

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_69
Date of decision	30/01/2025
Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved [No precondition to apply the deviation decision] <input type="checkbox"/> Conditionally approved [Decision is subject to compliance with the precondition defined below] <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved [reason for rejection is provided in decision summary]

4.2 | Decision

4.2.1 | Decision Summary

The applied deviation request is approved for the monitoring period of 13/10/2023 - 31/12/2024. However, the project developer shall:

- Ensure and demonstrate that GHG emission reductions will not be overestimated as a result of the deviation. Where required, the PD shall apply conservative assumptions and/or discount factors to the calculations to the extent required to ensure conservativeness.
- Document the deviation request, its implications, and GS' decision in the appropriate section of the GS Monitoring Report (for the relevant MP).

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

Please see above.

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

The verifying VVB shall, through appropriate means at its disposal, evaluate the Project's compliance with the above two conditions and provides its opinion in the Verification Report.

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4.2.4 | Directions for the Gold Standard, if applicable

N/A

4.3 | Applicability to other activities

Is this decision applicable to other projects under similar circumstances? ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does this decision set a precedent for future projects with similar circumstances? ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Precedent details (if applicable to other activities)	
N/A	

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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

5.3 | Background information

Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Project activity	<input type="checkbox"/> PoA GSXXXX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VPA
GS ID	GSXXXX GSXXXX	GS XXXX GS XXXX	GS 12308
Host country(ies)	Republic of Rwanda		
Project Title	GS11638 GS11639 RVPA-1 SPOUTS Water Purifier Programme in Africa- WPS in Rwanda VPA 6		
Registry link	https://registry.goldstandard.org/projects/details/4207		
Scale	<input type="checkbox"/> Microscale (GS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale <input type="checkbox"/> Large scale <input type="checkbox"/> Other, if applicable please specify below <i>Insert text here</i>		
Certification Status and corresponding	<input type="checkbox"/> Listed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified design	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified project <input type="checkbox"/> Other

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

date of latest status				<i>If other, specify here</i>
	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	06/12/2024	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>	<i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>
Applied version of Standard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GS4GG <input type="checkbox"/> Previous version of Gold Standard			
	Version no.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.2	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> CDM <input type="checkbox"/> Other Name of the Standard – Insert text here		
Applicable activity requirement	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Activity Requirements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Services Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Land-use and Forests Activity Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> 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.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Reference number	Insert Text here		
Status of the deviation	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 and Requirements
	Version	V2.0
	Paragraph	para 4.1.44 (b)

6.2 | Description of the deviation

Title	Extension of monitoring frequency from Annual to 14 months	
Confirm the nature of changes related to deviation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary (e.g. not expected to occur beyond one monitoring period)	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	13/10/2023
	End date	31/12/2024
Summarise the changes	<p>The purpose of the VPA is to disseminate Household Water Treatment (HWT) technologies in domestic households and communities of Rwanda. They are distributed to households which were earlier using wood and/or charcoal on rudimentary stoves for boiling water or were consuming untreated water. The project makes the end-users energy efficient and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions otherwise resulting from the burning of non-renewable woody biomass and/or charcoal for boiling unsafe water to make it safe for consumption.</p> <p>The frequency of monitoring and reporting for most of the parameters is annual as per the registered monitoring plan in the design certified VPA DD. However, the VPA Implementer, SPOUTS was unable to comply with the annual monitoring frequency due to unavailability of funds dedicated for the monitoring activities. CME seeks a deviation to carry out the monitoring activities for a period of 14 months instead of Annual monitoring. CME is considering the first Monitoring period from 13th October 2023 till 31st December 2024 and shall carry out the Monitoring activities before 31st January 2025.</p> <p>The requested deviation will not have any impact on the accuracy and completeness of the surveys as the data to be monitored, the sample size, and all the other elements of the monitoring plan like survey methods shall remain the same as per the details mentioned in the Design Certified VPA-DD.</p>	
Reason for deviation	Due to the lack of funds designated for monitoring activities, the compliance of annual monitoring was not fulfilled.	
Proposed resolution	<p>The requested deviation would delay the timeline of the monitoring activities for first Annual monitoring by 3 months.</p> <p>All the monitoring activities Usage and project surveys, water quality tests (Mq,y), water hygiene survey, WCFT shall be conducted before end of January 2025. Further, the VPA Implementer shall ensure that there is sufficient gap between the annual hygiene campaign and the annual usage survey.</p> <p>The ex-post parameters pertaining to the proposed deviation are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xclean,boil,y: Proportion of project end-users that boil safe (treated, or from safe supply) water after installation of project technology in year y. Mq,y: Ongoing water quality indicated as the fraction of the samples that pass microbial quality standard requirements 	

