



About CDP

The international non-profit organization, CDP (formerly Carbon Disclosure Project) has established the world's largest repository of data on key environmental parameters (particularly carbon and energy) as reported voluntarily by companies and cities. CDP was launched in 2000 by a coalition of institutional investors to accelerate solutions to climate change by allowing users proper information for decisions to maximize business performance and manage risk. Internationally, this process has helped companies make informed decisions on investment and procurement. Climate data is collected from over 5,000 companies annually and used for investment decisions by many organizations, including financial information platforms. Thus, it is important that the climate data submitted are accurate and supported by reasonable assumptions. One of CDP's strategic aims is to promote third-party verification as an integral part of the disclosure process to meet the growing demand for reliable and accurate data.

Importance of Third-Party Verification

Numerous benefits are realized by a reporting entity from an independent verification of CDP climate change and sustainability data and information.

- **Higher CDP response scores:** CDP has continued to allocate a noteworthy percentage of the response scores to verification. This trend is true not just for Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, but has become relevant for Scope 3 emissions as well.
- **Improved stakeholder perceptions:** With high CDP response scores, perceived integrity is strengthened with current and prospective external stakeholders.
- **Increased data reliability:** Independent verification implements an objective process to disclose accurate and reliable carbon information (CDP, corporate reporting, certification, and other sustainability platforms).
- **Carbon inventory improvement:** A third-party evaluation determines whether data is adequate and finds possible risks within the carbon accounting and reporting systems allowing for continual improvement.

Partnering with Trinity Consultants

Trinity's GHG Verification Team consists of environmental professionals with science and engineering backgrounds, most with advanced degrees and professional certifications. Our multi-disciplined staff provides the highest quality verification services that enhance regulatory compliance while maximizing operational flexibility.

Trinity helps its clients accomplish this by combining regulatory expertise, technical proficiency, responsiveness, and creative thinking. Trinity's Quality Management System, ISO 9001 certified in its Dallas, TX headquarters office, ensures that clients consistently receive high quality verification services. Trinity also provides its clients with increased value and reduced overall cost by utilizing its extensive climate change expertise. Trinity has experience with sustainability and carbon reporting, disclosure, and GHG inventory verification.



Trinity's GHG Verification Team provides the following unique benefits to our clients:

- **Subject matter expertise:** Trinity is experienced with sustainability scoring assessments and corporate responsibility disclosure programs, including CDP.
- **Industry leader recognition:** Trinity is recognized as an industry leader in air quality and climate change issues.
- **In-depth knowledge:** Trinity's team has in-depth knowledge and understanding of GHG emission inventories and GHG-related regulatory requirements.
- **Verification accreditation:** Trinity is an accredited verification body with team members that have various credentials and accreditations including the following:

- California Air Resource Board (ARB) accredited Lead Verifiers, with all three sector specific accreditations (Oil and Gas, Process, and Transaction)
- ARB accredited Offset Project Lead Verifiers
- Certified Professional Environmental Auditors through the Board of EHS Auditor Certifications (BEAC)
- Certified RABQSA (Exemplar Global) Environmental Management Systems Lead Auditors
- BEAC Certification Committee members
- Lead Assessors in ANSI's GHG accreditation program
- **High quality product:** Trinity's consulting and verification practices and operations follow ISO 9001 standards, ensuring the delivery of high quality technical products.
- **Relevant project experiences:** Trinity has relevant experience in GHG verifications, GHG management plans, enterprise-wide inventories, and carbon footprinting exercises for national and international corporations across various industry sectors and multiple locations.
- **Streamlined process:** Trinity works efficiently with in-house checklists, protocols, and other tools developed during prior GHG emissions verification/ inventory projects.
- **Proven track record:** Trinity's sector leading track record includes the completion of over 100 GHG emission inventory projects and over 50 GHG verification projects annually.

Verification Standards and Criteria

The CDP requires that verification be performed to a standard that is recognized and approved by CDP. Selected examples of approved standards that Trinity's team is capable to apply include but are not limited to:

- ISO 14064-3
- Accountability 1000 Assurance Standard
- The Climate Registry (TCR) General Verification Protocol
- California GHG Mandatory Reporting Regulation (MRR) Verification Standards

Industry Clients

The industry sectors that Trinity's verification team has provided climate data verification and assurance services include but are not limited to:

- Power utility
- General manufacturing
- Aerospace
- Semi-conductor
- Metal and mineral mining
- Petroleum refining
- Chemical
- Cement and Lime
- Agriculture

Third-party verification ensures credibility and accuracy of data and that is why it is highly recommended. Trinity, as a verification service provider, brings the required expertise, skills, and experience to the assurance process with benefits of credibility, trust, and conformity. For any questions regarding the CDP climate data verification services, please contact Dr. Charles Lee, Principal Consultant, at (949) 567-9880 or Mr. Rich Pandullo, Director, at (919) 462-9693.

Related Services

Trinity is focused on climate change related issues and has unparalleled expertise in comprehensive corporate services including validation, gap analysis, and management of carbon emissions as well as evaluating the applicability of and compliance with state and federal GHG regulations for industries across the nation. For more information on how Trinity can assist with any of your needs related to environmental and carbon disclosure information collection, analysis, and reporting, please contact Mr. Rich Pandullo, Director of EHS Performance and Risk Management, at (919) 462-9693.

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