

**State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

EXECUTIVE ORDER H2-19-001

Relating to the Accreditation as an Offset Verification Body of Offset Project Data Reports under Sections 95132 and 95978, Title 17, California Code of Regulations

First Environment of California, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Air Resources Board (ARB), pursuant to Assembly Bill 32 (the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006), has established the compliance offset program contained in sections 95800-96023, title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR);

WHEREAS, the compliance offset program requires the use of independent offset verifiers for the verification of offset project data reports in section 95977, title 17 CCR;

WHEREAS, ARB has established the minimum qualifications for accreditation as an offset verification body contained in section 95132, title 17, CCR;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has determined that First Environment of California, Inc. has met or exceeded the requirements for accreditation as a verification body in sections 95132 and 95978, title 17, CCR, including:


1. First Environment of California, Inc. has at least two ARB-accredited lead offset verifiers and at least five total full-time employees.
2. First Environment of California, Inc. has provided a list of judicial proceedings or administrative actions filed against the body within the previous five years, if any, with an explanation about the nature of the proceedings.
3. First Environment of California, Inc. has a minimum of four million U.S. dollars (\$4,000,000) of professional liability insurance.
4. First Environment of California, Inc. has policies and mechanisms in place to prevent conflicts of interest and to identify and resolve potential conflict of interest situations if they arise.
5. First Environment of California, Inc. has procedures and policies in place to support staff technical training.
6. First Environment of California, Inc. has provided all other information required by section 95132, title 17, CCR.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that First Environment of California, Inc. is accredited to conduct offset verification services as an offset verification body for three years from the date of execution of this executive order, provided that the following terms and conditions are met:

1. First Environment of California, Inc. must cooperate fully with the Executive Officer or his authorized representative during any audit of the offset verification body or offset project operator or authorized project designee for each offset verification performed.
2. First Environment of California, Inc. must provide offset verification services as specified in sections 95977-95979, title 17, CCR.
3. First Environment of California, Inc. must comply with the conflict of interest requirements specified in section 95979, title 17, CCR.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, this accreditation may be modified or revoked by the Executive Officer as provided in section 95132(d), title 17, CCR.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 31st day of May, 2019.


Richard W. Corey, Executive Officer
California Air Resources Board