

Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act Bulletin 013

Notice: This Bulletin contains information that is no longer applicable which has since been revised. Please refer to “GGIRCA Bulletin 014 - Update: Transition to new versions of standards, requirements for validation and verification bodies (ISO 14064-3:2019 and ISO 14065:2020)” for up to date information.

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Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Regulation (GGERR)

Overview

This bulletin provides clarity on requirements in the Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Regulation (‘the Regulation’ or ‘GGERR’) for validation and verification bodies (VVBs) to transition to new versions of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards. This guidance also applies to Western Climate Initiative (WCI), Canadian Standards Association (CSA) standards and International Accreditation Forum (IAF) MD4 as referenced in the GGERR, if these standards are replaced with new versions.

Reporting operations, regulated operations, verification bodies and accreditation bodies should ensure they understand the 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.

Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Regulation Requirements

The Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Regulation (GGERR) specifies requirements for transitioning to new standards. Section 2 of the GGERR states that, unless otherwise indicated in the regulation, amendments to ISO, WCI or Canadian Standards Association standards, or to IAF MD4, that are incorporated by reference in the regulation, apply to the reporting period and compliance period immediately following the reporting period or compliance period in which the amendment is made.

New versions of ISO standards for verification and validation of emission reports

ISO has recently released new versions of two standards that are incorporated by reference in the GGERR. See details in the table below.

Old Standard	Replacement	Reporting Period Required by GGERR
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ISO 14064-3:2006, <i>Part 3: Specification with guidance for the validation and verification of greenhouse gas assertions</i>	<u>ISO 14064-3:2019, Part 3: Specification with guidance for the verification of GHG statements.</u>	2020 (submitted 2021)
ISO 14065:2013, <i>Greenhouse gases – Requirements for greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies for use in accreditation or other forms of recognition</i>	<u>ISO 14065:2020 General principles and requirements for bodies validating and verifying environmental information.</u>	2021 (submitted 2022)

These new standards contain significant changes, and validation and verification bodies should expect adjustments to their procedures and reporting. A summary of what has changed is available through ISO at these links, [14064-3:2019](#) and [14053:2020](#).

Verification bodies should follow any guidance from their accreditation bodies on how to make this transition on the timeline specified in the GGERR.

Transition requirements for offset projects

Requirements for carbon offset projects, including project plans and project reports, are specified in the Greenhouse Gas Emission Control Regulation (GGECR). Offset projects are not subject to the transition requirements specified in the GGERR for emission reports, described above. For the purpose of conducting verifications or validations of accepted offset projects in B.C., validation and verification bodies must to follow the guidance provided by their accreditation bodies on timelines for transition.

Current guidance is available at these links for [ANAB](#) and [SCC](#). Note that these organizations may update their guidance at any time.

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.