

Determining if a Reporting Operation qualifies for Delayed Verification

Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Regulation

Overview

This bulletin provides information on how to determine if a reporting operation qualifies for delayed verification. Delayed verification refers to a reporting operation submitting verification statements for each of two consecutive reporting periods by the date the verification statement for the second reporting period is due.

Delayed verification, under section 28 (3) of the [Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Regulation](#) (the Regulation), is only available to reporting operations that meet both of the following criteria:

1. The verification statements for the operation that were submitted for the two consecutive reporting periods prior to a reporting period for which the operator wants to delay verification must have been positive and without qualifications. The operator can continue to use delayed verification – submitting verification statements for each reporting period at two years intervals – so long as their verification statements continue to be positive and without qualifications.
2. There are no significant physical changes to the equipment, fixtures and other elements of the operation's facilities or significant changes to the processes or activities used within the reporting operation.

Operators of reporting operations choosing to delay verification must, in place of a verification statement for the reporting period for which they are delaying verification, attach a notice of delayed verification to the emission report submitted via the Single Window Reporting System.

On determining significance

The following changes should be considered significant:

For Single Facility Operations:

- New processes or activities carried out at the facility;
- Additions to the machinery, equipment, fixtures or other parts of the facility if the following is true compared to the previous year's emission report:
 - Change in production capacity is greater than 5%;
- Replacement of machinery, equipment, fixtures or other parts of the facility, if any of the following is true compared to the previous year's emission report:
 - Change in production capacity is greater than 5%;
 - Increase in emissions intensity of production is greater than 5%.

For Linear Facilities Operations:

- New processes or activities if any of the following is true compared to the linear facilities operation's previous year's emission report:
 - Change in total production capacity is greater than 5%;
 - Increase in emissions intensity of production is greater than 5%.
- Any additions or replacement of machinery, equipment, fixtures or other parts of the facility, if any of the following is true compared to the linear facilities operation's previous year's emission report:
 - Change in production capacity is greater than 5%;
 - Increase in emissions intensity of production is greater than 5%.

The production capacity must be calculated based on the equipment specifications as rated by the manufacturer or relevant expert if manufacturer information is unavailable or inappropriate.

Emission intensity of production must be calculated as the total emissions divided by the production for the same time period.

Content of notice of delayed verification

A notice of delayed verification must include the following:

- The company's legal name;
- The legal name of operator and head office mailing address. (If an operator is an extraprovincial company with a head office outside British Columbia, provide the mailing address for the attorney.);
- The name, title, position and email of the person primarily responsible for submitting the emission report; and,
- A statement signed and dated by the operation representative certifying that the conditions of section 28 (3) of the Regulation have been met.

Regulation is determinative

The above is not legal advice and is provided as an aid in understanding section 28(3) of the Regulation and to provide the Province's position as to what constitutes a significant change for the purposes of section 28(3). Operators are responsible for reviewing the Regulation to ensure compliance with it.