

**SNAP CODE :****040100****SOURCE SUB-SECTOR TITLE :****Processes in Petroleum Industries**

The petroleum refining industry converts crude oil into more than 2500 refined products, including liquid fuels (from motor gasoline to residual oil), by-product fuels and feedstocks (such as asphalt, lubricants, gases, coke), and primary petrochemicals (for instance, ethylene, toluene, xylene). Petroleum refinery activities start with the receipt of crude for storage at the refinery, include all petroleum handling and refining operations, and terminate with storage preparatory to shipping the refined products from the refinery. (U.S. EPA 1985a and Poter and Partners Inc. 1988) The distribution and marketing of the products of a refinery are considered separately under SNAP sub-sectors 0504 and 0505.

Not all petroleum refinery processes that could result in the emissions to the air are included under SNAP code 0401. The following lists the major refinery processes and associated operations along with the SNAP code(s) most likely to apply to these operations (using currently available SNAP94 codes):

1. Feedstock handling and storage	050401	marine terminals
	050402	other handling and storage
2. Separation processes	040101	petroleum products processing
3. Petroleum conversion processes	040101	petroleum products processing
4. Petroleum treating processes	040101	petroleum products processing
	060310	asphalt blowing
5. Product blending*	040101	petroleum products processing
6. Product storage and handling	040104	storage and handling of products in refinery
	050501	refinery dispatch station
7. Auxiliary Facilities	030104	combustion
	030105	combustion
	010306	process furnaces
	040103	sulphur recovery plants
	0405	organic chemical production
	091001	waste water treatment in industry
	091002	waste water treatment in residential/commercial sector
	090202	incineration of industrial wastes
	090203	flaring in oil refinery
090205	incineration of sludges from water treatment	

090400      landfills  
                  cooling towers  
                  vapour recovery and blowdown systems

\*this may be included with product storage and handling

Estimating NMVOC emissions due to spills and accidental discharges is considered outside the terms of reference for this manual, although a separate SNAP code could be created to record this information where it is available.

Petroleum refineries are significant sources of SO<sub>2</sub> and VOCs, with lesser emissions of particulate, NO<sub>x</sub> and CO.

In North America in 1985, the percent contributions to total anthropogenic emissions were estimated for non-combustion emissions from this sector as summarized in Table 1.

**Table 1: 1990 Non-Combustion Emission from Petroleum Refineries Exposed as a Percent of Total Anthropogenic Emissions**

Country	Particulate	SO <sub>x</sub>	CO	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC
Canada		1.0	0.1		8.5
United States 1985		1.3	0.4	0.3	3.7

See chapter ACOR and other relevant chapters for contribution from individual activities as listed above.

Percentage contribution to non-combustion VOC emissions from refineries in Canada in 1988 (CPPI and Environment Canada 1991) from the various non-combustion sources were estimated as in Table 2.

**Table 2: Percent Contribution to Total Non-Combustion VOC Emissions - Canada 1988 (CPPI/Environment Canada 1991)**

process sources (FCCU only)		4.7
fugitive total		46.8
pumps	5.1	
compressors	1.5	
valves	31.5	
flanges	1.9	
P/R valves	2.7	
O/E lines	0.5	
sampling system	0.4	
drains	3.2	
storage/handling total		25.9
tanks	15.6	
handling	10.3	
waste systems total		22.6
cooling water	3.1	
waste water	18.8	
landfarming	0.6	
vent	<0.1	
flare	0.1	
total		100

Swedish estimates of VOC emissions from oil refineries using the DIAL technique to quantify VOC emissions indicated that product storage represented a much larger portion of total emissions, in the order of 60 to 75 percent. Process emissions represented 25 to 35 percent, with water treatment emissions being under 5 percent.

Some work on NMVOC emissions from refineries has been done by the CONCAWE (for example, CONCAWE reports No. 2/86, 6/87, 52/87). In 1983 refineries contributed 2.2% and 2.4% to total anthropogenic NMVOC emissions in OECD Europe and EEC-10 countries, respectively. It is not clear if this includes combustion emissions from these sources. In another CONCAWE report (52/87 1877), in which emissions from a typical refinery are reported, fugitive emissions contributed 53% by weight of non-combustion NMVOC

emissions. Other sources included were tank storage, loading losses and waste water treatment.

In Poland in 1992, refineries contributed 1% of total anthropogenic VOC emissions. In Russia, the oil and gas industry (mainly oil extraction and oil refining) emitted 1262 ktonnes VOC/year (year not specified) (Tsibulski 1993).

The simplest emission estimation method for petroleum refineries would be to use emission factors that estimate emissions from all of the above sources, based on the crude throughput, and assigning these emissions to SNAP code 0401.

A review of 29 Canadian refineries found a THC emission of 0.4 to 3.2 kg THC/m<sup>3</sup> feed charged (CPPI and Environment Canada 1991), with an average of 1.1 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. VOC emission factors reported in a review for Corinair and EMEP (Veldt 1991) were (in kg/mg): Corinair 0.5, FRG 0.4, USA 0.65, Poland 0.88, USSR 12, Lithuania 2.4. The proposed default emission factor for NMVOC was 0.5 kg/mg. A Corinair report (CEC 1991a) stated that 11 West European refineries emitted an average of 0.35 kg VOC/t crude, ranging from 0.13 - 0.55 (source was not referenced). The default NMVOC emission factor for all refinery emissions in another Corinair report (CEC 1991b) was .225 kg/t of input for modern designs and .90 kg/t input for old designs. An overall VOC emission factor of 0.35 kg/m<sup>3</sup> was calculated for an Austrian refinery (Winiwarter 1994).

The review of 29 Canadian refineries mentioned above (CPPI and Environment Canada 1991) also included estimates of 1988 emissions of particulate, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and CO due to non-combustion sources at these refineries. These have been converted to emission factors, based on total refinery feed, as summarized in Table 3. These are very general emission factors in that the actual emissions for any given refinery will depend very heavily upon the portion of the total refinery feed that goes into specific processes.

**Table 3: General Emission Factors for Non-combustion Emissions From Petroleum Refineries (CPPI and Environment Canada 1991)**

Contaminant	Emission Factor (kg/m <sup>3</sup> refinery feed)	Sources Considered
Particulate	0.006	FCCU only
SO <sub>x</sub>	0.8	vac. tower, cat. cracker, fluid coking, S plant, S.W.S., incin., caustic regen., flares, vents, off gases, others.
NO <sub>x</sub>	0.05	catalytic cracking
CO	0.08	FCCU only

SNAP CODES :

040101

040102

SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :

**Petroleum Products Processing  
Fluid Catalytic Cracking**

**1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED**

A basic refinery converts crude petroleum into a variety of sub-products. Principal products of a petroleum refinery include:

Liquid Fuels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>motor gasoline</li> <li>aviation gasoline</li> <li>aviation turbine fuel</li> <li>illuminating kerosene</li> <li>high-speed diesel</li> <li>distillate heating fuel</li> <li>medium-speed diesel</li> <li>residual oil</li> </ul>
By-Product Fuels and Feedstocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>naphtha</li> <li>lubricants</li> <li>asphalt</li> <li>liquefied petroleum gases</li> <li>coke</li> <li>sulphur (product of auxiliary facility)</li> <li>white oils</li> </ul>
Primary Petrochemicals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ethylene</li> <li>propylene</li> <li>butadiene</li> <li>benzene</li> <li>toluene</li> <li>xylene</li> </ul>

The production of the latter group, primary petrochemicals, is, however, not included in this chapter, even if these chemicals are produced at a petroleum refinery. Please refer to the relevant chapters for sub-sector 040500 (chapters B451-B4522).

The petroleum refining industry employs a wide variety of processes. The types of processes operating at any one facility depend on a variety of economic and logistic considerations such as the quality of the crude oil feedstock, the accessibility and cost of crude (and alternative feedstocks), the availability and cost of equipment and utilities, and refined product demand. The four categories of general refinery processes are listed in Table 1.

**Table 1: General Refinery Processes and Products**

Separation Processes	atmospheric distillation vacuum distillation light ends recovery (gas processing)
Petroleum Conversion Processes	cracking (thermal and catalytic) coking viscosity breaking catalytic reforming isomerization alkylation polymerization
Petroleum Treating Processes	hydrodesulfurization hydrotreating chemical sweetening acid gas removal deasphalting
Blending	motor gasoline light fuel oil heavy fuel oil

The major direct process emission sources of NMVOCs are vacuum distillation, catalytic cracking, coking, chemical sweetening and asphalt blowing (U.S.EPA 1985a). Process-unit turnaround (periodical shut-down of units) has also been reported as contributing to VOC emissions (CEC 1991).

Fugitive emissions from equipment leaks are also a significant source of NMVOC emissions from process operations at a refinery. Emissions from storage and handling are also classified as fugitive emissions. To avoid confusion, fugitive emissions from equipment leaks will be referred to as fugitive process emissions in this chapter.

Table 2 summarizes significant sources of common pollutants from process and fugitive process emissions sources at refineries.

**Table 2: Significant Process Emissions Sources at Petroleum Refineries (U.S. EPA 1985)**

Process	Particulate	NO <sub>x</sub>	SO <sub>x</sub>	CO	NMVOC
vacuum distillation	x	x	x	x	x
catalytic cracking	<b>X</b>	x	x	<b>X</b>	x
thermal cracking	x	x		x	x
sweetening					<b>X</b>
blowdown systems	x	x	x	x	<b>X</b>

**X** - Possibly significant sources (depending upon the degree of contract)

x - Minor sources

This section is a summary of the main products possibly produced at a refinery and the major processes that could be present, with an indication of the processes that are potentially significant sources of emissions to the air. All of these processes are currently under SNAP code 040101, with the exception of FCCs with CO boiler. However it is difficult to use this code separately from other processes, particularly for simpler emission estimation methods, which tend to encompass a wide variety of sources. It is therefore proposed that FCCs with CO boiler also be inventoried under 040101.

It is important to note that fugitive process emissions are somewhat difficult to characterize by their area (process vs. storage/handling vs. waste treatment), as they are estimated based on equipment counts and are not usually classified as to type of use or area of the refinery. Therefore fugitive process emissions for the entire refinery are inventoried under SNAP code 040101.

## 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

Table 3 summarizes emissions from petroleum refining processes in the CORINAIR90 inventory. In a Canadian study (CPPI and Environment Canada 1991), the process/fugitive process sources contributed 51.5% (process 4.7% (Only FCCU estimated) and fugitive process 46.8%) of total VOC emissions for 29 refineries surveyed. Blending losses were not estimated separately. The process/fugitive process sources would represent approximately 2.6% of total anthropogenic emissions.

**Table 3: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Petroleum Products Proces.	040101	0.5	0.1	0.7	0	0	0.2	0.1	-
Fluid Catalytic Cracking	040102	0.4	0.1	0	-	0	0.1	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

## 3. GENERAL

### 3.1 Description

#### Direct Process Sources

There are four main categories of processes in a petroleum refinery:

#### *Separation Processes*

Crude oil consists of a mixture of hydrocarbon compounds including paraffinic, naphthenic, and aromatic hydrocarbons plus small amounts of impurities including sulphur, nitrogen, oxygen and metals. The first phase in petroleum refining operations is the separation of crude oil into common-boiling point fractions using three petroleum separation processes: atmospheric distillation, vacuum distillation, and light ends recovery (gas processing).

### *Conversion Processes*

Where there is a high demand for high-octane gasoline, jet fuel and diesel fuel, components such as residual oils, fuel oils, and light ends are converted to gasolines and other light fractions. Cracking, coking, and visbreaking processes break large petroleum molecules into smaller petroleum molecules. Polymerization and alkylation processes rearrange the structure of petroleum molecules into larger ones. Isomerization and reforming processes rearrange the structure of petroleum molecules to produce higher-value molecules of a similar molecule size.

### *Treating Processes*

Petroleum treating processes stabilize and upgrade petroleum products. Desalting is used to remove salt, minerals, grit, and water from crude oil feedstocks prior to refining. Undesirable elements such as sulphur, nitrogen, and oxygen are removed from product intermediates by hydrodesulphurization, hydrotreating, chemical sweetening and acid gas removal. Deasphalting is used to separate asphalt from other products. Asphalt may then be polymerized and stabilized by blowing (see SNAP code 060310).

### *Blending*

Streams from various units are combined to produce gasoline, kerosene, gasoil and residual oil, and in some cases a few specialty items.

### Fugitive Process Sources

Fugitive process emission sources are defined as NMVOC sources not associated with a specific process but scattered throughout the refinery. Fugitive process emissions sources include valves of all types, flanges, pump and compressor seals, pressure relief valves, sampling connections and process drains. These sources may be used in the transport of crude oil, intermediates, wastes or products.

Note that this category will actually include fugitive emissions from all such refinery sources, rather than those sources only associated with process emissions.

## **3.2 Definitions**

### **3.3 Techniques**

See section 3.1 (above).

### **3.4 Emissions/Controls**

#### **3.4.1 Direct Process Emissions**

Vacuum distillation, catalytic cracking, thermal cracking, sweetening, blowdown systems, sulphur recovery, asphalt blowing and flaring processes have been identified as being potentially significant sources of SO<sub>2</sub> and NMVOC from those sources included under SNAP code 040101, with a relatively smaller contribution of particulate, NO<sub>x</sub> and CO. (U.S.EPA 1985a).



### ***Vacuum Distillation***

Topped crude withdrawn from the bottom of the atmospheric distillation column is composed of high-boiling-point hydrocarbons. The topped crude is separated into common-boiling-point fractions by vaporization and condensation in a vacuum column at a very low pressure and in a steam atmosphere. A major portion of the vapours withdrawn from the column by steam ejectors or vacuum pumps are recovered in condensers. Historically, the noncondensable portion has been vented to the atmosphere.

The major NMVOC emission sources related to the vacuum column include steam ejectors and vacuum pumps that withdraw vapours through a condenser.

Methods of controlling these emissions include venting into blowdown systems or fuel gas systems, and incineration in furnaces (SNAP code 090201) or waste heat boilers (SNAP code 030100). These control techniques are generally greater than 99 percent efficient in the control of hydrocarbon emissions.

Note that the emissions from blowdown and vapour recovery systems have been included under this SNAP code rather than under SNAP code 090100 (see below).

### ***Catalytic Cracking***

Catalytic crackers use heat, pressure and catalysts to convert heavy oils into lighter products with product distributions favoring the gasoline and distillate blending components.

Fluidized-bed catalytic cracking (FCC) processes use finely divided catalysts that are suspended in a riser with hot vapours of the fresh feed. The hydrocarbon vapour reaction products are separated from the catalyst particles in cyclones and sent to a fractionator. The spent catalyst is conveyed to a regenerator unit, in which deposits are burned off before recycling.

Moving-bed catalytic cracking (TCC) involves concurrent mixing of the hot feed vapours with catalyst beads that flow to the separation and fractionating section of the unit.

Aside from combustion products from heaters, emission from catalytic cracking processes are from the catalyst regenerator. These emissions include NMVOC, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, CO, particulates, ammonia, aldehydes, and cyanides.

In FCC units, particulate emissions are controlled by cyclones and/or electrostatic precipitators. CO waste heat boilers may be used to reduce the CO and hydrocarbon emissions to negligible levels.

TCC catalyst regeneration produces much smaller quantities of emissions than is the case for FCC units. Particulate emissions may be controlled by high-efficiency cyclones. CO and NMVOC emissions from a TCC unit are incinerated to negligible levels by passing the flue gases through a process heater fire-box or smoke plume burner.

SO<sub>x</sub> from catalyst regeneration may be removed by passing the flue gases through a water or caustic scrubber.

### ***Thermal Cracking***

Thermal cracking units break heavy oil molecules by exposing them to higher temperatures. In viscosity breaking (visbreaking), topped crude or vacuum residuals are heated and thermally topped in a furnace and then put into a fractionator. In coking, vacuum residuals and thermal

tars are cracked at high temperature and low pressure. Historically, delayed coking is the most common process used, although fluid coking is becoming the more preferred process.

Emissions from these units are not well characterized. In delayed coking, particulate and hydrocarbon emissions are associated with removing coke from the coke drum and subsequent handling and storage operations. Generally there is no control of hydrocarbon emissions from delayed coking, although in some cases coke drum emissions are collected in an enclosed system and routed to a refinery flare.

### *Sweetening*

Sweetening of distillates is accomplished by the conversion of mercaptans to alkyl disulfides in the presence of a catalyst. Conversion may then be followed by an extraction step in which the disulfides are removed.

Hydrocarbon emissions are mainly from the contact between the distillate product and air in the air blowing step. These emissions are related to equipment type and configuration, as well as to operating conditions and maintenance practices.

### *Asphalt Blowing*

Please refer to SNAP code 060310 for inventory methods for asphalt blowing.

### *Sulphur Recovery*

Please refer to SNAP code 040103 for inventory methods for sulphur recovery plants.

### *Flaring*

Please refer to SNAP code 090203 for inventory methods for flaring in a refinery.

### *Blowdown Systems*

Many of the refining process units subject to hydrocarbon discharges are manifolded into a collection unit (i.e., blowdown system), comprising a series of drums and condensers, whereby liquids are separated for recycling and vapours are recycled or flared with steam injection. Uncontrolled blowdown emissions consist primarily of hydrocarbons, while vapour recovery and flaring systems (see SNAP code 090203) release lesser NMVOC and greater combustion products including SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and CO.

## **3.4.2 Fugitive Process Emissions**

Fugitive process emissions sources include valves of all types, flanges, pumps in hydrocarbon service (packed or sealed), compressor seals, pressure relief devices, open-ended lines or valves, sampling connections, and process drains or oily water drains.

For these sources, a very high correlation has been found between mass emission rates and the type of stream service in which the sources are employed. For compressors, gases passing through are classified as either hydrogen or hydrocarbon service. For all other sources, streams are classified into one of three stream groups: gas/vapour streams, light liquid/two phase streams, and kerosene and heavier liquid streams. It has been found that sources in gas/vapour service have higher emission rates than those in heavier stream service. This trend is especially pronounced for valves and pump seals.

Of these sources of NMVOC, valves are the major source type. This is due to their number and relatively high leak rate.

Normally, control of fugitive emissions involves minimizing leaks and spills through equipment changes, procedure changes, and improved monitoring, housekeeping and maintenance practices.

Applicable control technologies are summarized in Table 4.

**Table 4: Control Technologies for Fugitive Sources (U.S. EPA 1985a)**

pipeline valves	monitoring and maintenance programs
open-ended valves	instillation of cap or plug on open end of valve /line
flanges	monitoring and maintenance
pump seals	mechanical seals, dual seals, purged seals, monitoring and maintenance programs, controlling degassing vents
compressor seals	mechanical seals, dual seals, purged seals, monitoring and maintenance programs, controlling degassing vents
process drains	traps and covers
pressure/relief valves	rupture disks upstream of relief and/or venting to a flare

#### 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

The simplest inventory methodology is to combine the crude oil throughput of each refinery with either a single emission factor, or two emission factors (one for process and one for fugitive process emissions) for each refinery. The first approach would be the easiest to use if very limited information is available. However, the second approach would allow the user to in some way reflect the type of processes and related controls at the refinery as well as accounting for the sophistication of the fugitive emissions inspection and maintenance programs typical of the region and/or that particular refinery.

It is strongly recommended that the detailed methodology be used for petroleum refineries.

#### 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

The detailed methodology requires each refinery to estimate its process emissions for each process, using detailed throughput information and emission factors. Site specific emission factors or data would be preferable, wherever possible. Remote sensing, using fourier transform techniques, is making it possible to measure total refinery emissions, although it may be difficult to identify the individual source strengths.

The state-of-the-art technology for estimating fugitive process emissions is to use an emission testing program to classify equipment into groupings and then estimate emissions using emission factors or algorithms (see section 16, Verification Procedures). However, this is a very expensive and time-consuming proposition and is considered beyond the resources of most inventory personnel. The methodology proposed below is a compromise between a testing program vs. estimates of the number of each type of equipment that might be in a refinery based on either its throughput or production data.

Fugitive process emissions, which are considered to be the major source of NMVOCs at a petroleum refinery, are inventoried using emission factors for each type of equipment and stream, based on a count of the number of sources, a characterization of the NMVOC content of the stream in question and whether the refinery conducts an inspection and maintenance program.

The U.S. EPA has published a detailed protocol for equipment leak emissions estimates (U.S.EPA 1993). In the average emission factor method, the following unit-specific data is required:

1. the number of each type of component in a unit (valve, connector etc.)
2. the service each component is in (gas, light liquid, or heavy liquid)
3. the NMVOC concentration in the stream (weight fraction) and
4. the number of hours per year the component was in service.

The equipment is then grouped into streams, where all of the equipment within the stream have approximately the same NMVOC weight percent. Annual emissions are then calculated for each stream as follows:

$$\text{NMVOCs} = \text{AEF} * \text{WFnmvoc} * \text{N}$$

where:

NMVOCs	= NMVOC emission rate from all equipment in the stream of a given equipment type (kg/hr)
AEF	= applicable average emission factor for the equipment type (kg/hr/source)
WFnmvoc	= average weight fraction of NMVOC in the stream and
N	= the number of pieces of equipment of the applicable equipment type in the stream.

If there are several streams at the refinery, as is usually the case, the total NMVOC emission rate for an equipment type is the sum of emissions from each of the streams. The total emission rates for all of the equipment types are summed to generate the process unit total NMVOC emission rate from fugitive process sources.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

For the simpler methodology, the crude oil throughput of each refinery is required.

For the detailed methodology, specific data will be required on the throughput for each process area. For fugitive process emissions estimates, each emission source must be counted by type and process stream, and the NMVOC content for each stream must then be characterized. The number of annual hours of operation for each stream is also required. Finally it must be determined if an inspection and maintenance program is conducted at the refinery.

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

All refineries are to be inventoried as point sources.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

### 8.1 Simpler Methodology

Total hydrocarbon emission factors based on an inventory of Canadian refineries in 1988 (CPPI and Environment Canada 1991) were 0.05 kg/m<sup>3</sup> feedstock for process emissions and 0.53 kg/m<sup>3</sup> for fugitive process emissions. Of the latter, valves accounted for 0.35 kg/m<sup>3</sup> feedstock. Data was not available for NMVOC only. This inventory was based on a survey of individual refineries, in which some reported their own emission estimates and some reported base quantity data for which emissions were estimated using a variety of techniques.

The use of CONCAWE derived VOC emission factors, based upon a hypothetical 5 Mt/yr refinery, as follows was recommended as a default method for the Corinair 1990 project (CEC 1991). The emission factor for fugitive process emissions is 0.25 kg/t crude (0.21 kg/m<sup>3</sup> crude assuming specific gravity of 0.85 (BP 86)).

Sixty percent of these emissions are reported to be from valves. CONCAWE also indicates that average fugitive emissions in the same refinery with a maintenance and monitoring programme is 0.01% by weight (.085 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) of refinery throughput (CONCAWE Report 87/52 1987). The CORINAIR90 default emission handbook also reports a U.S.EPA factor of 0.18 kg/t crude (U.S.EPA 1985b) for process unit turnaround, and estimates that Western European refineries would emit half of this for turnaround, or 0.09 kg/t.

It is apparent that detailed emission inventory data is required for several refineries in differing regions in order to develop meaningful emission factors. Major factors affecting regional differences include crude characteristics, product demand (and hence refinery processes) and regulatory requirements.

Emission factors for non-combustion process sources of other contaminants were not identified, other than as provided in Table 3 of SNAP sector 040100.

### 8.2 Detailed Methodology

The more detailed methodology involves the use of process-specific emission factors based on the throughput of the unit and fugitive process emission factors based on equipment counts. It is important to note that the factors presented below must be used with caution, as they do not account for regional differences in crude, product demand and regulatory requirements. Wherever possible, site-specific emission estimates based on monitoring should be considered.

#### Process Emission Factors

Table 5 summarizes emission factors for refinery processes based on tests conducted in the 1970's, noting that overall, less than 1 % of the total hydrocarbons emissions are methane (U.S.EPA 1985a). Table 5a, at the end of this chapter details emission factors for other pollutants.

**Table 5: Emission Factors for Petroleum Refineries (U.S. EPA 1985a and 1995)**

Process		Emission Factor	Quality Code
FCCU	uncontrolled	0.630 kg/m <sup>3</sup> feed	B
	ESP/CO boiler	negligible	B
TCCU		0.250 kg/m <sup>3</sup> feed	B
Fluid Coking	ESP/CO boiler	negligible	C
Vacuum Distillation	uncontrolled	0.052 kg/m <sup>3</sup> refinery feed	C
	controlled	0.14 kg/m <sup>3</sup> vacuum feed negligible	C C

Note that new emission factors are being developed by the U.S. EPA, with some speculation. These are due for release soon (Zarate 1992).

The VOC emission factors listed in Table 6 were used to estimate emissions from processes in the United Kingdom (Passant n.d.).

**Table 6: VOC Emission Factors (Passant n.d.)**

Process		Emission Factor	Quality Code
Catalytic Cracker	uncontrolled	628 g/m <sup>3</sup> feed	D
	controlled	negligible	D
Fluid Coking	uncontrolled	384 g/m <sup>3</sup> feed	D
	controlled	negligible	D
Vacuum Distillation	uncontrolled	51.6 g/m <sup>3</sup> feed	D
	controlled	negligible	D
Asphalt Blowing	uncontrolled	27.2 kg/t asphalt	D
	controlled	0.54 kg/t asphalt	D

#### Fugitive Process Emission Factors

Emissions factors for fugitive process emissions of NMVOC are expressed as losses per equipment unit per day. As previously discussed, the methods for estimating mass emissions from process equipment leaks range from the use of emission factors with equipment counts to comprehensive field measurement techniques. These methods have evolved from a number of studies of the organic chemical and petroleum refining industries for the U.S. EPA.

The U.S. EPA (1993) has provided NMVOC emission factors (Table 7). These are considered to give a good estimate of fugitive process emissions from a refinery with no inspection and maintenance program.

**Table 7: Process Fugitive Average Emission Factors for Petroleum Refineries (U.S.EPA 1993)**

Source		Emission Factor (kg/hr-source)
Valves	gas	0.0268
	light liquid	0.0109
	heavy liquid	0.00023
Open-ended Lines	all streams	0.0023
Connectors	all streams	0.00025
Pump Seals*	light liquid	0.114
	heavy liquid	0.021
Compressor Seals	gas	0.636
Sampling Connections	all streams	0.0150
Pressure Vessel Relief Valves	gas	0.16

\* The light liquid pump seal factor can be used to estimate the leak rate from agitator seals

These emission factors, however, are in most cases considered to overestimate NMVOC emissions from sources in more modern facilities. The U.S. EPA allows a 75% reduction in emissions estimated by using these emission factors if an approved I and M program is conducted at the petroleum refining facility.

Passant (n.d.) used the VOC emission factors presented in Table 8, which were referenced to U.S.EPA 1988.

**Table 8: Process Fugitive Emission Factors for Petroleum Refineries (Passant n.d.)**

Source		Emission Factor (kg/hr)	Quality Code
Valves	gas	0.0056	D
	light	0.0071	D
	heavy	0.0023	D
Pump Seals	light	0.0494	D
	heavy	0.0214	D
Compressor Seals	all streams	0.2280	D
Pressure Relief Seals	all streams	0.104	D
Flanges	all streams	0.00083	D
Open-ended Lines	all streams	0.0017	D
Sample Connections	all streams	0.015	D

Although the derivation of these emission factors is not given, it would appear that these are actually average synthetic organic chemical manufacturing industry (SOCMI) (1988) uncontrolled emission factors. These sets of factors are thought to be biased on the high side for petroleum refineries due to the inclusion of ethylene plants which operate at 15,000 to 40,000 psig.

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

### 9.1 Applicability of Generalized VOC Species Profiles

In both North America and Europe, VOC species profiles have been published based on measurements or engineering judgement. There is a need to produce generalized profiles for use by models, the alternative being to obtain refinery specific data. Generalized profiles can be generated at the most detailed process level, however, there are several important influences which should be considered in attempting to specify such generally applicable data. Some of these influences are:

Meteorological and Climatological effects: Ambient temperature and temperature ranges may have important influences on the emitted species profiles. Due to the logarithmic behaviour of vapour pressure, higher temperatures tend to favour the loss of the lower molecular weight compounds from storage vessels and some process streams.

Variability of Raw Materials: The type of crude oil being processed can influence the fraction of more volatile and more easily emitted compounds.

Process Variability: Different refineries will have process differences. Where the species profiles are based on individual operations, process differences can be allowed for. However, overall average refinery profiles will differ between refineries.

Maintenance and Regulation: Equipment maintenance and the enforcement of regulations will have significant effects on the overall emitted species distribution depending on which processes or operations are impacted by maintenance practices or by regulation.

The broad application of generalized profiles should be done with some caution. Where such profiles are necessary, consideration should be given to stratification of the data according to some of the major factors of influence such as climate, country, raw material etc.

### 9.2 Simplified VOC Speciation

For some applications, where there is no process detail, or where refineries are grouped as a single emission source, there is a need for a single overall species profile to characterize the emissions for modelling or other purposes. Process specific species profiles can be combined into a single overall refinery profile by appropriately weighting the individual profiles according to their relative contribution to the total refinery emissions.

Consideration should be given to stratification of the data according to some of the major factors of influence such as climate, country, raw material(crude) etc.

CONCAWE reports (Report 2/86) that refinery emissions are essentially saturated, with the saturated hydrocarbon content lying between 80 and 90% by weight, The balance of 10 to 20% is unsaturated and/or aromatic hydrocarbons, the actual values depending on the nature



of the refinery processes installed. Several overall refinery species profiles are available, such as those reviewed by Veldt (1991) for application to the EMEP and CORINAIR 1990 emissions inventories. On the basis of this review, this chapter proposes an overall species profile for petroleum refining by mass fraction.

**Table 9: Concawe Petroleum Refinery Speciation Profile**

Species	Concawe
Methane	0
Ethane	5
Propane	20
n-Butane	15
i-Butane	5
Pentanes	20
Hexanes	10
Heptanes	5
>Heptanes	5
Ethene	1
Propene	1
Butene	0.5
Benzene	2
Toluene	3
o-Xylene	0.7
m,p-Xylene	1.3
Ethylbenzene	0.5
TOTAL	100

The Air Emission Species Manual (AESM) for VOC (U.S. EPA 1994) provides an overall refinery species profile (Profile 9012: Petroleum Industry - Average, Data Quality E - based on engineering judgement) as summarized in Table 10.

**Table 10: US EPA Petroleum Refinery Speciation Profile**

Species	CAS Number	wt%
Methane	74-82-8	13
Ethane	74-84-0	6.05
Propane	74-98-6	19.7
n-Butane	106-97-8	7.99
i-Butane	75-28-5	2.89
Pentanes	(109-66-0)	21.4
Hexanes	(110-54-3)	8.02
Heptanes	(142-82-5)	1.87
Octanes	(111-65-9)	2.13
Nonanes	(111-84-2)	1.01
Decanes	(124-18-5)	1.02
Cyclo-hexane	110-82-7	0.08
Cyclo-heptanes		2.27
Cyclo-octanes		0.66
Cyclo-nonanes		0.11
Propene	115-07-01	1.75
Butene	106-98-9	0.15
Benzene	71-43-2	0.38
Toluene	108-88-3	0.44
Xylenes	1330-20-7	0.19
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	8.88
Total		100.02

The suggested applications are:

Blowdown system - vapor recovery./Flare

Blowdown system - without controls

Wastewater treatment - excl. Separator

Vacuum distillation - column condenser

Sludge converter - general

Fluid coking - general

Petroleum coke - calciner

Bauxite burning

Lube oil manufacturing

### 9.3 Detailed Process VOC Speciation

The most detailed speciation of VOC is achievable at the process level using the U.S. EPA AESM (U.S.EPA 1994). Such a detailed method is generally only applicable on an individual refinery basis where estimates of the emission contributions from the various process streams and operations are available. The generalized profiles which are available for individual processes and operations as well as fugitive process emissions are summarized below. These profiles are based on United States data, and in many instances on data from California.

U.S. EPA petroleum refinery species profiles applicable to petroleum refinery process and fugitive process emissions are presented in Tables 11 through 16.

**Table 11: Profile 0029: Refinery Fluid Catalytic Cracker (Quality:C)**

CAS Number	Name	Wt %
	Isomers of hexane	13.00
74-82-8	Methane	36.00
50-00-0	Formaldehyde	51.00
TOTAL		100.00

**Table 12: Profile: 0031 Refinery Fugitive Emissions - Covered Drainage / Separation Pits (Quality C)**

CAS Number	Name	Wt %
	Isomers of hexane	12.20
	C-7 cycloparaffins	16.90
	C-8 cycloparaffins	5.20
	Isomers of pentane	10.10
74-82-8	Methane	2.90
74-84-0	Ethane	1.70
74-98-6	Propane	5.90
106-97-8	N-Butane	14.30
75-28-5	Iso-Butane	4.50
109-66-0	N-Pentane	12.00
110-54-3	Hexane	11.90
71-43-2	Benzene	2.40
TOTAL		100.00

Used for:

Fugitive hydrocarbon emissions - drains - all streams

**Table 13: Profile: 0039 Description: Refinery Fugitive Emissions - Compressor Seals - Refinery Gas (Quality D).**

CAS Number	Name	Wt %
	Isomers of hexane	1.00
	Isomers of heptane	0.10
	Isomers of pentane	8.60
74-82-8	Methane	13.30
74-84-0	Ethane	5.60
74-98-6	Propane	16.00
115-07-01	Propene	8.80
106-97-8	N-Butane	23.20
106-98-9	Butene	1.20
75-28-5	Iso-Butane	10.00
109-66-0	N-Pentane	7.60
110-54-3	Hexane	4.60
TOTAL		100.00

Used for:

Compressor seal - gas streams

Compressor seal - heavy liquid streams

**Table 14: Profile: 0047 Description: Refinery Fugitive Emissions - Relief Valves - Liquefied Petroleum Gas**

CAS Number	Name	Wt %
74-84-0	Ethane	4.10
74-98-6	Propane	90.40
115-07-01	Propene	5.10
75-28-5	Iso-Butane	0.40
TOTAL		100.00

Used for:

Vessel relief valves

Pipeline valves - gas streams

Pipeline valves - lt liq/gas streams

Pipeline valves - heavy liqd streams

Pipeline valves - hydrogen streams

Open-ended valves - all streams

Flanges - all streams

Vessel relief valves - all streams

**Table 15: Profile: 0316 Description: Pipe / Valve Flanges (Quality C)**

CAS Number	Name	Wt %
	C-7 cycloparaffins	0.20
	C-9 cycloparaffins	0.10
	Isomers of pentane	7.80
74-82-8	Methane	28.60
74-84-0	Ethane	5.80
74-98-6	Propane	11.50
115-07-01	Propene	0.10
106-97-8	N-Butane	18.30
75-28-5	Iso-Butane	7.40
109-66-0	N-Pentane	7.70
(10-54-3)	Hexanes	5.00
(42-82-5)	Heptanes	2.20
(11-65-9)	Octanes	2.20
(11-84-2)	Nonanes	1.10
(24-18-5)	Decanes	1.10
110-82-7	Cyclohexane	0.10
1330-20-7	Isomers of Xylene	0.20
71-43-2	Benzene	0.10
108-88-3	Toluene	0.50
TOTAL		100.00

Used for:

Pipeline - valves / flanges

**Table 16: Profile: 0321 Description: Pump Seals - Composite (Quality C)**

CAS Number	Name	Wt %
	C-7 cycloparaffins	1.10
	C-8 cycloparaffins	0.10
	C-9 cycloparaffins	0.80
74-82-8	Methane	3.30
74-84-0	Ethane	1.20
74-98-6	Propane	3.70
106-97-8	N-Butane	8.10
75-28-5	Iso-Butane	0.80
109-66-0	Pentanes	17.70
(110-54-3)	Hexanes	16.50
(142-82-5)	Heptanes	12.60
(111-65-9)	Octanes	14.80
(111-84-2)	Nonanes	7.00
(124-18-5)	Decanes	7.00
(110-82-7)	Cyclohexane	0.50
1330-20-7	Isomers of Xylene	1.30
71-43-2	Benzene	0.50
108-88-3	Toluene	3.00
TOTAL		100.00

Used for:

Pump seals - with/without controls

Pump seals - light liq/gas streams

Pump seals - heavy liqd streams

Sampling/purging/blind changing

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

See next section on: Weakest Aspects/Priority Areas for Improvement in Current Methodology

## **11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY**

More measurements of emissions from petroleum refineries should be done: based on testing programs in the United Kingdom, currently available emission factors have underestimated emissions typically by 30%.

