

**Policy Statement with Respect to Applications for Letters of Approval to the UK Designated National Authority under Clean Development Mechanism Methodology ACM0013**

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Under the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) and National Emissions Inventory Regulations 2005 (2005 Regulations), the Environment Agency is responsible for determining applications for the approval of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project activities. This function has been delegated to the Environment Agency by the Secretary of State, but the Secretary of State retains discretion to require the Environment Agency to refer an application to the Secretary of State for determination.

In light of concerns regarding the robustness of [CDM methodology ACM0013](#), the Secretary of State has adopted the following policy.

In respect of applications for the approval of CDM project activities made under regulation 5 of the 2005 Regulations, which are submitted to the Environment Agency on or after 2 September 2013, the Environment Agency and the Secretary of State will no longer issue letters of approval for those project activities applying under methodology ACM0013.

This policy does not apply to applications submitted to the Environment Agency before 2 September 2013. In addition, it does not affect project activities that have already been approved under methodology ACM0013.

This policy will be reviewed if revisions are made to methodology ACM0013.