Summary of WRI Work on GHG Accounting for Renewables

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Overview

- The GHG Protocol
- GHG Protocol Project Quantification Standard
 Draft Electricity Sector Guidelines
- Pocantico Workshop on Green Power Accounting Methods
- Current Electricity Sector Work



GHG Protocol Initiative

- Convened in 1998 by WBCSD & WRI
- Mission: to develop international GHG accounting & reporting standards for business through an inclusive & transparent multistakeholder process
- Two modules: *corporate inventories* & *GHG projects*



Adoption of GHG Protocol corporate standard

Voluntary Climate Initiatives

- U.S. EPA Climate Leaders Program
- WWF Climate Savers Program
- Respect Europe Business Leaders Initiative for Climate Change (BLICC)
- USAID Greenhouse Gas Pollution Prevention Program

GHG Registries

- California Climate Action Registry
- Wisconsin GHG registry
- WEF Global Registry

Reporting Initiatives

- Global Reporting Initiative
- CERES Sustainable Governance Initiative
- French REGES Protocol

Industry Initiatives

- WBCSD Cement Protocol
- International Forum of Forest and Paper Associations
- International Aluminium Association
- International Iron and Steel Institute
- International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association
- NZ Business Council for Sustainable Development
- European, Japanese, Canadian, and Australian
 Cement Industry Associations

Trading Schemes

- EU Emissions Trading Scheme
- UK Emissions Trading Scheme
- Chicago Climate Exchange





Businesses using GHG Protocol Corporate Standard

Automobile Manufacturers

Ford Motor Company, USA Volkswagen, Germany

Cement

Cemex, Mexico Cimpor, Brazil Heidelberger Cement, Germany Holcim, USA (and worldwide

Holcim facilities) Italcementi, Italy Lafarge, France and North America RMC, UK St. Lawrence Cement Inc., Canada Siam Cement, Thailand Taiheiyo, Japan Votorantim, Brazil

Consumer Goods Manufacturers

Bank of America Body Shop, UK Cargill, USA Eastman Kodak, USA Fetzer Vineyards, USA

IBM, USA

IKEA International. Sweden Johnson & Johnson, USA Miller Brewing Company, USA Nike, USA Norm Thompson Outfitters, USA Pfizer Inc., USA Raytheon, USA SC Johnson, USA Sonv Electronics, Japan Starbucks Coffee, USA Staples Inc., USA Sun Microsystems Target Corporation, USA Unilever HPC, USA United Technologies Corporation, USA

Energy Services

Birka Energi, Sweden Cinergy, USA Edison Mission Energy, USA ENDESA, Spain Exelon Corporation, USA FPL Group, Inc., USA General Electric, USA Green Mountain Energy, USA Kansai Electric Power, Japan Mirant, USA N.V. Nuon Renewable Energy, Netherlands PSEG, USA Seattle City Light, USA Tokyo Gas, Japan Wisconsin Electric, USA We Energies, USA

Oil and Gas

BP, USA Norsk Hydro, Norway Shell Canada, Canada Suncor, USA

Industrial Manufacturers/ Mining

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. Alcan Aluminum Corporation, USA Alcoa, USA Ball Corporation, USA Baltimore Aircoil, USA Baxter International, USA Bethlehem Steel Corporation, USA CODELCO, Chile DuPont, Inc. Interface, Inc., USA International Paper, USA ITC Inc., India Lockheed Martin Corporation, USA Philips & Yaming, China Simplex Paper & Pulp, India STMicroelectronics, Switzerland StoraEnso, Finland Tata Steel, India United States Steel Corporation

Non-Government Organizations

World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Switzerland World Resources Institute, USA

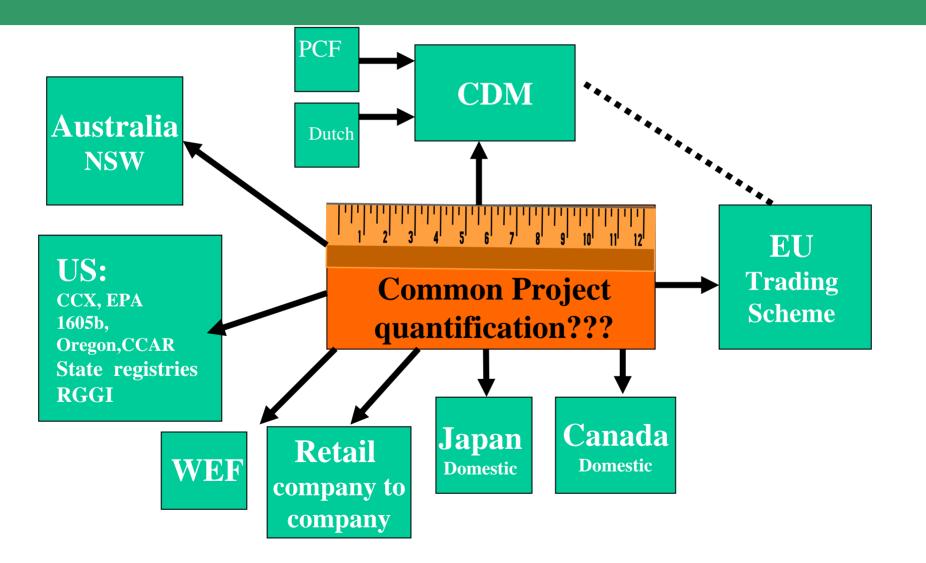
Services

500 PPM GmbH, Germany AstraZeneca, UK Casella Waste Systems, Inc., USA DHL, USA European Bank for Reconstruction & Development PE Europe, Germany PowerComm, Canada Price Waterhouse Coopers, New Zealand Verizon Communications, USA





GHG Protocol Project Guidelines: the need for a common approach





Objectives of GHG Protocol Project Guidelines

- Simplify GHG quantification & reduce transaction costs
- Improve environmental integrity
- Promote consistency across different trading schemes
- Increase investor confidence/reduce uncertainty



GHG Protocol Electricity Project Guidelines

- Annex on Grid-Connected Electricity GHG Quantification Developed for Road Test Draft (2003)
- Two options presented:
 - Using firm & non-firm power classification (LBL methodology)
 - Using a combined margin approach (Tellus methodology)



WRI Pocantico Workshop Summary

- 25 person workshop across RE value chain shared US perspectives and goals
- Participants agreed that state and national averages do not correlate well with what is being displaced
- Simple, accurate, publicly available emissions factors sought by buyers and suppliers



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- Regional scale:
 - Powerpool subregion preferred for geographic scale
 - But leakage and system constraints need to be identified
- Temporal issues:
 - 2+ year old data on eGRID
- Selecting emissions factors:
 - Dispatch approaches preferred for accuracy, but
 - uncertainty whether practical, replicable and public



WRI Pocantico Workshop Summary

- Accuracy test:
 - uncertain that RE projects actually influence build margins
 - size, scale distributed nature of renewable projects
 - New electricity capacity in US may not be CCNG as most build margin advocates believe



Ongoing Work at WRI

- Electricity Project Workgroup convening this month
- Quantification Principles:
 - Relevance
 - Completeness
 - Transparency
 - Consistency
 - Accuracy
 - Conservativeness
 - Practicality?



Ongoing Work at WRI

- Outstanding Questions:
 - How does one define the grid in different countries, different contexts?
 - Does project size matter? For example, do small baseload
 DG projects affect the build margin?
 - How should accuracy and practicality be balanced?
 - Given a choice of methodologies, can greater accuracy be 'incentivized'?



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Thank You!



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