Emission factors must be developed that can account for regional differences in the major sources of NMVOCs in refineries (see above and this part of section 040104). There are also difficulties in determining what the data really represents, as there is a wide variation in the definition of total hydrocarbons, hydrocarbons, non-methane hydrocarbons, VOCs and NMVOCs. There is a need to identify a standard method or definition of speciation of NMVOCs towards which all expert panels could work.

## **12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES**

No spatial disaggregation (of national emissions estimates) should be required since refineries are to be inventoried as point sources. However if data is not available on individual refineries, total regional or national crude processing data could be disaggregated based on refining capacity.

## **13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

No temporal disaggregation is possible if the simpler methodology is used.

If the detailed methodology is used, then individual refineries can indicate the temporal aspects of shut-downs.

None of the computational methods used to estimate fugitive leaks are based on parameters that show seasonal or diurnal changes. Therefore it is not possible to disaggregate fugitive process emissions at this time.

## **14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

In the European community, CONCAWE (1992) reports that the complexity of refineries has increased with the installation of additional conversion units (e.g. thermal crackers, catalytic crackers and hydrocrackers) as the demand for fuel oil production decreases and the demand for a higher yield of gasoline and other light products. This is shown on the table, in which CONCAWE uses a system of refinery classifications which are based on increasing complexity.

**Table 17: Concawe Petroleum Refinery Classification System**

Year	No. of Refineries Reporting	Type I		Type II		Type III		Type IV	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1969	81	34	42	31	38	16	20	-	-
1974	110	49	45	40	36	21	19	-	-
1978	111	50	45	36	32	25	23	-	-
1981	105	38	36	44	42	23	22	-	-
1984	85	18	22	47	54	20	24	-	-
1987	89	12	13	53	60	19	22	5	5
1990	95	9	9	53	56	22	23	11	12

Notes:

- Type I: Simple (non-conversion refinery: composed of crude oil distillation, reforming, treatment of distillate products, including desulphurization and/or other quality improvement processes (i.e. isomerization or specialty manufacturing).
- Type II: Type I plus catalytic cracking and/or thermal cracking and/or hydrocracking.
- Type III: Type II plus steam cracking and/or lubricant production within the refinery fence.
- Type IV: Refineries not in above categories, e.g. those producing only bitumen, lubes, etc. which import their feedstocks from other sources.

This classification system could be adopted for use in developing generic emission factors for application in the simpler inventory method. It could also be useful in developing generic speciation profiles.

## 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

There are no supplementary documents.

## 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

There are more sophisticated and accurate methods to estimate fugitive process emissions, as developed by the U.S.EPA (1993). All of these methods involve the use of screening data, which are collected by using a portable monitoring instrument to sample air from potential leak interfaces on individual pieces of equipment. A screening value is a measure of the concentration, in ppmv, of leaking compounds in the ambient air near the equipment in question. The EPA has detailed what is involved in an acceptable screening program in the protocol for equipment leak emissions estimation manual (U.S.EPA 1993).

The approaches to estimating equipment leak emissions based on screening data are:

1. Screening Ranges Approach
2. EPA Correlation Approach and
3. Unit -Specific Correlation Approach.



In the screening value approach, it is assumed that components having screening values greater than 10,000 ppmv have a different average emission rate than components with screening values less than 10,000 ppmv.

The EPA Correlation approach offers an additional refinement by providing an equation to predict mass emission rate as a function of screening value.

In the last approach, mass emissions rates are determined by bagging a specific type of equipment. The associated screening value can then be used to develop a leak rate/screening value correlation for that equipment in that process unit.

All of these methods are described in detail in the protocol document (U.S.EPA 1993).

As previously discussed, remote sensing monitoring programs can also provide verification of emissions estimates based on emission factors. However it is often difficult to differentiate between different refinery sources, and so this method would more often be used to verify total refinery emissions (i.e., more than just process and fugitive process emissions).

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**Table 5a: Emission Factors for Petroleum Refineries (U.S. EPA 1985a and 1995)**

Process	Particulates	SOx (as SO <sub>2</sub> )	CO	THC <sup>a</sup>	NOx (as NO <sub>2</sub> )	Aldehydes	NH <sub>3</sub>	Emission factor rating
<b>Fluid catalytic cracking units</b>								
Uncontrolled kg/10 <sup>3</sup> liters fresh feed	0.695 (0.267 to 0.976) <sup>b</sup>	1.143 (0.286 to 1.505)	39.2	0.63	0.204 (0.107 to 0.416)	0.054	0.155	B
ESP and CO boiler kg/10 <sup>3</sup> liters fresh feed	0.128 (0.020 to 0.428)	1.413 (0.286 to 1.505)	Neg <sup>c</sup>	Neg	0.204 <sup>d</sup> (0.107 to 0.416)	Neg	Neg	B
<b>Moving-bed catalytic cracking units</b>								
kg/10 <sup>3</sup> liters fresh feed	0.049	0.171	10.8	0.25	0.014	0.034	0.017	B
<b>Fluid coking units</b>								
Uncontrolled kg/10 <sup>3</sup> liters fresh feed	1.5	NA <sup>e</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	C
ESP and CO boiler kg/10 <sup>3</sup> liters fresh feed	0.0196	NA	Neg	Neg	NA	Neg	Neg	C
<b>Blowdown systems</b>								
Uncontrolled kg/10 <sup>3</sup> liters refinery feed	Neg	Neg	Neg	1.662	Neg	Neg	Neg	C
<b>Vacuum distillation column condensers</b>								
Uncontrolled kg/10 <sup>3</sup> liters refinery feed	Neg	Neg	Neg	0.052	Neg	Neg	Neg	C
Uncontrolled kg/10 <sup>3</sup> liters vacuum feed	Neg	Neg	Neg	0.144	Neg	Neg	Neg	C
Controlled	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	C

<sup>a</sup> Overall, less than 1 percent by weight of the total hydrocarbon emissions are methane

<sup>b</sup> Numbers in parenthesis indicate range of values observed

<sup>c</sup> Negligible emission

<sup>d</sup> May be higher due to the combustion of ammonia

<sup>e</sup> NA, Not Available.



SNAP CODE :

040103

SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :

Sulphur Recovery Plants

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

H<sub>2</sub>S is a byproduct of processing natural gas and refining high sulphur crude oils. Sulphur recovery is the conversion of hydrogen sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S) to elemental sulphur. The Claus process is the most common sulphur recovery process used. Sulphur recovery plants may or may not be located at the processing or refining sites.

If this method is used to estimate emissions from sulphur recovery plants associated with natural gas processing, they should be coded under SNAP code 050301 (chapter B531).

### 2. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

Emissions from the CORINAIR90 inventory are summarized in table 1.

**Table 1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Sulphur Recovery Plants	040103	0.3	-	0	-	0	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

Sulphur recovery, used at both petroleum refineries and natural gas processing plants, converts by-product hydrogen sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S) in sour gas streams to an elemental sulphur product. During initial stages of high-sulphur crude oil or gas processing, process and fuel gases that contain significant amounts of H<sub>2</sub>S are treated in a lean amine solution to absorb the sulphide components. The H<sub>2</sub>S is subsequently stripped to provide either a feed gas to a sulphur recovery plant or the stripped H<sub>2</sub>S may be flared or incinerated at plants where sulphur is not recovered.

In the widely-used multistage Claus sulphur-recovery process, a portion of the H<sub>2</sub>S in the feed gas is oxidized to sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and water in a reaction furnace with air or enriched oxygen. After quenching the hot gases to generate steam, the cooler gases are passed through a sulphur condenser to recover liquid sulphur and the gases are reheated. The remaining non-combusted fraction of the feed gas H<sub>2</sub>S reacts with SO<sub>2</sub> in catalytic converters (e.g., using aluminum or bauxite catalysts) to form elemental sulphur, water and heat. Since each catalytic stage in the Claus plant recovers only a portion of the incoming sulphur, normally two or more

stages are used to achieve up to 97% overall sulphur recovery. Tail gas from the final unit contains a variety of sulphur compounds and normally requires further tail gas cleanup to obtain higher recovery.

### 3.2 Definitions

### 3.3 Techniques

See section 3.1.

### 3.4 Emissions

Tail gas from a Claus sulphur-recovery unit contains a variety of pollutants from direct process oxidation reactions including  $\text{SO}_2$  and unreacted  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ , other furnace side reaction products such as reduced sulphur compounds and mercaptans (e.g.,  $\text{COS}$ ,  $\text{CS}_2$ ) as well as small quantities of  $\text{CO}$  and  $\text{VOC}$ . These components may be emitted directly in older or very small uncontrolled Claus plants. The quantity and composition of sulphur components in the Claus plant tail gas are directly related to the sulphur recovery efficiency which will depend on factors such as: the number of catalytic stages, the concentration of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  and other contaminants in the feed gas, the stoichiometric balance of inlet gaseous components, operating temperatures, combustion efficiencies and catalyst maintenance. Typical Claus plant efficiencies range from 94-96% for two-stage units to 97-98.5% for four-bed catalytic plants and, because the process is thermodynamically limited, the tail gas still contains percent quantities of sulphur compounds which may be further treated for recovery and emission control. When feed gas flow is much lower than the dimensional flow for the Claus unit and when sour gas composition and flow is fluctuating between 80 and 90 % it can be difficult to achieve these high efficiencies. Efficiencies between 80 and 90 % have been reported for such difficult conditions.

### 3.5 Controls

Tail gas emission reduction from the Claus process is normally achieved by one of the three following types of control methods:

Claus Reaction Extension to Lower Temperature Liquid Phase Several processes are available which extend the Claus reaction into a lower temperature liquid phase, whereby enhanced conversion occurs at cooler temperatures in the catalytic stages. These processes result in overall higher sulphur recoveries (e.g. 98-99%) and correspondingly reduced sulphur compound emissions in the tail gas.

Tail Gas Scrubbing Although several types of tail gas scrubber variations exist, two generic types are used to reduce sulphur emissions from the sulphur recovery process - oxidation or reduction tail gas scrubbers. For example, the Wellman-Lord oxidation scrubber system is used in combination with tail gas incineration, whereby the Claus plant sulphur compounds are oxidized to  $\text{SO}_2$  during combustion and this component is absorbed by sodium sulphite/bisulphite solution with associated release of the off gas. The bisulphite solution is then decomposed by boiling to produce a sodium sulphite precipitate for re-use and a

regenerated SO<sub>2</sub> stream which is recycled back to the Claus process. Up to 99.9% sulphur recovery can be accomplished with the system. In reduction scrubbers, tail gas sulphur compounds are converted by hydrogenation to H<sub>2</sub>S which is either removed by conventional amine scrubbers for regeneration/recycle back to the Claus process or converted to sulphur outside the Claus unit using the Stretford lean H<sub>2</sub>S-to-sulphur process.

Tail Gas Incineration Claus plant emissions may also be directly incinerated to convert the more hazardous reduced sulphur compounds to SO<sub>2</sub> under proper combustion conditions for release to the stack.

#### 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

The simpler methodology would be to inventory using area source methods and assume that all sulphur recovery operations are two-staged and have no control technology for tail gas cleanup. Emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> would then be conservatively estimated by using the highest uncontrolled emission factor and the total amount of sulphur produced through sulphur recovery processes. This would provide an upper bound to the likely emissions, but in the absence of more detailed production information represents an acceptable estimation method to use.

#### 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

The preferred methodology would involve either a sulphur mass balance or the measurement of emissions from each plant to develop site-specific emission factors or emissions data for all potentially significant sources.

In the mass balance approach, at minimum, the sulphur content and volumes of sulphur recovery plant feed gas materials (e.g., sour gas streams or absorption tower sulphide off-gas) are needed to define the mass of input sulphur. This may also comprise sulphur input from sour water stripping of waste-waters. In conjunction with the mass of elemental sulphur produced, the quantity of sulphur in tail gas emissions requires determination. This may be done by calculating the sulphur recovery efficiency with a knowledge of the number and type of sulphur recovery units including Claus plant catalytic stages and/or measuring the volume and sulphur content of the tail gas. Account should also be made of SO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with catalyst regeneration, where practised on-site, as well as unaccounted losses to confirm the balance. Upon conversion to SO<sub>2</sub>, the emissions from sulphur recovery operations (expressed as kg SO<sub>2</sub> per Mg pure elemental sulphur produced) may be calculated by:

$$SO_2 \text{ emissions (kg / Mg)} = \frac{100 - \%recovery}{\%recovery} \times 2000$$

In instances where the tail gas is treated further by scrubbers or incinerators, the emissions may be best determined by stack testing.

Emission factors could then be used to calculate emissions, as required, until such time as the process or emissions controls are significantly changed. At this time, new site-specific emission factors should be derived based on testing or mass balance determinations.

Accordingly, the most reliable emission estimation alternative is to inventory each sulphur recovery installation as a point source, using site-specific process and production information. This would ideally include site-specific information on the average percent sulphur recovery, which can be used to derive site-specific emission factors by assuming that all sulphur is released as SO<sub>2</sub>. If the sulphur recovery information is not available, the appropriate emission factors from section 8 should be used.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

Emission factors are based on the production of elemental sulphur.

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

The average production rate of a sulphur recovery plant in the U.S. varies from 50 to 200 Mg per day. Using a typical production rate per day of 124 Mg, an uncontrolled emission rate of over 4000 Mg SO<sub>2</sub> per year would be expected, while a similar facility with the highest level of control would emit just under 1000 Mg (see section 8 for emission factors). It is therefore recommended that all sulphur recovery facilities be inventoried as point sources.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

U.S. EPA emission factors for modified Claus sulphur recovery plants are summarized in Table 2.

**Table 2: Modified Claus Sulphur Recovery Plant Emission Factors (U.S. EPA 1994)**

Number of Catalytic Stages	Average Percent Sulphur Recovery <sup>a</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> (kg/Mg Sulphur Produced)	Emission Factor Rating
Two, uncontrolled	93.5 <sup>c</sup>	139 <sup>b,c</sup>	E
Three, uncontrolled	95.5 <sup>d</sup>	94 <sup>b,d</sup>	E
Four, uncontrolled	96.5 <sup>e</sup>	73 <sup>b,e</sup>	E
Two, controlled <sup>f</sup>	98.6	29	B
Three, controlled <sup>g</sup>	96.8	65	B

<sup>a</sup> Efficiencies are for feed-gas streams with high H<sub>2</sub>S concentrations. Gases with lower H<sub>2</sub>S concentrations would have lower efficiencies. For example, a 2- or 3-stage plant could have a recovery efficiency of 95% for a 90% H<sub>2</sub>S stream, 93% for 50% H<sub>2</sub>S and 90% for 15 H<sub>2</sub>S.

<sup>b</sup> Based on net weight of pure sulphur produced. The emission factors were determined using the average of the percentage recovery of sulphur.

<sup>c</sup> Typical sulphur recovery ranges from 92 to 95 percent.

<sup>d</sup> Typical sulphur recovery ranges from 95 to 96 percent.

<sup>e</sup> Typical sulphur recovery ranges from 96 to 97 percent.

<sup>f</sup> Test data indicated sulphur recovery ranges from 98.3 to 98.8 percent.

<sup>g</sup> Test data indicated sulphur recovery ranges from 95 to 99.8 percent.



## **9. SPECIES PROFILES**

Species profiles are not required for this sector.

## **10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES**

Emission factors for this sector are based on sulphur recovery ranges for typical operations. These indicate that, for a given process, total recovery rate variations range from as little as 0.5% to as much as 5%. Therefore, given accurate process and production information, estimates of SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from these facilities should be accurate to within 10 percent.

## **11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY**

The simpler methodology relies on emission factors that may not be representative of the process.

## **12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES**

All sulphur recovery plants should be inventoried as point sources. However, if the simpler methodology is used, emissions can be disaggregated based on plant production capacities.

## **13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

Sulphur balances are often conducted for petroleum refineries on a daily basis. Such plant-specific information may be used to temporally resolve emissions.

## **14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

SNAP Coding for sulphur recovery plants is somewhat awkward in that it is coded under petroleum refineries but is not exclusively found at these locations.

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SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE:

Storage and Handling of Products in Refinery

**1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED**

Only the emissions of NMVOC from the storage and handling of volatile intermediates and products are considered in this chapter. These intermediates and products are categorized as follows:

liquid fuels	motor gasoline aviation gasoline aviation turbine fuel illuminating gasoline high-speed diesel distillate heating fuel
by product fuels and	naphtha liquified petroleum gases white oils
primary petrochemicals	ethylene propylene butadiene benzene toluene xylene

The storage and handling of crude oil, the raw material of refineries, is dealt with in SNAP sub-sector 0502.

The storage and handling of refinery products outside a refinery is dealt with in SNAP codes 0504 and 0505.

**2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS**

Emissions from the storage and handling of intermediates and products typically contribute to between 1% and 6% of a country's total NMVOC emissions from anthropogenic sources. Table 1a and 1b summarise emissions of NMVOC from these sources.

**Table 1a: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Storage and Handling of Products in Refinery	040104	-	-	0.4	-	-	-	0.1	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

**Table 1b: Emissions of NMVOC from Petroleum Product Storage at Petroleum Refineries in Canada**

Country	NMVOC	
	Emissions (Mg)	% Total Anthropogenic
Canada (1988)	25280	5.16

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

Storage and handling of intermediates and products in a refinery is one part of the refining process.

Emissions arise as a result of evaporation from storage tanks, the displacement of vapour during volume changes, loading and unloading and spillage.

Intermediates and products may be stored in a variety of tanks. This chapter considers the following categories of tanks:

- fixed roof tanks
- external floating roof
- internal floating roof
- other tank types such as variable vapour space

Pressure tanks are considered to be minor sources and are not included in this chapter.

#### 3.2 Definitions

#### 3.3 Techniques

Fixed Roof Tanks - A typical vertical fixed roof tank consists of a cylindrical steel shell with a permanently affixed roof, which may vary in design from cone- or dome-shaped to flat. These tanks are either freely vented or equipped with a pressure/vacuum vent, which prevent the

release of vapours during very small changes in temperature, pressure, or liquid level. This tank is considered the minimum acceptable equipment for storing organic liquids.

Horizontal fixed roof tanks are constructed for both above-ground and underground service. These are generally small storage tanks with capacities with capacities of less than 40,000 gallons. Horizontal tanks are usually equipped with pressure-vacuum vents, gauge hatches and sample wells, and manholes. For underground storage tanks, emissions are associated mainly with changes in the liquid level in the tank.

External Floating Roof Tanks - An external floating roof tank typically consists of an open-topped cylindrical steel shell equipped with a roof that floats on the surface of the storage liquid. These tanks are equipped with a seal system, which is attached to the roof perimeter and contacts the tank wall. The floating roof system and seal act to reduce evaporative losses of the contents. Evaporative losses from the external floating roof design are limited to losses from the seal system and roof fittings (standing storage loss) and any exposed liquid on the tank walls (withdrawal loss).

Internal Floating Roof Tanks - An internal floating roof tank has a permanent fixed roof as well as an internal floating deck. Fixed roof tanks that have been retrofitted with an internal deck typically have the roof supported by vertical columns within the tank. Converted external floating roof tanks typically have a self-supporting roof. A newly constructed internal floating roof tank may have either. The deck may be a contact deck (floats directly on the liquid) or noncontact (floats on pontoons which float on the liquid surface). Both types incorporate rim seals and deck fittings. Evaporation losses from decks may come from deck fittings, nonwelded deck seams, and the annular space between the deck and the wall. Circulation vents on the fixed roof allows these emissions to freely vent.

Variable Vapour Space Tanks - These tanks are equipped with expandable vapour reservoirs to accommodate vapour volume fluctuations due to temperature and barometric pressure changes. These are normally connected to the vapour space of one, or more, fixed roof tanks. Lifter roof tanks (a telescoping roof) and flexible diaphragm tanks are the two most common types of variable vapour space tanks. Losses occur from these tanks during tank filling when vapour is displaced by liquid.

### **3.4 Emissions**

For all tanks, the total emission of NMVOC is the result of two types of losses. The first is the breathing or standing loss, which is the release of overhead vapours in the tank, due to changes in meteorological conditions such as temperature and pressure, without any appreciable change in the liquid level of the tank. The second is working or withdrawal loss resulting from the displacement of tank vapours occurring during filling or emptying. (CPPI and Environment Canada 1991)

### **3.5 Controls**

All intermediates and final products should be stored in the appropriate container: pressure vessels for gases, floating roof tanks for volatile liquids, fixed roof tanks for heavy fuel oils and non-volatile liquids.

Improved operational procedures are an important part of a NMVOC emission control program. This may include such items as ensuring roof hatches etc are not opened unnecessarily; keeping storage temperatures as low as possible, frequent inspections and painting all tanks a light shade.

Vapour balancing, in which the vapours displaced during handling are collected and recovered or control, can have control efficiencies of 90 to 98 percent. Vapour recovery methods include vapour/liquid absorption, vapour compression, vapour cooling and/or vapour/solid adsorption. Efficiencies as high as 90 to 98 percent may be achieved, depending on the methods used, the design of the unit, the composition of vapours recovered, and the mechanical condition of the system. Control will involve thermal oxidation. Typically the air/vapour mixture is injected into an incinerator, with control efficiencies ranging from 96 to 98 percent. (U.S. EPA 1992)

Other control programs involve design changes and are more specific to the tank in question, as summarized, by tank type, below.

Fixed Roof Tanks - Fixed roof tank emissions vary as a function of vessel capacity, vapour pressure of the contents, utilization rate of the tank and atmospheric conditions. Emissions can be controlled by the installation of an internal roof and seals, with a control efficiency of 60 to 99 percent. The control efficiency depends on the type of roof and seals installed as well as on the type of organic liquid being stored.

External Floating Roof Tanks - Efficiencies of primary seals may be improved through the use of weather shields. Additional control may be added through a secondary seal. External floating roof tanks may also be retrofitted with a fixed roof. Losses from roof fittings can be minimized through proper design, installation, maintenance and use.

Internal Floating Roof Tanks - Additional control of standing losses can be achieved through the installation of secondary seals. As for external floating roof tanks, losses from roof fittings can be minimized through proper design, installation, maintenance and use.

#### **4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY**

The simplest methodology is to combine the crude oil throughput of each refinery with an emission factor. Emission estimates should be calculated for each refinery in the country and the emission factor used will depend on the type of tanks used to store volatile materials.

The storage and handling emission from each refinery may then be reported and assigned to a grid reference.

#### **5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY**

The detailed methodology requires each refinery to calculate the emission from each tank according to techniques developed by the American Petroleum Institute (API) or better. This methodology requires considerable input data and should be carried out by qualified engineers. The methodology allows typical diurnal and monthly variations to be reported.

The U.S. EPA has issued a new section for AP-42 which outlines all of the methods for estimating emissions from storage of organic liquids (Section 12 Storage of Organic Liquids -

in Supplement F to AP-42, fourth edition and Section 7 in the new fifth edition). This may be more accessible for some people than API reports. API and the U.S. EPA have worked together to develop these modules.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

For the simpler methodology, the crude oil throughput of each refinery is required, together with the proportion of different types of storage tanks used for volatile products.

For the detailed methodology, specific data on the throughput of the intermediates and products via each tank is required together with the physical properties of the intermediate or product. Other data required include such average meteorological data as the temperature, wind speed, barometric pressure and data specific to the tank such as type, dimensions, colour, seal type and condition of the tank.

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

Each refinery should be considered as a point source.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

### 8.1 Simpler Methodology

The Corinair 1990 Default Emission Factor Handbook (CEC, 1992) proposed default emission factors of 0.25 g/kg crude oil throughput for a modern refinery (Data quality C) and 1.00 g/kg for an old refinery (Data Quality E).

The following emission factors are for the storage and handling of materials and are obtained by combining the Corinair Data with information obtained from Canada and the UK on proportion of losses from Storage and Handling.

Refinery Type	Emission Factor (% of feedstock)
"Modern" Corinair	0.03
Typical	0.05
"Old" Corinair	0.12

The following emission factors, together with conditions under which they should be used, have been developed by the U.S. EPA. However, they are considered dated and have a high uncertainty:

Emission Factor	Condition
0.17 g/kg	where the majority of volatile products are stored in floating roof tanks with secondary seals.
0.67 g/kg	where the majority of volatile products are stored in floating roof tanks with only primary seals.

4.9 g/kg where the majority of volatile products are stored in fixed roof tanks.

These emissions are intended to account for evaporative losses during storage and the displacement losses resulting from the loading and unloading of storage tanks.

## 8.2 Detailed Methodology

The U.S. EPA methodology supplied in Section 7 of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of AP-42 is to be used. A model, called TANKS, has been developed by the U.S.EPA to facilitate these calculations. However, the model does not provide climate related parameters appropriate to regions outside of the U.S. These would therefore have to be input manually by a use of this program.

Methods for calculating the emissions from storage tanks using basically the same calculational methods are described in the American Petroleum Institute (API) papers 2517, 2518, and 2519. API methods do not use general emission factors. An indication of the data quality that results from their use is given by studies carried out by the UK, which suggest that emission estimates based on API calculations are typically one third of measured emissions. Information on why this is so is not available at this time.

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

Refinery products and intermediates vary considerably in the make up of emissions and only a very general speciated profile may be given. Where possible, speciated profiles should be obtained for each refinery. The U.S. EPA methodology provides a method for calculating tank-specific speciation factors.

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

Uncertainties in throughput statistics are considered to be less than 5%.

Field measurements by the UK suggest that emission estimates based on API calculations underestimates emissions by factors of 2-4. Mass balance calculations carried out by the UK Institute of Petroleum suggest a similar scale of underestimate.

The emission factors relating crude oil throughput (feedstock) to emission vary by more than a factor of ten in some cases.

## 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

### Simpler Methodology

This approach uses single emission factors to estimate emissions from an entire refinery. Little account is taken of the variation between refineries and changes in the quantity and type of volatile products manufactured. For example, NMVOC emissions from a refinery which reduces production of kerosene and increases production of motor spirit could be expected to change, even if the crude oil throughput remains the same.



As an illustration of how product output may vary, the table below shows the increase in the production of volatile products between 1980 and 1990, in the U.K.:

Year	Total Crude Processed/kt	Total Volatile Products/kt
1980	86393	28979
1990	88692	40455

In this example, using crude oil throughput as the activity statistic would result in a similar NMVOC emissions between 1980 and 1990. If emission factors could be derived for each of the volatile product outputs, then a significant change in emission estimates is likely.

### **Detailed Methodology**

The U.S. EPA and API methodologies require detailed information from each oil refinery. However, emission estimates based on this method have been shown to differ significantly from measurements taken at refineries in the U.K. A detailed review of this discrepancy and the calculation of these emissions should be considered. If the U.S. EPA model appears promising for emission estimation, the addition of default climate parameters, for other regions of the world, to the TANKS model should be considered. This would ensure that different regions using the detailed method are calculating emissions in a consistent fashion. If a country did not have the resources to do a detailed emissions estimate, then the TANK model could be used to derive representative emission factors for a typical refinery for use in the simple methodology.

## **12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES**

Each refinery should be considered a point source.

## **13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

No temporal disaggregation is possible if the simpler methodology is used.

If the detailed methodology is used, the refineries should report a typical diurnal variation (average hourly over 24 hours) and seasonal (average monthly over one year).

## **14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

## **15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS**

## **16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES**

Compare estimates with mass balance calculations, i.e. the difference between crude throughput and products produced.

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SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE : Blast Furnace Charging

NACE CODE : 27100

PARCOM-ATMOS CODE : 2.1.0

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

The charging of iron smelters is part of the production process for primary iron and steel.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS.

**Table 1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Blast Furnace Charging	040202	0	0	0	0	0.7	0.1	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

In primary steel smelters iron ore is reduced by carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is produced by combustion of carbon, supplied in the form of coke. During this process large amounts of carbon dioxide and heat are also produced. During the process the high temperature and the ample supply of coke result in a reduction of carbon dioxide to carbon monoxide.

The smelter is charged with a mixture of basic materials (Möller mixture), composed of sinter, pellets, lumps of ore, additions and coke. Coke has a multiple function, it is fuel, reducing agent, and load carrier. For the production of a tonne of pig iron 300-400 kg coke, and 1550-1600 kg of ore is needed.

The smelter is toploaded and works under overpressure. To prevent the escape of the basic materials during charging a vapour lock is installed on the top of the smelter. Different constructions for this lock are in use. The lock is charged after pressure equalisation.

#### 3.2. Definitions

Möller mixture      The complete package of basic materials for one smelter charge. A charge consists of a number of carriage loadings that are emptied into the smelter according to a specified scheme.

Pressure equalisation      The equalisation of pressure in the vapour lock with atmospheric pressure.

### **3.3 Techniques**

The main techniques have been specified above.

### **3.4 Emissions**

The charging of the smelters produces a certain amount of dust. The composition of the dust is related to the composition of the Möller mixture. It is a rather coarse dust with a particle size bigger than 10 micron. Although the dust contains heavy metals from the ore and the coke, the dust itself is rather inert due to the extensive pretreatment activities like pelletizing and sintering.

In the pressure equalisation stage some emissions from carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, hydrogen, and hydrogen sulfide occur.

### **3.5 Controls**

The emissions are generally not abated.

## **4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY**

The blast furnace charging is a part of the primary iron and steel industry. Default values for emissions may be calculated from statistical information about production or economic aspects. However, relevant emission factors are not yet available.

## **5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY**

If detailed information about an individual situation is present this should be used.

## **6. RELEVANT ACTIVITIES STATISTICS**

Production statistics should be available from national or international sources.

## **7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA**

Iron smelters in which the loading process is incorporated should be considered as point sources.

## **8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES**

The emission factor for coarse dust is generally about 20 gram per ton pig iron. (Range 15-25, depending on the construction of the vapour lock). This information is produced by the Emission Inventory in The Netherlands, based on estimations from the steel plant managers.

Due to the inert form of the dust no information is available about the composition profile of the dust. The emission factors given in the PARCOM-ATMOS Manual are related to the tapping stage which is described under SNAP code 040203 (chapter B423).

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

A composition profile of used ore could give supporting information. No general profiles can be given.

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

The uncertainty of the dust emission factors is estimated to be about 20%.

## 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

Information about emissions directly related to the individual process and the abatement methods is scarce.

## 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

## 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA.

Emissions during charging are a discontinuous process. The temporal disaggregation depends on the production rate but quantitative information is not available.

## 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Charging of blast furnaces should be treated in connection with the pig iron tapping.

## 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS.

Environmental Protection Agency  
Compilation of air pollutant emission factors AP-42  
PARCOM-ATMOS Emission Factors Manual.

## 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES.

Comparing the composition profile of the ore used with the metal emissions calculated might serve as a verification process.

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SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE : Pig Iron Tapping

NACE CODE : 27100

PARCOM-ATMOS CODE : 2.1.0

## 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Pig iron tapping is a part of the production process for primary iron and steel.

## 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS.

**Table:** Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOG	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Pig Iron Tapping	040203	0	0	-	0	0	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

Emissions of heavy metals from primary iron and steel industry, including pig iron tapping give a relevant contribution to the emissions on a national level. For heavy metal emissions, no specific figures for this source activity are available. The average relative contribution from the total iron and steel production industry and the production of pig iron, to the total emission of heavy metals has been presented for European countries in table 1. Pig iron tapping is part of the production of pig iron. The data in table 1 is according to Baart *et al.* (1995). /1/

**Table 1:** Average relative contribution of the production of iron and steel and the production of pig iron to the total emission of heavy metals in European countries

Compound	Total iron & steel production (%)	Pig iron production (%)
Cadmium	22	-
Chromium	36	3.7
Copper	16	-
Nickel	14	3.0
Lead	12	-
Zinc	33	-

- = not available

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

The liquid molten iron and the sludge gathering in the bottom of the smelter are tapped on a regular basis. A smelter has usually three holes that are plugged with refractory material. After the process holes are bored by remote boring, and the mixture of pig iron and slag is guided by the trough to the skimmer where iron and slag are separated. The liquid pig iron is guided by the iron runner and the tilting runner to the mixer; the sludge is removed for granulation or dumping. After emptying the smelter the bore holes are closed again with refractory material. The fire resistant coating of the guides has a limited lifetime, and has to be exchanged regularly.

#### 3.2 Definitions

Trough	Covered guide between the oven and the skimmer.
Skimmer	Tunnelshaped construction where the heavier pig iron is separated from the lighter slag floating on the iron.
Iron run	Connection between the skimmer and the tilting runner.
Tilting runner	A bridge on the end of the ironrunner where the mixers can be filled and exchanged. The mixer is a container placed on a railroad carriage used for transport to for instance the steel factory.(Basic Oxygen Furnace).
Refractory material	Material used for closing a taphole. The refractory material contains in general coal and tar.
Runner coating	Fire resistant material used for coating the runners. This product also contains coal and tar.

#### 3.3 Techniques

#### 3.4 Emissions

The boring of the tap and the filling of the trough gives rise to dust emissions. Also dust emissions occur after the skimmer, but to a lesser extent than in the first part of the route. The dust contains some heavy metals. The particle size of the dust during the boring is mainly below ten micron. The size of the particles from the emissions from the roof is usually about 50 % bigger than ten micron.

After coating, the transport trough has to be heated. This gives volatile decomposition products. These decomposition products are also emitted by the heating of the plugging material.

Decomposition products from tar are polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) and benzene containing aromatics. The exact benzene content is not available. In principle the same



products are produced by the heating of coal. The amount of coal used is however so small that these emissions can be neglected.

### **3.5 Controls**

The trough, the skimmer, and the transport runners are usually covered. Dust and decomposition products are removed, and are passing fabric filters before emission into air. The part not captured passes through the roof. This emission is not abated. The total amount escaping through the roof is about 40 % of the total emission.

From the decomposition products of tar and coal only the condensable part of the PAH emissions is captured by the fabric filters.

## **4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY**

A simpler methodology may be a calculation on the basis of production statistics. General applicable information supporting this approach however, is not available for all pollutants.

## **5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY**

An extensive measuring programme related to the circumstances in the individual plant would be the best method for a detailed methodology.

## **6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS**

National and international statistics on pig iron production.

## **7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA**

The emissions of the complete plant should be considered as a point source.

## **8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES**

The total air flowing from a representative smelter is between 540,000 and 660,000 m<sup>3</sup>/hour. The dust content is measured from time to time. The emissions from the roof are based on information from a measurement campaign in a plant in the Netherlands. The emissions of hydrocarbons by decomposition of tar and coal from plugging mass and coating materials are based on expert estimations.

The emission factors presented in Table 1 are calculated by relating the measured dust production with the known production of the smelter in the same period.

**Table 1: Emission factors for the emission of dust and heavy metals related to pig iron tapping**

	Emission factor (in g.Mg <sup>-1</sup> pig iron produced)		
	total	unabated	fabric filters
Dust	30.2	12.8	17.4
Arsenic	0.0009	0.0003	0.0006
Cadmium	0.0003	0.0001	0.0002
Chromium	0.015	0.006	0.009
Copper	0.015	0.006	0.009
Lead	0.015	0.006	0.009
Mercury	0.0003	0.0001	0.0002
Nickel	-	-	-
Zinc	0.021	0.009	0.012

Although the amount of decomposition products is determined by the amount of tar and coal used, a relation can be established with the total amount of pig iron transported through the transport runners. This calculation results in the emission factors for organic compounds as presented in Table 2.

