



VERIFICATION OPINION DECLARATION GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND ENERGY CONSUMPTION

To: The Stakeholders of Charles River Laboratories, Inc. (Charles River)

Apex Companies, LLC (Apex) was engaged to conduct an independent verification of the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and energy consumption reported by Charles River Laboratories, Inc. (Charles River) for the period stated below. This verification opinion declaration applies to the related information included within the scope of work described below.

The determination of GHG emissions and energy consumption is the sole responsibility of Charles River. Charles River is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the GHG emissions and energy consumption statement in accordance with the criteria. Apex's sole responsibility was to provide independent verification on the accuracy of the GHG emissions and energy consumption reported, and on the underlying systems and processes used to collect, analyze and review the information. Apex is responsible for expressing an opinion on the GHG emissions and energy consumption statement based on the verification. Verification activities applied in a limited level of assurance verification are less extensive in nature, timing and extent than in a reasonable level of assurance verification.

Boundaries of the reporting company GHG emissions and energy consumption covered by the verification:

- Operational Control
- Worldwide

Types of GHGs: CO₂, N₂O, CH₄, HFCs

GHG Emissions and Energy Consumption Statement:

- **Total Energy Consumption: 775,837 MWh**
 - Direct Energy: 462,569 MWh
 - Indirect Energy: 313,268 MWh
- **Scope 1:** 85,724 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent
- **Scope 2 (Location-Based):** 99,891 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent
- **Scope 2 (Market-Based):** 18,031 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent
- **Scope 3:**
 - Category 1 (Purchased Goods & Services): 282,680 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent
 - Category 2 (Capital Goods): 34,109 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent
 - Category 3 (Fuel- and Energy-Related Activities): 46,612 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent
 - Category 4 (Upstream Transportation & Distribution): 31,104 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent
 - Category 5 (Waste Generated in Operations): 2,535 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent
 - Category 6 (Business Travel): 6,258 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent
 - Category 7 (Employee Commuting): 32,767 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent

Data and information supporting the Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions and energy consumption statement were primarily historical in nature and in some cases estimated.

Data and information supporting the Scope 3 GHG emissions statement were in some cases estimated rather than historical in nature.

Period covered by GHG emissions and energy consumption verification:

- January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Criteria against which verification conducted:

- World Resources Institute (WRI)/World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Scope 1 and 2)
- WRI/WBCSD Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Accounting and Reporting Standard (Scope 3)

Reference Standard:

- ISO 14064-3:2019 Greenhouse gases -- Part 3 Second Edition 2019-04: Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements.
- Energy consumption was also verified using the principles and requirements of ISO 14064-3 as part of the verification process.

Level of Assurance and Qualifications:

- Limited
- This verification used a materiality threshold of $\pm 5\%$ for aggregate errors in sampled data for each of the above indicators

GHG and Energy Consumption Verification Methodology:

Evidence-gathering procedures included but were not limited to:

- Interviews with relevant personnel of Charles River and third-party associates;
- Review of documentary evidence produced by Charles River and third-party associates;
- Review of Charles River data and information systems and methodology for collection, aggregation, analysis and review of information used to determine GHG emissions and energy consumption; and
- Audit of sample of data used by Charles River to determine GHG emissions and energy consumption.

Verification Opinion:

Based on the process and procedures conducted, there is no evidence that the GHG emissions and energy consumption statement shown above:

- is not materially correct and is not a fair representation of the GHG emissions and energy consumption data and information; and
- has not been prepared in accordance with the WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Scope 1 and 2), and WRI/WBCSD Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Value Chain Accounting and Reporting Standard (Scope 3).

It is our opinion that Charles River has established appropriate systems for the collection, aggregation and analysis of quantitative data for determination of these GHG emissions and energy consumption for the stated period and boundaries.



Statement of independence, impartiality and competence

Apex is an independent professional services company that specializes in Health, Safety, Social and Environmental management services including assurance with over 30 years history in providing these services.

No member of the verification team has a business relationship with Charles River, its Directors or Managers beyond that required of this assignment. We conducted this verification independently and to our knowledge there has been no conflict of interest.

Apex has implemented a Code of Ethics across the business to maintain high ethical standards among staff in their day-to-day business activities.

The verification team has extensive experience in conducting assurance over environmental, social, ethical and health and safety information, systems and processes, and has over 20 years combined experience in this field and an excellent understanding of Apex's standard methodology for the verification of greenhouse gas emissions data.

Attestation:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Megan O'Neil'.

Megan O'Neil, Lead Verifier
ESG - Program Manager
Apex Companies, LLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'David Reilly'.

David Reilly, Technical Reviewer
ESG - Principal Consultant
Apex Companies, LLC

July 23, 2024

This verification opinion declaration, including the opinion expressed herein, is provided to Charles River and is solely for the benefit of Charles River in accordance with the terms of our agreement. We consent to the release of this declaration by you to the public or other organizations but without accepting or assuming any responsibility or liability on our part to any other party who may have access to this declaration.