



VERIFICATION PLAN – ROUND 2011-06 October 2011

Product Verification Committee

I. PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT

This plan describes the verification process to be used in the sixth EPEAT Verification Round for 2011, including the criteria that will be included in the selection, the number of products to be verified, and the method of verification.

The products and subscribers to be verified are not specifically identified. The intent is for the PVC to be blind to the specific product and subscriber about which they are making decisions. This information will be known by the staff and the Qualified Verifier, but will not be provided to the PVC until after completion of the conformance/non-conformance findings of the Round. However, when subscribers present specific information to the PVC regarding a decision, the subscriber and product will be revealed to the PVC in order to resolve any issues.

II. PRODUCT VERIFICATION COMMITTEE

Following are the members of the PVC:

Patty Dillon, Dillon Environmental Associates

Jack Geibig, Director, Consultant, Ecoform

Jim Arnold, Technical and Program Management Consultant, Rissa Studios

III. QUALIFIED VERIFIERS

Following are the members of the Qualified Verifier (QV) team:

Patricia Atherton
Consultant

Stephen Greene, Principal
Howland Greene Consulting

Kelley Keogh
Sin Fronteras Consulting

Carson Maxted
Consultant

Dresden Skees-Gregory
Sustainable Environmental Services

Dawn Van Seggen
Consultant

IV. CHARACTERISTICS OF ROUND 2011-06

Round 2011-06 will investigate criteria for 100 randomly selected products. EPEAT plans to utilize a contractor specializing in statistical analysis to help create the sampling plan. The boundaries of this Verification Round are as follows:

- The products will be chosen randomly.
- The criteria verified will be chosen randomly.
- All products currently active on the Registry are eligible for this random selection process.

- All criteria are eligible to be included.
- All geographies are eligible to be included.
- All subscribers will be included in this round.
- No Subscriber will be subject to more than 4 investigations during this Verification Round.

This Round is conducted under the revised IEEE 1680 and 1680.1 standard including the international registry representing 41 countries. This Verification Round is planned to only include Level 1 investigations. Given the number of verifications planned for this Round, EPEAT staff will strictly adhere to the verification scheduled in the Subscriber's Agreement. In particular, subscribers will have 30 days to deliver verification documentation.

V. SELECTION OF PRODUCTS AND CRITERIA FOR VERIFICATION

Round 2011-06 will investigate randomly selected criteria for randomly selected products. Details for the selection process will be created with the help of a contractor specializing in statistical analysis.

This type of Verification Round, that is, a large number of randomly selected criteria and products, has never been performed. It is the desire of EPEAT staff that this round will provide more information regarding the accuracy of the EPEAT Registry.

1. A snapshot will be taken of the Registry prior to the start of the Verification Round.
2. This Verification Round Plan specifies that random criteria will be verified and the method of verification that will be used.
3. This Verification Round will begin directly after the snapshot of the Registry is taken. At that time, the product for investigation for each subscriber will be selected by EPEAT staff and Qualified Verifiers will immediately begin the investigation.

Possible Out-of-Sequence Selections

In the event of special circumstances, the PVC may, at its prerogative, decide to schedule an additional investigation(s) at any time, including while this Verification Round is in progress. If the PVC determines that such investigation should be included as a part of this Verification Round, this Verification Round Plan will be amended and reissued without disrupting the timing of the other verification investigations.

VI. INVESTIGATION ASSIGNMENTS

The following Qualified Verifiers will investigate the criteria:

- Patricia Atherton
- Stephen Greene
- Kelley Keogh
- Carson Maxted
- Dresden Skees-Gregory
- Dawn Van Seggen

VII. ROUND 2011-06 INVESTIGATIONS

Criterion		Verification Selection and Process	Number of Investigations
To be determined	To be determined	All products and criteria will be chosen at random.	100
		Total	100