SUMMARY OF CHANGES
FROM ACR STANDARD V2.1 TO V3.0

The following is a summary of changes from v2.1 to v3.0 of the *ACR Standard.*

Topic	Revisions	Section
Effective date of v3.0	The ACR Standard v3.0 supersedes the ACR Standard v2.1, published in October 2010. Any project listed or registered subsequent to **June 1, 2014** must follow all requirements of the ACR Standard v3.0. Projects currently listed or registered, or listed or registered prior to June 1, 2014, may be validated and verified according to ACR Standard v2.1 through the end of the Crediting Period. This gives projects in development under v2.1 a grace period to list under v2.1 if they prefer (though projects may list under v3.0 immediately on publication of v3.0).	Introduction
ACR acceptance of CDM methodologies	Clarifies that CDM Executive Board-approved methodologies are automatically accepted by ACR if the project takes place in a non-Annex I country. Projects using a CDM methodology in the United States or another Annex I country must first have ACR review and approve the CDM methodology, at published fees, for consistency with ACR requirements. This formalizes a procedure already in place.	1.E and 7.A.1
Adoption of and revisions to ACR standards	Clarifies that all ACR standards, including the *ACR Standard* and sector-specific standards, will be posted for public comment for at least 30 days before adoption. Summarizes reasons for standard updates. This formalizes a procedure already in place.	1.J
Conditions for early Start Date projects	Sets January 1, 2000 as the earliest eligible Start Date for both AFOLU and non-AFOLU projects. (Unchanged for non-AFOLU projects; previously AFOLU projects had an earliest eligible Start Date of November 1, 1997). Requires that projects with a Start Date more than two years earlier than the date of listing must provide documentation that GHG mitigation was an objective as of the Start Date. This is already a requirement of some ACR approved methodologies, but including it in the *ACR Standard* makes it a requirement regardless of methodology.	Chapter 3, Table 2

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	The intent is to continue to allow registration of projects that represent genuine early action, driven by documented voluntary or pre-compliance GHG reduction objectives.	
Optional listing	Provides the option for projects to list with ACR by submitting a listing form, prior to submission of the full GHG Project Plan. This allows projects to make a brief project summary publicly accessible. Once listed with ACR, projects must register on ACR within two years. This formalizes a procedure already in place.	6.A
Methodology modifications	Clarifies the difference between project-specific deviations from an approved methodology and methodology modifications. Both may be approved by the relevant Technical Committee, if applicable.	7.A.2
Updates to ACR-approved methodologies and tools	Clarifies the process and reasons for updates to ACR-approved methodologies and tools. This formalizes a procedure already in place.	7.C
Rotation of VVBs	Requires that Project Proponents utilize a different VVB at a minimum of every five years or five verifications, whichever comes first.	8.F