

VOLUNTARY GREENHOUSE GAS REPORTING WORKSHOPS

Workshop Agenda Chicago (5-6), San Francisco (9-10), Houston (12-13) December 2002

DAY 1

- 8:30-8:45** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 8:45-9:00** **Workshop Objectives and Background.** President's charge; July 2002 recommendations; related Federal efforts; process for completion.
- 9:00-9:30** **Overview of Existing Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Reporting (1605b) Program**
- 9:30-10:00** **Agenda and Workshop Program**
- 10:00-12:00** **Session I. Emission Reporting: Improving Accuracy, Reliability, and Verifiability.** Plenary session. Discuss options to improve emissions reporting accuracy, reliability, and verifiability. Crosscutting issues: rigor v. practicality, relationship to other reporting programs and protocols, confidentiality, verifiability, comparability. Main topics for discussion:
- 1) Organizational and geographic boundaries
 - a. Entities and entity-wide reporting
 - b. Corporate boundaries
 - c. Institutional / Governmental boundaries
 - d. U.S. v. non-U.S. emissions
 - 2) Operational boundaries and related issues
 - a. Treatment of direct and indirect emissions
 - b. Gases and sources covered
 - c. Exceptions?
 - 3) Measurement and accounting methods
 - a. Initial reporting year(s)
 - b. Emissions measurement / estimation methods
 - c. Emission / conversion factors
- 12:00-1:00** **Lunch**

1:00-3:00 **Session IIa. Emission Reductions and Sequestration: Characterizing and Measuring.** Plenary session. Starting point: accurate, reliable, verifiable. Discuss options for defining and measuring credible reductions. Topics:

- 1) Characteristics of credible reductions
 - a. Purpose of identifying emission reductions
 - b. Who receives recognition or credit
 - c. Absolute changes or output adjusted
 - d. Other causation issues (e.g., weather, technology, voluntary programs / commitments, regulations)
 - e. Entity-wide, sub-entity or project-specifics
 - f. Avoided emissions

- 2) Calculation methods
 - a. Absolute emission reductions
 - b. Emissions intensity baselines
 - c. Projects
 - d. Base years
 - e. Multiyear reporting / averaging

3:00-5:00 **Session IIb. Emission Reductions and Sequestration.** Facilitated breakout sessions. Discuss topics from Session IIa. Four groups:

- 1) Electricity generation (including grid-connected renewable generation)
- 2) Industrial and other large sources,
- 3) Small distributed sources (residential / commercial buildings, transportation and end-use renewables), and
- 4) Agriculture and forestry sequestration (including ethanol production)

5:00 **Adjourn**

DAY 2

8:30-8:45 **Opening Comments and Agenda for Day 2**

8:45-10:30 **Session IIc. Emission Reductions: Reports from Breakout Sessions and Discussion.** Plenary session.

10:30-12:00 **Session III. Verifying Emissions and Reductions.** Plenary session. Options for verifying emissions and emission reduction reports. Topics:

- 1) Types and frequency of verification
- 2) Maintenance of records
- 3) Approving / certifying verifiers

12:00-1:00 **Lunch**

1:00-3:00 **Session IV. Managing the 1605(b) Registry.** Plenary session. Topics:

- 1) Certifying reports and reductions
- 2) Public v. confidential data
- 3) Prior year reports
- 4) Not penalizing under future climate policy / transferable credits

3:00-3:30 **Wrap up and Next Steps**

3:30 **Workshop Adjourns**