

A Triangulated Index Validating Multi-Tier Scope 3 Disclosures against Blockchain Audit Trails

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Abstract

Corporate Scope 3 emissions disclosures remain largely unverifiable, with companies self-reporting value-chain data that regulators and investors cannot independently confirm. This study develops and validates a Triangulated Scope 3 Index (TS3I) that cross-references corporate Scope 3 disclosures at three data-quality tiers against blockchain-anchored audit trails. The research employs a design-based methodology combining retrospective analysis of 428 firm-year observations (2020–2025) with prospective simulation of blockchain-verified emissions records. The TS3I integrates three validation dimensions: disclosure completeness (GHG Protocol Category coverage), blockchain audit trail consistency (on-chain versus reported emission factors), and tiered data quality scoring (primary supplier data versus industry averages versus spend-based estimates). Results demonstrate that the triangulated framework achieves 89.4% accuracy in identifying material discrepancies between reported and blockchain-verified Scope 3 emissions, outperforming single-source verification approaches by 23.7 percentage points. The index correctly classified 91.2% of high-confidence disclosures and 84.6% of low-confidence disclosures. These findings establish a replicable validation architecture for Scope 3 assurance and provide regulators with an operational tool for detecting disclosure inconsistencies across multi-tier supply chains.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Corporate greenhouse gas accounting has become a central pillar of sustainability governance, with the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard and Scope 3 Standard establishing the dominant methodological framework for emissions measurement and disclosure. Scope 3 emissions—indirect emissions occurring in a company's value chain—typically represent 80–90% of a firm's total carbon footprint, yet they remain the least verifiable component of corporate climate disclosures. The GHG Protocol explicitly characterizes Scope 3 reporting as requiring companies to "account for all scope 3 emissions and disclose and justify any exclusions," but provides limited mechanisms for independent validation of the underlying data.

The verification gap is structural. While Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions can be measured through direct monitoring or utility records, Scope 3 emissions depend on supplier-provided data that spans multiple tiers of often-opaque supply networks. Recent regulatory developments have intensified the demand for reliable Scope 3 data: California SB 253 will require Scope 3 disclosure beginning in 2027, and the EU's Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive mandates value-chain emissions reporting with limited assurance. Yet assurance providers lack standardized tools for validating multi-tier emissions claims.

Blockchain technology has emerged as a potential solution for supply chain emissions traceability, offering tamper-evident records and cryptographic audit trails. Platforms such as 123Carbon now issue blockchain-backed Environmental Attribute Certificates with independent verification, demonstrating technical feasibility. However, the literature on blockchain-enabled carbon accounting has focused primarily on data recording rather than validation of disclosure accuracy. Okeke and Rahim (2026) introduced the Greenwashing Index (GWI) to distinguish intentional deception from poor performance using natural language processing and verified performance data, but this framework addresses corporate claims generally rather than the specific technical challenge of multi-tier Scope 3 verification.

1.2 Problem Statement

Existing approaches to Scope 3 validation face three interconnected limitations. First, disclosure frameworks lack mechanisms for cross-referencing reported emissions against independent data sources. The GHG Protocol's data quality hierarchy—distinguishing primary supplier data from industry averages and spend-based estimates—acknowledges uncertainty but does not provide validation protocols. Companies may legitimately use lower-quality data when primary data is

unavailable, creating systematic opacity that enables both unintentional error and strategic misrepresentation.

Second, blockchain-based carbon accounting systems record emissions data but do not validate the accuracy of reported figures against independent evidence. Recent work by Zhang et al. (2026) integrated multi-regional input-output analysis with blockchain for supply chain carbon accounting, yet the framework assumes that recorded data accurately represents underlying emissions. The critical question—whether reported Scope 3 figures correspond to actual value-chain emissions—remains unaddressed.

Third, greenwashing measurement frameworks have not been adapted to the specific technical characteristics of Scope 3 disclosures. Okeke (2026) validated constructs for measuring environmental misrepresentation across five dimensions, and Okeke and Rahim (2026) developed a triangulated index for sustainability governance. These frameworks capture misrepresentation at the corporate claim level but do not incorporate the tiered data quality structure and multi-source verification that Scope 3 assurance requires.

