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Dear Mr. Jason Zimmerman,

Project 4511: Response to exemption submitted on 20 Oct 2023

Verra grants an exemption to VCS project 4511 from the effective date (01 Jan 2024) for applying the *AFOLU Non-Permanence Risk Tool, v4.2*. Please note this exemption applies to sections 3.2.10 and 3.2.11 of the *VCS Standard, v4.4*, and is only applicable to the joint validation and first verification.

Next steps

- The project may apply the *AFOLU Non-Permanence Risk Tool, v4.1* for the joint validation and first verification.
- The project must update to *AFOLU Non-Permanence Risk Tool, v4.2*, and comply with sections 3.2.10 and 3.2.11 for the second verification.

Exemptions are granted by Verra on a case-by-case basis and do not form the basis of, or set a precedent for, future exemption request approvals or denials. This letter will be uploaded to the Verra Registry as a public document.

Background

The 29 August 2023 VCS program update specifies that all registration requests submitted to Verra on or after 1 Jan 2024 must apply version 4.1 of the *AFOLU Non-Permanence Risk Tool*; however, it has been determined that enforcing compliance would be overly burdensome, impossible, or detrimental to the viability of Project 4511.

Please be advised that where the *AFOLU Non-Permanence Risk Tool, v4.0*, is applied, credits issued will not be eligible for the ICVCM Core Carbon Principals (CCP) label.

Sincerely,

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