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Local firm accredited for emission verifications

An engineering consulting firm based in Grand Junction has earned accreditation for third-party greenhouse gas validation and verification services.

Ruby Canyon Engineering is the first firm in Colorado – as well as the Rocky Mountain region – to earn American National Standards Institution (ANSI) accreditation under the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14065 requirements.

With the accreditation, Ruby Canyon Engineering (RCE) can perform greenhouse gas inventories and projects for the American Carbon Registry, California Climate Action Registry, Chicago Climate Exchange, Climate Action Reserve and Climate Registry.

After 2010, nearly all greenhouse gas programs and registries will require an accredited entity to perform third-party validation and verification services.

"The purposed of having a qualified third party perform greenhouse gas validation and verification activities is to provide confidence and transparency to parties that depend on the accuracy of greenhouse gas credits or offsets for their business, like project developers, investors or brokers," said Michael Coté, vice president of Ruby Canyon Engineering. "The ISO standards require that RCE declare competencies, has systems in place to maintain impartiality and provide a reasonable level of assurance for their verification statements."

Founded in 2005, Ruby Canyon Engineering provides a broad range of technical services to companies to document, inventory, report and reduce and verify greenhouse gas emissions.

The firm is well-versed in all aspects of the carbon project cycle and registering projects in the voluntary carbon market in the United States as well as internationally under the Kyoto protocol and Voluntary Carbon Standard.

For more information about Ruby Canyon Engineering, call 241-9298 or visit the Web site at www.rubycanyoneng.com.