Request for Variance

Where it is determined to be acceptable, Athian approved verifiers will permit variances in the way intervention parameters are monitored or the greenhouse gas reduction is calculated. Requests will not be considered until this form is complete and formally submitted. All determinations are made by Athian approved verifiers. Athian and their approved verifiers retain the right to reject outright any Request for Variance, request further documentation, or impose additional constraints and/or discount factors on the proposed monitoring or calculation methods. Variances will not be granted for exceptions to eligibility criteria or to the methodological approaches to quantifying GHG emission reductions.

The variance may be applied only with explicit, written acceptance of the variance request and a detailed explanation of the monitoring or calculation methods not specified by the Athian Protocol associated with the intervention. In some cases, a variance request may be granted only for a specified date range or monitoring period. All decisions regarding variance are to be considered exclusive, independent determinations and are not precedent setting.

Only one issue (related to a specific rule or requirement in the protocol) may be submitted per variance request. If multiple variances are needed, please submit a separate variance request per issue. Please provide complete information at the time of the request, as re-opening or adding to an existing determination will be considered a new variance request.

If this variance request is approved, a letter describing the variance granted will be sent to all interested parties and included in verification reporting. Variance determinations are final.

Procedure:

1. Complete all required fields on the Request for Variance form, providing as much detail and supporting documentation as possible to facilitate the review.
2. Submit the completed form and any supporting documentation to the assigned verifier and [support@athian.ag](mailto:support@athian.ag).
3. Review of the request will begin upon form submission, additional information may be requested to support a determination. The time required to issue a variance determination will depend on the completeness of information provided and the complexity of the request.
4. Before a finalized variance determination can be issued, the requestor must review the decision and provide a signed and dated attestation on the variance determination.
5. A copy of the finalized determination will be provided to the requestor and all other interested parties. At this point, the request is considered closed, and determination is final.
6. Variance requests will not be re-opened. If it is found that the requestor cannot meet the requirements of the variance determination, inaccurate or incomplete information was provided in the initial request, or project conditions change, a new request form must be submitted.

Request Context:

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| Request Date: |  |
| Producer: |  |
| Contact Name: |  |
| Phone: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Protocol Name: |  |
| Protocol ID: |  |
| Protocol Version: |  |
| Intervention ID: |  |
| Intervention Start Date: |  |
| Monitoring Period ID: | *Optional* |
| Monitoring Period Dates: | *Optional* |

Requested Variance:

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| Protocol Requirement Reference: | *Cite the text and identify the section/page number in the protocol* |
| Proposed Variance: | *Clearly detail the proposed methods* |
| Rationale For Variance Request: | *Reason why the identified protocol requirement cannot be met* |
| Conservative Measures Taken to Counteract Variance: | *What measures will be put in place to maintain conservativeness, when accounting for the variance* |
| Justification for Proposed Variant Methods: | *Why variance will result in equal or greater conservativeness or accuracy than the methods outlined in the protocol* |
| Supporting Evidence or Documentation: | *Additional details to facilitate review; attach any referenced documents to submission email* |