OBPSR Verification Report Template

**Where there are any inconsistencies between this document, the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* (GGPPA) and/or the *Output-Based Pricing System Regulations* (OBPS Regulations), the requirements in GGPPA and/or the OBPS Regulations shall prevail.**

**Purpose**

Pursuant to section 13 of the [*Output-Based Pricing System Regulations*](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2019-266/index.html) (OBPS Regulations), made under the[*Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act*](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/G-11.55/) (GGPPA), the person responsible for a covered facility must submit, with their annual report or corrected report (if required), a verification report prepared in accordance with section 52 of the OBPS Regulations. This document provides guidance on how each section of the verification report may be presented.

**Important Notes**

* The verification report must include, at a minimum, the information set out in Schedule 5 to the OBPS Regulations. Included in this template is also some information not in Schedule 5 but requested by ECCC to improve the clarity of a report and reduce the need for follow up questions.
* Although not required, it is recommended that the sections be ordered in accordance with the table of contents in section 2 of this document
* Instructions for the completion of the verification report are provided in italics throughout the document.

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***Section 1***

*Instructions: Complete this Cover Page template and include it in the verification report.*

**VERIFICATION REPORT PREPARED UNDER THE OUTPUT-BASED PRICING SYSTEM REGULATIONS**

**VERIFICATION REPORT FOR: Facility name**

**TYPE OF REPORT: Choose an item.**

**COMPLIANCE PERIOD: Click or tap to enter a date. to Click or tap to enter a date.**

**VERIFICATION PREPARED BY: Name of verification body**

**VERSION OF THE REPORT IN RELATION TO WHICH THE VERIFICATION REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED: yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss**

**DATE OF COMPLETION: Click or tap to enter a date.**

***Section 2***

*Instructions:* *Include a table of contents that reflects the sections and page numbers in the verification report, which should be organized in a way that is consistent with the following table of contents.*

*Additional instructions: The following table of contents is used for illustrative purposes only and outlines the information from the relevant provisions of Schedule 5 to the OBPS Regulations that must, at a minimum, be included in the verification report for each section.*

*Note: The following facility types are used to simplify the text in the following table of contents:*

* *Type A facility means a covered facility described in paragraph 3(f) of Schedule 5 to the OBPS Regulations*
* *Type B facility means a covered facility described in paragraph 3(f.1) of Schedule 5 to the OBPS Regulations*
* *Type C facility means a covered facility described in paragraph 3(g) of Schedule 5 to the OBPS Regulations*
* *Type D facility means a covered facility described in paragraph 3(h) of Schedule 5 to the OBPS*
* *Type E facility means a covered facility described in paragraph 3(h.1) to Schedule 5 to the OBPS*

***Table of contents (for illustrative purposes only)***

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| ***Section #*** | ***Section*** | ***Relevant provisions from Schedule 5 of the OBPS Regulations*** |
| *1* | *Cover page* | *2(a), 3(a), 3(d)* |
| *2* | *Table of contents* |  |
| *3* | *Information with respect to the person responsible* | *1(a) to 1(e)* |
| *4* | *Information with respect to the covered facility* | *2(a) to 2(e)* |
| *5* | *Information with respect to the verification body* | *3(a) to 3(c)* |
| *6* | *Information with respect to the verification activity (scope, objectives, site visit, etc.)* | *3(d) and 3(e)(iii)* |
| *7* | *Information with respect to verification procedures conducted* | *3(e)(i) and 3(e)(ii)* |
| *8* | *Calculated output-based standard* | *3(i)* |
| *9* | *Record of errors and omissions for GHGs* | *3(f), 3(j)(i)(A) and 3(j)(ii)* |
| *10* | *Record of errors and omissions for production* | *3(f), 3(j)(i)(B) and 3(j)(ii)* |
| *11* | *Record of corrections* | *3(k)* |
| *12* | *Conflict of Interest Declaration* | *3(l)* |
| *13* | *Verification Statement/Opinion* | *3(n)(i) and 3(n)(ii)* |
| *14* | *Peer Reviewer Declaration* | *3(m)* |

***Section* 3**

Information with respect to the person responsible (RP)

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| **Item** | **Description** |
| Responsible Person: Name and Civic Address |  |
| Responsible Person: Owner or Operator? |  |
| Confirm that Responsible Person have the charge, management or control of the facility, or are the true decision maker with respect to the facility’s operations |  |
| Authorized Official | Name:  Title:  Responsible person for which they work:  Civic/physical address:  Postal/mailing address:  Phone:  Email: |
| Contact Person (if different from Authorized Official) | Name:  Title:  Civic/physical address:  Postal/mailing address:  Phone:  Email: |
| Federal Business Number |  |

***Section* 4**

Information with respect of the covered facility

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| **Item** | **Description** |
| Facility Name and Civic Address |  |
| Latitude and Longitude Coordinates |  |
| NAICS Code |  |
| Covered Facility Certificate Number |  |
| NPRI ID |  |
| GHGRP ID (if applicable) |  |
| Description of facility operations | *<Including overview of facility operations, activities and key processes.>* |

