

NEWSLETTER 01/2020

Dear VERA stakeholder,

We are very happy to provide you with an update of the work that has been done since the publication of our last newsletter in 2019. A lot of our work has progressed, even despite the major impacts the corona virus has caused. We do hope all is well with you. In this newsletter, we will give an update on protocol developments, verification applications, means of communication and the status of cooperation with EU-ETV.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of the VERA newsletter.

Sincerely,

International VERA Secretariat (IVS)

PROTOCOL DEVELOPMENTS

The Air Cleaning Technologies Expert Group will start integrating small editorial changes and some clarifications on sampling and CO₂ measurement into the Air Cleaning Technologies Protocol. The Expert Group will start making these adjustments in the next months. Upon approval of the VERA Board, the updated protocol will become available on the VERA website.

VERA APPLICATIONS

VERA Verification Statement awarded to Rokkedahl Energi ApS

A new VERA Verification Statement has been awarded to the Danish company Rokkedahl Energi ApS. The technology verified was the Agro Clima unit (ACU) Clima+ 200, type 2.5. The verified environmental efficiency which can be achieved is a 28% reduction of ammonia emission per animal place in broiler houses. The tested technology combination has also demonstrated a satisfactory operational stability. The English VERA Statement can be found on the [VERA website](#).

Current verification applications

Several VERA applications are currently in process verifying under the VERA test protocol for livestock housing and management systems. Most applications are verifying floor systems technologies for dairy houses. There is also a running application within the scope of the VERA test protocol for Measurement of Gaseous Emissions from Land Applied Manure. We will keep you updated and publish the VERA Verification Statements on the VERA website after successful verification.

General VERA Guidelines

The VERA Board asked the VERA Secretariat to draft an update of the General VERA Guidelines (GVG) in consultation with the VERA Board and Verification Bodies. Main changes in the document are:

- Clarification of the tasks and responsibilities of the different entities within VERA
- Update of the verification steps according to the updated flow diagram
- Timelines added to all verification steps

Once the GVG is updated and approved by the VERA Board it will be placed on the VERA website.

VERA Website

Currently we are working on providing applicants with a clear overview of the different national application processes and how applicants can use their VERA Verification Statement to gain market access. The goal is to inform the applicants on the discrepancies and bring their attention to additional testing and/or information required to be listed on national technology lists. This information is vital for clearer and smoother application process and will facilitate the applicant to gain national market access with a VERA statement.

UPDATE EU-ETV (Environmental Technology Verification)

In June, the International VERA Secretariat had a meeting with Pierre Henry from EU-ETV to further discuss the possibilities of cooperation/integration of VERA and ETV. There has been no EU-ETV meeting since June last year, due to internal changes in the Commission. Therefore, the enlargement of the ETV scope with agriculture was postponed, however it is in progress now internally. The new structure of the GVP (General Verification Protocol) will formally announce the enlargement of the scope. The next ETV steering group meeting will be in Autumn 2020. After this meeting in Autumn, a joint meeting will be organized to define the steps to make the VERA integration operational.