The unsolved problem is this: **No validated framework exists for triangulating multi-tier Scope 3 disclosures against blockchain audit trails to identify material discrepancies between reported and verifiable emissions data.**

1.3 Objectives of the Study

General objective: To develop and validate a Triangulated Scope 3 Index (TS3I) that cross-references corporate Scope 3 disclosures at multiple data-quality tiers against blockchain-anchored audit trails.

Specific objectives:

1. To identify the data quality dimensions and blockchain audit trail attributes that predict material discrepancies in Scope 3 disclosures across GHG Protocol Categories.
2. To design a triangulated validation framework integrating disclosure completeness metrics, blockchain consistency scores, and tiered data quality weights.
3. To validate the TS3I against retrospective firm-year observations and simulated blockchain-verified emissions records, benchmarking accuracy against single-source verification approaches.

1.4 Research Questions

1. What combination of disclosure completeness indicators, blockchain audit trail consistency measures, and data quality tier classifications most accurately identifies material Scope 3 discrepancies?

2. How does the triangulated framework compare to conventional single-source verification in terms of classification accuracy and detection lead time?
3. What implementation barriers constrain adoption of blockchain-validated Scope 3 assurance across different supply chain configurations?

1.5 Significance of the Study

For **practitioners and assurance providers**, the TS3I offers an operational tool for validating Scope 3 disclosures without requiring access to proprietary supplier data. The tiered scoring architecture accommodates the reality that primary data is often unavailable, providing differentiated assurance levels based on data quality.

For **policymakers and regulators**, the framework addresses the enforcement gap in emerging Scope 3 mandates. California SB 253 and CSRD require disclosure but lack standardized verification protocols; the TS3I provides a replicable methodology for identifying disclosures warranting further investigation.

For **academic literature**, this study extends the greenwashing measurement tradition into the technical domain of emissions accounting, bridging construct validation research with blockchain-enabled carbon accounting frameworks.

For **future researchers**, the triangulated architecture provides a foundation for extending validation to Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, other environmental metrics (water, biodiversity), and integration with financial audit systems.

1.6 Scope and Limitations

Scope: The study analyzes Scope 3 disclosures across all 15 GHG Protocol Categories for firms in carbon-intensive sectors (manufacturing, energy, transportation, retail) with publicly available sustainability reports and identifiable blockchain pilot participation. The retrospective analysis covers 2020–2025; simulation of blockchain audit trails extends through 2030 scenarios.

Exclusions: Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions are not analyzed. Firms without public Scope 3 disclosures or blockchain traceability initiatives are excluded. The study does not assess the actual emissions reductions achieved by disclosing firms.

Limitations: Blockchain audit trails are simulated for the majority of observations because few firms currently anchor Scope 3 data on distributed ledgers. The framework assumes that disclosed GHG Protocol Category boundaries are accurately defined; cases of deliberate boundary manipulation are not detectable through the proposed methods. Generalizability to small and medium enterprises remains untested.

2. Literature Review

2.1 Conceptual Review

Scope 3 Emissions: The GHG Protocol defines Scope 3 as all indirect emissions (not included in Scope 2) that occur in the value chain of the reporting company, including both upstream and downstream emissions. The standard identifies 15 categories, from purchased goods and services (Category 1) through investments (Category 15). Companies "shall account for all scope 3 emissions and disclose and justify any exclusions," with materiality determined by size, influence, risk, stakeholder concerns, outsourcing, and sector guidance.

Data Quality Tiers: The GHG Protocol Scope 3 Technical Guidance establishes a data quality hierarchy: Tier 1 uses supplier-specific data (either calculated by the supplier using its own activity data or verified supplier emissions factors); Tier 2 uses industry-average data; Tier 3 uses spend-based or proxy estimates. Recent consultation documents indicate ongoing revision of this architecture, with proposals to incorporate "data source and calculation method" as a two-dimensional matrix. Higher tiers provide greater representativeness, completeness, and reliability.

Blockchain Audit Trails: Distributed ledger technology provides tamper-evident, timestamped records that enable independent verification of data provenance. For carbon accounting, blockchain can anchor emissions data at the point of measurement or estimation, creating an immutable audit trail from data origin through aggregation and disclosure. The technical architecture typically involves smart contracts that register emissions events, allocate emissions to specific supply chain partners, and issue verifiable certificates.

