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The CCX Offsets Committee met for a regular meeting on November 18th, 2008. At the meeting, two project approvals were made and one protocol was approved for use on a pilot basis. A summary of the items follows.

- A submission detailing a CCX Member's proposed project to capture, currently flared, hydrogen and provide it for use as a fuel to a nearby industrial user was approved. Offsets would be based on emissions reductions resulting from natural gas use avoided at the industrial user. The project demonstrated that it was not common practice in the sector. The project will follow the CDM methodology for quantification of emission reductions.
- A submission detailing a CCX Member's project to remediate contaminated coal combustion fly-ash for use as a replacement for Portland cement in the production of concrete was approved. Emission reductions would be based on the amount of CO₂ displaced from the avoided production of cement. The CCX Member demonstrated the project was not common practice for the sector. Key elements of the common practice analysis were that the project: involves the remediation of contaminated fly-ash not otherwise suitable for re-use, that less than 6% of the sites in the U.S. which could remediate and reuse fly-ash do so, the least cost management option is onsite disposal via landfill, the proponent has the capacity and legal ability to construct an onsite landfill for disposal yet elected to re-use the fly-ash. The project will follow the CDM methodology for quantification of emission reductions.
- A protocol for issuing offsets for waste management practices that avoid methane emission to the atmosphere from decaying organic wastes (e.g. composting) was considered and approved for use on a pilot basis. The project proponent must submit to the Offsets Committee a completed verification for final approval of the project and protocol. Once the final approval is received and any technical adjustments are made, the Offsets Committee will approve the protocol for use by all CCX members. A copy of the draft protocol is available by contacting CCX Staff.

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