**Table 2: Emission factors for the emission of organic compounds related to pig iron tapping.**

Substance	Emission factor (in g.Mg <sup>-1</sup> pig iron)		
	total	unabated	fabric filter
PAH	3.45	2.5	0.95
Aromatic hydrocarbons, including benzene	0.3	14.3	66
Benzene	2.5	0.45	2.05

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

The dust emissions could be related to the profile of the ore. No general applicable information about ore compositions is available

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

The quality code of the emission factors is estimated to be C.

## 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

The only improvement measure for this part of the process is the exchange of tar with tar-free products in the plugging material and the coatings.

## 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

## 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA.

The tapping is a discontinuous process, the use of the smelter as such is a continuous process.

## 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

## 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS.

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A comparison between the metals profile of the ore and the emissions calculated might be used as a verification method.

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**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** Solid Smokeless Fuel

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### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

This chapter includes information on atmospheric emissions during coal carbonization for the production of solid smokeless fuel. This type of fuel has been used for very long time by householders in open firegrates (Parker, 1978).

### 2. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

Very limited information is available on to what extent emissions from the production of solid smokeless fuel contribute to the contamination of the air. It is expected that these emissions include sulfur and nitrogen oxides, VOCs, and volatile heavy metals and persistent organic compounds from coal. Coal carbonization plant can be an important source of air contamination on a local scale.

**Table 1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Solid Smokeless Fuel	040204	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1. Description

Coal carbonization to produce solid smokeless fuel occurs at high temperatures reaching 1000° C. There are three methods of coal carbonization which differ considerably from each other. In the first method, the coal is carbonized in tubular iron retorts heated externally by the gas produced. In the second, the coal is in a large chamber and is heated by direct contact with the products of combustion of the gas made. In both cases the product reactive coke is screened to obtain sizes suitable for the open fire and for closed stoves. In the third method, the coal is carbonized by fluidization with hot gas from combustion of the coal gas made, and the relatively small particles are pressed to form briquettes (Parker, 1978).

There are also systems for making solid smokeless fuel in which only certain types of coal, for example anthracite duff, are briquetted with pitch at a suitable temperature and then carbonized.

### **3.2. Definitions**

Solid smokeless fuel - a product of coal carbonization.

### **3.3. Controls**

Modern coal carbonization plants are equipped with electrostatic precipitators that remove at least 98 % of the particulate matter from exhaust gases.

## **4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY**

The application of emission factors with appropriate activity statistics can be regarded as a simple methodology for estimation of emissions during coal carbonization. However, it should be noted that the chemical composition of coal used for carbonization is one of the most important factors affecting the amount of these emissions.

## **5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY**

## **6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS**

No information is available from the international statistical yearbooks on the quantities of coal carbonized. It is expected that this information can be obtained directly from a given coal carbonization plant.

## **7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA**

Coal carbonization plants should be regarded as point sources if plant specific data are available.

## **8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES**

No information was found on the emission factors for coal carbonization to produce solid smokeless fuel. However, Parker (1978) indicates that the waste gases from heating a range of retorts carbonizing 1000 tonnes of coal per day would contain a quantity of sulfur dioxide of about 2.5 tonnes per day. Thus, the uncontrolled sulfur dioxide emission factor of 2.5 kg/tonne coal carbonized can be obtained on the basis of the above information.

## **9. SPECIES PROFILES**

**10. CURRENT UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES****11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/ PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY**

Development of emission factors is necessary in order to obtain information needed for the estimation of emissions of various air pollutants during coal carbonization.

**12. SPATIAL DISSAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES****13. TEMPORAL DISSAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

The production process in a coal carbonization plant is continuous.

**14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS****15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS**

Parker A. (1978) Coal carbonization for production of solid smokeless fuel, gas and by products. In: Industrial Air Pollution Handbook, A. Parker (ed.), Mc Graw-Hill Book Comp. Ltd., London.

**16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES**

At present no specific verification procedures are available for estimation of atmospheric emissions from a coal carbonization plant.

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SNAP CODE :

040205

SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :

Open Hearth Furnace Steel Plant

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Steel production process in an open hearth furnace is divided into five basic stages: furnace adaptation, furnace charging, melting, refining and cast finishing.

Individual stages differentiate from each other with respect to heat load, metallurgical reactions processing and duration. These differences directly influence the quality and quantity of emitted pollutants.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

This process is being gradually eliminated and its percentage contribution to total pollutants emission should be decreasing.

**Table 1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Open Hearth Furnace Steel Plant	040205	0	0.1	0	0	0	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1. Description

This process covers the production of steel in an air furnace fired with gas or fuel oil. The basic metallic charge consists of pig iron and scrap. Apart from that ferroalloys, deoxidizers and ore are also used as charge.

Slag generation depends on limestone, lime, fluorite and bauxite used in the process. The composition of charge and the properties of added compounds influence the steel quality as well as the quality and quantity of air pollutants generated in the process. Fuel gas and air necessary in the process are heated up in the regenerator to a temperature of 1100° and then led to the working space of furnace, where after combustion the furnace gases reach a temperature of 1700 - 1800° C and heat the charge in the oxidising atmosphere. The open

hearth process takes from 7 to 11 hours, during which the melting and refining processes take about 80% of time.

### 3.2. Definitions

pig iron	-	crude iron obtained directly from the blast furnace and cast in moulds
scrap method	-	used metals that are a source of the required metals
deoxidizers	-	substances used for removing oxygen from molten metals

### 3.3. Techniques

The construction of individual parts of the furnace depend on many factors, including the type of fuel and process as well as oxygen addition. Types of furnaces can vary with respect to the construction of heads, type of automatization and lining with refractory materials of the furnace bottom, walls and roof.

As the basis for the classification of open hearth furnaces the following elements were assumed: furnace capacity, kind of fuel, bottom surface, calorific value of the fuel used, number of charging doors. Taking into consideration the calorific value of the fuel used and the roof lining, open hearth furnaces can be divided into four groups:

- furnaces fired with low calorific value fuel with acidic roof,
- furnaces fired with low calorific value fuel with basic roof,
- furnaces modernised for high calorific value fuels,
- furnaces adapted for oxygen aiding.

### 3.4. Emissions

Dust generation in open hearth furnaces depends on three basic processes, that take place in the working surface of the furnace:

- combustion
- mechanical impact of furnace atmosphere and charge,
- chemical processes

The furnace gases flow through the working chamber of the furnace with velocity of 1.5 - 2.5 m/s. This flow results in entrainment of fine particles of charge in the initial process of heating and in the refining process.

The chemical processes taking place in fluid metal actively increase dust-generation in the furnace gases. Especially in the process of intensive refining, rising CO bubbles throw slug particles to the surface of the melt which are then entrained by furnace gases increasing in this way the amount of pollution.

Introduction of ore materials into the furnace as well as of dolomite, limestone effects slug generation results also in increase furnace gas dust generation. Moreover, a considerable increase of furnace gas dust generation is observed during oxygen application for intensification of combustion and refining processes.

The concentration of dust in furnace gas heating changes during the process. Moreover, the concentration in individual periods depends on a whole range of factors, from which the following are the most important ones:

- type of charge material,
- type of process used,
- technical condition of the furnace,
- type of fuel,
- application of oxygen during the melting and refining processes.

The amount and temperature of furnace gases depends also on many factors including: furnace capacity, type of fuel, type of roof lining, furnace construction (stationary, tilting), type of heads and technical condition of a furnace. The SO<sub>2</sub> contents in furnace gas is relatively low even in the case of using mazout-like fuel.

### 3.5. Controls

In the case of purifying furnace gases from open hearth furnaces the effectiveness of dust removal units cannot be lower than 99%. That is why wet, electrostatic or fabric filters are used for furnace gas dust removal.

The wet filters were the earliest to be applied for furnace gas dust removal from open hearth furnaces. They usually consist of two elements: dust coagulator and basic dedusting unit. The dedusting systems most often used in the case of open hearth furnaces are electrostatic precipitators. Their efficiency is very high and usually exceeds 99%. Only in a few cases are lower efficiencies (i.e. in the range 94-98%) observed.

Recently, fabric filters have been applied to the purification of furnace gas from open hearth furnaces. They allow to reach an efficiency of 99% or even higher, independently from the dust contents in furnace gas. Nonetheless, they require an especially precise design and proper selection of technical parameters.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

The simplest method of emissions estimation is their assessment on the basis of the amount of steel production from individual open hearth furnace steel plants or country production of steel in open hearth furnace steel plants and average emission factors for a particular pollutant (one factor for systems without abatement and an alternative factor for systems with abatement).

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

The detailed method of emissions inventory is based on emission factors and requires consideration of:

- type and capacity of furnace,
- type of charge (ore, scrap, ore + scrap),
- type of used fuel (mazout, natural gas + mazout, coke-oven gas + mazout, generator gas + mazout),

- type of units for emissions reduction.

This method can be applied for the whole period of steel production process or to its separate stages, i.e.:

- charging,
- melting,
- refining,
- finishing.

In the detailed methodologies emissions are assessed on the basis of the data on the amount of steel production in open hearth furnace processes for individual steel plant and adequate literature emissions factors considering: furnace capacity, type of charge, type of used fuel and abatement methods units used for the whole process or its separate stages.

Emissions can be also determined on the basis of emissions measurements, covering the separate stages of the process.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

For the simpler method, steel production in individual open hearth furnace steel plants or on the country level is required. For the detailed method of emissions assessment statistical data on steel production for individual steel plants with division into furnace capacity, type of process and fuel used are required.

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

Emissions should be referred to point sources where relevant point source data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

Emission factors relevant to the whole process consisting of 5 stages in reference to dust and metal emission, are presented in two ways: for the process carried out without abatement units and for the process with abatement.

In Western countries when the open hearth furnaces processes were still in use, emission factors were the following:

US EPA (I):

dust - 10.55 [kg/Mg of steel] - without abatement - quality code A  
0.142 [kg/Mg of steel] - with abatement - quality code A

CORINAIR (II):

NO<sub>2</sub> - 55 - 96 [g/GJ]  
NMVOC - 0.45 [kg/Mg of steel] - D  
CH<sub>4</sub> - 0.005 [kg/Mg of steel] - E

Germany [5]:

Cd - 0.5 - 0.9 [g/Mg of steel]  
 Pb - 7.0 - 18.0 [g/Mg of steel]

Most of the data about emission factors comes from Poland [1-4]:  
 (emission factors in kg/Mg of steel, unless specified otherwise)

Emission factors that depend on [1]:		Pollutants	
		dust	SO <sub>2</sub>
furnace capacity	to 100 t	1.9	0.09
	above 100 t	2.5	0.16
type of fuel	gas fuel	2.03	0.09
	mazout	2.4	0.18

There are the following [4] ranges of metals emission factors that depend on furnace capacity (50-370 tons) and type of fuel (natural gas, coke-oven gas, mazout or mixture of those fuels):

Zn	- 73.3 to 150.2 g/Mg of steel	- C
Pb	- 9.1 to 19.8	„ - C
Cr	- 6.6 to 13.8	„ - C
Cu	- 3.6 to 7.8	„ - C
As	- 0.6 to 0.9	„ - E
Cd	- 0.2	„ - E

For NO<sub>2</sub>, NMVOC and CH<sub>4</sub> the following factors can be used [1, 2, 3]:

NO <sub>2</sub>	- 5.1	- C
NMVOC	- 0.02	- C
CH <sub>4</sub>	- 0.12	- C

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

A detailed chemical composition of furnace gas generated in the open hearth furnace process can be presented for volatile organic compounds (VOC).

They are as follows [%]:

		according to Veldt [II]	Poland [3]
methane	C <sub>1</sub>		89.13
ethane	C <sub>2</sub>		2.9
propane	C <sub>3</sub>		p.o
butane	C <sub>4</sub>		p.o
ethylene	C <sub>2=</sub>		p.o
acetylene	C <sub>2</sub>		p.o
propylene	C <sub>3=</sub>		p.o
butylene	C <sub>4</sub>		p.o
hexane	C <sub>6</sub>	7	
heptane	C <sub>7</sub>	36	
benzene	B	13.5	7.97
toluene	T	3.5	p.o
xylene	K		p.o
trimethyl-fluorosilane	tmFs	40	p.o
Total		100 %	100 %

#### 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

#### 11. WEAKEST ASPECT/PRIORITY AREAS

#### 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

#### 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

The open hearth furnace process is a continuous process.

#### 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

#### 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

## 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURE

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**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** Basic Oxygen Furnace Steel Plant

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### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

The basic oxygen furnace is a part of the production process of primary iron and steel.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS.

The emissions from the basic oxygen process are part of the primary iron and steel production.

**Table 2.1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Basic Oxygen Furnace Steel Plant	040206	0.2	0	0	-	1.5	0	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

However, this chapter currently addresses only heavy metal emissions.

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

Pig iron contains 4 - 4.5 weight % carbon. In its solid state pig iron is hard and brittle, and rolling or forging is impossible. This can only be done by lowering the carbon content to below 1.9 weight %. This is the steel production process.

The first step in the conversion of iron steel is the removal of carbon.

This is feasible thanks to the strong attraction between carbon and oxygen. In the blast furnace process, the carbon released from the coke breaks the iron/oxygen bond in the ore by binding itself to CO and CO<sub>2</sub>.

In the steelmaking process, the opposite occurs, the oxygen causing the carbon to leave the iron. It disappears from the converter in the form of carbon monoxide gas.

The oxygen-blown steelmaking process takes place in a pear-shaped vessel called a converter. This has a refractory lining and is mounted in such a manner that it can be tilted. Inside iron is turned into steel by blowing almost pure oxygen on to the surface of the molten metal, causing

undesirable substances to be combusted. The refining process can be enhanced, where necessary, by "bottom stirring" with argon gas by porous bricks in the bottom lining in certain phases of the process. This produces a more intensive circulation of the molten steel and an improved reaction between the gas and the molten metal. The oxidation (combustion) of the various elements which escape from the bath is accompanied by the release of a great deal of heat. In many cases steel scrap is added at a rate of 10% - 20% to cool the metal. The gas, which is rich in carbon monoxide, is removed and used as a fuel.

A complete cycle consists of the following phases: charging scrap and molten iron, blowing, sampling and temperature recording, and tapping. In a modern steelwork, 300 tonnes of steel are produced in a 30 minute cycle.

At the end of the refining process the ladle filled with molten steel is conveyed to the continuous casting machine. Continuous casting, in which billets or slabs are cast direct from molten metal, replaces the traditional method of pouring molten steel into moulds to produce ingots which, when solidified, are reheated and rolled into slabs or billets.

Continuous casting not only saves time and energy, but also improves the quality of the steel and increases the yield.

### 3.2 Definitions

Primary dust removal	Oxygen blowing with a vertical converter
Secondary dust removal	Oxygen blowing with a tilted converter during loading and tapping
Unabated emissions	Emissions from roof ventilation with a tilted converter with no secondary dust removal.
Refractory lining	Fire-resistant coating of the converter. The coating contains tar.

### 3.3 Emissions

The primary dust abatement produces in addition to CO and CO<sub>2</sub> mainly dust emissions. When the converter is provided with a fire resistant coating, this coating has to be preheated, producing PAH containing aromatic hydrocarbons. The amount of PAH is usually below the detection limit of the measuring technique. The dust contains a small amount of heavy metals.

The secondary dust abatement produces dust with a higher heavy metal content than the primary dust. The same applies to the unabated dust emissions from ventilation through the roof.

The main part of the dust emissions consists of particles with a size smaller than 10 micron. For the dust emitted through the roof this is more than 50 %.

### 3.4 Controls

Primary dust abatement consists of a vapour cooler for separation of coarse dust and a washer for fine dust abatement. The secondary dust abatement is usually a fabric filter.

#### 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

A simpler methodology would be the use of economic statistics in combination with generalized emission factors. At the moment there is not enough information available for this approach.

#### 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

Extensive measurements including the effects of abatement approaches are for a local situation the best approach.

#### 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

Plant specific, national and international production statistics could be used.

#### 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

Primary iron and steel industry with a capacity above 3 million tonnes per year should be considered as a point source.

#### 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

The dust emissions are characterized for each converter. The data provided (Table 8.1) are based on a combination of six sources with abatement and two without abatement. The combination of this information is related to total production. The emission factors produced in this way are presented in Table 8.1.

Another approach is the summation of the total emissions in relation to the production of billets and slabs. The emission factors thus calculated are presented between brackets. Finally, in the last column the emission is related to total steel production. From the dust emission factors, emission factors for heavy metals have also been calculated.

**Table 8.1.: Emission factors for dust and heavy metals from basic oxygen furnace production as reported by several countries/authors (in g/Mg).**

Compound	Germany [1]	Netherlands		France [4]	Pacyna [5]	Sweden [6,7]		Poland [8]	proposed
abatement	partially abated	wet scrubbers fabric filters [2]	partially abated [3]	unknown	unknown	wet scrubbers fabric filters	abated	unknown	unknown
Arsenic	0.0040	0.02	0.0001	0.02	-	-	-		0.015
Cadmium	0.031	0.003	0.024	0.002-0.05	0.02	0.04 0.04			0.025
Chromium	0.50	0.04	0.011	0.07	-	- 0.026	0.04-0.07		0.1
Copper	0.13	0.04	0.010	0.25	-	- 0.066	0.01-0.04		0.1
Mercury	-	0.004	0.002	-	-	0.001 0.00033			0.003
Nickel	0.09	-	-	0.05	-	- 0.024			0.05 <sup>1)</sup>
Lead	1.30	2.3	1.08	0.9	1.6	4 4.6	0.08-0.14		1.5
Selenium	-	-	-	-	-	-			0.003
Zinc	3.3	4.1	2.7	4.1	3.9	6 6.4	0.4-0.8		4
Dust	-	100	53	-	-	-			-

<sup>1)</sup> taking into account increased use of alloyed steels  
- unknown

The values given above are mean values from a wide range of measurements.

The amount of emissions from tar decomposition is related to the quantity used. As there is some relation between steel production and the lifetime of a coating the following hydrocarbon emission factor can be established :

- Aromatic hydrocarbons PAH containing: 10 g/Mg steel; the PAH content is negligible.

## **9. SPECIES PROFILES**

Information about the profile of the used ores might provide extra information. Generalized ore profiles are not relevant.

## **10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES**

The uncertainty in the emission factors may be estimated at about 50 %

## **11. WEAKEST ASPECTS IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY**

The weakest aspect in the methodology is the lack of sufficient information in relation to details of the processes used.

## **12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES**

Not relevant if considered as point source.

## **13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

Although the different processes are discontinuous, steel production as such is a continuous process. Therefore for most purposes no temporal disaggregation is necessary.

## **14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

## **15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS**

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## **16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES**

Verification of the heavy metal emissions by comparing with the profile of the ore could be useful.

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### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

The electric steel furnace is a part of the production process for primary iron and steel.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

**Table 2.1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Electric Furnace Steel Plant	040207	0	0.1	0	-	0.6	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

However, this chapter currently addresses only heavy metal emissions.

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

In an electric arc furnace non-alloyed, and low-alloyed steel is produced from polluted scrap. The scrap is mainly produced by shredding cars, and does not have a constant quality.

The scrap is preheated with pure oxygen to about 1700 °C in a closed vessel. Lime, anthracite and pig-iron are added. Depending on the desired quality of the steel chromium, manganese, molybdenum or vanadium compounds can be added.

During the preheating the carbon is partly removed from the scrap. The process is discontinuous. The filling of the furnaces produces dust emissions. The interior of the furnace is covered with fire-resistant coatings.

#### 3.2 Definitions

**Electric arc-furnace:** A furnace equipped with carbon electrodes between which a high voltage is applied. The resulting electric arc melts the scrap.

**Coating material:** Fire-resistant material covering the interior of the furnace. The coating is repaired from time to time and removed after a limited number of cycles. Thus far only tar containing material is used, but recently tar-free material has become available.

### **3.3 Techniques**

The techniques used are extensively described in literature.

### **3.4 Emissions**

Besides carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide, dust is the main emission. Because polluted scrap is used, the dust contains heavy metals such as lead and zinc. Also copper, chromium, nickel, arsenic, cadmium, and mercury are present. A small amount of dioxins is also emitted.

In the Netherlands PAH are not emitted, because for the coatings tar-free materials are used. Sixty percent of the dust particles is smaller than ten micron.

### **3.5 Controls**

The furnace-hall is ventilated. After cooling the polluted air is emitted through a fabric filter. This removes about 95 % of the total dust emission. The emissions through the roof are unabated.

## **4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY**

A simpler method would be based on production statistics. However, owing to the variations in compositions of the ore and the scrap no general applicable information can be given.

## **5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY**

Extensive measurements in a local situation might provide better information.

## **6. RELEVANT STATISTICS**

The electric energy comes from an external power plant. For preheating of the scrap natural gas (heat content 31.65 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>) is used. The amount used is about 3 - 7 m<sup>3</sup> per ton scrap.

## **7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA**

Primary iron and steel industry with a capacity of more than 3 million tonnes steel per year should be considered as point source.

## **8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES**

From the smelters in the Netherlands about 2,800 ton dust a year is captured. The dust production can be calculated to be about 11.6 kg/ton. The abated emission is about 0.64 kg/ton steel produced. From this figure emission factors for heavy metals have been calculated.

Tables 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 list the emission factors for heavy metals from electric arc furnaces for different types of steel.



**Table 8.1.: Emission factors for heavy metals from electric arc furnaces for carbon and construction steel (in g/Mg steel)**

Substance	Emission factor [1]	Range	Swedish measurements [2]
Arsenic	0.1	0.06 - 14	
Cadmium	0.25	0.03 - 1.5	0.043 0.043
Chromium	1	0.3 - 2	0.065 9.4
Copper	0.8	0.3 - 1	0.13 1.3
Mercury	0.15 <sup>1)</sup>	-	0.052 0.013
Nickel	0.25	0.1 - 0.6	0.043 0.43
Lead	14	5 - 20	5.0 2.1
Selenium	0.05 <sup>1)</sup>	-	
Zinc	50	20 - 90	12 34
Dust	-	-	60 200

<sup>1)</sup> estimation based on emission profile of related products

**Table 8.2.: Emission factors for heavy metals from electric arc furnaces for stainless steel (in g/Mg steel)**

Substance	Emission factor [1]	Range	Swedish measurements [2]
Arsenic	0.015	0.01 - 0.02	
Cadmium	0.07	0.05 - 0.09	0.0025 0.29
Chromium	15	12 - 18	2.5 19.9
Copper	0.5	0.3 - 0.7	
Mercury	0.15 <sup>1)</sup>	-	0.27 0.29
Nickel	5	3 - 6	1.0 14.0
Lead	2.5	1 - 3	0.3 8.8
Selenium	0.05 <sup>1)</sup>	-	
Zinc	6	4 - 9	0.15 37.5
Dust	-	-	30 900

<sup>1)</sup> estimation based on emission profile of related products.

**Table 8.3.: Emission factors for heavy metals from electric arc furnaces for unknown types of steel (in g/Mg steel)**

Substance	Netherlands [3]		Poland [4]
	unabated	fabric filter	abated
Abatement			
Arsenic	0.048	0.002	-
Cadmium	0.086	0.004	-
Chromium	0.61	0.03	0.12 - 8
Copper	0.55	0.03	0.05 - 3
Mercury	0.0048	0.0002	-
Nickel	0.086	0.004	-
Lead	18	1	0.08 - 5.5
Selenium	-	-	-
Zinc	194	11	0.4 - 24
Dust	610	30	-

- Dioxins (as TEQ): 0.035 mg.Mg<sup>-1</sup>.

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

Comparison with local information about ore and scrap compositions might be useful. No generalized information can be given.

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

The uncertainty can be estimated to be about 50%

## 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

The weakest aspect of the methodology is the lack of measurements in relation to the abatement methods.

## 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

The basic steel plants are expected to be regarded as point sources.

## 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

Although the electric arc furnace is a discontinuous process the smelter operation as such is a continuous process.

## 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

## 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

Environmental Protection Agency, Compilation of air pollutant emission factors AP 42

## 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURE

Verification of heavy metal emissions by comparing to profile of the emissions with ore and scrap compositions could be used as a verification method.

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SNAP CODE : 040208

SOURCE ACTIVITY : Rolling Mills

NACE CODE : 27

PARCOM CODE : 2.1

## 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Rolling mills are part of the production process from primary iron and steel. The products are sections and concrete reinforcing rods.

## 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS.

**Table 1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Rolling Mills	040208	0	0	0	-	0	0	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

The emissions from rolling mills are a relevant part of the primary iron and steel production on all geographical levels. For heavy metal emissions, specific figures for this source activity are available from Baart *et al.* (1995). /1/. The average relative contribution from the total iron and steel production industry and the rolling of iron to the total emission of heavy metals has been presented for European countries in table 2.

**Table 2: Average relative contribution of the production of iron and steel and the production of pig iron to the total emission of heavy metals in European countries**

Compound	Total iron & steel production (%)	Rolling mills (%)
Cadmium	22	-
Chromium	36	3.6
Copper	16	-
Nickel	14	0.8
Lead	12	-
Zinc	33	-

- = not available

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

Long products such as sections and concrete reinforcing rods can be produced by hot-rolling steel ingots. The huge reduction in thickness is accompanied by changes in structure and recrystallization, leading to a material with a very fine crystal structure. This is necessary in regard to the requirements for strength and deformability. This procedure is part of the traditional method of pouring molten steel into moulds to produce ingots which, when solidified, are reheated into slabs or billets. This method has in many cases been replaced by continuous casting.

However it is impossible to achieve these large degrees of re-rolling with continuously cast billets, and this applies also to the continuously cast strip. This problem can be solved by mounting conductive coils round the casting apertures. The electromagnetic stirring of the still molten core of the billet produces a very fine, homogeneous structure without segregation. This makes it possible to accept a lower degree of rolling without loss of quality.

The continuous cast slabs are transported to the hot strip mill without waiting for them to cool, and rolled immediately. The hot rolling of steel slabs has long been used as a "flattering process". This term does not, however, apply to modern hot strip mills. By a subtle combination of chemical composition, reheating, deformation rate speed of cooling after hot rolling and strip temperature during coiling, a variety of steel grades can be produced, ranging from high-strength steel alloys to ultra-low carbon, super-deformable steel. In principle, it is even feasible to carry out heat treatment during hot rolling. This is achieved by cooling the strip rapidly to 200 - 300 °C after the last stage of deformation, producing a dual phase microstructure which ensures a unique combination of high strength and high deformability.

The hot slabs are prepared for rolling by heating in walking-beam furnaces to rolling temperature (about 1200 °C). The roughing mill train consists of five stands placed in tandem, where the slabs are rolled to achieve both the desired width and thickness. In a seven stands finishing train the product takes on the desired dimensions and shape and flatness of the strip are largely determined. As it passes over the run-out table, the strip is cooled to the desired temperature by means of water, after which it is coiled.

There are limits to the purposes for which thin sheet produced from hot-rolling mills can be used. Besides the fact that the requirements in terms of surface quality cannot be met by hot-rolling material, however carefully it is rolled, the thickness can be a physical problem. Therefore much of the hot-rolled strip is destined for further reduction of the thickness in cold rolling reduction mills.

As a first step it is put through the pickling line to remove the mill-scale. Immediately after pickling the necessary lubricant is applied by electrostatic machines. After cold reduction, which greatly improves the strength of the material, it is annealed to restore the desired deformability. This process is now largely carried out in continuous furnaces, but also batch annealing is used. Gradual heating and cooling results in recrystallization of the steel, restoring its deforming properties. During this process, which takes several days, nitrogen or hydrogen is passed through the furnace to prevent oxidation of the steel.

After annealing, the material is passed through the tempering mill and coiled for further processing.

### 3.2 Definitions

Continuous casting	Slabs or non-flat products (billets) are cast directly from molten metal. Continuous casting not only saves time and energy, but also improves the quality of the steel and increases the yield. Moreover, the process is more controllable. At the end of the refining process the ladle filled with molten steel is conveyed to the continuous casting machine. From a ladle mounted above the caster, the molten steel enters the tundish, from whence it flows into the moulds. If necessary, certain alloying elements which become unstable when exposed to oxygen in the atmosphere, or which act only for a brief period, can be added at the last minute by introducing cored wire into the mould.
VHO-gas	Smelter gas enriched with coke oven gas with a varying composition. Both products contain small amounts of hydrogen sulfide, left over from cleaning processes.

### 3.3 Techniques

### 3.4 Emissions

Hot-rolling of slabs and non-flat products (billets) produces hydrocarbon emissions from lubricating oils. Preheating of material and annealing after rolling results in emissions of nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide. When VHO gas is used some sulfur dioxide will also be emitted. Pickling before cold-rolling produces emissions of hydrochloric acid. Cold-rolling gives emissions of hydrocarbons and decomposition products of lubricant oil. Gradual heating and cooling gives emissions of nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide. Protection gas contains polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

### 3.5 Controls

Hydrochloric acid from pickling is removed by a washing tower. Hydrocarbon vapours from rolling are captured by lamelle filters. Protection gas containing PAH's can be burned in afterburners.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

A simpler method would be to relate emissions to economic or production statistics. However, information for using this default method is not yet available.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

Extensive measurements related to the individual process and the applied abatement methods will give a more individual picture of the emissions.

## 6. RELEVANT STATISTICS

In the Netherlands natural gas is used. For batch annealing sometimes enriched smelter gas is used. (VHO-gas).

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

The emissions from primary steel production of capacity greater than 3 million tonne steel per year should be considered as point sources.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

- Pickling Hydrochloric acid (HCl): 2 g/Mg
- Hot-rolling, Billets VOC: 1 g/Mg  
- Fuel 1 - 1.2 GJ/Mg ==> NO<sub>x</sub>: 80 - 120 g/Mg  
CO: 100 - 120 g/Mg
- Hot-rolling, Slabs Lubricating oil 2 - 5 g/Mg  
- Fuel 1.5 - 2 GJ/ton ==> NO<sub>x</sub>: 100 - 150 g/Mg  
CO: 220 - 250 g/Mg
- Cold-rolling Lubricating oil: 10 - 100 g/Mg  
VOC: 20 - 30 g/Mg  
Decomposition products of oil: 10 - 20 g/Mg  
- Fuel, natural gas 0.4 - 2 GJ/Mg ==> NO<sub>x</sub>: 40 - 100 g/Mg  
CO: 40 - 200 g/Mg  
- VHO gas 1 - 2 GJ/Mg ==> NO<sub>x</sub>: 20 - 50 g/Mg  
CO: 0.3 - 1 g/Mg  
SO<sub>2</sub>: 30 - 60 g/Mg
- Annealing PAH: 1.7 g/Mg (125 mg/Mg Borneff PAH).

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

No generally applicable species profile is available.

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

The uncertainty in the emission factor is estimated to be C.



**11. WEAKEST ASPECTS IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY**

The weakest aspect is the lack of adequate measurements related to the abatement methods.

**12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES**

The primary iron and steel industry is expected to be regarded as a point source.

**13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

Most of the processes described are continuous.

**14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS****15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS**

Environmental Protection Agency, Compilation of air pollutant emission factors AP-42  
PARCOM-ATMOS Emission factors Manual

**16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES**

The emissions of VOC and PAH as calculated can only be verified by representative measurements.

**17. REFERENCES**

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**SNAP CODE :** 040301

**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** Aluminium Production

**NACE CODE :** 27420

**PARCOM CODE :** 2.2.4

## 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Production of primary aluminium, excluding alumina production.

## 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

**Table 1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Aluminium Production	040301	0.1	0	0	-	0.4	0.1	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

For heavy metal emissions, specific figures for this source activity are available from Baart *et al.* (1995). /1/ The average relative contribution from the primary aluminium production industry to the total emission of heavy metals has been presented for European countries in table 2.

**Table 2: Average relative contribution of the production of aluminium and the total non ferro industry to the total emission of heavy metals in European countries**

Compound	Contribution (%)	
	Total non ferro industry (%)	Primary Aluminium production (%)
Cadmium	24	0.12
Chromium	0	-
Copper	11	-
Nickel	0	-
Lead	2.7	-
Zinc	28	0.004

- = not available

### **3. GENERAL**

#### **3.1 Description of activities**

Primary aluminium is produced by electrolytic reduction of alumina. The electrolytic process occurs in steel cells lined with carbon. Carbon electrodes extend into the cell and serve as anodes whereas the carbon lining of the cell is the cathode. Molten cryolite functions both as electrolyte and as a solvent for the alumina. Molten aluminium metal is deposited at the cathode and periodically tapped.

#### **3.2 Definitions**

Pots	Shallow rectangular cells lined with carbon.
Paste	Petroleum cake mixed with pitch binder.
Butts	Anode blocks prepared from paste by baking.

#### **3.3 Techniques**

#### **3.4 Emissions during production activities.**

The main substances emitted are particulate matter, gaseous fluoride and particulate fluoride. The fluorides originate from the electrolyte. Emissions from the baking ovens include PAHs from the pitch binder. The dust produced contains some heavy metals.

#### **3.5 Controls**

### **4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY**

Multiplying the emission factor with the appropriate production figure yields the emission.

### **5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY**

If an extensive measuring program is available, the emissions can be calculated on the basis of the measurements of the dust emission and the composition of compounds over the total process.

### **6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS**

Standard national or international production statistics should be used.

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

The primary aluminium plants usually are connected to high chimneys and can be regarded as point sources if plant specific data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

The emission factors presented are derived from the SPIN document, based on the Emission Inventory in the Netherlands.

**Table 3: Emission factors for the electrolysis process in gram per ton aluminium produced**

Substance	Emission factor	Range
Fluoride (gas)	350	200-500
Fluoride (particles)	950	400-1500
Fluoranthene	4.5	3-6
Benz(a)pyrene	0.12	0.10-0.14
Sulfurdioxide	14200	11000-17500
Carbondioxide	1550000	1500000-1600000
Carbonmonoxide	135000	120000-150000
Dust	4750	2700-6800
Nitrogenoxides	2150	1300-3000
Cadmium	0.15	0.1-0.2
Zinc	20	15-25
Nickel	15	10-20

**Table 4: Emission factors for the anode production process (in gram per ton aluminium produced)**

Substance	Emission factor	Range
Fluorides (gas)	40	10-80
Fluorides (particles)	2	n.a.
Fluoranthene	30	20-40
Benz(a)pyrene	1.4	1.0-1.8
Sulfurdioxide	900	800-1000
Carbon dioxide	2200	2000-2400
Carbon monoxide	400	n.a.
Dust	600	200-1000

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

A profile for PAH emissions from a single aluminium plant in the Netherlands is given in table 5. This table can be used to get at least a first estimation of PAH emissions for cases where only information about a single substance (in most cases benz(a)pyrene) is available.

**Table 5: Relative profile for PAH emissions from aluminium production (Benz(a)pyrene put at one.**

Substance	Relative amount
Naphtalene	90
Antracene	5
Phenanthrene	20
Fluoranthene	20
Chrysene	3
Benz(a)anthracene	3
Benz(a)pyrene	1
Benz(k)fluoranthene	3
Benz(ghi)perylene	0.3

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

## 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

The contribution of heavy metals from the dust and the PAH emissions are the weakest aspects at the moment.

## 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

## 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

Primary aluminium production can be considered as a continuous process.