	<p>specified in relevant microbial quality standard for drinking water of the host country. In case a national standard is not available, the water quality shall comply with WHO Guideline values for verification of microbial quality i.e., all water directly intended for drinking must not have detectable E.Coli in any 100 ml sample i.e., less than 1 Colony Forming Unit (CFU) of E.Coli /100 ml</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up,y Usage rate of the project technology by premises type p during year y • tp,y Usage time of the project technology by premises type p in year y • HNp,y Number of individuals per premises type p in the project boundary in year y. <p>The following value of SDG parameters (Annual frequency as per registered VPA-DD) won't be affected from the proposed deviation as it will yield conservative result:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDG 3: Decrease in number of family members visiting the medical facilities for pollution-related inconveniences like itchy eyes and breathing problems and water borne diseases • SDG 5: Average time saving associated with boiling and fuel collection <p>The sampling methodology and monitoring procedures shall be in line with the registered sampling plan in the VPA DD.</p>				
<p>Is there any potential temporary or permanent impact of deviation on other aspects of the project?</p>	<p>Select the relevant area:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project design</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Local stakeholder consultation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding principles</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SDG assessment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory compliance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additionality</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicability of methodology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annual emission reduction volume <i>(if yes, fill the table below)</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="472 1512 1439 1668"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="472 1512 949 1630">Annual emission reduction/removal before applying deviation</th><th data-bbox="949 1512 1439 1630">Annual emission reduction/removal after applying deviation</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="472 1630 949 1668">XYZ tCO₂e</td><td data-bbox="949 1630 1439 1668">XYZ tCO₂e</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any other matrix, please specify...</p>	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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<p>Summary of the impact</p>	<p><u>Impact on project design</u></p> <p>The proposed deviation does not involve any change in the Project Design so there will be no impact on Project Design.</p> <p><u>Impact on Safeguarding Principles Assessment</u></p> <p>The implementation of the project activity will remain unchanged during the crediting period, and, also the social, economic, and environmental</p>				

	<p>impacts are not influenced. Thus, the proposed deviation shall not have any impact on the Safeguarding Principles.</p> <p><u>Impact on emissions reductions and SDG assessment</u></p> <p>The proposed deviation will have no impact on the quantity of ERs or on the quantity of the SDG impacts. Since the project and Usage surveys and water quality tests are carried out after 14 months of start of project activity, the distributed filters will age and the delay in monitoring is expected to result in lesser filters/HHs confirming to the successful project and usage survey and water test results criteria, which will result into conservative Emission Reductions. Additionally, the monitoring frequency for WCFTs is biennial which is being complied with. Therefore, the proposed delay in monitoring activities will not exacerbate any existing overestimation of emission reductions and will not negatively affect the positive outcomes already achieved by the project.</p> <p><u>Monitoring frequency</u></p> <p>The deviation is sought to adjust for delay in the monitoring frequency. As per the registered project's monitoring plan, the monitoring frequency is Annual. The project shall carry out 14 months monitoring instead of Annual monitoring. This is unlikely to have any impact or risk on overestimation of the quantity of ERs or other SDG impacts.</p> <p><u>Data quality and/or potential risks</u></p> <p>Except for the timing, the monitoring activities will be carried out in line with the applied methodology. The quality of the data will have thus the same attention and accuracy (for example, field staff training, sample size, and statistical analysis, etc.). Hence, the proposed deviation will have no impact on the quality of data and there will be no risk in performing the project and usage surveys.</p>
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6.3 | VVB information

<p>Is a VVB opinion on the deviation request required?</p> <p><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></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>If answer is yes, fill the information in section 6.4 below.</i></p>
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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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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