

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-387
Date of decision	15/06/2026
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 request is approved.
 $Q_{pop,y}$ parameter with a conservative assumption of 3 litres/person/day is accepted for the period where reliable analogue meter readings were unavailable or inaccurate.

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

Full compliance with SDWS 23 must be restored once analogue meters are fully functional, and no later than 31/12/2024.

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

During verification, the VVB shall assess available monitored data from periods after restoration of meter functionality and confirm that the applied value of 3 liters/person/day remained conservative relative to observed water consumption levels. If comparable monitored data in year 2025 indicates materially lower consumption, the VVB shall require the lower value to be applied unless the project developer/CME provides adequate justification.

4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

The review team shall check the information reported by the project developer 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 :	Alexia Timmermans
Email ID ⁴ :	a.timmermans@southpole.com
Organisation: ⁵ :	South Pole (CO2logic)
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	GS6598	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX
Host country(ies)	Rwanda		
Project Title	Water for climate Rwanda		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/1531		
Scale	☐ Microscale (GS) ☐ Small scale ☒ Large scale ☐ Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i>		
Certification Status and corresponding date of latest status	☐ Listed dd/mm/yyyy	☐ Certified design dd/mm/yyyy	☒ Certified project 29/03/2019
			☐ Other <i>If other, specify here</i> dd/mm/yyyy

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

Applied version of Standard	☒ GS4GG			
	☐ Previous version of Gold Standard	Version no.		
		☐ 1.0	☐ 1.1	☐ 1.2
Transition date, if applicable	From previous GS version to GS4GG		dd/mm/yyyy	
	From another standard to GS4GG		dd/mm/yyyy	
	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 <i>Insert name here</i>			

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	Emission reductions from Safe Drinking Water Supply
	Version	V1.0
	Paragraph	SDWS 23

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Deviation to determine a conservative value for the supply of safe water	
	☒ Temporary	☐ Permanent

Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	(e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)		(e.g. deviation from requirements prior to submission for certification)		
	Only for the first period before the analogue meters are fully functional				
Relevant monitoring period, if applicable	Start date	01/03/2024			
	End date	31/12/2025			
Summarise the changes	Water Access Rwanda has been implementing analogue water meters in the project area to collect accurate water consumption readings. However, this approach has known some difficulties during implementation and it took more time than expected to have all these analogue readings functional. During the first months of this first monitoring period of the 2nd crediting period, no water consumption readings were collected. Between the start of this monitoring period until 31/12/2024, the water consumption readings aren't accurate. For that period, SDWS 23 cannot be met. The parameters concerned here are: • Qpop,y - Quantity of safe drinking water that could be consumed by project end-users in year y (L) • Qm,y - Monitored quantity of safe water provided by the project in year y (L) The lowest value of the two is included in the ER calculation as Qy. We request that Qpop,y is applied as default while the water consumption readings from the waterpoints are not accurate yet. This request is conservative as Qpop,y will always be a lower value than Qm,y. This is because only 4 litres of water per person per day can be claimed for the purposes of the project. As we have the census of the number of people per waterpoint, we would like to request to use that number multiplied by 3 litres/day/person to determine the water consumption per waterpoint per day as a conservative approach for the months for which the analogue flow meters were not yet functional. On average, there are 550 people per waterpoint, leading up to 1,650 litres per day provided per waterpoint. Literature supports 6,000 litres per day being provided by a handpump.⁶				
Reason for deviation	We are requesting this deviation since we had difficulties and delays during the implementation of new analogue water meters.				
Proposed resolution	Our proposition is to apply a conservative value of 3 l/day/person for the months where no accurate readings could be noted.				
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of	Select the relevant area: ☐ Project design				

⁶ <https://www.rural-water-supply.net/en/implementation/public-domain-handpumps/afridev>

deviation on other aspects of the project?	☐ 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>)						
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	☐ any other matrix, please specify...						
Summary of the impact	<u>Safeguarding principles assessment</u> The volume of water consumed per person per day for drinking water will either apply the default value of 4 litres or be capped at 5.5 litres. As stated above, applying Q _{pop,y} over Q _{m,y} is conservative. <u>Emission reduction volumes</u> The deviation will have a conservative effect on ERs as 3 l/pp/day is more conservative than the default value Q _{pop,y} .						
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.

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