## 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

## 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

Environmental Protection Agency, COMPILATION OF AIR POLLUTANT EMISSION FACTORS AP 42, Chapter 12.1

Spindocument Productie van primair aluminium ; RIVM (reportnr. 736301131); November 1992 (in Dutch)

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**SNAP CODE :** 040401

**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** Sulphuric Acid

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

This sector covers emissions released from sulphuric acid production plants. Emissions released from all process steps are taken into account.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The contribution of emissions released from sulphuric acid production plants to the total emissions in the countries of the CORINAIR90 inventory are given as follows:

**Table 1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Sulphuric Acid	040401	0.7	0	0	-	0	0	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

This chapter covers all production steps within the plant and hence include the production of sulphur dioxide, sulphur trioxide, sulphuric acid and "oleum". The following figure provides an example of a flow sheet of a double contact sulphuric acid plant:

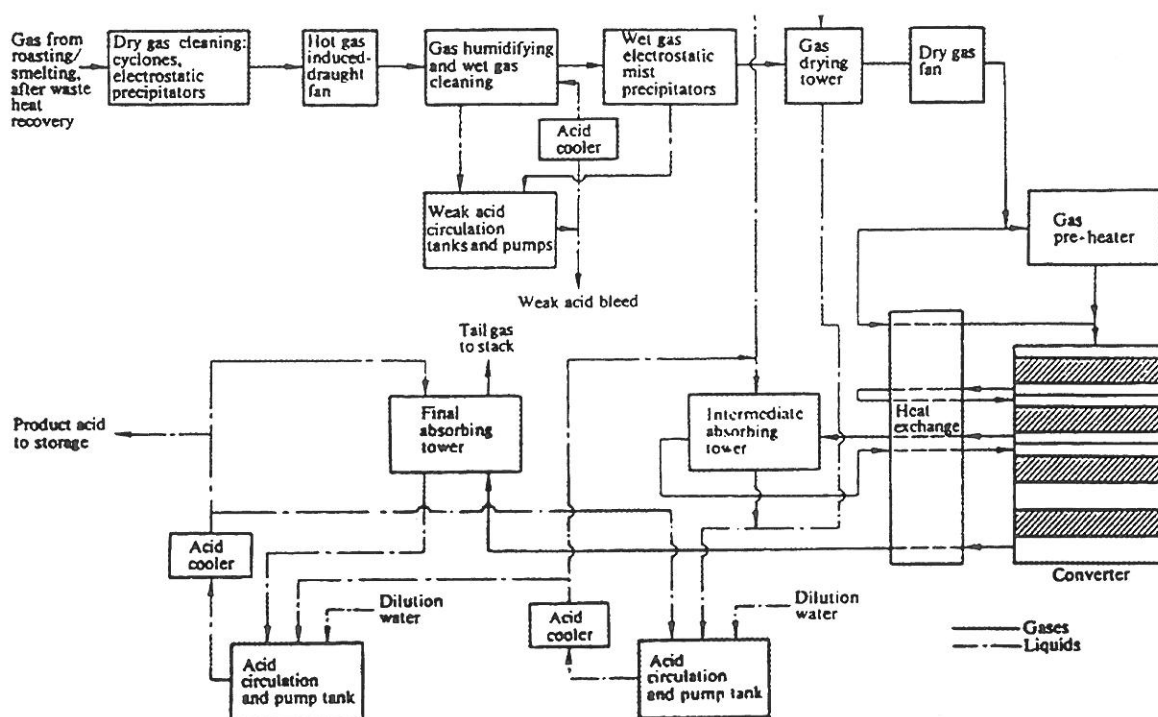


Figure 1 : Double contact sulphuric acid plant (schematic, based on /7/)

For SO<sub>2</sub> emissions the relevant process units are the cleaning of SO<sub>2</sub>-containing raw gas, the converter, the final absorbing tower, and scrubbers (see also section 3.4). Scrubbers may be installed for the cleaning of raw gas and behind the tail gas cleaning (see also section 3.3).

### 3.2 Definitions

Oleum highly concentrated sulphuric acid (a solution of uncombined SO<sub>3</sub> dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>).

### 3.3 Techniques

In principle the commercial production of sulphuric acid includes the following steps:

- Production of gases containing SO<sub>2</sub> and cleaning of the gases obtained if necessary,
- Oxidation of SO<sub>2</sub> to SO<sub>3</sub> and absorption of the SO<sub>3</sub> obtained.

#### 3.3.1 Production of gases containing SO<sub>2</sub> /cf. 3/

Sulphur dioxide is produced by the oxidation of elemental sulphur with air, by the roasting of sulphidic ores with the addition of air, or by the decomposition of sulphates and spent sulphuric acids etc. in air. Elemental sulphur, which is obtained either from natural deposits (e.g. Frasch-process sulphur) or from the desulphurisation of natural gas or crude oil (recovered sulphur), is burned at temperatures between 900 °C and 1,800 °C; the SO<sub>2</sub> content of the combustion gases is generally up to 18 vol.-%. The sulphur content of sulphidic ores is

converted into SO<sub>2</sub> by roasting it with air at more than 600 °C; the SO<sub>2</sub> content of the roaster gases is normally between 3 and 15 vol.-%. The usual types of furnaces are multiple-hearth furnaces, rotary kilns, fluid bed roasters, pyrite fines furnaces, sinter roasters and flash smelters, depending on the roasting material.

Roaster gases containing dust are fed to a gas cleaning system: wet separators and electrostatic precipitators, either single or in combination.

100 % sulphur dioxide is obtained

- by scrubbing the gases containing SO<sub>2</sub> with appropriate solvents (e.g. alkaline absorbents) and subsequently driving out the dissolved SO<sub>2</sub> by heating it (it is then dried, compressed and liquefied by refrigeration),
- by means of combined compression and separation of the gas containing SO<sub>2</sub>,
- by conversion of 100 % SO<sub>3</sub> or oleum with elemental sulphur or hydrogen sulphide.

The waste gas containing SO<sub>2</sub> from the production of 100 % sulphur dioxide is generally fed to a sulphuric acid plant or cleaned by scrubbing at a pH value of between 5 and 6. The by-product is a sodium sulphite/sodium bisulphite solution, which may be added to the scrubber liquid.

The waste gas coming from the liquefaction process of sulfur containing gases is in general fed to a sulphuric acid plant.

### 3.3.2 Oxidation of SO<sub>2</sub> to SO<sub>3</sub> and absorption of the SO<sub>3</sub> obtained /cf. 3/

A distinction is made between plants for the production of sulphuric acid and plants for the processing of products containing sulphur. The end product is always sulphuric acid.

The contact process without intermediate absorption, the single contact process, is used to process SO<sub>2</sub> gases with low and widely varying SO<sub>2</sub> contents. The gases containing SO<sub>2</sub> are oxidised to SO<sub>3</sub> in the presence of catalysts containing alkali and vanadium oxides. The SO<sub>3</sub> is absorbed (by oleum and water) and converted to sulphuric acid.<sup>1</sup> The contact process with intermediate absorption, the double contact process, is widely used and has a primary conversion efficiency of 85 to 93 %. After cooling the gases, the SO<sub>3</sub> obtained is absorbed in the intermediate absorber by means of sulphuric acid with a concentration of 98 to 99 wt.-%. The SO<sub>3</sub> formed in the second stage is absorbed in a final absorber. In general, SO<sub>2</sub> gases containing 8 to 10.5 vol.-% SO<sub>2</sub> are used for this process.

The wet contact process is mainly used to process gases containing hydrogen sulphide from coke ovens, gasworks or oil refineries. The gases containing 15 to 100 vol.-% sulphides

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1 Older process types also exist which today are of lower relevance. These older process types can be summarised as "nitrogen oxide processes": The production and the cleaning of the SO<sub>2</sub> gases are comparable to the contact process. However, for the conversion of the SO<sub>2</sub>, nitrogen oxide is used as a catalyst which operates as an oxygen carrier. Depending on the lining of the reaction chamber, two processes are known: the lead chamber process (which is no longer in operation) and the tower process (brick lined chamber, advanced "lead chamber"-process).

(e.g. hydrogen sulphide) etc. are burned autothermally with excess air in a combustion furnace. After cooling the SO<sub>2</sub> is oxidised to SO<sub>3</sub> in a converter (with alkali/vanadium oxide). After condensation or absorption, sulphuric acid with a concentration of 78 wt.-%, is generally obtained. A modified wet contact process is used for the direct processing of hot gases with low SO<sub>2</sub> contents (< 1.0 vol.-%) and high water contents e.g. from Claus plants. Sulphuric acid is obtained with concentrations of 78 to 93 wt.-%. The wet/dry contact process with intermediate condensation is based on sulphur combustion and is used in the processing of waste air contaminated with sulphur compounds (e.g. hydrogen sulphide). The SO<sub>2</sub> gases are converted in wet contact stages and then absorbed. The sulphuric acid obtained is cleaned in different steps. For processing oxygen-free gases to sulphuric acid, the lowest possible content per unit volume varies between 40 to 120 g sulphur per m<sup>3</sup>, depending on the components in the input gas.

The waste gas containing SO<sub>2</sub> from the contact process can be fed into an intermediate absorption process, which reduces SO<sub>2</sub> emissions by approximately 80 %. Further reduction can be achieved by lowering the gas velocity in the contact process or by installing a fifth contact bed. SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the double contact process can be reduced by up to 30 %, if a 5-bed system is installed instead of a normal 4-bed system.

The reduction of sulphuric acid aerosols can be achieved with for example candle filters, electrostatic precipitators or venturi scrubbers.

By applying an oxidising gas scrubbing process (e.g. Peracidox) for the waste gas cleaning downstream of a double contact process, SO<sub>2</sub> emissions can be reduced by up to 90 % and SO<sub>3</sub> emissions by up to 50 %. The oxidising agent is either peroxosulphuric acid or hydrogen peroxide. No waste products are obtained.

To reduce emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>3</sub> from the contact process without intermediate absorption, a NH<sub>3</sub> tail gas scrubbing can be installed; the reduction efficiency for SO<sub>2</sub> emissions is up to 75 % and for SO<sub>3</sub> emissions up to 50 %. The products of this process are ammonium sulphite or ammonium bisulphite (for SO<sub>2</sub>) and ammonium sulphate (for SO<sub>3</sub>).

### 3.4 Emissions

The main relevant pollutants are sulphuric oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>), which include sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and sulphur trioxide (SO<sub>3</sub>). For CORINAIR, SO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>3</sub> should be reported together expressed as SO<sub>2</sub>. Relevant process steps are listed below in Figure 1. Emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOC)<sup>2</sup>, carbon monoxide (CO) and ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) are negligible<sup>3,4</sup>. Emissions of heavy metals (e.g. from roasting sulphur in

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2 The production of organic compounds gives rise to spent sulphuric acid which may contain organic compounds, salts etc. Depending on the type and degree of contamination, spent sulphuric acid is decomposed and processed to sulphuric acid in a contact plant. Slightly contaminated dilute acids can be concentrated to between 65 and 75 wt.-% and then subsequently evaporated to a concentration of ca. 96 wt.-%. /3/

3 Oleum plants also produce mist emissions of sulphuric acid.

4 For sulphuric acid production only SO<sub>2</sub> is relevant. Other pollutants may be released from the preparation of SO<sub>2</sub> feed gas (roasting, smelting etc.), which are not covered here.

the smelter gas) are not relevant due to the fact that most of them are particle bound and separated by the wet gas cleaning (e.g. electrostatic precipitation). Heavy metals remaining in the flue gas are mostly absorbed by the sulphuric acid formed in the converter.

SO<sub>2</sub> emissions are released from the production of gases containing SO<sub>2</sub> (raw gas preparation)<sup>5</sup>, the oxidation of SO<sub>2</sub> to SO<sub>3</sub> (converter) and the absorption of SO<sub>3</sub> obtained (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> production).

Nearly all sulphur dioxide emissions from sulphuric acid plants are found in the exit stack gases. In addition to these, small quantities of sulphur oxides are emitted from storage tank vents as well as from tank truck vents during loading operations, from sulphuric acid concentrators, and through leaks in process equipment. Few data are available on the quantity of emissions from these non-stack sources /1/.

#### **3.4.1 Production of gases containing SO<sub>2</sub> (raw gas) /cf. 3/<sup>5</sup>**

Extensive analysing of sulphur dioxide emissions released by the stacks of sulphuric acid plants shows that the major part of the SO<sub>2</sub> emissions is an inverse function of the sulphur conversion efficiency (SO<sub>2</sub> oxidised to SO<sub>3</sub>). This conversion is affected by the number of stages in the catalytic converter, the amount of catalyst used, temperature and pressure, and the concentration of the reactants (sulphur dioxide and oxygen). /1/ The efficiency of converting sulphur dioxide to trioxide is for the single contact process about 97 to 98 % and for the double contact process usually 99.5 % /cf. 7/. Depending on the raw material and the process, the waste gases contain up to 0.12 g SO<sub>3</sub> per m<sup>3</sup> before scrubber /3/.

Exhaust gases from the absorption process have an SO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 2,500 to 3,000 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. The residual gas from the separation of the liquefaction process has an SO<sub>2</sub> concentration of up to 300 g/m<sup>3</sup>. No exhaust gases occur when reducing SO<sub>3</sub> with sulphur or H<sub>2</sub>S. Emissions from raw gas cleaning may occur.

#### **3.4.2 Oxidation of SO<sub>2</sub> to SO<sub>3</sub> and absorption of the SO<sub>3</sub> obtained (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> production)**

SO<sub>2</sub> emissions are relevant for the process steps: converter, final absorption tower and scrubbers (if installed). The emissions are released through the stack.

Large quantities of sulphuric acid mist may be formed by the combustion of hydrogen sulphide (e.g. from coke ovens) and during decomposition processes, due to the oxidation of nitrogen compounds /3/. Concerning mist emissions an unpublished report by the US-EPA found that uncontrolled mist emissions from oleum plants burning spent acid range from 0.5 to 5.0 kg/Mg. 85 to 95 wt.-% of the mist particles from oleum plants are less than two microns in diameter, compared to only 30 wt.-%. /1/

### **3.5 Controls**

Control measures are an integral part of the production process (see sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 and figure 1). Control measures include the oxidising gas scrubbing process and the tail gas scrubbing with NH<sub>3</sub>.

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<sup>5</sup> Emissions from the production of raw gases containing SO<sub>2</sub> are not considered here.

#### 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

For the production of sulphuric acid only a simpler methodology is provided; a detailed methodology is not proposed (see section 5). Here "simpler methodology" refers to the calculation of emissions based on emission factors and activities. The simpler methodology covers the pollutant SO<sub>x</sub>.

The annual emission is determined by an activity and an emission factor:

$$E_i = EF_i \cdot A \quad (1)$$

E<sub>i</sub> annual emission of pollutant i

EF<sub>i</sub> emission factor of pollutant i

A activity rate

The activity rate A and the emission factor EF<sub>i</sub> have to be determined on the same level of aggregation by using available data (e.g. production of sulphuric acid, see also Section 6).

Emission factors for emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>3</sub> are given in Table 2 based on literature data. The required unit of the emission factors according to CORINAIR90 is mass pollutant/mass product [g/Mg].

#### 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A detailed methodology is not proposed, due to the low emission relevance of the production of sulphuric acid compared to the total anthropogenic emissions (see Section 2). Emission measurements appear to be not necessary for inventory purposes.

#### 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

The activity according to CORINAIR90 should be reported in mass product/year [Mg/a]. The total production of sulphuric acid can be derived directly from statistics available on an European level. For individual point sources, data from national sources (e.g. associations of chemical industries) should be used.

The following statistics contain data concerning the production of sulphuric acid:

- United Nations (ed.): Industrial Statistics Yearbook 1991; Vol. I, Commodity Production Statistics, New York 1993; ISIC 3511-47 (production of sulphuric acid)

The following statistics on a European level contain only economic variables, such as number of enterprises, number of employees, turnover for the "Manufacture of basic industrial chemicals and manufacture followed by further processing of such products".

- Office for Official Publication of the European Communities (ed.): Annual Statistics 1990; Luxembourg; 1992
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## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

According to the CORINAIR90 methodology, sulphuric acid plants should be considered as point sources.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

The following Table 2 contains emission factors for the relevant pollutants SO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>3</sub> based on literature data. Emissions are expressed with reference to different compounds. Emission factor are given in relation to SO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, and SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>.

**Table 2: Emission factors for the production of sulphuric acid (expressed as 100 % acid)**

Process	Emission factors in terms of production of 100 % H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> [g/Mg]							
	SO <sub>2</sub>		SO <sub>3</sub>		SO <sub>x</sub> <sup>8)</sup>		SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	
	range	value	range	value	range	value	range	value
Contact process without intermediate absorption (single absorption)	10,000 - 25,000 <sup>2)</sup>	17,000 <sup>7)</sup> 14,000 <sup>2)</sup> 17,500 <sup>2)5)</sup>	400 - 600 <sup>7)</sup>		1,100 - 17,000 <sup>3)</sup>	9,050 <sup>3)</sup>		
Contact process with intermediate absorption (double absorption)	1,500 - 4,000 <sup>2)6)</sup>	<1,000 <sup>4)7)</sup> 2,700 <sup>2)6)</sup> 2,600 <sup>7)</sup>			1,000 - 5,000 <sup>2)</sup> 1,900 - 7,200 <sup>3)</sup>	3,000 <sup>2)</sup> 4,550 <sup>3)</sup>	100 - 300 <sup>2)6)</sup>	200 <sup>2)6)</sup>
- with constant gas conditions			100 - 150 <sup>7)</sup>					
- with fluctuating gas conditions	3,300 - 6,600 <sup>7)</sup>		300 - 400 <sup>7)</sup>					
- Decomposition plants (spent sulphuric acid)		6,600 <sup>7)</sup>		400 <sup>7)</sup>				
Wet contact process								
- 78 % sulphuric acid		17,000 <sup>7)</sup>		350 <sup>7)</sup>				
- 98 % sulphuric acid		17,000 <sup>7)</sup>		400 <sup>7)</sup>				
Wet/dry contact process with intermediate condensation/absorption		3,300 <sup>7)</sup>	100 - 150 <sup>7)</sup>					

<sup>1)</sup> AIRS, EPA /6/;

<sup>2)</sup> CORINAIR /2/;

<sup>3)</sup> RIVM /4/;

<sup>4)</sup> Swedish plants (in general) /5/;

<sup>5)</sup> old contact process, average conversion of 97.3 %

<sup>6)</sup> for Germany and the Netherlands;

<sup>7)</sup> based on /3/;

<sup>8)</sup> SO<sub>x</sub>: mixture of SO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>3</sub>; proportions are not specified

Contact process

absorber conversion 99.9 % 2,000<sup>1)</sup>

absorber conversion 99.5 % 3,500<sup>1)</sup>

absorber conversion 99 % 7,000<sup>1)</sup>

absorber conversion 98 % 13,500<sup>1)</sup>

absorber conversion 97 % 20,000<sup>1)</sup>

absorber conversion 96 % 27,500<sup>1)</sup>

absorber conversion 95 % 35,000<sup>1)</sup>

absorber conversion 94 % 41,000<sup>1)</sup>

absorber conversion 93 % 48,000<sup>1)</sup>

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

The emissions contain sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and sulphur trioxide (SO<sub>3</sub>) depending on the efficiency of converting sulphur dioxide to sulphur trioxide (see also Section 3.4).

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

## **11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY**

Weakest aspects discussed here are related to emission factors. Technique specific emission factors are provided in table 2. CORINAIR90 data can only be used in order to give a range of emission factors with respect to point and area sources. Further work should be invested in the analysis of measured data in order to decrease the range of emission factors given or to provide a further split of emission factors taking into account further technical specifications.

## **12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES**

## **13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

Temporal disaggregation of annual emission data (top-down approach) should provide a split into monthly, weekly, daily and/or hourly emission data. Temporal disaggregation of annual emissions released from sulphuric acid plants can be obtained by taking into account the time of operation.

However, data for the annual time of operation should take into account, that sulphuric acid plants produce during the whole year, and the production of sulphuric acid is a continuous process.

## **14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

## **15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS**

## **16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES**

As outlined in the chapter on "Concepts for Emission Inventory Verification" different verification procedures can be recommended. Verification procedures considered here are principally based on the verification of emission data on a national level and on a plant level.

Verification on a plant level takes into account, e.g. the number of sulphuric acid plants considered, and relies on comparisons between calculated emissions/emission factors and those derived from emission measurements.

Emission data for sulphuric acid production can be verified on national level by comparing annual emissions related to the territorial unit to independently derived emission estimates (e.g. obtained by using population equivalents).



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**SNAP CODE :** 040402

**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** Nitric Acid

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

This chapter covers emissions released from nitric acid production plants, whereby all process steps are taken into account.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The contribution of emissions released from nitric acid plants to the total emissions in the countries of the CORINAIR90 inventory is given as follows:

**Table 1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Nitric Acid	040402	-	0.6	0.1	-	0	-	5.4	0.1

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

For the production of nitric acid, ammonia is oxidised catalytically. Nitrous gases are obtained, which are converted into nitric acid (together with oxygen and water). The following figure shows a flow sheet of a nitric acid plant:

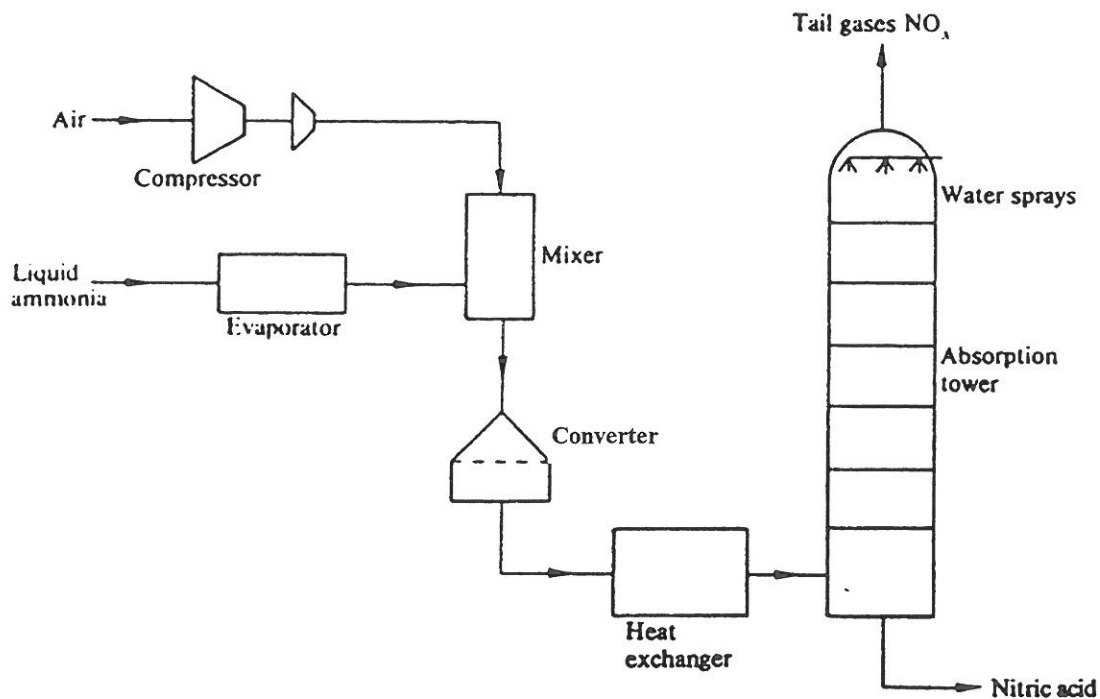


Figure 1: Nitric acid plant (weak acid about 50 wt.-%) - schematic (based on /5/)

For NO<sub>x</sub> emissions the relevant process units are the absorption tower and the tail gas cleaning units (e. g. SCR, SNCR). Small amounts of NO<sub>x</sub> are also lost for acid concentrating plants.

### 3.2 Definitions

Highly concentrated acid: nitric acid with a concentration of about 98 wt.-%.

Weak acid: nitric acid with a concentration of about 50 to 75 wt.-%.

### 3.3 Techniques

Nitrogen monoxide (NO) is formed by catalytical oxidation of ammonia with atmospheric oxygen. NO is oxidised to nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) by adding further air. The reaction of NO<sub>2</sub> with water and oxygen forms nitric acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>) with a concentration of generally 50 to 75 wt.-% ("weak acid").

For the production of highly concentrated nitric acid (98 wt.-%), first nitrogen dioxide is produced as described above. It is then absorbed in highly concentrated acid, distilled, condensed and finally converted into highly concentrated nitric acid at high pressure by adding a mixture of water and pure oxygen. /cf. 3/

The following production steps should be distinguished /3/:

- Production of nitrogen monoxide:  
Ammonia is oxidised with air in the presence of catalysts of platinum-rhodium alloy. The yield of nitrogen monoxide (normally between 95 and 98 % /1/) depends on the reaction conditions (such as pressure and temperature).
- Further treatment of nitric oxides:  
Nitrogen monoxide is oxidised to nitrogen dioxide. Nitrogen dioxide is then absorbed and reacts with water to form nitric acid.
- Upgrading of nitric acid.

Plants for the production of nitric acid can be designed as low pressure (< 1.7 bar), medium pressure (1.7 - 6.5 bar) and high pressure (> 8 bar) plants. New plants are only built for pressure ranges above 4 bar.

### 3.3.1 Weak Nitric Acid Production

Medium pressure plants (1.7 to 6.5 bar) can achieve NO<sub>x</sub> contents (see Section 3.4) of 600 to 800 ppm by volume in the exhaust gas. High pressure plants (above 8 bar) can achieve NO<sub>x</sub> contents of 200 to 400 ppm by volume in the exhaust gas. /cf. 3/ Taking into account the ammonia combustion as described above, two plant types can be further distinguished:

- single-pressure plant      NH<sub>3</sub> oxidation and absorption take place at the same pressure; compression takes place before the NH<sub>3</sub> oxidation (medium pressure).
- dual-pressure plant      Absorption takes place at a higher pressure than the NH<sub>3</sub> oxidation; an NO compressor is required.

### 3.3.2 High Strength Nitric Acid Production

The reaction of nitrogen dioxide with water and pure oxygen takes place at high pressure. The reaction water from the combustion gases has to be condensed by cooling and then discharged. Nitrogen monoxide (NO) is oxidised with air and then with highly concentrated nitric acid to form nitrogen dioxide. NO<sub>2</sub> is scrubbed by means of highly concentrated nitric acid. The nitrogen dioxide and the dinitric tetroxide (N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, obtained by dimerisation) are mixed with nitric acid containing water. This mixture is converted to nitric acid (98 to 99.5 wt.-%) at high pressure (e.g. 50 bar). The NO<sub>x</sub> content of the waste gas depends on the temperature of the last absorption stage. /cf. 3/

### 3.3.3 Process-integrated emission reduction facilities

The two most common techniques used in order to control NO<sub>x</sub> emissions are:

- extended absorption by alkali solutions, and
- catalytic reduction.

Here, controls refer to reduction facilities which are normally an integral part of a nitric acid plant (see Section 3.3).

Extended absorption reduces nitrogen oxide emissions by treatment of the waste gas either with sodium hydroxide or with ammonia.

By treatment of the waste gas with sodium hydroxide, NO and NO<sub>2</sub> are absorbed and sodium nitrite (NaNO<sub>2</sub>) is formed. Under certain conditions a NO<sub>x</sub> content in the waste gas of 200 ppm by volume can be achieved (absorption pressure of more than 4.5 bar, NO<sub>x</sub> content by volume of less than 600 ppm etc.) /3/.

Catalytic purification can be divided into a non-selective and a selective process. Both processes for waste gas treatment require a minimum temperature and a minimum pressure, conditions which often cannot be achieved in old plants /3/.

In non-selective reduction processes, the waste gas reacts with a reduction agent (hydrogen and/or hydrocarbons e.g. natural gas, waste gas from ammonia plants or naphtha) by passing a catalyst (which contains platinum, rhodium or palladium). Depending on the reduction conditions (amount of reduction agent) the reduction product is either nitrogen monoxide or nitrogen. The utilisation of hydrocarbons has the disadvantage that the waste gas contains carbon monoxide as well as hydrocarbons in a non-converted or partially converted

state. /3/

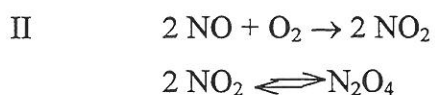
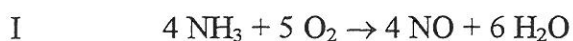
In the selective reduction process the reduction agent, ammonia, reacts with nitric oxides to form nitrogen and water. The catalysts used are for example vanadium pentoxide, platinum, iron/chromium oxides mixtures or zeolites. According to the stoichiometric conditions of the reaction an excess of ammonia is necessary. This process can offer economical advantages for plants with small capacities (less than 100 t of N per day). /3/

A seldom used alternative control device for the absorption of tail gas is the use of molecular sieves. This process can be used for nitric acid plants with high-pressure absorption, where nitrogen dioxide is absorbed from the waste gas at an ambient temperature. /3/

### 3.4 Emissions

Relevant pollutants are nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O). Emissions of ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) and non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOC) are of less relevance. Emissions of carbon monoxide (CO) are not relevant.<sup>1, 2</sup>

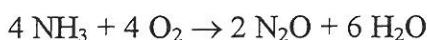
Basic reactions for the production of nitric acid, according to the "Ostwald"-process (oxidation of ammonia, see section 3.3), are:



<sup>1</sup> Trace amounts of HNO<sub>3</sub> can also be emitted.

<sup>2</sup> Emissions of NMVOC and CO reported in CORINAIR90 are not specified with regard to process technology.

Concerning the formation of N<sub>2</sub>O only step I is of relevance. By using suitable catalysts about 93 - 98 % of the ammonia is converted into NO. The rest of the ammonia is converted into nitrogen, mostly in secondary reactions, but also to nitrous oxide according to /6/:



Based on literature data it can be assumed that about 1.5 % of the ammonia is converted to N<sub>2</sub>O; modern processes need about 283 kg NH<sub>3</sub>/Mg HNO<sub>3</sub> produced. /6/

Emissions released by the stacks contain mainly a mixture of nitrogen oxides (see section 9). In general, the quantity of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions is directly related to the kinetics of the nitric acid formation reaction and the design of the reduction equipment. Here, NO<sub>x</sub> emissions contain nitrogen monoxide (NO), dinitric trioxide (N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>), nitrogen dioxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), and dinitric tetroxide (N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>). Emissions are mostly expressed as NO<sub>2</sub>.

The design of the absorption process in a nitric acid plant is decisive for NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. The process parameters of influence are for example pressure, temperature, the design of the reaction chamber, the (low) solubility of nitrogen monoxide in water or nitric acid, the efficiency of the absorption column etc. NO<sub>x</sub> emissions may increase when there is for example an insufficient air supply to the oxidiser and absorber, low pressure (especially in the absorber), or high temperatures in the cooler condenser and absorber. NO<sub>x</sub> emissions can also increase due to operation at high throughput rates or faulty equipment, such as compressors or pumps which lead to lower pressures or leaks and thus decreasing plant efficiency. /1, 3/

Comparatively small amounts of nitrogen oxides are lost from acid concentrating plants. These losses (mostly NO<sub>2</sub>) originate from the condenser system, but the emissions are small enough to be easily controlled by absorbers. Acid mist emissions do not occur from the tail gas of a properly operated plant. The small amounts that may be present in the absorber exit gas streams are removed by a separator or collector before entering the catalytic reduction unit or expander. The acid production system and storage tanks are the only significant sources of visible emissions at most nitric acid plants. Emissions from acid storage tanks may occur during tank filling. /1/

A very high contribution to total emissions of nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) from nitric acid plants has been reported within the CORINAIR90 inventory (see Table 1). This high relevance of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions has not yet been reported in the literature (except CORINAIR90).

### 3.5 Controls

Control measures are an integral part of the production process of nitric acid (see section 3.3.3). Control measures are e.g. the treatment of the waste gas with sodium hydroxide, non-selective catalytical purification (SNCR), selective catalytical purification (SCR) or the use of molecular sieves.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

For nitric acid plants only a simpler methodology is given; a detailed methodology is not proposed (see section 5). Here "simpler methodology" refers to the calculation of emissions

based on emission factors and activities. The simpler methodology covers the relevant pollutants NO<sub>x</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O and NH<sub>3</sub>.

The annual emission is determined by an activity and an emission factor:

$$E_i = EF_i \cdot A \quad (1)$$

$E_i$       annual emission of pollutant i  
 $EF_i$      emission factor of pollutant i  
 $A$         activity rate

The activity rate  $A$  and the emission factor  $EF_i$  have to be determined on the same level of aggregation by using statistical data (e.g. production of nitric acid, see Section 6).

Emission factors are given in Table 2 (section 8) based on literature data.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A detailed methodology is not proposed, due to the low relevance of emissions from nitric acid production compared to the total anthropogenic emissions (see section 2). Emission measurement appears to be not necessary for inventory purposes.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

The activity rate according to CORINAIR90 should be reported in mass product/year [Mg/a]. The total production of nitric acid can be derived directly from statistics available on a European level. For point sources, individual data from national sources (e.g. association of chemical industries) should be used.

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## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

According to the CORINAIR90 methodology, nitric acid plants have to be considered as point sources.



## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

The following Table 2 contains emission factors for relevant pollutants based on literature data. Nitrogen emission factors vary considerably depending on the type of control equipment and the process conditions.

**Table 2: Emission factors for nitric acid production (expressed in 100% acid)**

Type of process	Emission factors in mass/mass 100 % acid [g/Mg]					
	NO <sub>x</sub> <sup>1)</sup>		N <sub>2</sub> O <sup>9)</sup>		NH <sub>3</sub>	
	range	value	range	value	range	value
Low pressure	10,000 - 20,000 <sup>2)5)6)</sup> 3,600 - 8,600 <sup>3)</sup>	12,000 <sup>2)5)6)</sup> 3,500 <sup>3)</sup>		800 <sup>2)7)</sup>		
Medium pressure	5,000 - 12,000 <sup>2)5)6)</sup>	7,500 <sup>2)5)6)</sup>		800 <sup>2)7)</sup>		
High pressure	1,500 - 5,000 <sup>2)5)6)</sup>	3,000 <sup>2)5)6)</sup>		800 <sup>2)7)</sup>		
Direct strong acid process	100 - 1,000 <sup>2)</sup>	5,000 <sup>3)</sup>				
No specification	664-75,000 <sup>8)</sup>		1,000-79,000 <sup>8)</sup>		1- 5.000 <sup>8)</sup>	10 <sup>8)</sup>

<sup>1)</sup> no specification into NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, etc. has been reported

<sup>2)</sup> CORINAIR /2/; data are from French and W.-German plants

<sup>3)</sup> EPA data /1/

<sup>4)</sup> Swedish data /4/

<sup>5)</sup> Control by catalytic reduction: range 10 - 800 g/Mg; value 400 g/Mg

<sup>6)</sup> Control by extended absorption: range 400 - 1,400 g/Mg; value 900 g/Mg

<sup>7)</sup> French value as used for the "taxe parafiscale"; not further specified as low, medium or high pressure process

<sup>8)</sup> CORINAIR90 data

<sup>9)</sup> Emission measurements from the so called DuPont Process have led to emission factor ranges of 2 - 9 g N<sub>2</sub>O/kg HNO<sub>3</sub> /7/.

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

The NO<sub>x</sub> emissions ("nitrous gases") contain a mixture of nitric oxide (NO) and nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), dinitric oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) and dinitric tetroxide (N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>). Emissions of N<sub>2</sub>O have to be reported separately (see also section 3.4).

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

## 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

Weakest aspects discussed here are related to emission factors. Technic specific emission factors are provided in Table 2. CORINAIR90 data can only be used in order to give a range of emission factors. Further work should be invested in the analysis of measured data in order to decrease the range of emission factors given or to provide a further split of emission factors.

## 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

## 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

Temporal disaggregation of annual emission data (top-down approach) provides a split into monthly, weekly, daily and/or hourly emission data. Temporal disaggregation of annual emissions released from nitric acid plants can be obtained by taking into account the time of operation of different process types (see table 2).

However, data for the annual time of operation should take into account, that nitric acid plants produce during the whole year, and that the production of nitric acid is a continuous process.

## 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

## 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

## 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

As outlined in the chapter on "Concepts for Emission Inventory Verification" different verification procedures can be recommended. Verification procedures considered here are principally based on the verification of emission data on a national level and on a plant level. Verification on a plant level takes into account e.g. the number of nitric acid plants considered and relies on comparisons between calculated emissions/emission factors and those derived from emission measurements.