In the case of an electricity generation facility or a covered facility referred to in OBPSR Schedule 5, sub-section 2(e):

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| **Unit** | **Description** | ***Registration number under Regulations Limiting Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Natural Gas-fired Generation of Electricity*** | ***Registration number under Reduction***  ***of Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Coal fired Generation of Electricity Regulations*** |
| *Unit name*  *<add rows for additional units>* | *<Description of unit’s operations>* | *<if none, input “NA”>* | *< if none, input “NA”>* |

**Section 5**

Information with respect to the verification body (VB)

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| **Item** | **Description** |
| Verification body | Name:  Civic address: |
| Lead Verifier | Name:  Phone:  Email: |
| Other verifiers (one row per member of verification team) | Name:  Role: |
| Accreditation | Accreditation body name:  Expiration date: |

**Section 6**

Information with respect to the Verification activity

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| Verification standard version | *< the version of the ISO Standard 14064-3 according to which the verification was conducted>* |
| Verification Objectives | *< include the agreed upon objective for the verification with the PR>* |
| Verification criteria | *< policies, procedures or requirements used as a reference against which the GHG and production statement is compared>* |
| Materiality threshold applied | *<Applicable material discrepancy thresholds as per 50(2) of OBPSR>* |
| Site visit date | <*If a facility visit was conducted as part of verification, provide date>* |
| Site visit objectives and summary | *<Describe the general goal and scope of the site visit, circumstances under which the site visit was required and individuals present >* |

Information with respect to verification scope

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| Description of Emission Sources | *<Describe the emission sources included in the verification scope. Including all those that fall under the following emissions types*   1. *stationary fuel combustion emissions;* 2. *industrial process emissions;* 3. *industrial product use emissions;* 4. *venting emissions;* 5. *flaring emissions;* 6. *leakage emissions;* 7. *on-site transportation emissions;* 8. *waste emissions; and* 9. *wastewater emissions* |
| Type of greenhouse gases included in scope | *<please include those not reported but still considered in the assessment>* |

**Section 7**

Information with respect to verification procedures conducted

*Instructions: Provide a comprehensive account of the different activities conducted to verifier various emissions, reported production, and the GHG information system. This includes data collection, reviews, recalculations, and analyses.*

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|  | **Item** | **Type of data analysed** | **Verification activities** | **Findings** |
| 1 | Ex: Natural Gas Consumption | *Ex: Documentation, observation, receipts, etc.* | *< description of steps taken> ex: Obtain facility wide natural gas consumption, recalculate total consumption using GHGRP 4.A equation, cross-check with other values, check meters and calibration, review calculation tool, etc.* | < include the conclusion of the specific verification activity> |
| 2 | Ex: Natural Gas Emission Factors |  |  |  |
| 3 | Ex: Natural Gas Carbon Content |  |  |  |
| 4. | Ex : Meters |  | *Ex : Check calibration and inspection records* |  |
| 7. | Ex: Production |  |  |  |

**Section 8**

Information with respect to calculated output-based standards (OBS)

*Instructions: When the OBS has been calculated according to section 37 of the OBPSR, verify the calculation and all the terms within the equation. If an error is found, indicate which variable(s) the error relates to and indicate the resultant recalculated OBS.*

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| **Error** | **Applicable variable in OBS calculation** | **Value used by RP** | **Value determined to be correct by VB** |
| *< description of error found,*  *add additional rows for additional errors>* | *< indicate which variable in the calculation that the error refer to>* |  |  |
| **Calculated OBS** | | *< OBS used by the RP>* | *< OBS verification body determined to be correct>* |

**Section 9**

Information with respect to the record of errors and omissions for GHG emissions

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| **Error or omission** *<ordered by specified emission type>* | **Quantitative/qualitative** | **Recalculated emissions (tonnes CO2e)** | **Reported emissions (tonnes CO2e)** | **Absolute Difference**  **(tonnes CO2e)** | **Percent misstatement**  **(%)** |
| *Error #1 <add rows for additional erros>* | *< identify if the error or omission is quantitative or qualitative>* | *<recalculated value as part of verification activity>* | *< value reported in annual report or corrected report>* |  | *< negative (-) percentage values represent understatements and positive percentage values represent over statement>* |
| **Aggregated misstatement** | |  |  |  |  |

**Section 10**

Information with respect to the record of errors or omissions for production values

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| **Production activity** | **Quantitative/Qualitative** | **Recalculated Production** | **Reported Production** | **Absolute difference** | **Unit of measurement** | **Percent misstatement** |
| *Activity A*  *<add rows for additional activities>* | *< identify if the error or omission is quantitative or qualitative>* | *<recalculated value as part of verification activity>* | *< value reported in annual report or corrected report>* |  | *<Unit of measurement prescribed in Schedule 1 of OBPSR >* | *< negative (-) percentage values represent understatements and positive percentage values represent over statement>* |
| **Aggregated misstatement** | |  |  |  |  |  |

