

**THE ANAEROBIC DECOMPOSITION
OF AGRICULTURAL MATERIALS:**

Technical and Policy Issue Summary

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Background

In conjunction with the development of the protocol document, a listing of key technical and policy issues were tracked for discussion as part of the technical and stakeholder review processes. The following document provides a listing of the key issues for discussion. Many of the issues have both a technical and policy component and are listed under both sections, as required.

Summary of Technical Issues

The following technical issues may be considered as part of the technical and stakeholder review processes:

- Is the exclusion of active composting reasonable?
- Are fugitive emissions reasonably handled?
- Can the venting emissions be reasonably estimated by the mechanisms provided?
- Would feed regime changes have a material impact?

Summary of Policy Issues

The following policy issues may be considered as part of the technical and stakeholder review processes:

- Is the exclusion of active composting reasonable given the beneficial uses of the end-product?
- Are the external sources of approaches to fugitive emissions reasonable?
- Would the opportunity for limited feed regime changes with a minimal impact be acceptable?