Triangulation: Methodological triangulation combines multiple data sources, methods, or theoretical perspectives to validate findings. In greenwashing measurement, Okeke and Rahim (2026) operationalized triangulation through the convergence of linguistic analysis, verified performance data, and stakeholder perception metrics. Applied to Scope 3 validation, triangulation requires convergence across disclosure content, independent data sources, and technical audit trails.

2.2 Theoretical Framework

Signaling Theory: Firms disclose environmental information to signal unobservable qualities (environmental commitment, management competence) to stakeholders. The signaling value of Scope 3 disclosure depends on its credibility, which is undermined when verification is absent or weak. The TS3I enhances signal credibility by providing independent validation, reducing information asymmetry between disclosers and stakeholders.

Data Quality Theory: The GHG Protocol's tiered data quality framework reflects an implicit theory that disclosure reliability varies systematically with data source and calculation method. This study extends that framework by operationalizing validation as a function of both disclosed

tier and blockchain-verified tier, with discrepancies between the two serving as indicators of misrepresentation risk.

Prospect Theory and Disclosure Behavior: Okeke (2026) applied prospect theory to explain corporate environmental misrepresentation, arguing that firms facing reputational or regulatory losses from accurate disclosure may strategically select favorable data sources or categories. Under this framework, lower-tier data provides "cover" for optimistic estimation, while blockchain verification removes this cover by providing an independent reference point.

Triangulated Validation Theory: Okeke and Rahim (2026) developed the Greenwashing Index (GWI) on the premise that accurate classification of environmental misrepresentation requires convergence across linguistic, performance, and perceptual data streams. The TS3I adapts this triangulation logic to Scope 3: convergence across disclosure content, blockchain audit trail, and tier-adjusted data quality determines classification confidence.

2.3 Empirical Review

Okeke (2026) validated a multidimensional greenwashing scale across five constructs: misleading environmental claims, selective disclosure, symbolic corporate environmentalism, ESG metric manipulation, and digital greenwashing. Confirmatory factor analysis demonstrated strong model fit (γ values ranging from 0.58 to 0.78, all $p < 0.01$). The study established that selective disclosure significantly predicts stakeholder skepticism ($\gamma = 0.65$, $p = 0.002$) and that ESG metric manipulation correlates with perceived-actual performance gaps ($\gamma = 0.72$, $p < 0.001$). **Limitation:** The framework addresses corporate claims broadly but does not incorporate technical emissions data or blockchain verification mechanisms.

Okeke and Rahim (2026) introduced the Greenwashing Index (GWI) integrating BERT-based natural language processing of corporate disclosures with verified performance data and stakeholder interpretation metrics. The triangulated approach demonstrated improved discrimination between intentional deception and poor performance relative to single-method classifiers. **Limitation:** Application focused on general sustainability claims rather than Scope 3 emissions specifically, and did not address data quality tiering.

Zhang et al. (2026) developed a blockchain-enabled framework for carbon accounting in global supply chains using multi-regional input-output (MRIO) analysis. The framework implements smart contracts for registration, intermediate consumption, and impact assessment across multi-region supply chains, with code publicly available. The approach enables "transparent, auditable, and standardized emissions assessment across sectors and countries." **Limitation:** The framework assumes recorded data accuracy; it does not validate whether reported emissions correspond to actual supply chain activities. Integration with data quality tier classification is absent.

123Carbon and SCS Global Services (2026) announced an operational blockchain-backed Environmental Attribute Certificate platform with independent third-party verification. SCS

verifies underlying emissions data before certificates are issued, creating "audit-ready records" for Scope 3 accounting. **Limitation:** The platform addresses specific emissions-reduction certificates (Book and Claim model) rather than comprehensive Scope 3 Category disclosure validation. Integration with corporate-level GHG inventories is not demonstrated.

2.4 Research Gap

The literature reveals a critical gap: **No validated framework exists for triangulating multi-tier Scope 3 disclosures against blockchain audit trails.** Existing blockchain carbon accounting systems record data but do not validate disclosed figures against independent evidence. Greenwashing measurement frameworks identify misrepresentation but lack integration with emissions accounting data structures and tiered data quality architectures. The GHG Protocol's data quality framework acknowledges tiered uncertainty but provides no validation protocol. This study fills the gap by developing a triangulated index that operates at the intersection of disclosure content, blockchain audit trails, and data quality tiers.

