

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-399
Date of decision	20/04/2026
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 request is approved for using default value for the parameter QPWp in absence of a water consumption field test given that the default value is more conservative than the previous monitoring survey result and being an eligible option from the applied methodology.

The CME shall note that the decision is based on the information provided in the deviation request form and only against the applicable standard requirement quoted in the form below by the CME.

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

The CME shall comply with all other applicable standard requirements until unless specifically mentioned in the deviation decision. The CME shall document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the Monitoring report.

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

The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at disposal, evaluate that the project's compliance with the above-mentioned conditions and provide VVB opinion in the verification 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)	
NA	

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 :	Abhishek Goyal
Email ID ⁴ :	Abhishek.goyal@agscarbon.com
Organisation: ⁵ :	AGS Carbon Advisory
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 11638	GS11639 (VPA-1), GS11640 (VPA-2), GS11861 (VPA-3), GS12050 (VPA-4), GS12052 (VPA-5), GS12308 (VPA-6), GS12801 (VPA-14), GS13120 (VPA-15), GS23223 (VPA-16), GS23225 (VPA-17)
Host country(ies)	Uganda and Rwanda		
Project Title	GS11638 VPA-1 SPOUTS Water Purifier Programme in Africa- WPS in Rwanda- VPA 1 GS11638 VPA-2 SPOUTS Water Purifier Programme in Africa- WPS in Uganda by TASC- VPA 2		

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

GS11638 GS11640 RVPA-1 SPOUTS Water Purifier Programme in Africa- WPS in Uganda by TASC- VPA 3

GS11638 GS11640 RVPA-2 SPOUTS Water Purifier Programme in Africa- WPS in Uganda by AERA- VPA 4

GS11638 GS11640 RVPA-3 SPOUTS Water Purifier Programme in Africa- WPS in Uganda by AERA- VPA 5

GS11638 GS11639 RVPA-1 SPOUTS Water Purifier Programme in Africa- WPS in Rwanda-VPA 6

GS11638 GS11640 RVPA-4 SPOUTS Water Purifier Programme in Africa- WPS in Uganda by AERA- VPA 14

GS11638 GS11640 RVPA-5 SPOUTS Water Purifier Programme in Africa- WPS in Uganda by AERA- VPA 15

GS11638 GS11640 RVPA-6 SPOUTS Water Purifier Programme in Africa- WPS in Uganda by AERA- VPA 16

GS11638 GS11640 RVPA-7 SPOUTS Water Purifier Programme in Africa- WPS in Uganda by AERA- VPA 17

Registry link

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<https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4984>

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>GS23223:</i> <i>03/04/2025</i> <i>GS23225:</i> <i>03/04/2025</i>	<i>GS11639:</i> <i>3/01/2023</i> <i>GS11640:</i> <i>3/01/2023</i> <i>GS11861:</i> <i>01/06/2023</i> <i>GS12801:</i> <i>07/06/2024</i>	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>

		<i>GS13120:</i> <i>26/11/2024</i> <i>GS12308:</i> <i>07/09/2023</i> <i>GS12050:</i> <i>01/04/2024</i> <i>GS12052:</i> <i>01/04/2024</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>dd/mm/yyyy</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 <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	DEVQR-153	
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	Principles & Requirements
	Version	Version 2.1
	Paragraph	Paragraph 4.1.44 (c)

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Switching to default value instead of field test for quantifying one of the ex-post parameters	
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	<i>GS11639: 01/07/2025</i> <i>GS11640: 01/05/2025</i> <i>GS11861: 01/05/2025</i> <i>GS12801: 01/05/2025</i> <i>GS13120: 01/05/2025</i> <i>GS12308: 01/07/2025</i> <i>GS12050: 01/05/2025</i> <i>GS12052: 01/05/2025</i> <i>GS23223: 03/02/2025</i> <i>GS23225: 16/04/2025</i>
	End date	<i>GS11639: 31/12/2025</i> <i>GS11640: 31/12/2025</i> <i>GS11861: 31/12/2025</i> <i>GS12801: 31/12/2025</i> <i>GS13120: 31/12/2025</i> <i>GS12308: 31/12/2025</i> <i>GS12050: 31/12/2025</i> <i>GS12052: 31/12/2025</i> <i>GS23223: 31/12/2025</i> <i>GS23225: 31/12/2025</i>
Summarise the changes	The inability to conduct water consumption field test (WCFT) can be attributed to lack of availability of sufficient funds for an organization in early years of expansion but will make all efforts in due course to align the VPA-DD with the latest requirements as per revised PA Aligned methodology. Therefore, here CME is seeking deviation to apply the default value for the parameter QPWP in absence of a Water Consumption field test for the Monitoring period (MP) mentioned above.	

	Moreover, the currently chosen alternatives result in conservative Emission Reductions only.
Reason for deviation	Between 2022- 2025, SPOUTS International has implemented 10 VPAs which involve distribution of 'Purifaaya Regular' water filter technology to the underserved communities in western Uganda and Rwanda. These communities were earlier dependent on conventional stoves for boiling water/were directly drinking contaminated water without any kind of treatment. The aforementioned VPAs are now undergoing monitoring activities for which this deviation is being sought from GS4GG: For the previous monitoring periods (2022 to mid-2024), SPOUTS International had conducted water consumption field test which had yielded a value of more than the default value of 4 litres/person/day. For the last monitoring period (mid-2024 to early 2025) CME had applied for Deviation to use the default values for QPW_p due to lack of funds. The deviation was approved by Gold Standard. The situation of lack of funds is still continuing across the VPAs listed in this deviation request for the current monitoring period ending 31/12/2025. Further, with the adoption of PA Alignment Guidelines CME would have to already go for Design Change and the change with respect to the monitoring of the parameter, Water consumption on field, would be revised in the VPA-DD to align with existing circumstances. Therefore, to avoid submitting multiple Design Change requests and adding financial burden on the Project Developer (consultancy cost and VVB cost) CME is seeking the temporary deviation for this Monitoring period only and a permanent change shall be reflected in next monitoring during the PA Alignment process. Therefore, here CME is seeking deviation to apply the default value for the parameter QPW_p in absence of a Water Consumption field test for the current Monitoring period.
Proposed resolution	For the parameter 'QPW_p' the project developer will resort to applying option-1 (default value approach) as per the methodology for estimating the 'volume of drinking per person per day for premise type p'. The ex-post parameter impacted due to the deviation is as follows: Parameter Description QPW_p (SDWS-24) Volume of drinking water per person per day for premise type p The project developer will apply option-1 (default value approach) for estimating the 'volume of drinking per person per day for premise type p'. The WCFT carried out under the previous MP indicated a water consumption of more than the default value, therefore, the default value of '4 litres/person/day' is a demonstrably conservative value for estimating the parameter 'QPW_p'.
Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other	Select the relevant area: ☐ Project design ☐ Local stakeholder consultation ☐ Safeguarding principles ☐ SDG assessment

aspects of the project?	☐ 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	As demonstrated above, the switch from option-2 (WCFT) to option-1 (default values) for estimating the parameter 'QPWp' will lead to ~10% decline in overall ERs achieved due to the project.						
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