

Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act Bulletin 011

Sunsetting of the delayed verification provision, section 28(3)

Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Regulation

Overview

This bulletin provides information on a recent amendment (OIC#658) to the Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Regulation ('the Regulation' or 'GGERR').

Section 28(3), which allowed two consecutive reporting periods to be verified at the same time (delayed verification), has been amended as described below. Separately, the allowance for virtual site visits has been included in section 30(4). See Bulletin 10 for details on virtual site visits.

Reporting operations, regulated operations, verification bodies and accreditation bodies should ensure they understand the new requirements and provide notice of concerns or issues to the attention of the Compliance Unit for Industrial Reporting and Control at GHGRegulator@gov.bc.ca.

Delayed verification

Section 28(3) of the Regulation allowed operators to provide verification statements for two consecutive reporting periods on the date the emission report for the second reporting period is due if:

- the previous two verification statements were submitted by the deadline and without qualifications;
- there have been no significant changes to processes or activities carried out at a facility that is all or part of the operation;
- there have been no significant physical changes to a facility that is all or part of the operation; and,
- a notice of delayed verification certifying the conditions of s. 28(3) of the GGERR have been met was signed by the Operation Representative and submitted by the deadline.

To support the effective administration of the *Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act* and associated programs, and based on feedback received during consultation related to the temporary ability to allow for virtual site visits for the 2019 reporting period, it has been determined that delayed verification of emission reports will no longer be allowed for the 2020 reporting period or going forward.

For clarity, all emission reports respecting the 2020 reporting period that are required to be verified must be submitted with a verification statement.

Timing and site visit requirements for delayed verification in relation to the 2019 reporting period

If a reporting operation delayed submission of a verification statement for the 2019 reporting period in accordance with s. 28(3) of the Regulation, they must submit verification statements for both the 2019 and 2020 reporting periods by May 31, 2021.

In accordance with s. 30(6)(d) of the Regulation, the Director under GGIRCA has considered it necessary that all applicable site visits in relation to a reporting operation that delayed submission of a verification statement for the 2019 reporting period in accordance with s. 28(3) of the Regulation must be conducted in person.

A reporting operation that delayed verification for the 2019 reporting period and is required to conduct a site visit in person for the 2020 reporting period may be eligible for an extension in accordance with Bulletin 12.

Regulation is Determinative

The above is not legal advice and is provided as an aid in understanding the Regulation. Operators are responsible for reviewing the Regulation to ensure compliance with it.