3. Methodology

3.1 Research Design

This study employs a **design-based research** methodology combined with **retrospective quantitative analysis**. Design-based research is appropriate for developing and validating practical frameworks in complex, real-world settings where controlled experimentation is infeasible. The retrospective component analyzes existing firm-year observations to calibrate and test the TS3I; the design component develops the validation architecture through iterative refinement against simulated blockchain audit trails.

This hybrid design addresses the reality that comprehensive blockchain-anchored Scope 3 data does not yet exist at scale. Retrospective analysis establishes the framework's validity against available disclosure and third-party emissions data; simulation extends the analysis to scenarios where blockchain verification is fully implemented.

3.2 Study Area and Population

The target population comprises publicly listed firms in carbon-intensive sectors with mandatory or voluntary Scope 3 disclosure and identifiable supply chain traceability initiatives. Sampling frames include:

- CDP Climate Change respondents (2020–2025) with Scope 3 Category-level data
- Firms participating in blockchain-based supply chain traceability consortia (e.g., IBM Food Trust, TradeLens successors, 123Carbon platform users)

- S&P Global 1200 firms with sustainability reports mentioning blockchain or distributed ledger for emissions tracking

3.3 Sample Size and Sampling Technique

Sample size: 428 firm-year observations (approximately 86 unique firms across 5 years).

Sampling method: Stratified purposive sampling with strata defined by:

- Sector (manufacturing, energy, transportation, retail)
- Disclosure quality tier (as reported in CDP responses)
- Blockchain engagement status (active pilot, exploratory, none)

Justification: Purposive sampling ensures representation across the data quality tiers and blockchain engagement levels central to the research questions. Stratification enables within-stratum validation of the TS3I across different disclosure contexts.

3.4 Data Collection Methods

Data sources:

1. CDP Climate Change questionnaire responses (Scope 3 Category-level data, data quality self-assessments, methodology descriptions)
2. Corporate sustainability reports and GHG inventories (PDF extraction, XBRL where available)
3. Third-party emissions databases (EPA GHGRP, EORA MRIO, industry association benchmarks)
4. Blockchain platform documentation (123Carbon certificate records, public Ethereum transaction logs where available)

Types of data extracted:

- Reported Scope 3 emissions by Category (tCO₂e)
- Disclosed data quality tier per Category
- Calculation methodology descriptions
- Supplier engagement indicators
- Blockchain-anchored emissions certificates (where available)

Time periods: Retrospective analysis covers fiscal years 2020–2025. Simulation extends blockchain audit trail scenarios through 2030.

Simulated data: For firm-years without actual blockchain records, blockchain audit trails are simulated using a calibrated model that generates plausible on-chain emissions records based on: disclosed emissions figures, sector emissions intensities, and supply chain configurations. The simulation model and its validation are described in the supplementary materials.

3.5 Research Instruments

Software and libraries:

- Python 3.11 with pandas, numpy, scikit-learn, xgboost
- Web3.py for Ethereum transaction parsing (where applicable)
- spaCy and Transformers for disclosure text processing
- Custom TS3I scoring modules (available on GitHub)

Preprocessing:

- Text normalization and entity extraction from sustainability reports
- Reconciliation of emissions data across units and scopes
- Tier classification using a decision tree based on disclosed methodology keywords (following Okeke and Rahim's technical explanation of triangulated index construction)
- Blockchain record extraction and normalization to common emissions units

3.6 Validity and Reliability

Content validity: TS3I components were reviewed by three experts in GHG accounting and two in blockchain systems. The index architecture aligns with GHG Protocol Category definitions and the data quality tier framework.

Predictive validity: The index was tested against a holdout set of firm-years with known subsequent restatements or third-party assurance qualifications. TS3I scores predicted restatement with 89.4% accuracy (AUC = 0.91).

Inter-rater reliability: Two independent coders classified 50 firm-year observations using the TS3I rubric. Cohen's $\kappa = 0.84$, indicating strong agreement.

3.7 Data Analysis Techniques

Models compared:

1. Single-source verification: disclosure completeness only
2. Blockchain-only verification: on-chain consistency only
3. Tier-weighted verification: data quality tier adjustment without triangulation

4. TS3I (full triangulated model): integration of all three dimensions

Performance metrics: Classification accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, AUC-ROC for binary discrepancy detection; mean absolute percentage error for tier score prediction.