Emission data for the nitric acid production can be verified on national level by comparing annual emissions related to the territorial unit to independently derived emission estimates (e.g. obtained by using population equivalents).

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**SNAP CODE :** 040501

**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** Ethylene

**NACE CODE :** 2416

**PARCOM-ATMOS CODE :**

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Ethylene is produced by thermal cracking of petroleum fractions. These fractions can vary from ethane to heavy petroleum distillates.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The NMVOC emission of ethylene plants contributes 0.00 to 0.06% to the total NMVOC emission in any European country.

**Table 2.1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Ethylene	040501	0	0	0.3	0	0	0.1	0.1	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

The feed is preheated in heat exchangers and brought to the reaction temperature of 750 - 850° Celsius by adding hot products and steam to the reaction furnace. Additional steam is added to dilute the reaction mixture. The residence time is kept short (about 0.1 sec.) to limit side reactions (coke formation).

After the reaction the gas mixture is quenched with cold oil, which in turn is used to produce steam. The oil gas steam mixture is separated in different fractions in a rectification section. In several steps the most important products of the mixture are separated. The low boiling products ethylene, propylene and the butylenes are separated after drying, compression and distillation.

For many applications ethylene must not contain acetylene. The acetylene is removed from the ethylene by selective hydrogenation.

After separation from the reaction mixture, ethane and propane are recycled to the reaction furnace feed, methane is used as fuel gas and hydrogen is used for hydrogenation (of acetylene).

The C-4 mixture is used as feed for the butadiene production.

The typical feed (ethane to heavy petroleum distillates) results in a production of about 36% ethylene, 13% propylene, 8% butylenes and 7% aromatics.

### 3.2 Definitions

### 3.3 Techniques

See section 3.1.

### 3.4 Emissions

The major emissions to the air are CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, CO and hydrocarbons. The first three compounds are produced during the combustion of fuel gases in the reaction furnace, the hydrocarbons are mostly emitted due to leakage and flaring of the residual gases.

For the Netherlands all cracking processes together produce 4000 tons of VOCs per year. Ethylene is given a proportional share, being 36% of the total VOC emission. This emission, 1440 ton, is related to a production capacity of about 2700 kton ethylene per year and a realized production of about 2400 kton ethylene per year.

Emissions can be subdivided as follows:

Emission source	[1]	[2]
leakage losses from appendages, pumps, etc.	72%	75%
flaring, disruptions	18%	5%
losses due to storage and handling	1%	13%
combustion emissions	5%	<1%
other process emissions	4%	7%

About 73% of the VOC emissions can be considered as production independent (leakage etc. plus losses due to storage etc), but process operation time dependant (i.e. production capacity dependant). The other 27% is production dependant.

In a Canadian report [3] a subdivision specific for the emission from ethylene plants is given:

process	51%
fugitive	46%
storage and loading	1%
spills	1%

### 3.5 Controls

The losses due to leakage can be limited by use of certain types of seals and application of double seals near pumps.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

Use of an overall emission factor for ethylene production emissions. The amount of emitted VOC is then directly related to the ethylene production. For the Netherlands, 4000 ton VOC emission related to the thermal cracking activity, 36% ethylene in the thermal cracking product, and 2400 kton ethylene produced this would mean an overall emission factor of 0.6 ton VOC/kton ethylene produced.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A more detailed methodology is used by the United States EPA.

Instead of one emission factor for the whole plant, emission factors for each piece of equipment, such as valves, flanges, etc, can be used. Each type of equipment has its own emission factor. The total emission factor for the plant can be calculated by multiplying each equipment emission factor by the number of pieces of that type of equipment. Hence, for this method it is necessary to know how many pieces of each type of equipment are present in the plant.

In a Canadian study [3] the use of this methodology instead of the simpler one resulted in a considerably lower estimate of the process emissions.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

**Table 6.1.: Ethylene capacities for some countries and regions for 1990**

Country/Region	ktons/y	Source
China	1928	ChemWeek 12/2/92
Korea, South	1155	ChemWeek 12/2/92
Japan	5976	ChemWeek 12/2/92
Taiwan	845	ChemWeek 12/2/92
Thailand	315	ChemWeek 12/2/92
Africa + Middle East	3500	EurChemNews 23/3/92
Asia/Pacific	10900	EurChemNews 23/3/92
Eastern Europe	7900	EurChemNews 23/3/92
South America	3200	EurChemNews 23/3/92
USA + Canada	22000	EurChemNews 23/3/92
Western Europe	16500	EurChemNews 23/3/92

Relevant statistics are the production capacity for ethylene and the realized ethylene production. Table 6.1 lists ethylene capacity and Table 6.2 production in several countries and regions (note that the countries statistics may not add up to the regional figures, since various sources of information have been compiled).

**Table 6.2.: Ethylene production for some countries and regions for 1990**

Country/Region	ktons/y	Source
Australia	1054	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Canada	2434	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
China	1572	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Czechoslovakia	619	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
France	2246	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Germany, West	3075	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Hungary	234	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Japan	5810	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Poland	308	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Romania	243	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Taiwan	776	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
U.K.	1496	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
U.S.A.	16556	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
U.S.S.R.	3065	Chem&EngNews 13/4/92
Western Europe	14400	EurChemNews 27/4/92
Western Europe	12223	UN Statistics 1990

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

Ethylene plant can be considered as point source if plant specific data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

As stated in section 4, an overall VOC emission factor for the ethylene production in the Netherlands is 0.6 ton VOC per kton ethylene produced.

Based on the data presented in section 3.4 and an ethylene percentage of 36 of the product from the typical feed (sections 1, 3.1) the emission factor of VOC for the ethylene production (without taking notice of other products) can be estimated in more detail as follows:

- 0.389 ton VOC/kton ethylene production capacity (leakage and losses)



Namely,  $0.36 * 0.73 * 4000$  ton VOC per 2700 kton ethylene production capacity for leakages and losses during handling and storage (together 73% of emissions).

2 0.162 ton VOC/kton ethylene produced (combustion, flaring, other processes)

Namely,  $0.36 * 0.27 * 4000$  ton VOC per 2400 kton ethylene produced

Part of these emissions are already dealt with under other SNAP codes (combustion and flaring): 0.138 ton VOC/kton ethylene produced.

Namely,  $0.36 * (0.18 + 0.05) * 4000/2400$ .

Table 8.1 lists emission factors used in or calculated for different countries.

**Table 8.1.: Emission factors for ethylene**

Source	Factor (kg/ton)	Quality Code
TNO Emission Registration 1987 [4]	2 (new plant)	C
TNO Emission Registration 1987 [4]	5 (old plant)	C
American report [5]	10 <sup>1</sup>	C/D
Environment Canada [3]	0.9, 1.8, 5.1, 8.2	D
Borealis AB [2]	2 - 7	C

<sup>1</sup> with an estimated capacity of 200 kton/y

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

Table 9.1 and 9.2 list the VOC profile respectively for the different sources and the overall profile.

**Table 9.1.: The composition of the VOC emissions for the different sources is [1]:**

	methane	ethylene	propylene	benzene	others HC's
leakage loss	70%	5%	3%	1%	21%
flaring and disruptions	10%	40%	25%	1%	24%
storage and handling loss	0%	0%	0%	1%	99%
combustion	75%	10%	0%	1%	14%
other process emissions	70%	5%	3%	1%	21%

**Table 9.2: The overall VOC emission profile for ethylene plants**

	TNO ER [1]	EPA [6]
methane	58.8%	12.5%
ethane	-	37.8%
ethylene	11.5%	-
propane	-	23.9%
propylene	6.8%	-
n-butane	-	15.0%
n-pentane	-	8.1%
benzene	1.0%	2.1%
toluene	-	0.5%
methanol	-	0.3%
other HC's	22.0%	-

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

## 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

- These data so far assume an average feed and an average composition of the production process in which a wide range of other commodities are produced in addition to ethylene.
- The leakage losses are estimated with emissions factors used for the chemical industry as a whole. No subdivision within the chemical industry is made.
- The flaring emission is based on an assumed combustion percentage. The measurement of the amount of gas flared is inaccurate and in most cases only roughly estimated.
- The emission factors used in Section 8 are derived from ethylene plants in the Netherlands.
- One factor is used for all countries. It would be more accurate to use a different factor for each country or each group of countries.

## 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

National emission estimates can be disaggregated on the basis of production, population or employment statistics.

## 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

The ethylene plants are operated in continuous flow, thus no variation in emissions diurnally or seasonally is expected to occur.

#### 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

#### 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

#### 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

Verification of the emissions can be done by comparing with measurements in the individual plant or by setting up a mass balance over the entire plant.

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**SNAP CODE :** 040502

**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** Propylene

**NACE CODE :** 2414.2

**PARCOM-ATMOS CODE :**

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Propylene is produced by thermal cracking of petroleum fractions. These fractions can vary from ethane to heavy petroleum distillates.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The NMVOC emission of propylene plants contributes on average 0.01% to the total NMVOC emission in a country.

**Table 2.1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Propylene	040502	-	-	0.2	-	-	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

The feed is preheated in heat exchangers and brought to the reaction temperature of 750 - 850° Celsius by adding hot products and steam to the reaction furnace. Additional steam is added to dilute the reaction mixture. The residence time is kept short (about 0.1 sec.) to limit side reactions (cokes formation).

After the reaction the gas mixture is quenched with cold oil, which in turn is used to produce steam. The oil gas steam mixture is separated in different fractions in a rectification section. In several steps the most important products of the mixture are separated. The low boiling products ethylene, propylene and the butylenes are separated after drying, compression and distillation.

After separation from the reaction mixture, ethane and propane are recycled to the reaction furnace feed, methane is used as fuel gas and hydrogen is used for hydrogenation (of acetylene).

The C-4 mixture is used as feed for the butadiene production.

The typical feed (ethane to heavy petroleum distillates) results in a production of about 36% ethylene, 13% propylene, 8% butylenes and 7% aromatics.

### 3.2 Definitions

### 3.3 Techniques

See section 3.1.

### 3.4 Emissions

The major emissions to the air are CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, CO and hydrocarbons. The first three compounds are produced during the combustion of fuel gases in the reaction furnace, the hydrocarbons are mostly emitted due to leakage and flaring of the residual gases.

For the Netherlands all cracking processes together produce 4000 ton of VOC's per year. Propylene is given a proportional share, being 13%, of the total VOC emission. This emission, 520 ton, is related to a production capacity of about 975 kton propylene per year and a realized production of about 870 kton propylene per year.

Emissions can be subdivided as follows [1]:

leakage losses from appendages, pumps, etc.	72%
flaring, disruptions	18%
losses due to storage and handling	1%
combustion emissions	5%
other process emissions	4%

About 73% of the VOC emissions can be considered as production independent (leakage etc. plus losses due to storage etc.), but process operation time dependant (i.e. production capacity dependant). The other 27% is production dependant.

### 3.5 Controls

The losses due to leakage can be limited by use of certain types of seals and application of double seals near pumps.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

Use of an overall emission factor for the propylene production emissions. The amount of emitted VOC is then directly related to the propylene production. For the Netherlands, 4000 ton VOC emission related to the thermal cracking activity, 13% propylene in the thermal cracking product, and 870 kton propylene produced this would mean an overall emission factor of 0.6 ton VOC/kton propylene produced.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A more detailed methodology is used by the United States EPA:

Instead of one emission factor for the whole plant, emission factors for each piece of equipment, like valves, flanges, etc., can be used. Each type of equipment has its own emission factor. The total emission factor for the plant can be calculated by multiplying each equipment emission factor by the number of pieces of that type of equipment. So, for this method it is necessary to know how many pieces of each type of equipment are present in the plant. In a Canadian study [2] the use of this methodology instead of the simpler one resulted in a considerably lower estimate of the process emissions.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

Relevant statistics are the production capacity for propylene and the realized propylene production. Table 6.1 lists propylene capacity and Table 6.2 propylene production in several countries and regions.

**Table 6.1.: Propylene capacity in some regions for 1990 or 1991**

Region	ktons/y	source	year
Western Europe	9400	EurChemNews 27/4/92	1990
World	36600	EurChemNews 27/4/92	1991

**Table 6.2.: Propylene production in some countries and regions for 1990**

Country/Region	ktons/y	source
Australia	608	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Canada	765	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
France	1433	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Germany, West	1829	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Japan	4215	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Taiwan	398	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
U.K.	750	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
U.S.A.	9918	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
U.S.S.R.	1366	Chem&EngNews 13/4/92
Western Europe	8800	EurChemNews 27/4/92
Western Europe	6880	UN Statistics 1990

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

Propylene plants can be considered as point sources if plant specific data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

As stated in section 4, an overall VOC emission factor for the propylene production in the Netherlands is 0.6 ton VOC per kton propylene produced.

Based on the data presented in section 3.4 and an propylene percentage of 13 of the product from the average feed (sections 1, 3.1) the emission factor of VOC for the propylene production (without taking notice of the other products) can be estimated in more detail as follows:

- 1 0.389 ton VOC/kton propylene production capacity (leakage and losses).  
Namely,  $0.13 * 0.73 * 4000$  ton VOC per 975 kton propylene production capacity for leakages and losses during handling and storage (together 73% of emissions).
  
- 2 0.162 ton VOC/kton propylene produced (combustion, flaring, other processes).  
Namely,  $0.13 * 0.27 * 4000$  ton VOC per 870 kton propylene produced.  
Part of these emissions are already dealt with under other SNAP codes (combustion and flaring): 0.138 ton VOC/kton propylene produced.  
Namely,  $0.13 * (0.18 + 0.05) * 4000/870$ .

For propylene the same emission factors are used as for ethylene (see ethylene for other factors) except in the 1985 NAPAP Emission Inventory (0.45 kg/ton for propylene and 0.40 for ethylene).

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

Tables 9.1 and 9.2 list the VOC profile respectively for the different sources and the overall profile.

**Table 9.1.: The composition of the VOC emissions for the different sources is [2] :**

	methane	ethylene	propylene	benzene	others HC's
leakage loss	70%	5%	3%	1%	21%
flaring and disruptions	10%	40%	25%	1%	24%
storage and handling loss	0%	0%	0%	1%	99%
combustion	75%	10%	0%	1%	14%
other process emissions	70%	5%	3%	1%	21%



**Table 9.2.: The overall VOC emission profile for plants**

	TNO ER [2]
methane	58.8%
ethylene	11.5%
propylene	6.8%
benzene	1.0%
other HC's	22.0%

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

### 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

- These data so far assume an average feed and an average composition of the production process in which besides propylene also a wide range of other commodities are produced.
- The leakage losses are estimated with emissions factors used for the chemical industry as a whole. No subdivision within the chemical industry is made.
- The flaring emission is based on an assumed combustion percentage. The measurement of the amount of gas flared is inaccurate and in most cases only roughly estimated.
- The emission factors used in Section 8 are derived from propylene plants in the Netherlands.
- One factor is used for all countries. It would be more accurate to use a different factor for each country or each group of countries.

### 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

National emission estimates can be disaggregated on the basis of production, population or employment statistics.

### 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

The propylene plants are operated in continuous flow, thus no variation in emissions diurnally or seasonally is expected to occur.

### 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

## 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

## 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

Verification of the emissions can be done by comparing with measurements in the individual plant or by setting up a mass balance over the entire plant.

## 17. REFERENCES

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**SNAP CODE :** 040504

**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** Vinylchloride

**NACE CODE :** 2414.2

**PARCOM-ATMOS CODE :**

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Most vinylchloride is produced in the balanced process (see chapter B455). An alternative route is the addition of HCl to acetylene.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The NMVOC emission of vinylchloride plants contributes on average 0.02% to the total NMVOC emission in a country.

**Table 2.1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Vinylchloride	040504	-	-	0	-	0	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

HCl and an acetylene containing mixture are fed to a reactor containing Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> on carbon as catalyst. Reactor operation conditions are: T: 150 - 180°C; p: 500 - 1500 kPa.

Mixtures of acetylene and ethylene can be fed to the reactor, since ethylene does not react under the operation conditions used.

#### 3.2 Definitions

#### 3.3 Techniques

See section 3.1 and chapter B455.

### 3.4 Emissions

No data are available for this process.

### 3.5 Controls

The losses due to leakage can be limited by use of certain types of seals and application of double seals near pumps.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

Use of an overall emission factor for the vinylchloride production emissions. The amount of emitted VOC is then directly related to the vinylchloride production.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A more detailed methodology is used by the United States EPA.

Instead of one emission factor for the whole plant, emission factors for each piece of equipment, like valves, flanges, etc., can be used. Each type of equipment has its own emission factor. The total emission factor for the plant can be calculated by multiplying each equipment emission factor by the number of pieces of that type of equipment. So, for this method it is necessary to know how many pieces of each type of equipment are present in the plant.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

**Table 6.1.: Vinylchloride production in some countries and regions for 1990 :**

Country or Region	kton/y	source
U.S.A.	4826	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

Vinylchloride production plants can be considered as point sources if plant specific data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

No data available.

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

No data are available for this process.

**10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES****11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY****12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES**

National emission estimates can be disaggregated on the basis of production, population or employment statistics.

**13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

The plants are operated in continuous flow, thus no variation in emissions diurnally or seasonally is expected to occur.

**14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS****15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS****16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES**

Verification of the emissions can be done by comparing with measurements in the individual plant or by setting up a mass balance over the entire plant.

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SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE : 1,2 Dichloroeth + Vinylchl.  
(Balanced Process)

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### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

This chapter only includes the vinylchloride produced in the balanced process. For other vinylchloride production processes see chapter B454.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The NMVOC emission of vinylchloride plants contributes on average 0.02% to the total NMVOC emission in a country.

Table 2.1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
1,2 Dichloroeth. + Vinylchl. (balanced process)	040505	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

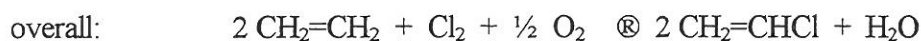
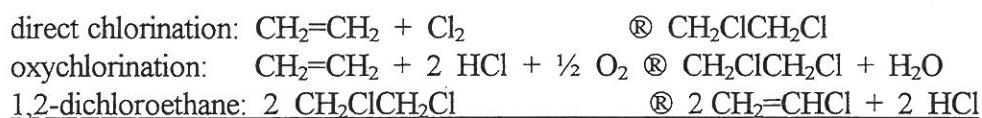
- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

Vinylchloride is mainly produced by the balanced process.

The balanced process consists of two routes operated simultaneously; in the direct chlorination route, chlorine is added to ethylene to form 1,2-dichloroethane; in the oxychlorination route, ethylene reacts with hydrogen chloride under oxidative conditions (presence of oxygen) also to form 1,2-dichloroethane. The reaction equations are:



- Direct chlorination:  
Ethylene and chlorine are dissolved in 1,2-dichloroethane with  $\text{FeCl}_3$ . The reaction is limited by ethylene absorption. The selectivity to 1,2-dichloroethane is >99%. The formation of 1,1,2-trichloroethane by-product is suppressed by using oxygen or DMF as inhibitor.

The reactor can be operated in two ways:

- reactor temperature 50 - 65 °C; after the reactor the 1,2-dichloroethane is washed with water to remove  $\text{FeCl}_3$  or the  $\text{FeCl}_3$  is adsorbed on a solid, e.g. activated carbon.
- reactor temperature is equal to the boiling temperature of 1,2-dichloroethane; the evaporation of 1,2-dichloroethane removes the heat of reaction from the reactor. The reactor effluent, crude 1,2-dichloroethane, contains no  $\text{FeCl}_3$ , so no washing is needed.

- Oxychlorination:  
This is a vapour phase process using  $\text{CuCl}_2$  with additives on porous support, e.g. alumina, as catalyst. Both dry air and dry oxygen are in use. The use of pure oxygen has the advantage of reducing purge streams and it allows the use of reduced (reaction) temperatures. Good temperature control is necessary because the reaction is highly exothermic.

Operation conditions for fluid beds are: T: 220 - 235 °C; p: 250 - 600 kPa.

Operation conditions for fixed beds are: T: 230 - 300 °C; p: 250 - 1500 kPa.

1,2-Dichloroethane selectivity is 93 - 96%.

The 1,2-dichloroethane is quenched with water or cooled with a heat exchanger, so the 1,2-dichloroethane and water in the effluent are condensed. The 1,2-dichloroethane and water are separated by a decantation. The remaining gas (containing 1 - 5% 1,2-dichloroethane) is further processed to recover all 1,2-dichloroethane.

1,2-Dichloroethane of both routes is sent to a purification section, where light and heavy impurities are removed.

The purified 1,2-dichloroethane is fed to a reactor where it is pyrolyzed to form vinylchloride. Operation conditions are: T: 500 - 550 °C; p: up to 2500 - 3000 kPa.

A 1,2-dichloroethane conversion of 50 - 60% per pass is used.

After cracking, rapid cooling is required to suppress by-product formation. This is done by contacting the effluent, with cold 1,2-dichloroethane. From the quench tower effluent first the hydrogen chloride and then the vinylchloride is removed. The hydrogen chloride is recycled to the oxychlorination reactor. The unreacted 1,2-dichloroethane is purified and recycled. All waste streams contain chlorinated compounds. From the fluid waste streams useful by-products can be recovered. The remaining waste streams can be vented or first incinerated or catalytically oxidated and then vented. The oxidation product stream containing hydrogen chloride can be recycled to the oxychlorination reactor (where the hydrogen chloride reacts with ethylene).

### 3.2 Definitions



### 3.3 Techniques

See section 3.1.

### 3.4 Emissions

The major emissions to air are: 1,2-dichloroethane, other chlorinated hydrocarbons, methane. Methane is emitted due to combustion, 1,2-dichloroethane due to leakage and storage losses, the other chlorinated hydrocarbons due to leakage losses.

For the Netherlands, the VOC emission due to the acrylonitrile production is 320 ton/y. This emission is related to an acrylonitrile production of 420 kton/y and a capacity of 499 kton/y (data for 1992).

The VOC emission can be subdivided as follows:

Emission source	[1]
leakage losses from appendages, pumps, etc.	91%
flaring, disruptions	0%
losses due to storage and handling	4%
combustion emissions	2%
other process emissions	3%

### 3.5 Controls

The losses due to leakage can be limited by use of certain types of seals and application of double seals near pumps.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

Use of an overall emission factor for the vinylchloride production emissions. The amount of emitted VOC is then directly related to the vinylchloride production.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A more detailed methodology is used by the United States EPA:

Instead of one emission factor for the whole plant, emission factors for each piece of equipment, like valves, flanges, etc., can be used. Each type of equipment has its own emission factor. The total emission factor for the plant can be calculated by multiplying each equipment emission factor by the number of pieces of that type of equipment. So, for this method it is necessary to know how many pieces of each type of equipment are present in the plant.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

**Table 6.1.: Vinylchloride production in some countries and regions for 1990 :**

Country or Region	kton/y	source
U.S.A.	4826	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

These plants can be considered as point sources if plant specific data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

**Table 8.1.: Emission factors for vinylchloride (balanced process)**

Source	factor (kg/ton)	Quality Code
TNO Emission Registration 1992 [1]	0.76	C
TNO Emission Registration 1987 [2]	2.2	C

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

Tables 9.1 and 9.2 list the VOC profile respectively for the different sources and the overall profile.

**Table 9.1.: The composition of the VOC emissions for the different sources is [1]:**

	methane	ethylene	1,2-dichloroethane	toluene	CIHC's	other HC's
leakage loss	0%	9%	42%	0%	48%	1%
flaring and disruptions	-	-	-		-	-
storage and handling loss	0%	0%	96%	0%	4%	0%
combustion	60%	10%	0%	1%	0%	29%
other process emissions	0%	82%	10%	6%	0%	2%

**Table 9.2: The overall VOC emission profile for plants**

	<b>TNO ER [1]</b>
methane	1.2%
ethylene	10.9%
1,2-dichloroethane	42.3%
toluene	0.2%
CHC's	43.8%
other HC's	1.6%

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National emission estimates can be disaggregated on the basis of production, population or employment statistics.

**13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

The plants are operated in continuous flow, thus no variation in emissions diurnally or seasonally is expected to occur.

**14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS****15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS****16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES**

Verification of the emissions can be done by comparing with measurements in the individual plant or by setting up a mass balance over the entire plant.

See Verification Chapter for further details.

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**SNAP CODES :****040506****040507****SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLES :****Polyethylene Low Density  
Polyethylene High Density**

## 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

This section includes the manufacture of polyethylene. Three types are produced; low density polyethylene (LDPE), linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE) and high density polyethylene (HDPE).

This section includes all emissions during the processing of chemical feed-stocks to produce polyethylene, including process and fugitive emissions. Emissions from storage of feed-stocks, intermediates and products are not included.

Note. 'Polyethylene' and 'Polythene' are synonymous and the terms may be used interchangeably.

## 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The CORINAIR 1985 inventory gives emission estimates for LDPE and HDPE production (Eurostat, 1992). Emissions are total hydrocarbon. LDPE production typically represents 0 to 1% of a countries national emission of VOCs (including methane), whereas HDPE production typically represents 0 to 0.3%. No data are available for LLDPE production.

## 3. GENERAL

### 3.1 Description

Polyethylene is a polymer of ethylene and has the general empirical formula  $(-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-)_n$ . The manufacturing process used depends upon the type of polymer produced.

### 3.2 Definitions

LDPE is a tough waxy polymer, with approximately 2% branching between polymer chains and has a density of about  $0.92\text{t/m}^3$ .

LLDPE is a crystalline polymer with no chain branching and a density comparable to that of LDPE.

HDPE is a crystalline polymer with no chain branching and a density of about  $0.96\text{t/m}^3$ .

### 3.3 Techniques

#### LDPE

LDPE is generally produced by high pressure and high temperature catalytic polymerisation of ethylene in a tubular or autoclave reactor.

## LLDPE

A low pressure method is generally used in which ethylene and a co-monomer such as butene or hexene are catalytically polymerised.

## HDPE

HDPE is produced by low pressure polymerisation of ethylene in a reactor containing a liquid hydrocarbon diluent and in the presence of Ziegler catalysts. The polymer produces a slurry as it forms and is filtered from the solvent.

### **3.4 Emissions/Controls**

The major emissions to air are NMVOC - un-reacted monomer (i.e. ethylene), some partially reacted monomer (alkenes and alkane) together with small amounts of additives.

NMVOCs are emitted primarily through leakages, and may be production time dependent rather than production dependent.

Control techniques are primarily through replacement of leaking valves etc, and regular maintenance.

## **4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY**

The simpler methodology relies on the use of an emission factor for each type of polyethylene production combined with national activity statistics.

## **5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY**

The detailed methodology involves the use of several emission factors for different types of emission sources combined with activity statistics relating to individual plants.

The assessment of individual plants may be verified through measurements.

## **6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS**

For the simpler methodology, the national annual production of each of the three types of polyethylene is required.

For the more detailed methodology, data on the throughput of individual plant is required.

## **7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA**

Polyethylene production is carried out at a limited number of sites throughout Europe (for example three production sites have been identified in the UK). These sites should therefore all be considered point sources, regardless of the size of the emission.

For the simpler methodology, if the production from each site is not known, then the national emission estimate may be proportioned according to the relative production capacities of each plant.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

### 8.1 Simpler Methodology

Emission factors are in kgVOC/t polyethylene produced and are tabulated below:

Process	Emission factor	Quality Code	Reference
PE manufacture	2 kg/t (new plant)	D	UN ECE, 1990
	10 kg/t (old plant)	D	UN ECE, 1990
LDPE manufacture:	3 kg/t	D	UN ECE, 1990
	2 kg/t	D	ChemInform, 1993
LLDPE manufacture	2 kg/t	D	ChemInform, 1993
HDPE manufacture:	6.4 kg/t	D	UN ECE, 1990
	5 kg/t	D	ChemInform, 1993

### 8.2 Detailed Methodology

Emission factors for the detailed approach are based on the USEPA Protocol for Generating Unit Specific Emission Estimates for Equipment leaks of VOC and VHAP. For example one of the protocols involves the use of the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry (SOCMI) average emission factor model. SOCMI factors are combined with component counts to give an overall fugitive emissions from a plant. The SOCMI average emission factor method does not involve on-site monitoring whereas the other approaches considered by the USEPA protocol do require on-site monitoring.

Further information may be obtained from the USEPA, Research Triangle Park, Rayleigh, North Carolina, United States.

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

Species present will depend upon the process used and the stage of the process. No detailed speciation has been found. In the absence of further information, it may be assumed that the NMVOC emission is 100% ethene.

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

For the simpler methodology, the range of emission factors between old and new plant and the relatively low data quality suggest that the potential uncertainty in emission estimates is large i.e more than factor 2

For the detailed methodology, the uncertainty is not known. However in a study by Environment Canada, use of SOCMI average factors tended to give considerably higher emission estimates than were obtained using other more detailed methods in the USEPA protocol referred to above (Edwards 1990).

## **11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY**

The weakest aspect of the methodology is the use of general emission factors whose accuracy needs to be confirmed through measurement.

In addition the emission factors do not distinguish between methane and non methane VOCs. No speciated data appears to be available for the emission from these plants. Various organic compounds may be present including methane.

The priority areas for improvement are suitable measurement programme to assess emissions from whole plants and thus enable accurate comparison between the different methodologies used for estimating VOC emissions. Such a programme should also establish the speciated profile of emissions from polyethylene production plants.

## **12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES**

All sources should be considered point sources.

## **13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

In the absence of better information, it may be assumed that Polyethylene production is carried out as a continuous process. No temporal variation is considered, except for shutdowns of plants for maintenance. Where available, monthly production statistics should be used to establish any possible temporal variations.

## **14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

## **15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS**

USEPA Protocol for Generating Unit Specific Emission Estimates for Equipment Leaks of VOC and VHAP.

## **16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES**

Verification is through comparison with emission estimates from other countries together with a measurement programme for selected sites.

## **17. REFERENCES**

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**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** Polyvinylchloride

**NACE CODE :** 2416

**PARCOM-ATMOS CODE :**

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Polyvinylchloride is made by polymerizing vinylchloride. This can be done in several ways: mass, emulsion or suspension polymerization. All processes use free-radical initiator.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The NMVOC emission of polyvinylchloride plants contributes on average <0.01% to the total NMVOC emission in a country.

**Table 2.1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Polyvinylchloride	040508	-	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

The different processes are:

- Mass polymerization; a batch process.  
This is a two stage process. In the first stage, the liquid vinylchloride monomer with an initiator is prepolymerized for 1 - 1.5 hours until 7 - 10% monomer conversion is reached. The grains resulting from this stage function as skeleton seeds for growing in the second stage.  
In the second stage, a mixture of the effluent from the first reactor, extra monomer and initiator are fed to an autoclave. The reaction is stopped as the pressure drops and no free liquid monomer is available; the free liquid monomer is needed for heat removal by a condenser. The unreacted monomer, adsorbed in the polymer grains, is removed by vacuum and recovered by vapor compression and condensation in a recycle condenser. The reaction temperature is 50 - 70 °C.
- Suspension polymerization; a batch process.

Vinylchloride monomer is dispersed in water by agitation. Polymerization starts by adding monomer-soluble initiators and addition of suspension stabilizers and suspending agents minimizes coalescence of the grains. The reaction temperature is used for the control of the  $M_w$  and varies between 45 - 75 °C. Reactor pressure is between 800 - 1200 kPa. Reaction is carried out till 85% conversion is reached.

After polymerization most unreacted monomer is recovered in a dump tank. The remaining monomer is stripped from the polymer with steam. The waste water is separated in a centrifugator. The PVC resin is dried with hot air and stored.

- Emulsion polymerization; batch, semi-continuous or continuous.

Vinylchloride monomer is emulsified in water by means of surface-active agents. The monomer is thus present as droplets and a small fraction is dissolved in micelles. Water-soluble initiator is added and polymerization starts in the micelles. Monomer is added to the latex particles (=micelles) by diffusion from the emulsion droplets through the aqueous fase.

Batch: all components in reactor; polymerization is stopped when the yield is reached.

Semi-continuous: emulgator is continuously added during the polymerization.

Continuous: water, initiator, monomer and emulgator are added at the top of the reactor. The PVC latex is removed at the bottom of the reactor. The latex is degassified and dried; the resulting solid PVC is stored.

## 3.2 Definitions

## 3.3 Techniques

See section 3.1.

## 3.4 Emissions

The major emissions to air are: vinylchloride and methane. Methane is emitted due to combustion and vinylchloride due to leakage and storage loss.

For the Netherlands, the VOC emission due to polyvinylchloride production is 55 ton/y. This emission is related to a production of 387 kton/y and a capacity of 409 kton/y (data for 1992).

The VOC emission can be subdivided as follows:

Emission source	[1]
leakage losses from appendages, pumps, etc.	94.4%
flaring, disruptions	0 %
losses due to storage and handling	5.5%
combustion emissions	0.1%
other process emissions	0 %

### 3.5 Controls

The losses due to leakage can be limited by use of certain types of seals and application of double seals near pumps.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

The simpler methodology would involve the use of an overall emission factor for the PVC production to estimate total emissions. The amount of emitted VOC is thus directly related to the PVC production.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A more detailed methodology is used by the United States EPA.

Instead of one emission factor for the whole plant, emission factors for each piece of equipment, like valves, flanges, etc., can be used. Each type of equipment has its own emission factor. The total emission factor for the plant can be calculated by multiplying each equipment emission factor by the number of pieces of that type of equipment. So, for this method it is necessary to know how many pieces of each type of equipment are present in the plant.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

**Table 6.1.: Polyvinylchloride capacity in some countries**

Country or Region	kton/y	source	year
Latin America	1410	EurChemNews 13/4/92	1991
Indonesia	164	EurChemNews 1/6/92	1990?

**Table 6.2.: Polyvinylchloride production in some countries and regions for 1990**

Country or Region	kton/y	source
France	1028	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Germany, West	1323	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Italy	618	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
U.K.	349	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Japan	2049	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Korea, South	541	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Taiwan	921	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
U.S.S.R.	606	Chem&EngNews 13/4/92
Poland	199 <sup>1)</sup>	EurChemNews 9/12/91

<sup>1)</sup> Production in 1989

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

PVC production plants can be considered as point sources if plant specific data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

**Table 8.1.: Emission factors for Polyvinylchloride production :**

Source	factor (kg/ton)	Quality Code
TNO Emission Registration 1992 [1]	0.14	C
TNO Emission Registration 1987 [2]	3 (emulsion)	C
TNO Emission Registration 1987 [2]	1.5 (suspension)	C
EPA [3]	8.5	E

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

Tables 9.1 and 9.2 list the VOC profile respectively for the different sources and the overall profile.

**Table 9.1.: The composition of the VOC emissions for the different sources is [1]:**

	methane	ethylene	vinylchloride	benzene	other HC's
leakage loss	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
flaring and disruptions	-	-	-	-	-
storage and handling loss	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
combustion	60%	10%	0%	1%	29%
other process emissions	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 9.2.: The overall VOC emission profile for polyvinylchloride plants**

	TNO ER [1]	EPA [4]
methane	0.1%	-
ethylene	0%	-
vinylchloride	99.9%	100%
benzene	0%	-
other HC's	0%	-

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

## 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

## 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

National emission estimates can be disaggregated on the basis of production, population or employment statistics.

## 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

The plants are operated in continuous flow, thus no variation in emissions diurnally or seasonally is expected to occur.

## 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

## 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

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- Winnacker-Küchler, Chemische Technologie, Organische Technologie II, Band 6 4. Auflage (1982) (in German).

## 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

Verification of the emissions can be done by comparing with measurements in the individual plant or by setting up a mass balance over the entire plant.

## 17. REFERENCES

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**SNAP CODE :** 040509

**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** Polypropylene

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**PARCOM-ATMOS CODE :**

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Polypropylene is produced by polymerization of propylene. This can be done in several ways: all using a Ziegler-Natta catalyst. Most ways use a solvent, either propylene or hexane/heptane. In one process type the polymerization is operated in the gas-phase.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The NMVOC emission of polypropylene plants contributes on average <0.01% to the total NMVOC emission in a country.

