

Background information for coal mine waste gas method: 2021 variation

A crediting period extension review was completed in May 2021. The Committee received 3 submissions during targeted stakeholder consultation in December 2020 and January 2021. The Committee found sufficient evidence to demonstrate that an extension would continue to result in additional abatement and recommended a 5-year extension of the crediting period for new and existing projects.

The variation proposes new provisions to facilitate the transition of electricity generation projects that were previously generating large-scale generation certificates under the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000* until the eligibility expired on 31 December 2020. The Committee considered stakeholder submissions and concluded based on the evidence that abatement generated by the projects would be additional. The transitioning projects will be eligible for a 5-year crediting period.

The variation includes an amendment to the emissions intensity factor used to calculate project emissions and abatement for electricity production and displacement projects. The amendment changes the emissions factor to the value that is current at the time of reporting. This change helps ensure that abatement credited under the method is conservative given the emissions intensity of the electricity grid is expected to continue to decline overtime.

The variation clarifies the length of time a parameter can be estimated during a non-reporting period to ensure that the duration is minimised as far as practicable.