

Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act Bulletin 021

Update: 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 information on amendments (OIC#702) that clarify requirements in the Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Regulation ('the Regulation' or 'GGERR') for validation and verification bodies (VBs) 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 and Bulletin 014 on this matter.

Reporting operations, regulated operations, verification bodies and accreditation bodies (ABs) 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.

New versions of ISO standards for verification of emission reports

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

Old Standard	Replacement
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>
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>

These new standards contain significant changes, and validation and verification bodies should expect adjustments to their procedures and reporting.

Transition to new ISO standards

The GGERR has been amended to clarify that verification bodies may transition to the new standards by the deadline set by their accreditation bodies. Despite section 2 of the GGERR, for the purpose of section 26 [*accreditation requirements*] and 30 [*verification process*] of the GGERR, a verification body is

not required to be accredited in accordance with amendments to ISO 14065 or 14064-3 until required to do so by an accreditation body.

Additionally, terminology in the GGERR reflected language used in past standards and has been updated to reflect language used in ISO 14064-3:2019 and ISO 14065:2020. Specifically, instances of “sampling plan” have been updated to “evidence-gathering plan”.

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.

To view Order in Council No. 702, visit the [BC Laws website](#).