

## ***Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act Bulletin 014***

Notice: This Bulletin contains information that is no longer applicable. Please refer to “GGIRCA Bulletin 021 - 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.

### **Transition to new versions of standards, requirements for validation and verification bodies (ISO 14064-3:2019 and ISO 14065:2020)**

*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 clarifies and replaces the guidance previously set out in Bulletin 013 on this matter.

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](mailto:GHGRegulator@gov.bc.ca).

#### **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.

<b>Old Standard</b>	<b>Replacement</b>
ISO 14064-3:2006, <i>Part 3: Specification with guidance for the validation and verification of greenhouse gas assertions</i>	<a href="#"><u>ISO 14064-3:2019, Part 3: Specification with guidance for the verification of GHG statements.</u></a>
ISO 14065:2013, <i>Greenhouse gases – Requirements for greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies for use in accreditation or other forms of recognition</i>	<a href="#"><u>ISO 14065:2020 General principles and requirements for bodies validating and verifying environmental information.</u></a>

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 [14065:2020](#).

## **Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Regulation (GGERR) Requirements for the 2020 Reporting Period**

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.*

The Ministry considers that an amendment to an ISO standard is made applicable under the GGERR when the verification body's process for accreditation to the new standard is complete. This means that once a verification body has been accredited by their accreditation body to use a new standard, any subsequent verification of an emission reports under the GGERR must conform to that standard.

For 2020 reporting period emission reports, due on May 31, 2021, verification bodies must use the version of ISO 14064-3 they are currently accredited for.

Verification bodies must work with their accreditation body to ensure that relevant assessments for the transition are completed within the timelines set out by their accreditation body.

### **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 (GGEER). For the purpose of conducting verifications or validations of accepted offset projects in B.C., validation and verification bodies must follow the timelines for transition set out in guidance provided by their accreditation bodies.

### **Guidance from accreditation bodies**

Current guidance on transitioning to ISO 14064-3:2019 and ISO 14065:2020 is available at these links for [ANSI National Accreditation Board \(ANAB\)](#) and [Standards Council of Canada \(SCC\)](#). Note that these organizations may update or change this 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.