**Table 2.1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Polypropylene	040509	-	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

All processes use a Ziegler-Natta catalyst. A commonly used Ziegler-Natta catalyst is Al(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl complexed with TiCl<sub>4</sub>.

The different processes are:

- Gas-phase polymerization.  
The propylene is led through a reactor with catalyst. Liquid propylene is used for cooling (interstage cooling). Unreacted propylene is recovered and recycled. Reactor operation temperatures are 70 - 90°C.
- Solvent polymerization.
  - solvent is propylene.  
Liquid propylene and catalyst are led into the reactor. After the reactor solid isotactic polypropylene is separated from the unreacted propylene, which contains dissolved

atactic polypropylene and catalyst. The polypropylene is dried with nitrogen. The unreacted propylene is recovered and recycled. During the propylene recovery the atactic polypropylene is recovered as deposition.

Reactor operation conditions are: T: 50 - 70°C; p: 2500 - 4000 kPa.

- solvent is hexane or/and heptane.

Solvent, catalyst and propylene are added to the reactor. The reactor effluent is flashed to recover the unreacted propylene. Then the effluent is washed with alcohol to extract the catalyst and the alcohol phase and solvent phase are separated. The solid isotactic polypropylene is separated from the solvent in a centrifuge. The isotactic polypropylene is dried before storage. Reactor operation conditions are: T 50 - 90°C; p 500 - 1500 kPa.

The solvent is recovered, during which the atactic polypropylene forms a slimy mass at the bottom of the apparatus. The atactic polypropylene can be recovered.

- The newest process (the Montedison-Mitsui high yield process) differs from the process described above in that a better catalyst with a higher yield is used, so less catalyst is needed. This has as advantage that no separate catalyst phase exists. After the flashing the effluent is split using a centrifuge in two fractions: one with solid isotactic polypropylene and 'trapped' solvent, the other with solvent and dissolved atactic polypropylene. The solvent from both fractions is recovered and recycled; the isotactic polypropylene is dried with nitrogen; the atactic polypropylene is also recovered.

### 3.2 Definitions

### 3.3 Techniques

See section 3.1.

### 3.4 Emissions

The major emission to air is: propylene.

For the Netherlands the VOC emission due to the polypropylene production is 304 ton/y. This emission is related to a production of 353 kton/y and a capacity of 371 kton/y (data for 1992).

The VOC emission can be subdivided as follows:

Emission source	[1]
leakage losses from appendages, pumps, etc.	94 %
flaring, disruptions	0.2%
losses due to storage and handling	6 %
combustion emissions	0 %
other process emissions	0 %

### 3.5 Controls

The losses due to leakage can be limited by use of certain types of seals and application of double seals near pumps.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

Use of an overall emission factor for the polypropylene production to estimate total emissions. The amount of emitted VOC is then directly related to the polypropylene production.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A more detailed methodology is used by the United States EPA.

Instead of one emission factor for the whole plant, emission factors for each piece of equipment, like valves, flanges, etc., can be used. Each type of equipment has its own emission factor. The total emission factor for the plant can be calculated by multiplying each equipment emission factor by the number of pieces of that type of equipment. So, for this method it is necessary to know how many pieces of each type of equipment are present in the plant.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

**Table 6.1.: Polypropylene capacity in some countries**

Country or Region	kton/y	source	year
Latin America	830	EurChemNews 13/4/92	1991
Indonesia	10	EurChemNews 1/6/92	1990?

**Table 6.2.: Polypropylene production in some countries and regions for 1990**

Country or Region	kton/y	source
France	779	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Germany, West	509	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
U.K.	296	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
U.S.A.	3773	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Japan	1942	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Korea, South	574	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Australia	19	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
U.S.S.R.	127	Chem&EngNews 13/4/92

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

Polypropylene production plants can be considered as point sources if plant specific data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

**Table 8.1.: Emission factors for polypropylene**

Source	factor (kg/ton)	Quality Code
TNO Emission Registration 1987 [2]	8 (5 - 12)	C
TNO Emission Registration 1992 [1]	0.86	C
EPA 1989? [3]	0.35	E

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

Tables 9.1 and 9.2 list the VOC profile respectively for the different sources and the overall profile.

**Table 9.1.: The composition of the VOC emissions for the different sources is [1]:**

	ethylene	isobutanol	other HC's
leakage loss	0%	4%	96%
flaring and disruptions	1%	0%	99%
storage and handling loss	0%	0%	100%
combustion	-	-	-
other process emissions	-	-	-

**Table 9.2.: The overall VOC emission profile for polypropylene plants**

	TNO ER [1]
methane	0%
ethylene	0%
isobutanol	3.8%
other HC's	96.2% <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> most likely all propylene.

**10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES****11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY****12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES**

National emission estimates can be disaggregated on the basis of production, population or employment statistics.

**13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

The plants are operated in continuous flow, thus no variation in emissions diurnally or seasonally is expected to occur.

**14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS****15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS**

- Kirk-Othmer, Encyclopedia of chemical technology, Volume 16, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (1981)
- Winnacker-Küchler, Chemische Technologie, Organische Technologie II, Band 6 4. Auflage (1982) (in German).

**16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES**

Verification of the emissions can be done by comparing with measurements in the individual plant or by setting up a mass balance over the entire plant.

**17. REFERENCES**

- 1 TNO Emission Registration, 1992
- 2 TNO Emission Registration, 1987
- 3 EPA, AP-42

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**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** Styrene

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**PARCOM-ATMOS CODE :**

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Styrene can be made from ethylbenzene in two ways, either by the dehydrogenation process or the oxidation process. The first route is used in the majority of plants.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The NMVOC emission of styrene plants contributes on average <0.01% to the total NMVOC emission in a country.

**Table 2.1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Styrene	040510	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

The hydrogenation process can be operated in two ways; in both processes steam is used for heat addition to the feed and for retarding coke deposition.

- The adiabatic process.  
Preheated ethylbenzene is mixed with superheated (800 - 950°C) steam (ratio 1:<14) and led over the catalyst. Operation conditions are: T: 610 - 660°C; p: <138 kPa.

This process is the most common.

- The isothermal process.  
A tubular reactor with catalyst is used. Reaction heat is provided by indirect heat exchange. Operation conditions are: T: 580 - 610°C; p: <138 kPa. Ethylene/steam ratio is 1: 6 - 8.

The catalyst used in both processes is  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  with  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  as stabilizer and  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  as coke formation retardant. After the reactor a settler separates vapor (vent gas; mostly hydrogen), water (saturated with aromatics) and liquid hydrocarbons (crude styrene).

In the purification section, which operates under vacuum, inhibitors are used to suppress polymerization of styrene. Benzene is recovered and recycled to the ethylbenzene plant; the residue is used as fuel. Ethylbenzene is recovered and recycled to the reactor feed.

The oxidation process is a three stage process.

In the first stage ethylbenzene is oxidized to form ethylbenzene hydroperoxide. Air is bubbled through liquid ethylbenzene, no catalyst is required. A series of reactors is used, each operating at a different temperature: in the first reactor the temperature is 135 - 160°C, in the last 125 - 155°C. The temperature is reduced to reduce formation of by-products (decomposition). The operating pressure is 800 - 1500 kPa.

In the second stage the hydroperoxide formed in the first stage reacts with propylene to form 1-phenylethanol and propylene oxide. The catalyst used are compounds of metal, e.g. Mo, W, V. Reaction temperature is 100 - 130°C.

In the third stage the 1-phenylethanol is dehydrated to form styrene.

### 3.2 Definitions

### 3.3 Techniques

See section 3.1.

### 3.4 Emissions

The major emissions to air are: methane, styrene, toluene. Methane is emitted due to combustion, styrene and toluene due to leakage and storage loss.

For the Netherlands the VOC emission due to styrene production is 230.2 ton/y. This emission is related to acrylonitrile production of 928 kton/y and a capacity of kton/y (data for 1992).

The VOC emission can be subdivided as follows:

Cause of the emission	[2]
leakage losses from appendages, pumps, etc.	65.4%
flaring, disruptions	0.1%
losses due to storage and handling	19.0%
combustion emissions	15.5%
other process emissions	0 %



In a Canadian report [1] a subdivision specific for the emission from styrene plants is given:

process	0.6%
fugitive	89.1%
storage and loading	7.7%
spills	2.6%

### 3.5 Controls

The losses due to leakage can be limited by use of certain types of seals and application of double seals near pumps.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

Use of an overall emission factor for the styrene production to estimate total emissions. The amount of emitted VOC is then directly related to the styrene production.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A more detailed methodology is used by the United States EPA.

Instead of one emission factor for the whole plant, emission factors for each piece of equipment, like valves, flanges, etc., can be used. Each type of equipment has its own emission factor. The total emission factor for the plant can be calculated by multiplying each equipment emission factor by the number of pieces of that type of equipment. So, for this method it is necessary to know how many pieces of each type of equipment are present in the plant. In a Canadian study [1] the use of this methodology instead of the simpler one resulted in a considerably lower estimate of the process emissions.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

**Table 6.1.: Styrene production in some countries and regions for 1990**

Country or Region	kton/y	Source
U.S.A.	3640	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

Styrene production plants can be considered as point sources if plant specific data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

**Table 8.1.: Emission factors for styrene**

Source	factor (kg/ton)	Quality Code
TNO Emission Registration 1992 [2]	0.25	C
Canada [1]	0.7	?
USA [3]	18	?

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

Tables 9.1 and 9.2 list the VOC profile respectively for the different sources and the overall profile.

**Table 9.1: The composition of the VOC emissions for the different sources is [2]:**

	methane	ethylene	styrene	benzene	toluene	other HC's
leakage loss	7%	0%	17%	4%	33%	39%
flaring and disruptions	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.2%	99.8%
storage and handling loss	0%	0%	39%	1%	22%	38%
combustion	40%	10%	0%	0.2%	0.2%	50%
other process emissions	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 9.2: The overall VOC emission profile for styrene plants**

	TNO ER [2]	Canadian [1]	EPA [4]
methane	10.8%	-	21.7%
ethylene	1.6%	-	24.4%
styrene	18.5%	7.6%	4.9%
benzene	2.8%	0.3%	23.3%
toluene	25.8%	0.0%	9.2%
ethane	-	-	6.5%
ethylbenzene	-	-	9.9%
other HC's	40.5%	92.1%	-

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

## 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

## 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

National emission estimates can be disaggregated on the basis of production, population or employment statistics.

## 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

The plants are operated in continuous flow, thus no variation in emissions diurnally or seasonally is expected to occur.

## 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

## 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

- Kirk-Othmer, Encyclopedia of chemical technology, Volume 21, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (1983).
- Winnacker-Küchler, Chemische Technologie, Organische Technologie II, Band 6 4. Auflage (1982) (in German).

## 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

Verification of the emissions can be done by comparing with measurements in the individual plant or by setting up a mass balance over the entire plant.

## 17. REFERENCES

- 1 Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds from selected organic chemical plants, B.H. Levelton & Associates Ltd., 1990.
- 2 TNO Emission Registration 1992.
- 3 American report.
- 4 EPA Airchief 1991.

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**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** Polystyrene

**NACE CODE :** 2416

**PARCOM-ATMOS CODE :**

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Polystyrene is made by polymerizing styrene monomer. Most polystyrene is produced by free-radical polymerization.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The NMVOC emission of polystyrene plants contributes on average 0.01% to the total NMVOC emission in a country.

**Table 2.1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Polystyrene	040511	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

Polystyrene can be polymerized via several mechanism: free-radical, anionic and cationic and with Ziegler-Natta catalyst. Commercially free-radical polymerization is most important.

Styrene acts as its own free-radical initiator, when heated. A commonly used temperature is 100 °C.

The process has a high yield; the product a high purity, because no additions are needed.

The key-problems are: heat removal and pumping the highly viscous solutions.

#### 3.2 Definitions

### 3.3 Techniques

See section 3.1.

### 3.4 Emissions

The major emissions to air are: styrene and other hydrocarbons.

For the Netherlands, the VOC emission due to the polystyrene production is 342.3 ton/y. This emission is related to a production of 131.4 kton/y and a capacity of 194 kton/y (data for 1992).

The VOC emission can be subdivided as follows:

Emission source	[1]
leakage losses from appendages, pumps, etc.	94.5%
flaring, disruptions	0 %
losses due to storage and handling	5.5%
combustion emissions	0 %
other process emissions	0 %

### 3.5 Controls

The losses due to leakage can be limited by use of certain types of seals and application of double seals near pumps.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

Use of an overall emission factor for the polystyrene production to estimate total emissions. The amount of emitted VOC is then directly related to the polystyrene production.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A more detailed methodology is used by the United States EPA.

Instead of one emission factor for the whole plant, emission factors for each piece of equipment, like valves, flanges, etc., can be used. Each type of equipment has its own emission factor. The total emission factor for the plant can be calculated by multiplying each equipment emission factor by the number of pieces of that type of equipment. So, for this method it is necessary to know how many pieces of each type of equipment are present in the plant.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

Tables 6.1 and 6.2 list relevant capacities and production data for several countries and regions for 1990.

**Table 6.1: Polystyrene capacity in some countries**

Country or Region	kton/y	source	year
Latin America	590	EurChemNews //92	1991
Indonesia	27.5	EurChemNews //92	1990?

**Table 6.2: Polystyrene production in some countries and regions for 1990**

Country or Region	kton/y	source
France	542	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Italy	353	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Canada	215	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
U.S.A.	2280	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Japan	2097	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Korea, South	592	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
U.S.S.R.	515	Chem&EngNews 13/4/92

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

Polystyrene production plants can be considered as point sources if plant specific data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

**Table 8.1: Emission factors for polystyrene**

Source	factor (kg/ton)	Quality Code
TNO Emission Registration 1992 [1]	2.6	C
EPA [2]	0.6 - 2.5 batch	C/D
EPA [2]	0.2 - 3.3 cont.	C/D
EPA [2]	5.4 expandable	C/D

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

Tables 9.1 and 9.2 list the VOC profile respectively for the different sources and the overall profile.

**Table 9.1: The composition of the VOC emissions for the different sources is [1]:**

	methane	ethylene	styrene	HCFC's	other HC's
leakage loss	0%	0%	>2%	0%	<98%
flaring and disruptions	-	-	-	-	-
storage and handling loss	0%	0%	>17%	0%	<83%
combustion	-	-	-	-	-
other process emissions	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 9.2: The overall VOC emission profile for polystyrene plants**

	TNO ER [1]	EPA [3]
methane	0%	-
ethylene	0%	-
ethylbenzene	-	10%
styrene	>3%	90%
other HC's	<97%	-

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

## 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

## 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

National emission estimates can be disaggregated on the basis of production, population or employment statistics.



### 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

The plants are operated in continuous flow, thus no variation in emissions diurnally or seasonally is expected to occur.

### 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

### 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

- Kirk-Othmer, Encyclopedia of chemical technology, Volume 23, third edition (1983).
- Winnacker-Küchler, Chemische Technologie, Organische Technologie II, Band 6 4. Auflage (1982) (in German).

### 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

Verification of the emissions can be done by comparing with measurements in the individual plant or by setting up a mass balance over the entire plant.

### 17. REFERENCES

- 1 TNO Emission Registration, 1992
- 2 EPA, AP-42
- 3 EPA, Airchief, 1991

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SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLES : Styrene Butadiene  
Styrene Butadiene Latex  
Styrene Butadiene Rubber

NACE CODE : 2417

PARCOM-ATMOS CODE :

## 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

## 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The NMVOC emission of all styrene butadiene (SB) plants contributes on average 0.02% to the total NMVOC emission in a country. The contributions of styrene butadiene latex and rubber plants alone are not known.

## 3. GENERAL

### 3.1 Description

The copolymerization of styrene and butadiene can be done in several ways. In this guidebook two ways are distinguished: styrene butadiene latex and styrene butadiene rubber.

After its production a rubber can be processed in several ways. These are mentioned and explained in chapter B635.

#### SB latex

- SB latex is made by emulsion polymerization. The reaction is started with free-radical initiators. The emulsion consists for 5 - 10 wt.% of non-rubber, more than half being emulsifiers (others components: initiators, modifiers, inorganic salts, free alkali and short stops). A polymer string consists of random blocks of styrene and butadiene.
- Another way of producing SB latex is emulsification of SB rubber: SB rubber particles are dissolved in water with dispersing and wetting agents.

#### SB rubber

The production of SB rubber can be done in several ways:

- anionic polymerization.  
The reaction can be started with reaction of the initiator with either styrene or butadiene.

- When the reaction starts with styrene, the propagation can be with styrene or butadiene.  
Reaction conditions:
  - in an inert hydrocarbon solvent under a nitrogen blanket (no water or oxygen may be present).
  - temperature: 5 °C ('cold'); conversion 60 - 80%.
  - temperature: 50 - 65 °C ('hot'); conversion >90%.
- When the reaction starts with butadiene, all butadiene will first react and then the styrene to form a block copolymer of the type SB and/or SBS.  
The length of the polymer can be varied by varying the amount of initiator.  
Statistical (random) copolymerization is possible by adding 'donators' like ether or tertiary amines.

- polymerization with redox-system.  
The redox-system: oxidizing compounds (peroxides), reducing compounds and heavy metalions, like Fe<sup>2+</sup>.  
Operation temperature is 5 °C; the low(er) temperature contributes to the regular structure of the polymer (the polymer has more styrene blocks in the 'backbone', more *tert*-1,4-butadiene is incorporated, the branches are shorter and the percentage of gel in the polymer is lower.

**3.2 Definitions**

Latex = a colloidal aqueous emulsion of an elastomer.  
Synthetic latex = latex with in situ polymerised elastomer.  
Artificial latex = latex from reclaimed rubber polymers.

**3.3 Techniques**

See section 3.1.

**3.4 Emissions**

The VOC emission from SB rubber production can be subdivided as follows:

Cause of the emission	[1]
leakage losses from appendages, pumps, etc.	99.9%
flaring, disruptions	0.0%
losses due to storage and handling	0.0%
combustion emissions	0.0%
other process emissions	0.1%

### 3.5 Controls

The losses due to leakage can be limited by use of certain types of seals and application of double seals near pumps.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

Use of an overall emission factor for the SB production (latex or rubber) emissions. The amount of emitted VOC is then directly related to the SB production.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A more detailed methodology is used by the United States EPA.

Instead of one emission factor for the whole plant, emission factors for each piece of equipment, such as valves, flanges, etc., can be used. Each type of equipment has its own emission factor. The total emission factor for the plant can be calculated by first multiplying each equipment emission factor by the number of pieces of that type of equipment, then adding up the emission for each type of equipment. So, for this method it is necessary to know how many pieces of each type of equipment are present in the plant.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

The Rubber Statistical Bulletin provides relevant data on SB polymer production.

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

SB plants can be considered as point sources if individual plant data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

**Table 8.1: Emission factors for SB polymer**

Source	Emission factor (kg/ton)	Quality Code
TNO Emission Registration 1987 [1]	5 - 10	E
EPA AP-42 [2]	5.8 - 8.6	E
EPA Airchief 1993 [3]	2.9 - 7.8	E

**Table 8.2: Emission factors for SB latex**

Source	factor (kg/ton)	Quality Code
TNO Emission Registration 1987 [1]	10	E
EPA AP-42 [2]	8.55	E
EPA Airchief 1993 [3]	7.8	E

**Table 8.3: Emission factors for SB rubber**

Source	factor (kg/ton)	Quality Code
TNO Emission Registration 1992 [1]	3.7	C
TNO Emission Registration 1987 [2]	5	C
EPA AP-42 [3]	5.8	E
EPA Airchief 1993 [4]	2.9	E

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

Table 9.1 lists the overall VOC profile for SB latex.

**Table 9.1: The overall VOC emission profile for SB latex plants**

Compound	TNO ER [1]
styrene	75 %
1,3-butadiene	25 %
other HC's	

Tables 9.2 and 9.3 list the VOC profile respectively for the different sources and the overall profile for SB rubber.

**Table 9.2: The composition of the VOC emissions for the different sources is [1]:**

	ethylene	acrylonitrile	styrene	toluene	other HC's
leakage loss	0.1%	0.0%	86.8%	0.1%	13.0%
flaring and disruptions	-	-	-	-	-
storage and handling loss	-	-	-	-	-
combustion	-	-	-	-	-
other process emissions	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%

**Table 9.3: The overall VOC emission profile for plants**

	TNO ER [1]	TNO ER [2]
styrene	87	95 %
1,3-butadiene	incl. in HC's	5 %
other HC's	13	-

**10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES****11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY****12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES**

National emission estimates can be disaggregated on the basis of production, population or employment statistics.

**13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

The plants are operated in continuous flow, thus no variation in emissions diurnally or seasonally is expected to occur.

**14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS****15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS**

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- Winnacker-Küchler, Chemische Technologie, Organische Technologie II, Band 6 4. Auflage (1982) (in German).

**16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES**

Verification of the emissions can be done by comparing with measurements in the individual plant or by setting up a mass balance over the entire plant.

**17. REFERENCES**

- 1 TNO Emission Registration 1987
- 2 US EPA AP-42, 1985
- 3 US EPA Airchief 1993, CD-ROM

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**PARCOM-ATMOS CODE :**

## 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) is a combination of a graft copolymer and a polymer mixture.

## 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The NMVOC emission of ABS plants contributes on average of less than 0.1% to the total NMVOC emission in a country.

## 3. GENERAL

### 3.1 Description

ABS can be produced in three ways:

- Emulsion polymerization.  
This is a two step process. In the first step a rubber latex is made, usually in a batch process. In the second step, which can be operated as batch, semi-batch and continuous, styrene and acrylonitrile are polymerized in the rubber latex solution to form an ABS latex. The ABS polymer is recovered through coagulation of the ABS latex by adding a destabilizing agent. The resulting slurry is filtered or centrifuged to recover the ABS resin. The ABS resin is then dried.
- Mass (or bulk) polymerization.  
Two or more continuous flow reactors are used in this process. Rubber is dissolved in the monomers, being styrene and acrylonitrile. During the reaction the dissolved rubber is replaced by the styrene acrylonitrile copolymer (SAN) and forms discrete rubber particles. Part of the SAN is grafted on the rubber particles, while another part is occluded in the particles. The reaction mixture contains several additives, e.g. initiator, chain-transfer agents, these are needed in the polymerization.  
The product is devolatilized to remove unreacted monomer, which are recycled to the reactor, and then pelletized.
- Mass-suspension.  
This batch process starts with a mass polymerization (see above) which is stopped at a monomer conversion of 15 - 30%. Then a suspension reaction completes the

polymerization. For this reaction the mixture of polymer and monomer is suspended in water using a suspending agent and then the polymerization is continued.

Unreacted monomers are stripped, then the product is centrifuged and dried.

### 3.2 Definitions

Graft polymer: a polymer with a 'backbone' of one type of monomer and with 'ribs' of copolymers of two other monomers.

### 3.3 Techniques

See section 3.1.

### 3.4 Emissions

The VOC emission can be subdivided as follows:

Cause of the emission	[1]
leakage losses from appendages, pumps, etc.	99.4 %
flaring, disruptions	
losses due to storage and handling	0.4 %
combustion emissions	0.1 %
other process emissions	0.0 %

### 3.5 Controls

The losses due to leakage can be limited by use of certain types of seals and application of double seals near pumps.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

Use of an overall emission factor for the ABS production emissions. The amount of emitted VOC is then directly related to the ABS production.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A more detailed methodology is used by the United States EPA:

Instead of one emission factor for the whole plant, emission factors for each piece of equipment, like valves, flanges, etc., can be used. Each type of equipment has its own emission factor. The total emission factor for the plant can be calculated by multiplying each equipment emission factor by the number of pieces of that type of equipment. So, for this method it is necessary to know how many pieces of each type of equipment are present in the plant.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

SB plant can be considered as point source if individual plant data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

**Table 8.1. Emission factors for ABS production**

Source	factor (kg/ton)	Quality Code
TNO Emission Registration 1990 [2]	5	C
TNO Emission Registration 1992 [1]	1.4	C
EPA Airchief 1993 [3]	27.2	E

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

Tables 9.1 and 9.2 list the VOC profile for the different sources and the overall profile respectively.

**Table 9.1. The composition of the VOC emissions for the different sources [1]**

	methane	ethylene	acrylonitrile	styrene	other HC's
leakage loss	0%	0%	12%	70%	18%
flaring and disruptions	-	-	-	-	-
storage and handling loss	0%	0%	16%	81%	3%
combustion	21%	5%	3%	43%	28%
other process emissions	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 9.2. The overall VOC emission profile for ABS plants**

	TNO ER [1]	TNO ER [2]	NAPAP [4]
methane	0%		0%
ethylene	0%		0%
acrylonitrile	12%	40	60%
styrene	70%	40	40%
1,3-butadiene	-	20	-
other HC's	18%		0%

**10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES**

At the time of publication there were not enough data to establish an uncertainty estimate.

**11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY**

Emission factors need to be confirmed or improved.

**12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES****13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

The plants are operated in continuous flow, thus no variation in emissions diurnally or seasonally is expected to occur.

**14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS****15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS**

- Kirk-Othmer, Encyclopedia of chemical technology, Volume 1, 4<sup>th</sup> edition (1991)
- Winnacker-Küchler, Chemische Technologie, Organische Technologie II, Band 6 4. Auflage (1982) (in German).

## 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

Verification of the emissions can be done by comparing with measurements in the individual plant or by setting up a mass balance over the entire plant.

See Verification Chapter for further details.

## 17. REFERENCES

- 1 TNO Emission Registration 1992
- 2 TNO Emission Registration 1990
- 3 EPA AIRCHIEF 1993
- 4 NAPAP 1985

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**SNAP CODE :** 040518

**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** Ethylbenzene

**NACE CODE :** 2414.2

**PARCOM-ATMOS CODE :**

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Ethylbenzene can be produced both in liquid- and in vapor-phase. All processes use a catalyst with aluminum.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The NMVOC emission of ethylbenzene plants contributes on average <0.01% to the total NMVOC emission in a country.

**Table 2.1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Ethylbenzene	040518	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

The liquid-phase ethylbenzene production can be operated in two ways:

- 1 The Union Carbide/Badger process.

Ethylene is sparged in the reactor containing a mixture of benzene, catalyst (AlCl<sub>3</sub>) and a promotor (monochloroethane or sometimes HCl). The reaction mixture is agitated to disperse the catalyst-complex and operated at low temperature and pressure. Almost complete conversion of ethylene is obtained. In the reactor polyethylbenzenes are transalkylated to ethylbenzene.

The reactor effluent is cooled and led into a settler. From the settler the catalyst-complex is recycled to the reactor and the organic phase is washed with water and a caustic solution to remove any remaining catalyst. The waste aqueous phase (from the treatment of the organic phase) is neutralized and aluminum hydroxide is recovered and disposed as landfill or calcinated to recover aluminum oxide.

After the washing treatment the ethylbenzene is purified. Recovered benzene and polyethylbenzenes are recycled. The heavier compounds are used as fuel.

## 2 The Monsanto process.

Resembles the Union Carbide/Badger process. The reaction is operated at higher temperature, so less catalyst is needed. No catalyst complex phase is present, since all catalyst is dissolved, resulting in higher selectivity and higher overall yield.

Two reactors are used: one with only dry benzene, ethylene, catalyst and promotor; the second with the effluent from the first reactor plus (recycled) polyethylbenzenes.

The effluent of the second reactor is washed with water and a caustic solution to remove the catalyst complex. Further processing as above.

The vapour-phase operation of ethylbenzene can be operated in several ways:

- The simple process.

A solid catalyst e.g. alumina on silica gel is used. Operation temperatures are  $>300\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; pressures  $>6000\text{ kPa}$ . High benzene/ethylene ratios are used to minimize formation of higher alkylated ethylbenzenes. A small dealkylation unit, like the liquid phase process, is used to obtain higher overall yield.

- The Mobil/Badger process.

Fresh ethylene, preheated benzene and recycled alkyl-aromatics are led to a single fixed bed reactor containing a ZSM-5 catalyst. In the reactor simultaneous transalkylations occur. Operation conditions are: high temperatures and moderate pressures.

Two reactors are used: one in use, the other being regenerated.

After the reactor a prefractionator is used to separate benzene, volatile components and ethylbenzene and high boilers. The top of the prefractionator is cooled; the condensate (mainly benzene) is recycled to the reactor, the uncondensable components are vented or used as fuel. The bottom product consists of crude ethylbenzene; this crude product is purified and recovered benzene and polyethylbenzenes are recycled to the reactor. The residue from the purification is used as fuel.

- The Alkar process.

This process is used for feeds with low ethylene concentrations. The reactor contains a solid acid catalyst of activated alumina with some  $\text{BF}_3$ .

A separate transalkylation reactor is used to reform polyethylbenzenes.

Before the purification the non-reactive gasses are removed in a flash drum. During the purification of ethylbenzene, benzene and polyethylbenzenes are recovered and recycled.

## 3.2 Definitions

See section 3.1.

## 3.3 Techniques

See section 3.1.



### 3.4 Emissions

The major emissions to air are: methane, ethylene, benzene and toluene. Methane is released due to combustion, ethylene due to leakage loss and combustion, benzene due to leakage loss and toluene due to leakage and storage loss.

For the Netherlands, the VOC emission due to ethylbenzene production is 75.4 ton/y. This emission is related to a production of 989 kton/y and a capacity of 1429 kton/y (1992 data).

The VOC emission can be subdivided as follows:

Emission source	[1]
leakage losses from appendages, pumps, etc.	92%
flaring, disruptions	0%
losses due to storage and handling	1%
combustion emissions	7%
other process emissions	0%

### 3.5 Controls

The losses due to leakage can be limited by use of certain types of seals and application of double seals near pumps.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

Use of an overall emission factor for the ethylbenzene production to estimate total emissions. The amount of emitted VOC is then directly related to the ethylbenzene production.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A more detailed methodology is used by the United States EPA.

Instead of one emission factor for the whole plant, emission factors for each piece of equipment, like valves, flanges, etc., can be used. Each type of equipment has its own emission factor. The total emission factor for the plant can be calculated by multiplying each equipment emission factor by the number of pieces of that type of equipment. So, for this method it is necessary to know how many pieces of each type of equipment are present in the plant.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

**Table 6.1: Ethylbenzene production in some countries and regions for 1990**

Country or Region	kton/y	Source
U.S.A.	3800	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

Ethylbenzene production plants can be considered as point sources if plant specific data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

**Table 8.1: Emission factors for ethylbenzene**

Source	factor (kg/ton)	Quality Code
TNO Emission Registration 1992 [1]	0.1	C
TNO Emission Registration 1987 [2]	0.6	C
USA [3]	1 - 2	?

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

Tables 9.1 and 9.2 list the VOC profile respectively for the different sources and the overall profile.

**Table 9.1: The composition of the VOC emissions for the different sources is [1]:**

	methane	ethylene	benzene	toluene	formal-dehyde	other HC's
leakage loss	0%	8%	48%	11%	0%	33 %
flaring and disruptions	-	-	-	-	-	-
storage and handling loss	0%	0%	0%	11%	0%	89%
combustion	37%	10%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	53%
other process emissions	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 9.2: The overall VOC emission profile for ethylbenzene plants**

	TNO ER [1]	EPA [4]
methane	2.6%	-
ethylene	8.1%	-
benzene	44.2%	-
toluene	10.2%	-
ethylbenzene	-	100%
other HC's	35.1%	-

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

## 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

## 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

National emission estimates can be disaggregated on the basis of production, population or employment statistics.

## 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

The plants are operated in continuous flow, thus no variation in emissions diurnally or seasonally is expected to occur.

## 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

## 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

- Kirk-Othmer, Encyclopedia of chemical technology, Volume edition (19)
- Winnacker-Küchler, Chemische Technologie, Organische Technologie II, Band 6 4. Auflage (1982) (in German).

## 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

Verification of the emissions can be done by comparing with measurements in the individual plant or by setting up a mass balance over the entire plant.

## 17. REFERENCES

- 1 TNO Emission Registration, 1992
- 2 TNO Emission Registration, 1987
- 3 American Report
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SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE : Phthalic Anhydride

NACE CODE : 2414.2

PARCOM-ATMOS CODE :

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Phthalic anhydride is manufactured from either *o*-xylene or naphthalene. Several types of oxidation are used to produce phthalic anhydride.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The NMVOC emission of phthalic anhydride plants contributes on average of about 0.1% to the total NMVOC emission in a country.

**Table 1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Phthalic Anhydride Production	040519	0	-	0.1	-	0	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

Using *o*-xylene as feed two processes are used:

- Fixed bed vapor-phase oxidation.

The feed is led into a multitubular reactor. This is operated at 380 - 400 °C and ambient pressure. The catalyst used is vanadium oxide with titanium dioxide on a non-porous carrier.

The *o*-xylene inlet concentration in the air feed is above the explosion limit of *o*-xylene. The yield is 1.09 kg phthalic anhydride per kg pure *o*-xylene.

- Liquid-phase oxidation.

As solvent acetic acid is used. The operation temperature is 150 - 245 °C and the catalyst is a mixture of cobalt, manganese and bromine salts. Under these conditions *o*-xylene is oxidated to phthalic acid. In the next step phthalic acid is dehydrated to phthalic anhydride.

This process has as advantage high yield, but as disadvantage high capital costs.

Using naphthalene as feed also two processes are used:

- Fixed bed vapor-phase oxidation.  
Operation conditions are the same as for the *o*-xylene fixed bed oxidation, except for the catalyst. Vanadium oxide and alkali metal on silica support is used as catalyst.  
The yield is 0.9 - 0.96 kg phthalic anhydride per kg naphthalene.
- Fluidized bed vapor-phase oxidation.  
This is a process at lower temperature: 340 - 385 °C. A low activity catalyst of vanadium oxide on silica gel is used. The yield is lower as for the fixed bed process.

Phthalic anhydride recovery and purification from vapor-phase oxidations.

The reactor outlet is fed to a switch condenser. The tubes in the condensers first are cooled to solidify the phthalic anhydride on the outside of the tubes, then hot oil is circulated through the tubes. This causes the phthalic anhydride to melt and the liquid is collected in a tank.

The purification section consists of two columns. Both are operated under vacuum. The first column removes the low boiling by-products (maleic, benzoic, phthalic and citraconic acid) and the second the high boiling products.

Total by-product production is less than 1 wt.% of the phthalic anhydride production.

### 3.2 Definitions

### 3.3 Techniques

See section 3.1.

### 3.4 Emissions

The VOC emission can be subdivided as follows:

Cause of the emission
leakage losses from appendages, pumps, etc.
flaring, disruptions
losses due to storage and handling
combustion emissions
other process emissions

No data are available on relative distribution of emissions from these sources.

### 3.5 Controls

The losses due to leakage can be limited by use of certain types of seals and application of double seals near pumps.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

Use of an overall emission factor for the phthalic anhydride production emissions. The amount of emitted VOC is then directly related to the phthalic anhydride production.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A more detailed methodology is used by the United States EPA:

Instead of one emission factor for the whole plant, emission factors for each piece of equipment, like valves, flanges, etc., can be used. Each type of equipment has its own emission factor. The total emission factor for the plant can be calculated by multiplying each equipment emission factor by the number of pieces of that type of equipment. So, for this method it is necessary to know how many pieces of each type of equipment are present in the plant.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

Relevant statistics are published by the UN Statistical Office.

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

SB plant can be considered as point source if individual plant data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

**Table 2: Emission factors for phthalic anhydride**

Source	factor (kg/ton)	Quality Code
<i>o</i> -xylene oxidation factor, EPA [1]	1.3	C
naphthalene oxidation factor, EPA [1]	6.0	C

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

The emitted products from the *o*-xylene oxidation process are: phthalic anhydride, maleic anhydride and benzoic acid.

The emitted products from the naphthalene oxidation process are: phthalic anhydride, maleic anhydride, naphthaquinone and products from the thermal incinerator (when present).