**Section 11**

Information with respect to the record of corrections made

*Instructions: include a record of any corrections made to the annual or corrected report by the responsible person as a result of errors and/or omissions found by the verification body during verification.*

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| **Error or omission** | **Value of error (tonnes)** |
| *<description of corrected error>*  *<add additional rows for additional corrections>* | *<provide quantitative estimate if possible>* |

***Section 12***

*Instructions: Complete the Conflict of Interest Declaration form and include it in the verification report. The Conflict of Interest Declaration must be signed by the lead verifier, pursuant to paragraph 3(l) of Schedule 5 to the OBPS Regulations.*

**Conflict of Interest Declaration**

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| In signing this form, I (the lead verifier), do hereby declare that:   1. no real or potential conflict of interest that is a threat to or compromises my organization’s impartiality exists, or if a real or potential conflict of interest that is a threat to or compromises my organization’s impartiality exists, it has been effectively managed; and, 2. if my organization has verified six consecutive annual reports prepared under the OBPS Regulations with respect to the covered facility for which this verification report is prepared, three years have elapsed since the last of those reports was verified. | |
| **Name** | *Enter the full name of the lead verifier* |
| **Title** | *Enter the title of the lead verifier* |
| **Signature** | *Insert the signature of the lead verifier* |
| **Date** | *yyyy-mm-dd* |

***Section 13***

*Instructions: Complete the Verification Statement template and include it in the verification report.*

*Additional instructions: In addition to the completed Verification Statement template, the Verification Statement must include a description of the qualification(s) or limitations(s) in the case of a modified opinion, or reasons for an adverse or disclaimed opinion. In accordance with ISO Standard 14064-3, the Verification Statement may include other information to support the opinion.*

**Verification Statement / Opinion**

*Check the appropriate opinion type, based on the determination made pursuant to subparagraphs 49(1)(b)(i) and 49(1)(b)(ii) of the OBPS Regulations.*

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| **Opinion** | **Determination of the verification body** | | |
| Unmodified | 1. There is sufficient and appropriate evidence to make a determination to a reasonable level of assurance that:    1. no material discrepancy exists with respect to the total quantity of GHGs and the total production from each specified industrial activity used in the calculation of the emissions limit in the annual report or corrected report; and,    2. the annual or corrected report was prepared in accordance with the OBPS Regulations. | |  |
| Modified | 1. There is sufficient and appropriate evidence to make a determination to a reasonable level of assurance that: 2. no material discrepancy exists with respect to the total quantity of GHGs and the total production from each specified industrial activity used in the calculation of the emissions limit in the annual report or corrected report; and, 3. the annual or corrected report was not prepared in accordance with the OBPS Regulations. | |  |
| Adverse | 1. There is insufficient or inappropriate evidence to make a determination to a reasonable level of assurance that:    1. no material discrepancy exists with respect to the total quantity of GHGs or the total production from each specified industrial activity used in the calculation of the emissions limit in the annual report or corrected report; and/or,    2. the annual or corrected report was prepared in accordance with the OBPS Regulations. | |  |
| Disclaimed | 1. Sufficient appropriate evidence is not available; therefore, due to possible effects of undetected errors or omissions, it is impossible to make a determination to a reasonable level of assurance that:    1. no material discrepancy exists with respect to the total quantity of GHGs or the total production from each specified industrial activity used in the calculation of the emissions limit in the annual report or corrected report; and/or,    2. the annual or corrected report was prepared in accordance with the OBPS Regulations. | |  |
| **Name** | | *Enter the full name of the lead verifier* | |
| **Title** | | *Enter the title of the lead verifier* | |
| **Signature** | | *Insert the signature of the lead verifier* | |
| **Date** | | *yyyy-mm-dd* | |

**Section 14**

*Instructions: Complete this Peer Reviewer Declaration and include it in the verification report. The Peer Reviewer Declaration must be signed by a reviewer who is not a member of the verification team, pursuant to paragraph 3(m) of Schedule 5 to the OBPS Regulations.*

**Peer Reviewer Declaration**

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| In signing this form, I (the reviewer that is not a member of the verification team), declare that:   1. I am not a member of the verification team and certify that I was not involved in the verification process documented in the Verification Report, other than providing an independent peer review; and, 2. I approve the verification report, including the verification process used to produce the Verification Report. | |
| **Name** | *Enter the full name of the Peer Reviewer* |
| **Title** | *Enter the title of the Peer Reviewer* |
| **Civic address** | *Enter civic address of the Peer Reviewer* |
| **Telephone number** | *Enter the telephone number of the Peer Reviewer* |
| **E-mail address** | *Enter the email address of the Peer Reviewer* |
| **Signature** | *Insert the signature of the Peer Reviewer* |
| **Date** | *yyyy-mm-dd* |