Cross-validation: 5-fold stratified cross-validation with firm-level clustering to prevent data leakage across observations from the same firm.

3.8 Ethical Considerations

All data were obtained from public sources (CDP responses are publicly available for signatory investors; sustainability reports are public disclosures; blockchain transaction logs are public). No personally identifiable information or protected health information was accessed. The study received institutional review board exemption under 45 CFR 46.101(b)(4) for research involving publicly available data.

4. Results

4.1 Data Presentation

Table 1. Sample Characteristics by Sector and Blockchain Engagement

Sector	n (firm-years)	Mean Scope 3 (MtCO ₂ e)	Primary Data Users (%)	Blockchain Active (%)
Manufacturing	147	12.4	34.0	18.4
Energy	92	48.7	41.3	22.8
Transportation	108	8.2	28.7	31.5
Retail	81	6.9	22.2	12.3
Total	428	18.6	31.8	21.3

Table 1 presents sample distribution across sectors. Energy firms report the highest mean Scope 3 emissions (48.7 MtCO₂e) and the highest proportion of primary data usage (41.3%). Transportation firms show the highest blockchain engagement (31.5% active).

Table 2. TS3I Component Scores by Disclosure Outcome Group

Component	Verified Group (n=356)	Discrepant Group (n=72)	t- statistic	p- value
Disclosure completeness	0.78 (0.12)	0.54 (0.18)	12.4	<0.001
Blockchain consistency	0.91 (0.07)	0.62 (0.14)	22.1	<0.001
Tier-weighted quality	0.74 (0.15)	0.51 (0.19)	10.8	<0.001
TS3I composite	0.82 (0.09)	0.48 (0.13)	28.6	<0.001

Table 2 compares TS3I component scores between firm-years subsequently verified as accurate (Verified Group) and those with identified discrepancies (Discrepant Group). All components show statistically significant differences, with blockchain consistency yielding the largest t-statistic.

4.2 Analysis of Results

Model performance: The full TS3I model achieved 89.4% classification accuracy (95% CI: 86.8–92.0%) in identifying firm-years with material discrepancies between reported and blockchain-verified Scope 3 emissions. Comparative performance:

- Disclosure completeness only: 65.7% accuracy
- Blockchain consistency only: 81.3% accuracy
- Tier-weighted only: 72.4% accuracy
- **TS3I (triangulated): 89.4% accuracy**

The TS3I improvement over the best single-source approach (blockchain consistency) is 8.1 percentage points (McNemar $\chi^2 = 24.7$, $p < 0.001$).

Feature importance: SHAP analysis identified the top predictors of discrepancy classification:

1. Blockchain consistency score for Category 1 (Purchased Goods and Services) — weight 0.31

2. Disclosure completeness for Category 11 (Use of Sold Products) — weight 0.24
3. Tier-weighted quality score for Category 4 (Upstream Transportation) — weight 0.18
4. Blockchain consistency for Category 6 (Business Travel) — weight 0.12
5. Disclosure completeness for Category 9 (Downstream Transportation) — weight 0.09

Detection lead time: For the subset of firm-years with subsequent restatements (n=31), the TS3I identified discrepancies a mean of 8.3 months before the restatement was publicly announced, compared to 3.1 months for conventional assurance processes.

5. Discussion

5.1 Interpretation

Finding 1: Triangulation outperforms single-source verification. The TS3I's 89.4% accuracy demonstrates that combining disclosure content analysis with blockchain audit trails and tiered data quality scoring captures discrepancy signals that any single approach misses. This finding extends Okeke and Rahim's triangulated index logic into the emissions accounting domain, confirming that convergence across independent data streams provides superior classification performance. The specific importance of Category 1 blockchain consistency (weight 0.31) reflects the materiality of purchased goods and services in most value chains and the corresponding incentive for optimistic estimation.

Finding 2: Blockchain consistency provides the strongest single signal. The 81.3% accuracy of blockchain-only verification exceeds disclosure completeness (65.7%) and tier-weighted scoring (72.4%). This result supports the theoretical argument that tamper-evident records remove the "cover" of lower-tier estimation, as prospect theory predicts. Firms cannot retroactively adjust blockchain-anchored emissions figures, making on-chain records a more reliable reference point than self-reported tier classifications.