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

At the time of publication there were not enough data to establish an uncertainty estimate.

## 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

Emission factors need to be confirmed or improved.

## 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

## 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

The plants are operated in continuous flow, thus no variation in emissions diurnally or seasonally is expected to occur.

## 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

## 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

- Kirk-Othmer, Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, Volume 17, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (1982).

## 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

Verification of the emissions can be done by comparing with measurements in the individual plant or by setting up a mass balance over the entire plant.

See Verification Chapter for further details.

## 17. REFERENCES

- 1 US EPA, AP-42.

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**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** Acrylonitrile

**NACE CODE :** 2414.2

**PARCOM-ATMOS CODE :**

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Acrylonitrile is made by the catalytic ammoxidation of propylene in the vapor-phase. This process was developed by Standard Oil of Ohio (Sohio).

Some plants still use the older route, namely addition of hydrogen cyanide to acetylene.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The NMVOC emission of acrylonitrile plants contributes on average <0.01% to the total NMVOC emission in a country.

**Table 2.1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Acrylonitrile	040520	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

Acrylonitrile is produced by reaction of propylene with ammonia and oxygen. For this process a fluid bed reactor with a solid catalyst is used. It is a single pass process meaning that no recycling is used. The propylene conversion is 98%. Operating conditions are: Temperature 400 - 510 °C; p 150 - 300 kPa; the catalyst used is a mix of metal oxides, most commonly bismuth and molybdenum oxides with traces of other metal oxides.

The reactor effluent is quenched with water in a countercurrent absorber and unreacted ammonia is neutralized with sulfuric acid. The resulting ammonium sulfate can be recovered (and used as a fertilizer).

The absorber off-gas containing primarily nitrogen, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and unreacted hydrocarbons is vented or passed through an incinerator to combust the hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide and then vented.

The acrylonitrile-containing solution from the absorber is separated in several columns to produce: acrylonitrile, crude hydrogen cyanide, crude acetonitrile and a fraction with heavy impurities. The acetonitrile is either incinerated or purified for use as solvent.

### 3.2 Definitions

Amoxidation            Oxidative reaction of ammonia with an aliphatic group:



R = aromatic or olefin

### 3.3 Techniques

Other processes, now obsolete, are:

- ethylene oxide + HCN  $\rightarrow$  HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CN  $\rightarrow$  CH<sub>2</sub>=CH-CN

For the first step a base-catalyst is, e.g. diethyl amine; The temperature is 60 °C. For the second step a catalyst of alkali(ne) metal salts of organic acids, e.g. MgCO<sub>3</sub> is needed. The temperature is 200 °C.

- CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub> + HCN  $\rightarrow$  CH<sub>2</sub>=CH-CN

Cuprous chloride is used as a catalyst.

### 3.4 Emissions

The major emissions to air are acrylonitrile, ethylene, methane and halogenated hydrocarbons. The halogenated hydrocarbons are released due to cleaning; the acrylonitrile is released in several sections of the plant; methane is released due to leakage; ethylene is released due to combustion.

For the Netherlands the VOC emission due to the acrylonitrile production is 73 ton/y. This emission is related to a production of 166 kton/y and a capacity of 183 kton/y (1992 data).

The VOC emission can be subdivided as follows:

Emission source	[1]
leakage losses from appendages, pumps, etc.	62%
flaring, disruptions	35%
losses due to storage and handling	2%
combustion emissions	0.1%
other process emissions	1%

### 3.5 Controls

The losses due to leakage can be limited by use of certain types of seals and application of double seals near pumps.

#### 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

Use of an overall emission factor for the acrylonitrile production to estimate total emissions. The amount of emitted VOC is then directly related to the acrylonitrile production.

#### 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A more detailed methodology is used by the United States EPA.

Instead of one emission factor for the whole plant, emission factors for each piece of equipment, like valves, flanges, etc., can be used. Each type of equipment has its own emission factor. The total emission factor for the plant can be calculated by multiplying each equipment emission factor by the number of pieces of that type of equipment. So, for this method it is necessary to know how many pieces of each type of equipment are present in the plant.

#### 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

**Table 6.1: Acrylonitrile production in some countries and regions for 1990**

Country or Region	kton/y	Source
Western Europe	1200 <sup>1</sup>	Kirk-Othmer Vol. 1 '91
Mexico	60 <sup>1</sup>	Kirk-Othmer Vol. 1 '91
Far East	200 <sup>1</sup>	Kirk-Othmer Vol. 1 '91
U.S.A.	1217	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92
Japan	593	Chem&EngNews 29/6/92

<sup>1</sup> figures for 1988

#### 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

Acrylonitrile production plants can be considered as point sources if plant specific data are available.

#### 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

**Table 8.1: Emission factors for acrylonitrile**

Source	factor (kg/ton)	Quality Code
TNO Emission Registration 1992 [1]	0.44	C
EPA AIRCHIEF 1993 [2]	100	C/D

The proposed emission factor for use in calculating the VOC emission from an acrylonitrile plant is 1 kg/ton.

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

Table 9.1 and 9.2 list the VOC profile respectively for the different sources and the overall profile.

**Table 9.1: The composition of the VOC emissions for the different sources is [1]:**

	methane	ethylene	acrylonitrile	HCFC's	other HC's
leakage loss	2%	3%	25%	0%	70%
flaring and disruptions	0%	4%	0.2%	0%	96%
storage and handling loss	0%	0%	99.6%	0%	0.4%
combustion	59%	10%	0%	0%	31%
other process emissions	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%

**Table 9.2: The overall VOC emission profile for acrylonitrile plants**

	TNO ER [1]	EPA [2]
methane	1%	0%
ethylene	3%	0%
acrylonitrile	18%	100%
HCFC's	1%	0%
other HC's	77%	0%

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

## 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

## 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

National emission estimates can be disaggregated on the basis of production, population or employment statistics.

## 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

The plants are operated in continuous flow, thus no variation in emissions diurnally or seasonally is expected to occur.

#### 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

#### 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

- Kirk-Othmer, Encyclopedia of chemical technology, Volume 1 4<sup>th</sup> edition (1991)
- Winnacker-Küchler, Chemische Technologie, Organische Technologie II, Band 6 4. Auflage (1982) (in German).

#### 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

Verification of the emissions can be done by comparing with measurements in the individual plant or by setting up a mass balance over the entire plant.

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**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** Adipic Acid

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

This chapter covers emissions from the bulk production of adipic acid using the intermediates cyclohexanol and cyclohexanone. The mixture of these intermediates is sometimes known as KA.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

There is uncertainty in national emission estimates for N<sub>2</sub>O and it is not possible to give an accurate figure for the contribution of adipic acid production to total emissions.

It has been estimated that the increase in the concentration of N<sub>2</sub>O in the earth's atmosphere is 0.2% and that growing adipic acid production accounts for up to 10% of this increase (Theimans and Trogler, 1991). From this it is not clear if adipic acid production is considered a major contributor to national emissions, compared with natural and other anthropogenic sources.

Global adipic acid production is estimated to be  $2.2 \times 10^9$  kg, and that just under one mole of N<sub>2</sub>O is emitted for every mole of adipic acid produced (Theimans and Trogler, 1991), suggesting that global emissions of N<sub>2</sub>O from adipic acid production is of the order of  $0.5 \times 10^9$  kg.

**Table 1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Adipic Acid	040521	-	0	-	-	-	-	12.4	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

Adipic acid is a colourless, odourless, sour tasting crystalline solid. Little of this dicarboxylic acid occurs naturally. Aqueous solutions of the acid are corrosive. Adipic acid is produced from cyclohexane. Cyclohexane is used to produce KA, a mixture of cyclohexanol and cyclohexanone. KA is then oxidised with nitric acid to produce adipic acid. Adipic acid is primarily used for the manufacturing of 6.6-nylon.

### 3.2 Definitions

### 3.3 Techniques

The first reaction stage is the production of the intermediates cyclohexanone and cyclohexanol (usually abbreviated to KA, KA oil, ol-one or anone-anol). The KA, after separation from unreacted cyclohexane and reaction by-products, is then converted to adipic acid by oxidation with nitric acid via nitrolic acid intermediates.

All current industrial adipic acid production processes use nitric acid in the final oxidation stage. Growing concern with air quality may exert further pressure for alternative routes as manufacturers seek to avoid NO<sub>x</sub> abatement costs, a necessary part of processes that use nitric acid.

There are variations of the cyclohexane oxidation process. However, the process is still fundamentally the same as originally developed in the early 1940s. Cyclohexane is oxidised with 40-60% nitric acid in the presence of copper and vanadium catalysts. The reaction is exothermic and produces the following major by-products: dicarboxylic acids, glutaric, succinic acids and CO<sub>2</sub>. Nitric acid is reduced to a combination of NO<sub>2</sub>, NO, N<sub>2</sub>O and N<sub>2</sub>.

The most industrially significant reaction of adipic acid is with diamines, specifically 1,6-hexanediamine. A water soluble polymeric salt is formed initially upon mixing solutions of the two materials; then heating with removal of water produces the polyamide, nylon-6,6.

### 3.4 Emissions

The principle emissions of concern from these processes are related to nitric acid, either as the various oxides of nitrogen or as a very dilute solution of the acid itself.

Nitrous oxide is produced during the conversion of cyclohexanol to the ketone, and also upon oxidation of aldehyde and alcohol impurities usually accompanying the KA and arising in the cyclohexane oxidation step. This oxidation step has an associated emission factor (for unabated emissions) of 300g N<sub>2</sub>O/kg adipic acid produced.

Of all the intermediates the nitrolic acid is the only one of sufficient stability to be insoluble under very mild conditions. It is hydrolysed to adipic acid in one of the slowest steps in the sequence. Nitrous oxide is formed by further reaction of the nitrogen-containing products of nitrolic acid hydrolysis. The NO and NO<sub>2</sub> are reabsorbed and converted back to nitric acid, but N<sub>2</sub>O cannot be recovered in this way, and thus is the major nitric acid derived by-product of the process.

About 20% of the reaction occurs by the vanadium oxidation of 1,2-dioxygenated intermediates; this path does not produce the non-recoverable nitrous oxide.

The nitric acid oxidation step produces three major waste streams: an off-gas containing oxides of nitrogen and CO<sub>2</sub>, water containing traces of nitric acid and organics from the water removal column; and a dibasic acid purge stream containing adipic, glutaric and succinic acids.



Adipic acid may also be dispersed as a dust when it is subject to normal dust explosion hazards. The material is also an irritant, especially upon contact with the mucus membranes.

### 3.5 Controls

Off gases may be treated in a reductive furnace to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, this treatment also destroys N<sub>2</sub>O.

Nitric acid may be removed by distillation, the copper and vanadium catalyst are recovered by ion-exchange treatment.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

The simpler methodology involves multiplying the national production data for adipic acid with an emission factor.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

The detailed methodology involves gaining site specific data on the production of adipic acid and emissions of N<sub>2</sub>O, other oxides of nitrogen and compounds such as CO<sub>2</sub>.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

The relevant activity statistic is the national production of adipic acid in metric units (eg kg, metric tons). There was an adipic acid demand of nearly two billion metric tons per year world-wide in 1989. World-wide production in 1986 reached  $1.6 \times 10^6$  metric tons ( $3.5 \times 10^9$  lb) and in 1989 was estimated at more than  $1.9 \times 10^6$  metric tons. Adipic acid is a large volume organic chemical. It is one of the top fifty chemicals produced in the United States in terms of volume, with 1989 production estimated at 745 000 metric tons.

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

There are relatively few adipic acid manufacturing plants and they should be treated as point sources when plant specific data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

Emission Factor	Quality Code	Reference	Comments
300g/kg N <sub>2</sub> O produced	C	Thiemans and Trogler 1991	Based on laboratory experiments designed to simulate industrial production

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

For the simpler methodology, it is assumed that the emission profile is 100% N<sub>2</sub>O. For the detailed methodology, the emissions profile is obtained directly from site measurement data.

Note, other compounds believed to be emitted include CO<sub>2</sub> and possibly NO and NO<sub>2</sub>.

#### **10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES**

The range of production of N<sub>2</sub>O from the laboratory measurements was between 0.7 and 1.06 moles per mole of adipic acid produced. This suggests the uncertainty in the emission factor is about  $\pm 20\%$ . However, it is not clear how representative of the possible range in emissions the laboratory measurements are and so an absolute uncertainty cannot be stated.

#### **11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY**

The simple methodology relies on one emission factor, no account is taken of slightly differing processes, abatement equipment etc. The more detailed methodology requires measurement data from the plant, but this is not widespread practice.

Improving the emission factors requires measurements to be taken from a range of representative industrial plants.

#### **12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES**

Not relevant as plants are to be considered point sources.

#### **13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

Unless further information is available, it is assumed that emissions are constant, both on a diurnal and seasonal basis.

#### **14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

During the late 1980's and early 1990's adipic acid production continued to increase globally, particularly in the Far East, as demand for nylon increased.

#### **15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS**

#### **16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES**

Verification procedures are through site specific measurements. With few emission factors available, comparison with other countries is likely to show up differences in production statistics rather than in actual emissions.

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**SNAP CODE :****040602****SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :****Paper Pulp (Kraft Process)****1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED**

Pulp and paper production has three major processing steps: pulping, bleaching, and paper production. The type of pulping and the amount of bleaching used depends on the nature of the feedstock and the desired qualities of the end product. Kraft (sulphate) pulping is one of the chemical pulping processes that can be used. It is the most widely used pulping process and is typically used to produce strong paper products. The kraft pulping process includes wood digestion in a water solution of sodium sulphide and sodium hydroxide, pulp washing, bleaching, chemical recovery, and by-product recovery.

Not all kraft pulping and related processes that could result in the emission of significant amounts of NMVOC, SO<sub>x</sub>, particulates, NO<sub>x</sub> and CO are included under SNAP code 040602. Other significant sources are listed in Table 1.

**Table 1: Other Relevant SNAP Codes for Paper Pulping - Kraft Process**

Source	SNAP CODE
Combustion in boilers	03 01 xx
Lime kilns	03 03 12
Paper-mill industry (drying processes)(paper machines)	03 03 21
Waste water treatment	09 01 xx

In addition to more conventional fuels such as wood/bark, coal, oil and natural gas, boilers at pulp and paper mills may combust noncondensable gases, wastewater treatment sludge (from both virgin pulp and recycle operations), nonrecyclable recovered paper, tire-derived fuel, old corrugated container materials etc. (NCASI 1993)

It is assumed that these non-conventional fuels that are combusted in boilers will be covered in SNAP group 03.

This section is under review by Scandinavian participants. Changes are anticipated as more information becomes available. These will be incorporated in a future edition of this manual.

**2. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOTAL EMISSIONS**

Emissions inventoried from kraft pulp and paper processes are summarized in table 2a and 2b.

**Table 2a: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Paper Pulp	040602	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	0	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

**Table 2b: 1990 emissions from paper pulping kraft process**

Country	Particulate		SO <sub>x</sub>		NO <sub>x</sub>		CO		NMVOC	
	Emissions (Mg)	% <sup>1</sup>	Emissions (Mg)	% <sup>1</sup>	Emissions (Mg)	% <sup>1</sup>	Emissions (Mg)	% <sup>1</sup>	Emissions (Mg)	% <sup>1</sup>
Canada	57625	4.5	31376	1.0	23077	1.1	56145	0.6	8425	0.2
United States (1985)	112480		112480	0.2			557867	0.6		

<sup>1</sup> As a percentage of total anthropogenic emissions for given country.

Sources contributing to kraft pulping emissions of VOCs in Canada in 1990 are summarized in Table 3.

**Table 3: Sources of VOCs in Paper Pulping in Canada (CPPA n.d.)**

Source	Percent of Total Kraft Emissions	Percent Total Pulp and Paper
recovery boiler stack	42	16
digester relief and blow tank	31	12
lime kiln stack	8	3
multiple effect evaporators	6	2
black liquor oxidation system	5	2
washers and screen	4	2
smelt dissolving tank vent	3	1
fluid bed calciner	0.3	0.1

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

In kraft pulping, white liquor, a water solution of sodium sulphide and sodium hydroxide, is used under high temperature and pressure to chemically dissolve the lignin that binds the cellulose fibres of the wood together. After the wood chips are subjected to this digestion, the wood pulp is washed, screened and dried to unbleached pulp or further delignified in an oxygen stage and bleached in a bleach plant. The inclusion of a bleaching step depends upon the intended use of the product. The remainder of the kraft processes are designed to recover chemicals and heat. The spent cooking liquor, containing process chemicals and water and spent chemicals from the wood, is combined with pulp wash water to form what is called black liquor. This black liquor is concentrated through evaporation and then combusted in a recovery furnace, where heat from the combustion of organics is recovered for process use and for the generation of electrical power and inorganic chemicals are recovered as molten smelt. Water and quicklime are used to convert this smelt back to white liquor in a causticizing tank. The lime mud which precipitates from the tank is calcined in a lime kiln to regenerate quicklime. Kraft recovery systems may also receive spent liquor from neutral sulphite semi-chemical pulping mills.

#### 3.2 Definitions

#### 3.3 Techniques

The main process steps involved in kraft pulping are briefly described below. It is important to note that some of the main air emission sources for kraft pulping are inventoried under separate SNAP codes (see section 1 above).

**Stripping** Wet or dry barking techniques may be used.

**Digestion** Wood chips are cooked in a digester with white liquor, a mixture of sodium hydroxide (NaOH) and sodium sulfide (Na<sub>2</sub>S). There are two types of digester systems: batch and continuous. Once cooking is complete in either a batch or continuous process, the chemical mixture (black liquor) and pulp are discharged into a blow tank - a low pressure vessel. Vapours from the blow tank may be vented to an accumulator or a vapour sphere for collection. The vapours may be incinerated, stripped, or recovered for resale as turpentine or tall oil.

**Washing** The pulp from the blow tank is washed to remove the black liquor from the pulp. There are several types of washers, including counter-current vacuum, diffusion, rotary pressure, horizontal belt filters, chemiwashers, wash press, and dilution/extraction. The black liquor extracted from this process is diluted with wash water, and so is called weak black liquor.

**Delignification** In many mills, delignification is done in the digester. However additional reductions in lignin may be achieved through oxygen delignification and/or ozone bleaching.

**Bleaching** The pulp is produced as a slurry after removal of spent cooking chemicals and dissolved wood organics. Bleaching chemical pulps is generally complex and uses several chlorine-based chemicals. Not all pulp is bleached.

**Turpentine Production** The vapours discharged from the digester contain up to about 6 kg turpentine per tonne of pulp, depending upon wood species and cooking conditions. These vapours are normally condensed as part of the odour control system. Turpentine has a different specific gravity than water, and so can be decanted or recovered by other processes based on the density differences. The recovered turpentine is purchased by refining companies, or is used as fuel in the mill, most commonly in the lime kiln (see SNAP Code 03 03 12). (Environment Canada 1983)

**Tall Oil Recovery** Tall oil precursors can be recovered from black liquor cooling and evaporation. The black liquor can have soap and other tall oil precursors skimmed from the surface of weak, intermediate, or strong black liquor storage tanks and from the black liquor oxidation process. The soap can then be sold or processed into tall oil by acidification. (U.S. EPA 1991)

**Chemical Recovery** The primary functions of the kraft recovery system are: converting sulfur compounds in the black liquor to Na<sub>2</sub>S; regenerating NaOH; generating large quantities of steam from combustion of organic by-products; and reducing or eliminating a potential pollution source by destroying the organic substances (mostly lignin) dissolved during the cooking. The key steps in the black liquor recovery are: evaporation or concentration; black liquor oxidation (optional); combustion/oxidation in a recovery furnace; recausticizing; and calcining in a lime kiln (the latter is described in SNAP Code 030312) (U.S.EPA 1991).

**Evaporation** The bulk of water removal from the weak black liquor, to about 55 percent solids, is usually carried out in multiple effect evaporators. This is a series of evaporators operated at different pressures so that the vapor from one evaporator body becomes the steam supply to the next evaporator. The vapour from the final evaporator is condensed in either a large heat exchanger (surface condenser) or by direct contact with water in a barometric condenser. A surface condenser requires a small vacuum system to remove non-condensable gases from the system.

Direct contact evaporators may then be used to further concentrate the black liquor to about 65 percent solids by bringing the liquor into direct contact with the flue gases from the recovery furnace. Alternatively, a forced circulation indirectly heated steam-heated evaporator, generally known as a concentrator, may be used.

**Black Liquor Oxidation** Generation of H<sub>2</sub>S results in the direct contact evaporator when sodium sulphide in black liquor comes in contact with carbon dioxide in the recovery furnace gases. This can largely be eliminated by oxidizing the sodium sulphide with air, or oxygen, to sodium thiosulphite. Black liquor oxidation is not required if indirect evaporator concentrators are used. (U.S. EPA 1991)

**Recovery Furnace** The black liquor recovery furnace further concentrates the liquor solids. The heavy black liquor from the evaporators is heated and sprayed into the furnace. Water is evaporated from the liquor solids and the organics are burned to reduce oxidized sulphur components to sulfide. The inorganic black liquor chemicals form a molten smelt.



**Recausticizing** In recausticizing, sodium carbonate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) in the smelt is converted into  $\text{NaOH}$ , an active cooking chemical. The smelt from the recovery furnace is dissolved in a tank with weak wash to form green liquor. After clarification, the green liquor is mixed with returned lime to form a slurry and agitated at high temperatures to form lime mud. White liquor is clarified from the lime mud by decantation. The lime mud then goes to the lime kiln for calcination (SNAP CODE 030312).

Currently, research in new pulping processes based on organic solvents is directed to reduce the environmental effects and to reduce operating and investment costs. These organosolve processes result in lower gaseous emissions of sulphur dioxide and odorous compounds. However, these processes are generally characterised by high reaction temperatures and pressures, complicated pulp washing and recovery systems, and inferior pulp strength.

### 3.4 Emissions

Emission sources at kraft pulp and paper mills are summarized in Table 4 (NCASI 1993, U.S. EPA 1985). Sources that are inventoried under separate SNAP Codes (marked \*) have been included to provide an overall picture of these operations.

The term non-condensable gases is applied to the gases emitted from the pulping and black liquor evaporation processes, including digester relief gases, digester blow gases, evaporator gases and condensate stripper gases. These gases, which are stored in a tank, consist of a mixture of terpenes, total reduced sulphur (TRS) compounds and methanol along with a variety of less significant organics. Strictly speaking, these gases are all condensable, but the term is used to distinguish them from the vapours which do condense in the relief vent, blow heat recovery vent and evaporator non-condensable extraction system under normal conditions of operation. (Environment Canada 1983) In some cases these non-condensable gases are not collected, and so are considered as emission sources at the point of creation (i.e. digester, evaporator). However, they are, in North America and Scandinavia, typically collected and incinerated in the lime kiln or a dedicated boiler. In certain circumstances, however, about 2 % of the time, these gases may be vented to the atmosphere, although in Scandinavia there is usually a second or back-up system for collection and destruction of non-condensable gases, which means that these gases are directly vented to the atmosphere less than 0.5% of the time. The non-condensable gases, collected but not incinerated, must be considered a potential source of VOCs. (NCASI 1993) Thus in Table 4, the digestion and evaporators will not be sources of VOCs if non-condensable gases are collected.

**Table 4: Emission Sources in Paper Pulping - Kraft Process**

Source	Emissions				
	Particulates	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	VOCs	CO
Stripping				x	
Digestion		X <sup>1</sup>		x	
Washing		X <sup>1</sup>		x	
Bleaching				x	
Non-condensable gases:					
Collected, not incinerated		X <sup>2</sup>		X	
Incinerated		X <sup>2</sup>	x		
Turpentine Production				x	
Tall Oil Recovery				x	
Chemical Recovery					
Evaporation		x		x	
Black Liquor Oxidation				X	
Recovery Furnace	X	X	X	X	x
Recausticizing	X	x	x	x	
Lime Kiln <sup>3</sup>	X	x	X	X	x
Pulp Drying <sup>3</sup> (this will have to be confirmed based on SNAP code 03 03 21)				x	
Boilers (fuel-dependent) <sup>3</sup>	x	X	X	X	
Wastewater Treatment <sup>3</sup> (this will have to be confirmed based on SNAP code 09 01 xx)			X		

Major sources are marked with an X, minor sources are marked with an x.

1. Depending on if the gases are collected.
2. Depending on if the emissions are treated in a scrubber or if the incineration takes place in the lime kiln.
3. Recorded under separate SNAP codes.

Although these contaminants are emitted in varying quantities, the major problem for this industry is odour related due to TRS emissions.

### 3.5 Controls

This summary only refers to those kraft pulp and paper processes that are included under SNAP Code 040602.

Emissions control at these mills is a major consideration in the design of a kraft pulping mill and will, to a large extent, depend on the methods used to control odours. Control may include process modifications and improved operating conditions, as well as add-on emissions control.

For example, particulate control on recovery furnaces is achieved in a number of ways. In mills with either a cyclonic scrubber or cascade evaporator as a direct contact evaporator, particulate control efficiencies of 20 to 50 % are achieved for the recovery furnace if gases from the recovery furnace are routed to these processes. An electrostatic precipitator or venturi scrubber and possibly auxiliary scrubbers may then be added to achieve the desired reduction of 85 to 99 %. (U.S. EPA 1985)

Since the particulate material that is released is largely sodium sulphate and sodium carbonate, the recovery through the use of ESPs or scrubbers is normally practiced for economic reasons on all recovery furnaces. (Environment Canada 1983)

Sulphur dioxide is emitted mainly from oxidation of reduced sulphur compounds in the recovery furnace. The U.S. EPA (1985) reports that the direct contact evaporator absorbs about 75 % of these emissions, and that further scrubbing can provide additional control. Other methods may also be used to decrease the SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the recovery boiler (SEPA 1992):

- changed combustion conditions
- increased dry solids content of the strong liquor
- decreased sulphur-to-sodium ratio in the furnace
- decreased load of inert compounds
- improved process control

The major cause of carbon monoxide emissions from the recovery furnace is furnace operation well above rated capacity which results in failing to maintain oxidizing conditions.

Non-condensable gases are usually incinerated. In some cases the non-condensable gases are incinerated in a dedicated incinerator, which is effective but usually requires auxiliary fuel to maintain combustion. More recent installations incinerate the gases in the lime kiln, the power boiler or the recovery furnace. Incineration of these gases does result in the emission of SO<sub>2</sub>. Scrubbers may be used to recover sulphur for the pulping process prior to incineration. (Environment Canada 1983)

The reader is referred to Environment Canada 1983 or Swedish Environmental Protection Agency 1992 for more details.

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

Emissions from kraft pulping, tall oil and turpentine are inventoried using the default emission factors provided in Table 5. These emission factors represent the high end of typical emission factors, and assume limited control technology is in place.

As an alternative method one can make use of emission calculation programmes which usually are based on average emission factors of typical mill configurations. In annex I there is a short description of a programme which can be used to calculate SO<sub>2</sub>, TRS and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions of Scandinavian or Iberian kraft pulp mills.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

The preferred methodology is the use of continuous measurement data, which, in some countries, is available for major sources of SO<sub>2</sub>, TRS and NO<sub>x</sub>. This is particularly the case for modern kraft mills, where there is collection of strong and dilute gases and as such there are a limited number of emission points to be monitored.

In older kraft mills there are usually numerous emission sources and it is not economically possible to measure them all continuously. In these cases, the facilities are inventoried as point sources using total production statistics for each plant in combination with the most appropriate emission factors from Table 6. The selection of these factors will involve: a basic knowledge of the technology used at that facility (direct or indirect contact evaporator, the use of black liquor oxidation towers); some knowledge of the air pollution control techniques where choices are available for emission factors (primarily for the recovery furnace); a knowledge of by-product recovery facilities (turpentine and/or tall oil); and information on the occurrence of releases of non-condensable gases.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

Most emission factors are based on the production of air dried tonnes of pulp. Production of tall oil and/or turpentine in tonnes and tonnes of black liquor solids recausticized may also be relevant statistics.

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

All kraft pulping facilities could be inventoried as point sources if plant specific data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

**Emission Factors:** Table 5 is a summary of recommended emission factors for the simpler methodology for estimating emissions from kraft pulping, tall oil and turpentine production. Where possible, regional emission factors are supplied, based on detailed reviews of the industry in these regions. If the emissions do not fall within the regions listed the default emission factor is to be used. Where a range is provided the low end represents maximum controls where the high end of the ranges represents minimum or no control. These emission factors do not include emissions from the lime kiln, waste treatment or fuel combustion. Canadian emission factors are based on total inventoried 1990 emissions from kraft mill processes as reported by Environment Canada and total production statistics as published by the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association for 1990.

**Table 5 Emission Factors for Kraft Pulping and Associated Operations - Simple Method**

Source	Units	TSP	NO <sub>x</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	VOC	CO
<b>Process Emissions</b>						
Canada	kg/ADt	5.7	2.3	3.1	0.8	5.5
Oslo/Paris Convention Areas*						
Sweden*						
Default		115	3.7	53	3.9	5.5
<b>Tall Oil Production</b>	kg/tonne				4.9	
<b>Turpentine Production</b>	kg/tonne				0.25	

\* Not available at time of printing.

Table 6 is a summary of the recommended emission factors for the detailed methodology for inventorying emissions from kraft pulping processes. The values in this table are based mainly on the NCASI up-date of factors (NCASI 1993). For some processes, the most recently available data are from AP-42 (US EPA 1985 or Stanley 1991). Where data ranges are available, these are provided in the table immediately below the mean value. For particulate emissions, both controlled and uncontrolled emission factors are provided. The type of particulate control device used is provided in the table and applies only to the TSP emissions; the emissions of the other species are provided without specification of any control method. NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and CO emissions are expressed as NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and CO respectively.

Care must be exercised when using the VOC emission factors; the VOCs in the table are defined as the total gaseous non-methane organics (TGNMO). The NCASI factors are expressed in terms of kilograms of carbon per tonne air dry pulp and include both hydrocarbons such as turpentine (turpenes) and methanol as well as reduced sulphur compounds such as methyl mercaptan, dimethyl sulphide and dimethyl disulphide. The VOC emission factors in the table from AP-42 represent reduced sulphur compounds only, expressed in terms of sulphur. In either case, the average molecular weight of the gaseous mixture is required in order to permit a mass based emission factor to be calculated.

**Quality Rating:** AP-42 factors are reported to have an A class quality rating at the time they were published in 1986; this rating may need to be reviewed in the light of process changes and particularly in terms of more recent control requirements. The NCASI emission factors would likely warrant an A quality rating.

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

The U.S. EPA (1994) generic VOC speciation profile for the Kraft Pulping classification under the Pulp and Paper Source Category (Profile 9001, External Combustion Boilers - Industrial - Average) is presented in Table 7.

**Table 7: U.S. EPA VOC Speciation Profile for Kraft Pulping (U.S. EPA 1994)**

Species Name	Mol. Wt.	% Wt.
Isomers of hexane	86.17	0.89
Isomers of heptane	100.2	0.37
Isomers of octane	114.23	0.67
Isomers of pentane	72.05	2.07
C7-C16 paraffins	156.31	5.62
Methane	16.04	23.35
Ethane	30.07	11.41
Ethylene	28.05	1.67
Propane	44.09	4.19
Propene	42.08	2.65
Acetylene	26.04	2.32
n-Butane	58.12	9.24
Butene	56.1	0.87

This profile is applied to washers/screens, recovery furnaces (with or without direct contact), recausticizing, turpentine condensers and black liquor oxidation. A quality rating of E is provided with this profile.

It is important to note that the definition of VOCs used by the U.S. EPA excludes reduced sulphur compounds and halogenated organics. The National Council of the Paper Industry for Air and Stream Improvement Inc. (NCASI) (1993) VOC definition is based on TGNMO and includes organo-sulphur compounds such as methyl mercaptan, dimethyl sulphide and dimethyl disulphide. A typical VOC content of non-condensable gas emissions provided by NCASI (1993) is summarized in Table 8.

**Table 8: NCASI VOC Speciation Profile for Kraft Pulp (NCASI 1993)**

Species	Composition % by volume
Methyl mercaptan	2.1
Dimethyl sulphide	2.1
Dimethyl disulphide	1.7
Turpentine	0.1
Methanol	0.2

If these sulphur compounds are incinerated and the combustion vented without scrubbing, then the sulphur dioxide produced by combustion, should be added to the SO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

The U.S. EPA has published a particulate matter speciation profile for kraft recovery furnaces (available through the CHIEF bulletin board system). Part of this particulate profile number 23103 is presented in Table 9.

**Table 9: U.S. EPA Partial Profile for Particulate Emissions from Kraft Recovery Furnaces with ESP and Wet Scrubber - (Profile 23103 - Data Quality D)**

Species	% weight	Uncertainty
Arsenic	0.004	0.003
Cadmium	0.018	0.013
Chromium	0.016	0.010
Copper	0.004	0.004
Mercury	0.002	0.003
Nickel	0.026	0.042
Lead	0.026	0.017
Selenium	0.005	0.004
Zinc	0.017	0.014

Emissions from stripping and chip storage operations consist of terpenes.

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA 1992) reports that over sixty compounds have been identified in kraft condensates, at concentrations between trace levels and 1% by weight. The impurities include:

- bivalent sulphur compounds - hydrogen sulphide
  - methyl mercaptan
  - dimethyl sulphide
  - dimethyl disulphide
- alcohols - methanol
  - ethanol
- ketones - acetone
- terpenes -  $\alpha$ -pinene
  - $\alpha$ -terpineol
- phenolics - phenol
  - guaiacols
  - cresols

Methanol is the main impurity, with a total emission of about 5 to 10 kg/ADt.

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

## 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

The simpler methodology relies on emission factors that may not be representative of the process. The detailed methodology is more detailed but still relies on typical emission factors, and may still not result in accurate estimates. The preferred methodology would involve the measurement of emissions from each plant to develop site-specific emission factors for all potentially significant sources. These emission factors could then be used to calculate emissions, as required, until such time as the process or emissions controls are significantly changed. At this time, new site-specific emission factors should be derived based on testing. However, this program is costly and time consuming. Continuous measurements are required in some countries (see section 5).

## 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

National emissions estimate can be disaggregated on the basis of plant capacity, employment or population statistics.

## 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

Kraft pulping facilities normally run year-round. It may be assumed that emissions occur uniformly over diurnal and annual cycles, barring unusual operational disruptions.

## 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

While organo-sulphur compounds have, in some cases, been included under the VOC classification, in some circumstances these compounds should be classed as sulphur dioxide



emissions depending on the application of the inventory data. Reduced sulphur compounds are a source of odour and toxic effects and where considerations are focused on the impacts of emissions on local to urban scales, it is appropriate to consider these compounds separately and not to group them in the VOC class. Where impacts on regional, continental or global scales are of concern, the reduced sulphur compounds should probably be classed with sulphur dioxide emissions since they are fairly rapidly oxidized in the atmosphere yielding SO<sub>2</sub>, which participates in other chemical reactions in the atmosphere to produce acidification.

