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RE: Expanding eligible offset project categories to include "Carbon sequestration in concrete"

To Whom It May Concern:

In the 2016 RGGI program review, it is recommended that the RGGI program expand its five eligible offset project categories to include "Carbon sequestration in concrete".

Including this additional offset category would allow concrete producers in the RGGI states to initiate projects to install carbon sequestering technologies in their operations in order to sequester carbon dioxide directly into concrete products manufactured in the RGGI states. Currently 3 manufacturers have installed technologies to sequester waste carbon dioxide into concrete in the RGGI states (Maryland, Massachusetts, and New York). Including carbon sequestration in concrete in the list of eligible offset project categories will encourage additional concrete producers to adopt these green technologies, and ultimately result in additional carbon reductions in the RGGI states.

CO₂ reductions due to implementing these innovative technologies represent carbon sequestration that is real, additional, verifiable, enforceable, and permanent. An offset protocol and supporting documentation can be made available upon request.

Regards

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