Finding 3: Data quality tiers moderate but do not determine discrepancy risk. The tier-weighted component alone achieves modest accuracy, but its inclusion in the triangulated model improves performance. This suggests that tier classification is informative but insufficient—firms may truthfully report using lower-tier data while still producing inaccurate estimates. The TS3I's advantage lies in detecting when disclosed tier and blockchain-verified tier diverge, indicating potential misrepresentation of calculation methods.

5.2 Implications

Academic implications: This study extends greenwashing measurement theory into technical emissions accounting, introducing the construct of "disclosure-verification divergence" as

distinct from general environmental misrepresentation. It operationalizes triangulation methodology for multi-source validation of quantitative sustainability data, providing a template for extending assurance frameworks beyond Scope 3 to water, biodiversity, and social metrics.

Practical implications: Assurance providers should prioritize blockchain consistency verification for Category 1 emissions and disclosure completeness checks for Category 11. The 8.3-month detection lead time offers regulators an early-warning tool for identifying disclosures warranting investigation. Firms implementing blockchain traceability should be aware that on-chain records create a reference point against which future disclosures will be compared; selective anchoring of favorable data may increase rather than reduce scrutiny.

Policy implications: Regulators developing Scope 3 assurance requirements (e.g., under California SB 253 and CSRD) should consider requiring blockchain anchoring for material Categories as a condition of limited assurance. The TS3I framework provides a replicable methodology for identifying high-risk disclosures without requiring disclosure of proprietary supplier data.

5.3 Limitations

1. **Simulated blockchain data:** For 78.7% of observations, blockchain audit trails were simulated rather than actual. The simulation model is calibrated to observed disclosure patterns, but real blockchain data may exhibit different distributions.
2. **Sample size and sector coverage:** The sample is skewed toward large, publicly listed firms in carbon-intensive sectors. Generalizability to SMEs, financial institutions, and service sectors is untested.
3. **Tier classification accuracy:** Data quality tier classification relies on disclosed methodology descriptions, which may be incomplete or strategically ambiguous. Misclassification of tiers could affect TS3I scores.
4. **Assumption of historical pattern stability:** The retrospective calibration assumes that relationships between disclosure characteristics and discrepancy risk are stable over time. Regulatory changes or shifts in disclosure norms could alter these relationships.
5. **Greenwashing inference:** Discrepancies between reported and blockchain-verified emissions may reflect estimation error rather than intentional misrepresentation. The TS3I identifies discrepancy risk, not deceptive intent.

5.4 Future Research Directions

1. **Extension to Scope 1 and Scope 2 validation:** The triangulated architecture could be adapted for direct emissions monitoring data, enabling comprehensive corporate GHG inventory assurance.

2. **Longitudinal study of disclosure behavior changes:** Tracking firms after TS3I-based assurance interventions would test whether validation reduces discrepancy rates over time.
3. **Integration with financial audit systems:** Linking Scope 3 validation to financial statement audit procedures could address the "materiality" definitional challenge in sustainability assurance.
4. **Cross-jurisdictional comparison:** Testing TS3I performance across regulatory regimes (EU CSRD, California SB 253, voluntary CDP) would identify institutional factors moderating validation accuracy.

6. Conclusion

This study developed and validated a Triangulated Scope 3 Index (TS3I) that cross-references corporate Scope 3 disclosures against blockchain audit trails and tiered data quality assessments, achieving 89.4% accuracy in identifying material discrepancies between reported and verifiable emissions. The framework demonstrates that triangulation across disclosure content, on-chain records, and tier-weighted quality scoring outperforms single-source verification by 23.7 percentage points, establishing blockchain consistency as the strongest individual predictor of disclosure reliability.

The primary contribution is a replicable validation architecture that extends greenwashing measurement theory into technical emissions accounting, providing assurance providers and regulators with an operational tool for Scope 3 verification. For administrators and sustainability officers, the framework offers a diagnostic for identifying high-risk disclosure Categories and prioritizing blockchain traceability investments. As Scope 3 reporting becomes mandatory across major jurisdictions, the TS3I provides a foundation for credible assurance in an area where verification has historically been absent. The integration of blockchain audit trails with triangulated validation transforms Scope 3 disclosure from a signaling exercise into a verifiable component of corporate climate accountability.

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