

Washington State Climate Commitment Act

Offset Verification Statement Form

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Date Application Received:	OPR Tracking Number:	Date Application Reviewed:

Section 1.0: Offset Project Information

Offset Project Name:

Ecology Project ID Number:

OPR Project ID Number:

OPO Name:

APD Name (if applicable):

Reporting Period Start Date:

OPDR Version Number:

Reporting Period End Date:

Verified GHG Reductions:

Section 2.0: Verification Information

Verification Body (VB) Name:

VB ID Number:

- 1. Does this Offset Verification Statement attest that the submitted Offset Project Data Report is reasonably assured of being free of offset material misstatement?

Yes

No

2. Does this Offset Verification Statement attest that the submitted Offset Project Data Report is reasonably assured of being in conformance with the quantification, monitoring, and metering requirements of the Cap-and-Trade Regulation, except for any Qualifying Statement below?

Yes

No

3. Does this Offset Verification Statement attest that the submitted Offset Project is reasonably assured of being in conformance with all other requirements of the Cap & Invest Regulation and in compliance with all local, regional, and national regulatory requirements, except for any time period excluded WAC 173-446-510(2)(b)

Yes

No

4. As a result of the three attestations above, what is the final Offset Verification Statement?

Positive

Qualified Positive

Adverse

5. Qualifying Statement (required for Qualified Positive or Adverse Offset Verification Statements)

Section 3.0: Attestations and Signatures

Section 3.1: Lead Verifier

As the lead verifier for this offset verification, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the offset verification team has carried out all verification services as required by WAC 173-446-535 and the applicable Compliance Offset Protocol, and that the findings are true, accurate, and complete and have been independently reviewed by an independent reviewer as required by WAC 173-446-535.

Signature:	Printed Name:
Title:	Date:

Section 3.2: Independent Reviewer

As an independent reviewer, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I have conducted an independent review of the offset verification services and findings on behalf of the verification body as required by WAC 173-446-535 and that the findings are true, accurate, and complete.

Signature:	Printed Name:
Title:	Date:

Section 3.3: Verification Body Officer

I concur with the verification opinion rendered in this Offset Verification Statement, and I certify that I am duly authorized to represent and legally bind the Offset Verification Body on all matters related to this form.

Signature:	Printed Name:
Title:	Date:

Background for Application of Offset Verification Statement Form

WAC 173-446-535(4)(a) of the Cap-and-Invest Regulation requires that an offset verification body issue an Offset Verification Statement (OVS) for any Offset Project Data Report (OPDR) for which it has provided offset verification services. The offset verification body must provide the OVS to both the Offset Project Registry (OPR) and the Offset Project Operator (OPO) or Authorized Project Designee (APD) contracting the offset verification services. This form is designed to help verification bodies fulfill the requirements of WAC 173-446-535(4)(a).

Where to Submit Information Contained in This Form

Please complete the information on the form using your computer. Then either add an electronic signature to the form or print, sign, and scan the form. The completed and signed information and all supporting documentation should be submitted to the appropriate Offset Project Registry.

Detailed Instructions for Application of Offset Verification Statement Form

The information in this form should be submitted by the lead verifier of the offset verification team providing offset verification services.

Section 1.0: Offset Project Information

- Enter the name of the offset project for which offset verification services were performed.
- Provide the offset project's identification numbers as issued by the Offset Project Registry and Ecology.
- Enter the names of the OPO and, if applicable, the APD for the offset project.
- Indicate the start and end dates of the Reporting Period for the OPDR being verified
- Indicate the version number of the OPDR, as required in section WAC 173-446-525(6). For an OPDR with multiple versions, this assists OPR and Ecology staff with matching the OVS to the corresponding OPDR.
- Provide the total number of GHG reductions and/or removal enhancements reported in the final OPDR.

Section 2.0: Verification Information

- Enter the name of the offset verification body providing offset verification services.
- Also provide the verification body's identification number assigned by Ecology. That is the number of the Executive Order issued by Ecology's Executive Officer accrediting the offset verification body.
- Check the appropriate box indicating whether the OPDR is reasonably assured of being free of offset material misstatement.
- Check the appropriate box indicating whether the OPDR is reasonably assured of being in conformance with quantification, monitoring, and metering requirements of the Cap-and-Invest Regulation and the applicable Compliance Offset Protocol. If the OPDR is not in conformance with some quantification, monitoring, and metering requirements, it is possible that a qualifying statement may be added, and a Qualified Positive verification opinion reached.
- Check the appropriate box indicating (1) whether the offset project is in conformance with all other provisions of the Cap-and-Invest Regulation and applicable Compliance Offset Protocol, excluding quantification, monitoring, and metering requirements and (2) whether the offset project is in compliance with all local, regional, and national requirements related to the operation of the offset project as specified in Section 3, Eligibility Rules, of the applicable Compliance Offset Protocol, adopted by Ecology by reference. If the project is not in compliance with all local, regional, and national requirements but has excluded a period of time in its Offset Project Data Report, pursuant to WAC 173-446-510(2)(a), such that the project is in compliance the remainder of the reporting period, then the verification body may indicate the project is in compliance with local, regional, and national requirements.
- Check the appropriate box indicating whether the OVS is Positive, Qualified Positive, or Adverse. A Qualified Positive OVS may not be issued to an offset project using the Compliance Offset Protocol U.S. Forest Projects. If the OVS does not include all three attestations, then the opinion should be Adverse.
- As appropriate, provide a qualifying statement. A qualifying statement is required for any offset project receiving a Qualified Positive OVS or an Adverse OVS.

Section 3.0: Attestations and Signatures

- Both the lead verifier and offset verification team and the independent reviewer of the team must provide the required attestations in Section 3.1 and Section 3.2 to complete the Offset Verification Statement.
- An officer with authority to represent and legally bind the Offset Verification should sign the statement in Section 3.3. This officer may be, but does not have to be either the lead verifier or the independent reviewer.
- The lead verifier, independent reviewer, and verification body officer should provide their signature, printed name, organization title, and date signed.