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***The Climate Registry Recognizes First Round of Verification Bodies  
Accredited by ANSI***

**Six new bodies now qualified to verify GHG reports**

(December 4, 2008 – Los Angeles) The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited the following six organizations on December 1, 2008 to conduct greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory verification services for Members of The Climate Registry:

- Advanced Waste Management (AWM)
- Bureau Veritas Certification North America (BVC-NC)
- First Environment, Inc.
- NSF International Strategic Registrations (NSF-ISR)
- Ryerson, Master and Associates, Inc. (RMA)
- SGS Environmental Services, Inc. (SGS)

These Verification Bodies are the first to be accredited under ANSI's Accreditation Program for Greenhouse Gas Validation/Verification Bodies, which was launched as a pilot program in February 2008. Nearly 30 additional bodies enrolled during the pilot will continue in the accreditation process. Members of The Climate Registry may use these ANSI-accredited Verification Bodies to meet the verification requirements of The Climate Registry's voluntary reporting program.

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## 2/ANSI ACCREDITATION

In order to attain accreditation, these Verification Bodies completed a thorough assessment process in which they demonstrated their independence, impartiality and competence to successfully verify GHG emission inventories. ANSI's evaluation process included reviewing a Verification Body's management systems and internal procedures, as well as participating in a facility visit to observe how verification services were provided to a client.

“Serious climate change policy requires GHG data with integrity. The Climate Registry ensures such integrity in part through its rigorous verification process, which depends on highly qualified Verification Bodies. Accreditation in North America is a significant step toward ensuring consistent verification requirements worldwide,” said Diane Wittenberg, Executive Director of The Climate Registry.

The Verification Bodies that are continuing their participation in the ANSI program may be considered for accreditation in early 2009 and on a rolling basis thereafter. Once these Verification Bodies are accredited by ANSI to ISO 14065:2007, ISO 14064-3:2006, and The Climate Registry's protocols, they will become recognized by The Climate Registry.

For additional information on The Climate Registry's verification requirements and contact information for Verification Bodies, please visit The Climate Registry's website at

<http://www.theclimateregistry.org/verification/verifiers.html>.

THE CLIMATE REGISTRY is creating a common infrastructure for reporting corporate, governmental and other GHG emissions data. THE CLIMATE REGISTRY carbon accounting standards provide accurate, complete, consistent, transparent, comparable and verified GHG reporting. For more information visit: [www.theclimateregistry.org](http://www.theclimateregistry.org).

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