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Hi all,

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> I'm no hydro expert but I attended the EB meeting and can therefore
> shed some light on where they got the figures from. Apparently the Meth
> Panel had looked on work the IPCC had done in this area and on
> measurements done at reservoirs in Brazil, French Guyana and Canada.
> Their main conclusion was that there is still a lot of scientific
> uncertainty and that therefore a simple threshold approach should be
> used, current knowledge not justifying anything fancy. Their suggestion
> based on the material they'd looked at was that the thresholds should
> be 5 and 10 W/m² and the emissions factor 100g/kWh. There's more detail
> on what they looked at etc. in the report of the 19th Meth Panel
> meeting and its Annex 10 (<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Panels/meth>). In the EB
> session, though, José Miguez from Brazil (the new EB chair) suggested
> that these were in fact very, very conservative figures and that 4 W/m²
> and 90 g/kWh would still be very conservative. Jean-Jacques Becker, the
> (outgoing) Meth Panel chair, did a rather poor job of defending the
> Meth Panel's figures, no one else had any expertise, so Miguez'
> suggestion got adopted.
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> Hope this helps,
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> Wolfgang