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July 13, 2010

Paul Wierl
TUV SUD America, Inc.
10 Centennial Drive
Peabody, MA 01960

Re: Massachusetts CO₂ Budget Trading Program Offset Verifier Accreditation

Dear Mr. Wierl,

In accordance with the CO₂ Budget Trading Program, 310 CMR 7.70, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has completed its review of the offset verifier application for accreditation submitted by TUV SUD America, Inc. is hereby accredited to provide offset verification services under the CO₂ Budget Trading Program in the State of Massachusetts for the following four offset project categories:

- Landfill methane capture and destruction
- Reduction in emissions of sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆)
- Reduction in avoidance of CO₂ emissions from natural gas, oil, or propane end-use combustion due to end-use energy efficiency
- Avoided methane emissions from agricultural manure management operations

In accordance with 310 CMR 7.70 (10) (f) 3, TUV SUD America, Inc.'s accreditation is valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of this letter.

Pursuant to 310 CMR 7.70 (10) (f) 5. a, prior to engaging in verification services for an offset project sponsor, TUV SUD America, Inc. must submit a Pre-Engagement Disclosure Submittal to the Department to allow for an evaluation of potential conflicts of interest with respect to an offset project, offset project developer, or project sponsor. As part of this submittal, TUV SUD America, Inc. must disclose information concerning its ownership, past and current clients, related entities, as well as any other facts or circumstances that have the potential to create a conflict of interest. The Pre-Engagement Disclosure Submittal forms are available at the following link: <http://www.mass.gov/dep/air/approvals/rggipeds.pdf>.

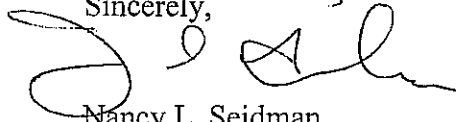
Pursuant to 310 CMR 7.70 (10) (f) 5. b, TUV SUD America, Inc. shall have an ongoing obligation to disclose to the Department any facts or circumstances that may give rise to a conflict of interest with respect to an offset project, offset project developer, or project sponsor.

In addition, pursuant to 310 CMR 7.70 (10) (f) 5. c, the Department may reject a verification report and certification statement from an accredited verifier, submitted as part of a consistency application required pursuant to 310 CMR 7.70 (10) (d) 2. or submitted as part of a monitoring and verification report submitted pursuant to 310 CMR 7.70 (10) (g) 2, if the Department determines that TUV SUD America, Inc. has a conflict of interest related to the offset project, offset project developer, or project sponsor.

Finally, pursuant to 310 CMR 7.70 (10) (f) 5. d, the Department may revoke the accreditation of TUV SUD America, Inc. at any time given cause.

Should you have any questions, please contact Bill Lamkin at William.Lamkin@state.ma.us or (978) 694-3294.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy L. Seidman', written over a horizontal line.

Nancy L. Seidman
Deputy Assistant Commissioner
Climate Strategies
Bureau of Waste Prevention