Summary of Changes from ACR Standard v5.1 to 6.0

The following is a summary of significant changes to the *ACR Standard* from v5.1 published May 2018 to v6.0 posted for public comment March 26, 2019.

Topic	Revision	Section
Scope: Project Types	Updated policy regarding acceptance of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects: ACR will no longer credit renewable energy projects or energy efficiency projects where the baselines include indirect emissions regardless of location.	1.E
Permanence	Clarification that Avoided Conversion is an AFOLU project type with risk of reversal and as such the ACR risk mitigation and assessment rules apply. Language added to clarify that the buffer pool contribution calculation should be conducted using annual ERT amounts for reporting periods that extend beyond one year. Also, clarification added regarding how a project's risk category and minimum buffer percentage applied over the duration of the minimum project term.	Chapter 5
Project Listing Process	Revision of Project Listing approval process such that listing is approved based on successful review of a GHG Project Listing Form, and the GHG Project Plan may be submitted upon Validation.	Chapter 6
Project reporting	Clarification that the Project's monitoring report will be a publicly posted document on the registry and that the vintage year of ERTs correspond to the year the emissions reductions or removals occurred.	Chapter 6
Crediting period renewal	Addition of deadline before which a Project Proponent must validate the GHG Project Plan for a renewed Crediting Period.	6.I and 9.C
Environmental and Community Safeguards	Rewording of chapter header to read "Environmental and Community Impacts" and addition of requirement to document in the GHG Project Plan positive impacts toward Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).	Chapter 8
Definition for Renewable Biomass	Added definition for Renewable Biomass.	Definitions
Specifications for use of models	Adding language inclusive of empirical models, in addition to biogeochemical models.	A.6