if yes, fill the table below)</i> <table><thead><tr><th>Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th><th>Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>XYZ tCO₂e</td><td>XYZ tCO₂e</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></tbody></table> ☐ any other matrix, please specify...	Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation	Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation	XYZ tCO ₂ e	XYZ tCO ₂ e		
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Summary of the impact	The deviation only affects the timing of Annual Report submission for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 monitoring period. All monitoring data, surveys, and verification-relevant information remain accurate and complete.						
Insert text here							

6.3 | VVB information

Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required? <i>VVB opinion shall be included, where required by the requirements under Deviations Request Requirements and Procedures or request is submitted by the VVB.</i>	Yes ☐ No ☐ <i>If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.</i>
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6.4 | VVB's assessment

The below information is to be completed by VVB, if applicable.

VVB's assessment of deviation request	Please confirm the nature of deviation.	
VVB's assessment of impact of deviation request		
VVB recommendation		
VVB details	VVB name:	
	Auditor name(s):	
	Email (s):	

6.5 | Documents:

6.5.1 | List of documents provided (*note that once a decision has been made by Gold Standard, this deviation form will be made public on the Gold Standard website. Kindly refrain from including any confidential information in the form.*)

Document 1. Deviation Approval of CPA 6 and CPA 7

Document 2.

Document n.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

VERSION NUMBER	RELEASE DATE	DESCRIPTION
6.0	12.11.2024	Editorial and structural changes to the template
5.0	11.04.2022	Additional information added: - date of listing, design certification, transition - standard version - specific reference to a requirement deviated from - any previous deviations/design changes approved - Guidance on VVB opinion
4.0	14.01.2021	Editorial changes
3.0	16.07.2020	Editorial changes
2.0	03.05.2018	Editorial changes
1.0	01.07.2017	Initial adoption