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Table 6: Kraft Pulping Processes - Emission Factors

Source and Description	Units (Note 1)	TSP (Note 2)			Ref	NOx (Ref) (Note 4)	SO <sub>2</sub> (Ref) (Note 5)	VOC (Ref) (Note 3)	CO (Ref)
		Uncontrolled	Controlled	Control Device					
Digestion	kg/ADt						0.6 (b) 0 (c)		
Washing									
- clean condensates used	kg/ADt					0 (a)	0 (a)	0.045 (a) (0.001-0.085) (a) 0.025 (b)	
- foul condensates used	kg/ADt					0 (a)	0 (a)	0.49 (a) (0.45-0.52) (a) 0.2 (b)	
Bleaching	kg/ADt					0 (a)	0 (a)	0.05 (a) (0.004 - 0.2) (a)	
Non-condensable gases									
- collected, not incinerated	kg/ADt							0.5 (a)	
- incinerated	kg/ADt						3 (a) (1.0 - 10.0) (a)		
Turpentine Production	kg/tonne turpentine							0.25 (b) 0.05 (c)	
Oxygen delignification reactors	kg/ADt					0 (a)	0 (a)	0.041 (a) (0.016 - 0.075) (a)	
Tall Oil Recovery	kg/tonne TO					0 (a)	0 (a)	2.0 (a) (0.1 - 4.9) (a)	
Chemical Recovery:									
Evaporation								0.05 (b)	
Black Liquor Oxidation	kg/ADt					0 (a)	0 (a)	0.17 (a) (0.12 - 0.22) (a)	
Recovery Furnace									
- Without Direct Contact Evaporator	kg/ADt	115	1	ESP	b	1.16 (a) (0.85 - 2.0) (a)	2.1 (a) (0.005 - 43) (a)	0.14 (a) (0 - 0.8) (a)	5.5 (b)
- With Direct Contact Evaporator	kg/ADt	90	24 1 7.5 1.5	VS ESP VS/AXS ESP/AXS	b b b b	0.9 (a) (0.45 - 1.7) (a)	1.7 (a) (0.02 - 8.6) (a) 3.5(b)	0.53 (a) (0.005 - 1.13) (a) 1.5 (b)	5.5 (b)
Recausticizing	kg/tonne BLS	3.5	0.5 0.1	MP S	b b	0.017 (a) (<4E-4 - 0.075) (a)	0.008 (a) (0.0-0.038) (a) 0.1 (b)		
- With clean condensates	kg/tonne BLS							0.031 (a) (1.E-5 - 0.107) (a) 0.01 (b)	
- With dirty condensates	kg/tonne BLS							0.88 (a) (0.72 - 1.2) (a) 0.15 (b)	

Note 1: ADt = air dried tonnes of pulp. BLS = black liquor solids. TO = tall oil.

Note 2: Control device applies only to TSP emissions; no control devices specified for other species; ESP = electrostatic precipitator, VS = venturi scrubber, AXS = auxiliary scrubber, MP= mesh pad, S = packed tower scrubber.

Note 3: Units for Reference (a) are expressed as carbon; Units for Reference (b) are expressed as sulphur; VOC is defined as total gaseous non-methane organics (TGNMO) which includes reduced sulphur compounds.

Note 4: Ranges given in brackets apply to the value immediately above: emissions expressed as NO<sub>2</sub>.

Note 5: Ranges given in brackets apply to the value immediately above: emissions expressed as SO<sub>2</sub>.

REFERENCES: (a) NCASI, 1993; (b) US EPA, 1985; (c) Stanley, 1991

## Annex I

### **Atmospheric IMPACT for Excel 5.0 - TSP, SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions Calculation Program for a Kraft Pulp Mill**

A program has been developed for making quick estimates of SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and TSP emissions from the recovery boiler, the lime kiln, the incinerator for malodorous gases and emissions of diffuse gases from a standard kraft pulp mill.

The kraft pulp mill configuration can be set by the user. There are two default options: a typical Iberian bleached mill and a typical Scandinavian bleached kraft pulp mill. The user may change the mill configuration and the following parameters which have great impact on the air emissions: the heavy black liquor concentration, the degree of treatment of malodorous gases, the recovery boiler flue gas treatment as well as the lime kiln flue gas treatment.

For each calculation the total and the production-specific emissions will be given for the recovery boiler, lime kiln, NCG incinerator and emission of diffuse gases, in tonnes per year. In addition, a production specific emission factor, in kg emission/tonnes of pulp (kg/ADt) is given.

The program is supplied on one diskette including an automatic installation programme that creates C:\IMPACT\IMPACT.XLS. The Excel 5.0 worksheets. The results are shown to the user by four worksheets, which are named MainScreen, SulfurDioxide, NitrogenDioxide and DustParticles. MainScreen summarizes the air emissions while the other three worksheets classify the emissions in more detail.

Running the program requires Microsoft Excel 5.0 and approximately 500 kB of free space is required to install the program files on hard disk C. Atmospheric IMPACT for Excel 5.0 has been tested using a 486DX computer, Windows 3.1 operating system, and 8MB of memory. Copyright of the program belongs to Jaakko Poyry Consulting.

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**SNAP CODE:****040603****SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE:****Paper Pulp (Acid Sulphite Process)****1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED**

Pulp and paper production has three major processing steps: pulping, bleaching, and paper production. The type of pulping and the amount of bleaching used depend on the nature of the feedstock and the desired qualities of the end product. Sulphite pulping is one of the chemical pulping processes that can be used. It involves chemically pulping the wood using SO<sub>2</sub> adsorbed in a base solution. Sulphite pulping produces a weaker paper than some other types of pulping, but the pulp is less coloured, making it more suitable for printing, often with little bleaching.

Not all sulphite pulping and related processes that could result in the emission of significant amounts of NMVOC, SO<sub>x</sub>, particulates, NO<sub>x</sub> and CO are included under SNAP Code 040603. Other significant sources are summarized in Table 1

**Table 1: Other Relevant SNAP Codes for Paper Pulping - Acid Sulphite Process**

Source	SNAP CODE
Combustion in boilers	03 01 xx
Paper-mill industry (drying processes)	03 03 21
Waste Water Treatment	09 01 xx

In addition to more conventional fuels such as wood/bark, coal, oil and natural gas, boilers at pulp and paper mills may combust red liquor (see section 3 below), small quantities of wastewater treatment sludge (from both virgin pulp and recycle operations), nonrecyclable recovered paper, tire-derived fuel, old corrugated container materials etc. (NCASI 1993)

It is assumed that these non-conventional fuels that are combusted in boilers will be covered somewhere in SNAP group 03 .

This section is under review by Scandinavian participants. Changes are anticipated as more information becomes available. These will be incorporated in a future edition of this manual.

**2. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOTAL EMISSIONS**

Table 2 summarizes emissions reported from acid sulphite pulp and paper processes.

**Table 2a: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Paper Pulp (Acid Sulphite Process)	040603	0.2	0	0.1	-	-	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

**Table 2b: Emissions from Paper Pulping - Acid Sulphite Process**

Country	Particulate		SO <sub>x</sub>		NO <sub>x</sub>		CO		NMVOC	
	Emissions (Mg)	% <sup>1</sup>	Emissions (Mg)	% <sup>1</sup>	Emissions (Mg)	% <sup>1</sup>	Emissions (Mg)	% <sup>1</sup>	Emissions (Mg)	% <sup>1</sup>
Canada (1985)	2163	0.1	32591	0.9	130	<0.0				
United States (1985)			22000							

<sup>1</sup> % of total anthropogenic emissions.

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

In the acid sulphite process, a caustic solution (cooking liquor) is used under high temperature and pressure to chemically dissolve the lignin that binds the cellulose fibres of the wood together. The caustic solution is SO<sub>2</sub> adsorbed in a base solution. The bases commonly used are calcium, magnesium, ammonia or sodium. After digestion, the wood pulp is washed and dried for sale as market pulp, or further treated by refining, cleaning and addition of other pulps and chemicals, and made into paper on-site. Depending on the intended use of the product, the pulp may or may not be bleached. Heat and/or chemical recovery may also be done, depending on the cooking liquor used. An acid plant will normally be necessary to supply the mill sulphite requirement.

#### 3.2 Definitions

#### 3.3 Techniques

The main process steps involved in acid sulphite pulping are briefly described below. It should be noted that some of the main sources for acid sulphite pulping are inventoried under other SNAP codes (see section 1 above). (Environment Canada 1983, U.S. EPA 1985 and U.S. EPA 1991)

**Digestion** Digestion is carried out under high pressure and high temperature, in either batch mode or continuous digesters, in the presence of a sulphurous acid/bisulphite cooking liquid (see acid plant below). The delignification is accomplished by sulphonation and hydrolysis reactions which form soluble ligno-sulphates. When this is completed, the contents of the digester are either discharged at high pressure into a blow pit or pumped into a dump tank at lower pressure. A blow pit is a tank with a finely perforated bottom to allow liquids to drain out while retaining the pulp. A blow tank is commonly an atmospheric cyclone. The spent sulphite liquor (sometimes called red liquor) is drained, and discharged or treated and incinerated or sent to a plant for recovery of heat and/or chemicals.

**Washing** The pulp is then washed with fresh water to further remove dissolved chemicals. This water is usually routed to recovery operations.

**Bleaching** The pulp is produced as a slurry after removal of spent cooking chemicals and dissolved wood organics. Bleaching chemical pulps is generally complex. Strictly speaking, bleaching is part of the paper making process, as opposed to pulping, but has been included under this SNAP code for complete coverage of the pulp and paper industry as a whole.

**Chemical Recovery** More than a dozen types of recovery systems, using widely different processes, are in operation around the world. The variety of systems for heat and/or chemical recovery is largely due to the variety of cooking bases used.

In calcium base systems, chemical recovery is not practical, and the spent liquor is usually discharged or incinerated. In ammonium base operations, heat can be recovered by combusting the spent liquor, but the ammonium base and sulphur are lost. In sodium or magnesium base operations, the heat, sulphur and base may all be recovered.

The first step in all recovery systems is the concentration of red liquors in a multiple effect evaporator, and possibly a direct contact evaporator, to anywhere from 35 to 60 percent solids, depending upon the type of combustion unit to be used. The liquor is then sprayed into a furnace and burned, producing steam to operate the processes or other power requirements.

When only heat recovery is practiced, the recovery process might actually be considered conventional combustion and inventoried under snap code 03 as mentioned in section 1.

When magnesium base liquor is burned, the combustion products are a carbon-free MgO ash and SO<sub>2</sub>. The gases pass through a series of multiple cyclones where the ash is collected and flushed with water to a retention tank. The MgO slurry is then converted to Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> in the slaking system and used for absorption of the SO<sub>2</sub> in a series of venturi scrubbers. The overall chemical recovery of sulphur and Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> is around 80%.

When sodium base liquor is burned, the inorganic compounds are recovered as a molten smelt containing sodium sulphide and sodium carbonate. This smelt may be further processed and used to adsorb SO<sub>2</sub> from the flue gas and sulphur, or sold to a kraft mill as raw material for producing green liquor. It is not suitable for reuse in sulphite cooking.

**Acid Plant** In an acid plant, sulphur is normally burned in a rotary or spray burner. The gas produced is then cooled by heat exchangers and a water spray and then absorbed in a variety of different scrubbers containing either limestone or a solution of the base chemical. In the past, limestone was used exclusively in the gas absorption tower, serving both as a packing and a chemical source of calcium. More recently, soluble bases such as magnesium, sodium

and ammonium are used for environmental reasons as well as improved pulp strength. Before the raw acid is used in pulping it is fortified with relief  $\text{SO}_2$  from the digester. The fortification takes place in the low and high pressure accumulators, which are pressurized to increase the solubility of  $\text{SO}_2$  in the liquor.

### 3.4 Emissions

$\text{SO}_2$  is usually considered the major pollutant from acid sulphite processes. The digester and blow pit (or blow tank) system is a major source of  $\text{SO}_2$ . It is present in the intermittent digester relief gases, as well as in the gases released when the digester is discharged into the blow pit or blow tank.  $\text{SO}_2$  is also released from the recovery system, the various pulp washing, screening and cleaning operations, as well as from evaporators and acid fortification towers. (Environment Canada 1983 and U.S. EPA 1985).

Particulate may be released from the absorption system handling the recovery furnace exhaust. Ammonium base systems generate less particulate than do magnesium or sodium base systems. (U.S. EPA 1985)

The recovery furnace is a source of VOCs (Stockton and Stelling n.d.) Bleaching operations may also be minor sources of VOCs. (NCASI 1993)

### 3.5 Controls

Many mills have separate blow tanks, or pits, and emission stacks for each digester. Water showers may be installed in the blow tank vents to control the blowing  $\text{SO}_2$  emissions, or a scrubber may be used. The latter may achieve an efficiency of as high as 99 percent. (Environment Canada 1983).

Magnesium, sodium and ammonium base recovery systems all use absorption systems to recover  $\text{SO}_2$  from sources such as the recovery furnaces, acid fortification towers and multiple effect evaporators. Generally these recover better than 95 percent of the sulphur for reuse, by scrubbing with the base chemical slurry or solution. (Environment Canada 1983, U.S. EPA 1985)

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

Acid sulphite pulping facilities are inventoried as point sources using total production statistics for each plant in combination with the most appropriate emission factors. The selection of these factors will involve: a basic knowledge of the technology used at that facility (the base solution, the extent of recovery used); and some knowledge of the air pollution control techniques where choices are available for emission factors (primarily for the digester).

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

The preferred methodology would involve the measurement of emissions from each plant to develop site-specific emission factors for all potentially significant sources. These emission factors could then be used to calculate emissions, as required, until such time as the process or emissions controls are significantly changed. At this time, new site-specific emission factors should be derived based on testing.



## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

Most emission factors are based on the production of air dried tonnes of unbleached pulp.

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

A recent report (Stanley 1993) indicated that six sulphite mills in Canada emitted a total of 456 Mg of NO<sub>x</sub> and 1597 Mg of NMVOC in 1990. Unfortunately, neither a breakdown of this information nor production information was supplied. However, this would seem to indicate that sulphite pulping processes should be inventoried as point sources if plant specific data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

Long term particulate and SO<sub>2</sub> average emission factors for sulphite pulping are summarized Table 3 (U.S. EPA 1985).

**Table 3: Particulate and SO<sub>2</sub> Emission Factors for Sulphite Pulping (U.S. EPA 1985)**

Source	Base	Control	Emission Factor (kg/Mg air dried unbleached pulp)		
			Particulate	SO <sub>2</sub>	Rating
Digester/blow <sup>a</sup> pit or dump tank	All	None	neg	5 to 35	C
	MgO	Process Change <sup>b</sup>	neg	1 to 3	C
	MgO	Scrubber	neg	0.5	B
	MgO	Process change/scrubber	neg	0.1	B
	MgO	All exhaust to recovery	neg	0	A
	NH <sub>3</sub>	Process Change	neg	12.5	D
	NH <sub>3</sub>	Process Change/scrubber	neg	0.4	B
	Na	Process Change/scrubber	neg	1	C
	Ca	Unknown	neg	33.5	C
Recovery system <sup>c</sup>	MgO	Multicyclone/venturi scrubbers	1	4.5	A
	NH <sub>3</sub>	Ammonia absorption/mist eliminator	0.35	3.5	B
	Na	Sodium Carbonate Scrubber	2	1	C
Acid Plant <sup>d</sup>	NH <sub>3</sub>	Scrubber	neg	0.2	C
	Na	Unknown <sup>e</sup>	neg	0.1	D
	Ca	Jenson Scrubber	neg	4	C
Other <sup>f</sup>	All	None	neg	6	D

Notes

- a. Factors represent emissions after cook is completed and when digester contents are discharged into blow pit or dump tank. Some relief gases are vented from digester during cook cycle, but these are usually transferred to pressure accumulators and SO<sub>2</sub> therein reabsorbed for use in cooking liquor. In some mills, actual emissions will be intermittent and for short periods.
- b. May include such measures as raising cooking liquor pH (thereby lowering free SO<sub>2</sub>), relieving digester pressure before contents discharge, and pumping out digester contents instead of blowing out.
- c. Recovery system at most mills is closed and includes recovery furnace, direct contact evaporator, multiple effect evaporator, acid fortification tower, and SO<sub>2</sub> absorption scrubbers. Generally only one emission point for entire system. Factors include high SO<sub>2</sub> emissions during periodic purging of recovery systems.
- d. Necessary in mills with insufficient or no recovery systems.
- e. Control is practiced, but type of system is unknown.
- f. Includes miscellaneous pulping operations such as knotters, washers, screens, etc.

These emission factors are cited as being from: Background Document: Acid Sulfite Pulping. EPA-450/3-77-005.U.S. EPA January 1977.

A recent publication from the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association (Stanley 1991) summarized available NO<sub>x</sub> and VOC emission factors from Stockton and Stelling n.d.: as provided in Table 4.

**Table 4: NO<sub>x</sub> and VOC Emission Factors for Sulphite Pulping (Stockton and Stelling n.d.)**

Source	Base	Control	Emission Factor (kg/tonne air dried pulp)		
			NO <sub>x</sub>	VOC	Rating
Acid Plant	NH <sub>3</sub>		0.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.0 <sup>b</sup>	
	Na		0.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.0 <sup>b</sup>	
	Ca		0.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.0 <sup>b</sup>	
Digester/blow <sup>a</sup> pit or dump tank	Ca		0.0 <sup>a</sup>	neg <sup>c</sup>	
	All others		0.0 <sup>a</sup>	neg <sup>c</sup>	
	NH <sub>3</sub>	Process Change, scrubber	0.0 <sup>a</sup>	neg <sup>c</sup>	
	MgO	Process Change, scrubber	0.0 <sup>a</sup>	neg <sup>c</sup>	
	MgO	Recovery System	0.0 <sup>a</sup>	neg <sup>c</sup>	
	Na	Process Change, scrubber	0.0 <sup>a</sup>	neg <sup>c</sup>	
Other Misc. Sources			0.0 <sup>a</sup>	neg	
Recovery system	NH <sub>3</sub>		0.0 <sup>a</sup>	1.8 <sup>d</sup>	
	MgO		0.0 <sup>a</sup>	1.8 <sup>d</sup>	
	Na		0.0 <sup>a</sup>	1.8 <sup>d</sup>	

**Notes**

- a. No test data available. NO<sub>x</sub> emissions expected to be zero due to low temperatures of operation.
- b. Based on VOC emissions for sulphuric acid plant.
- c. Based on data from U.S. state files specifically for the ammonia digester/blow pit/dump tank but should be similar for other digester/blow pit/dump tanks.
- d. Based on NCASI (National Council of the Paper Industry for Air and Stream Improvement Inc., U.S. referenced in Stockton and Stelling n.d.) data. Data were specific to the MgO process but levels should be similar to those at any acid plant. These data are an approximation in the absence of better information.

An emission factor of 0.05 (range 0.004 - 0.14) kg VOC (as C)/tonne air dried pulp is reported by the NCASI (1993) for pulp bleaching. This is based on tests of one to eleven vents at thirteen sources. The type of pulp is not specified.

Although ratings for these NO<sub>x</sub> and VOC emission factors are not given, a D or E rating would seem appropriate.

**9. SPECIES PROFILES****10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES****11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY**

The simpler methodology relies on emission factors that may not be representative of the process. The detailed methodology is costly and labour intensive, and may still not result in accurate estimates of emissions. However, continuous measurements are thought to be too costly in view of the total contribution to emissions from this sector.

**12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES**

National emissions estimate can be disaggregated on the basis of plant capacity, employment or population statistics.

**13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

Acid sulphite pulping facilities normally run year-round. It may be assumed that emissions occur uniformly over diurnal and annual cycles, barring unusual operational disruptions.

**14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

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**Paper Pulp**  
(Neutral Sulphite Semi-Chemical Process)

## 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Pulp and paper production has three major processing steps: pulping, bleaching, and paper production. The type of pulping and the amount of bleaching used depend on the nature of the feedstock and the desired qualities of the end product. Neutral sulphite semi-chemical pulping (NSSC) is one of the chemical pulping processes that can be used. It involves partial delignification of hardwood feedstock using a buffered sodium sulphite solution, with completion of the pulping process by mechanical means. NSSC pulps are used in corrugating media and in certain writing and printing papers.

Not all neutral-sulphite pulping and related processes that could result in the emission of significant amounts of NMVOC, SO<sub>x</sub>, particulates, NO<sub>x</sub> and CO are included under SNAP code 040603. Other significant sources are listed in Table 1.

**Table 1: Other Relevant SNAP Codes for Paper Pulping - Neutral Sulphite Semi-Chemical Process**

Source	SNAP CODE
Combustion in Boilers	03 01 xx
Paper-mill industry (drying processes)	03 03 21
Waste water treatment	09 01 xx

In addition to more conventional fuels such as wood/bark, coal, oil and natural gas, boilers at pulp and paper mills may combust noncondensable gases, small quantities of wastewater treatment sludge (from both virgin pulp and recycle operations), nonrecyclable recovered paper, tire-derived fuel, old corrugated container materials etc. (NCASI 1993)

It is assumed that these non-conventional fuels that are combusted in boilers will be covered somewhere in SNAP group 03.

This section is under review by Scandinavian participants. Changes are anticipated as more information becomes available. These will be incorporated in a future edition of this manual.

## 2. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

Emissions inventoried from neutral sulphite semi-chemical pulp and paper processes are summarized in Table 2.

**Table 2: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Paper Pulp (Neutral Sulphite Semi-Chem. Proc.)	040604	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

In the NSSC process, a cooking liquor is used under high temperature and pressure to chemically dissolve the lignin that binds the cellulose fibres of the wood together. The main cooking agent is sodium sulphite, buffered with sodium bicarbonate to maintain a neutral solution. This prevents alkalinity and acidity from degrading the hemicelluloses in the pulp, but also retards delignification. Thus after blowing from the digester, the pulping is completed using mechanical disc refiners. The pulp is then cleaned and thickened and dried for sale as market pulp or further processed into paper products on-site. Spent liquor handling methods vary widely. Options include disposal, recovery of heat and/or chemicals or transfer of the spent liquor to conventional kraft recovery mills for cross recovery.

#### 3.2 Definitions

Blowing - evacuation of a vessel (the digester) under pressure.

#### 3.3 Techniques

The main process steps involved in neutral sulphite semi-chemical pulping are briefly described below. It should be noted that significant emission sources for this process are inventoried under separate SNAP codes (see section 1).

**Digestion** Digestion is carried out under high pressure and high temperature, in either batch mode or continuous digesters, in the presence of a buffered sodium sulphite cooking solution (liquor). Delignification occurs by lignin sulphonation and hydrolysis. Buffering, usually by the addition of sodium carbonate to the cooking liquor, retards the delignification process. When about half the lignin is dissolved, delignification tends to slow down considerably. The pulp is blown to a blow pit at this point and dewatered. Pulping is completed using mechanical disc refiners. This method achieves yields as high as 60 to 80 percent, much higher than the 50 to 55 percent yields for other chemical processes.

The pulp may then be dried for sale as market pulp or further refined, cleaned and made into paper on-site. Most of the pulp used for the manufacture of printing products is bleached.

**Bleaching** Bleaching chemical pulps is generally complex and uses several chlorine-based chemicals. Strictly speaking, bleaching is part of the paper making process, as opposed to



pulping, but has been included under this SNAP code for complete coverage of the pulp and paper industry as a whole.

**Chemical Recovery** In some NSSC processes, chemical recovery is not practiced. In other cases, NSSC spent liquor is delivered directly to a conventional kraft recovery system, a technique known as cross recovery. This is only feasible when a kraft mill is close by and where chemical losses in the kraft mill warrant cross recovery.

In some cases, however, chemical recovery is practiced on site. Fluidized-bed reactors are used to combust the spent liquors after preconcentration in multiple effect evaporators to 30-35% solids. The inorganic chemicals and sodium organic salts are chiefly oxidized to sodium sulphate and sodium carbonate pellets. This matter is removed from the reactor and can be sold to a kraft mill for use as its chemical make-up, if a suitable market exists.

### **Acid Preparation Plant**

In an acid plant, sulphur is normally burned in a rotary or spray burner. The gas produced is then cooled by heat exchangers and a water spray and passed to an absorber tower.

### **3.4 Emissions and Controls**

Particulate emissions are a only potential problem when a fluidized bed reactor is used for chemical recovery. However, particulate controls are usually installed to improve chemical recovery rates, since the particulate is mainly sodium sulphate and sodium carbonate.

Absorbing towers, digester/blow tank systems and the recovery furnace are the main sources of SO<sub>2</sub>. These sources are normally controlled with scrubbers.

The fluid bed reactor has been reported as a minor source of NO<sub>x</sub> and VOCs. Bleaching plants may also be minor sources of VOCs.

## **4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY**

Due to a lack of emission factors, it is not possible to recommend a simple inventory methodology for neutral sulphite semi-chemical plants at this time.

## **5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY**

The preferred methodology would involve the measurement of emissions from each plant to develop site-specific emission factors for all potentially significant sources. These emission factors could then be used to calculate emissions, as required, until such time as the process or emissions controls are significantly changed. At that point, new site-specific emission factors should be derived based on testing.

## **6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS**

Emission factors for this sector would normally be based on tonnes of air dried pulp.

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

A recent report (Stanley 1993) indicated that one semi-chemical mill emitted 24 Mg of NMVOC. Unfortunately, no production information was supplied for this facility. However, this would seem to indicate that NSSC facilities should be inventoried as point sources if plant specific data are available.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

There is a very limited data base available for NSSC. No particulate or SO<sub>2</sub> emission factors were found. Available NO<sub>x</sub> and VOC emission factors (kg/tonne air dried pulp) are summarized in Table 3.

**Table 3: NO<sub>x</sub> and VOC Emission Factors for Neutral Sulphite Pulping (kg/tonne air dried pulp)**

Source	NO <sub>x</sub>	VOC	Reference
Sulphur burners/absorbers	0.0*	0.0**	Stockton and Stelling n.d.
Digester/dump tank/blow pit	0.0*		Stockton and Stelling n.d.
Evaporator	0.0*		Stockton and Stelling n.d.
Fluid bed reactor	0.5***	0.1***	Stockton and Stelling n.d.
Bleach Plant		0.05 <sup>+</sup>	NCASI 1993

\* No NO<sub>x</sub> because of low temperature.

\*\* No apparent source of VOCs.

\*\*\* Factor transferred from kraft mill processes.

<sup>+</sup> This is on an as carbon basis. Range: 0.004 - 0.14 kgg/tonne air dried pulp. Based on tests of one to eleven vents at thirteen sources. The type of pulp is not specified. It was indicated that it was NMVOC. (NCASI 1993).

With the exception of the bleach plant emission factor, all factors would have a quality rating of E.

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

## 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

An emission factor compilation should be done for this sector so that a simpler methodology can be recommended. This database must be detailed enough to accommodate the wide variety of processes that may be present at one of these facilities.

## 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

Neutral sulphite semi-chemical processes are inventoried as point sources.

## 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

Neutral sulphite semi-chemical pulping facilities normally run year-round. It may be assumed that emissions occur uniformly over diurnal and annual cycles, barring unusual operational disruptions.

## 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

## 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

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**SNAP CODE :** **040605**

**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** **Bread-making & Other food manufacturing**

## 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

This chapter addresses NMVOC emissions from food manufacturing, except emissions from vegetable oil extraction (060404), tobacco products and alcoholic beverages (040606, 040607, 040608). Emissions are included from all processes in the food production chain which occur after the slaughtering of animals and the harvesting of crops.

## 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

There is considerable uncertainty over the contribution to total emissions from this sector. Nevertheless, preliminary estimates suggest that bread-making and other food manufacturing may contribute up to 2% of the UK's total emission of NMVOCs (Passant 1993). This contribution will vary significantly from country to country.

## 3. GENERAL

### 3.1 Description

Food manufacturing may involve the heating of fats and oils and foodstuffs containing them, the baking of cereals, flour and beans, fermentation in the making of bread, the cooking of vegetables and meats, and the drying of residues. These processes may occur in sources varying in size from domestic households to manufacturing plants.

### 3.2 Definitions

to land	to bring to port a catch of fish or other seafood
feed	food for animals
compound feedstuffs	animal feed based on the processing of other animals and plants

### 3.3 Techniques

Food processing may occur in open vessels without forced ventilation, closed vessels with periodic purge ventilation or vessels with continuous controlled discharge to atmosphere. In the larger plants, the discharges may be extremely odorous and consequently emission may be controlled using end-of-pipe abatement.

### 3.4 Emissions/Controls

Emissions occur primarily from the following sources:

the cooking of meat fish and poultry, releasing mainly fats and oils and their degradation products  
the processing of sugar beet and cane and the subsequent refining of sugar  
the processing of fats and oils to produce margarine and solid cooking fat  
the baking of bread, cakes biscuits and breakfast cereals  
the processing of meat and vegetable by-products to produce animal feeds  
the roasting of coffee beans

Where cooking or putrefaction are not involved, such as the production of fresh and frozen foods, emissions are considered negligible. Emissions from the pasteurisation of milk and the production of cheeses are also considered negligible

Control techniques typically involve incineration or biological treatment, resulting in more than 90% destruction of NMVOCs.

#### **4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY**

The simpler methodology divides food manufacture into seven categories each with its own emission factor. These categories are:

meat, fish and poultry  
sugar  
margarine and solid cooking fats  
bread  
cakes, biscuits and breakfast cereals  
animal feeds  
coffee roasting

To obtain an emission estimate for NMVOCs from each of these categories, national production statistics are multiplied by default emission factors presented in section 8. It is assumed that no controls of emissions are in place.

#### **5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY**

A detailed methodology for emission from bread-making requires production statistics for the following types of bread:

sponge dough  
white bread  
white bread, shortened process  
wholemeal bread  
light rye bread  
dark rye bread

In addition, information about the extent of control of emissions from each of the major sectors is required.

## **6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS**

### **6.1 Simpler Methodology**

The relevant activity statistics are based on national production figures.

- total production of home-killed meat, including meat subsequently canned
- total fish and seafood landed
- total production of poultry meat
- total sugar production
- total production of fats excluding butter
- total production of bread
- total production of cakes, biscuits and breakfast cereals
- total production of compound feedstuffs for cattle, pigs, poultry and other animals
- total weight of beans roasted to produce coffee

The principal information source will be the country's national statistics of production.

### **6.2 Detailed Methodology**

Requires all the activity statistics given in paragraph 6.1 together with:

- total production of bread by the sponge-dough process
- total production of white bread by the shortened process
- total production of wholemeal bread
- total production of light rye bread
- total production of dark rye bread

A national trade association relating to the manufacture and production of bread would be the principal source of information for these activities.

## **7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA**

Only a few food processing plants are likely to be large enough to be considered point sources.

To qualify for consideration as point sources, the following levels of production should be obtained:

Foodstuff	Production rate (tonne per year)
Bread	300 000
Meat etc.	1 500 000
Sugar	150 000
Margarine etc	150 000
Animal feed	1 500 000
Coffee roasting	2 700 000

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

### 8.1 Background Data

The following emission factors have been used to derive default emission factors for the simple and detailed methodologies:

Process	NMVOC Emission Factor	Quality Code	Source
Grain drying	1.31 k/t(grain)	E	USEPA,1985
Coffee roasting	0.55 k/t(bean)	D	Rentz et al, 1991
Animal rendering (uncontrolled)	0.326 k/t(meat)	D	Passant, 1993
Fish meal processing (uncontrolled)	1.04 k/t(fish)	D	Passant, 1993
Sponge-dough	8 k/t(bread)	D	Henderson, 1977
White bread	4.5 k/t(bread)	D	Bouscaren 1992
White bread, shortened process	2.0	D	Bouscaren 1992
Wholemeal bread	3.0	D	Bouscaren 1992
Light Rye bread	3.0	D	Bouscaren 1992
Dark Rye bread	0	D	Bouscaren 1992



The sponge dough process used in the manufacture of bread is not typical of Europe.

## 8.2 Default Emission Factors

Foodstuff	Default Emission Factor		Quality Code
	Simple	Detailed	
Bread (Europe)	4.5 k/t(bread)		E
Bread (North America)	8 k/t (bread)		E
Bread (sponge dough)		8 k/t(bread)	D
Bread (white)		4.5 k/t(bread)	D
Bread (wholemeal and light rye)		3 k/t(bread)	D
Bread (dark rye)		0 k/t(bread)	E
Cakes, biscuits and breakfast cereals	1 k/t(product)		E
Meat, Fish and Poultry	0.3 k/t(meat etc)		E
Sugar	10 k/t(sugar)		E
Margarine and solid cooking fats	10 k/t (product)		E
Animal feed	1 k/t		E
Coffee roasting	0.55kg/t(bean)		D

It is assumed that abatement equipment reduces emissions by 90% when used. Hence to obtain a default emission factor from a controlled source, multiply the uncontrolled emission factor by 0.1.

If, for example, the extent of control is 75%, assign 25% of the activity to an uncontrolled emission factor, and 75% of the activity to a controlled emission factor.

Note, since most domestic cooking of meat is within ovens, grills etc, emissions to the environment are likely to be very low. This source may be considered controlled.

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

Emissions from the processing of cereals is known to involve a range of NMVOC including alcohols, ethers, aldehydes, aromatics, aliphatics, dimethyl sulphide and carboxylic acids (See SNAP codes 040606, 040607, 040608 Alcoholic Beverages).

The NMVOC emission from breadmaking is 95% ethanol arising from the fermentation process. The remaining 5% may include acetaldehyde and pyruvic acid (2-oxopropanoic acid) (Henderson, 1977). The following species profile of animal rendering has been produced, based on reports by a number of workers (Passant, 1993):

Compound	%wt
Aromatics	33
Alkanes	30
Aldehydes	21
Sulphur Compounds	13
Alcohols	3

In the absence of better data, the following default species profile may be used for emissions from the food industry as a whole, with a data quality E.

Compound	%wt
Ethanol	20
Other alcohols (e.g. propanol)	10
Aldehydes (e.g. acetaldehyde)	20
Sulphur Compounds (e.g. dimethylsulphide)	10
Carboxylic acids (e.g. pyruvic acid)	10
Alkanes	10
Aromatics	10
Ethers	10

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

Uncertainty in the emission estimates is greater than a factor of 2.

## **11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY**

The weakest aspect of the methodology is the quality of the data for emission factors. Those sectors with the largest emission estimate and data quality E for the default emission factor should be considered first. For the UK, the priority order would be as follows:

1. Sugar
2. Animal feeds
3. Margarine and solid cooking fats
4. Meat, fish and poultry

## **12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES**

The proportion of the emission remaining once the contribution of point sources has been removed should be disaggregated by population.

## **13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

Assume continuous emission over 24 hours and throughout the year, unless better information is available.

## **14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

## **15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS**

## **16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES**

Verification of the methodology is through the measurement of emissions from selected point sources.

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**SNAP CODES :** 040606  
040607  
040608

**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLES :** Wine  
Beer  
Spirits

## 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Emissions are included from the production of alcoholic beverages, specifically wine, beer and spirits. Emissions from the production of other alcoholic drinks are not covered in this edition.

Emissions from the distribution of alcoholic beverages should be included, but in this edition are not considered.

## 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The contribution to total national emissions of NMVOC emissions from the production of alcoholic beverages lies in the range 0 to 2% (based on information given in Passant et al., 1993). In general, spirit production tends to be the largest source and this may be considered very country specific.

## 3. GENERAL

### 3.1 Description

When making any alcoholic beverage, sugar is converted into ethanol by yeast. This is fermentation. The sugar comes from fruit, cereals or other vegetables. These materials may need to be processed before fermentation. For example, in the manufacture of beer, cereals are allowed to germinate, then roasted and boiled before fermentation. To make spirits, the fermented liquid is then distilled. Alcoholic beverages, particularly spirits and wine, may be stored for a number of years before consumption.

### 3.2 Definitions

beverage	drink
cask	container in which drinks are stored to mature.
to decant	to pour from one container into another. This verb is often used to imply that only part of the contents of the first container are poured into the second.
distillate	product of distillation; the more volatile substances.

### 3.3 Techniques

### 3.3.1 Preparation of feedstock

Cereals used in the production of beer and some spirits are usually allowed to germinate before use. This process is called malting, and results in the conversion of starch into sugars.

Germinated cereals may then be roasted. The length of roasting varies depending on the type of grain and the type of beverage to be produced.

Before fermentation, cereals are often boiled in water to produce wort, which is then filtered to separate out the solid residues.

Grapes and other fruit used to make alcoholic beverages, are pressed to recover their juice, which is filtered to remove solid residues. Red wine is fermented with the grape skins remaining in the vat for the initial fermentation. The liquid wine is run off when the required colour and tannin have been obtained, and the remainder of the liquid is obtained by pressing.

The solid residues may be further processed into food for animals.

### 3.3.2 Fermentation

Fermentation occurs in large fermenting vessels and typically lasts for from one to three days. Some vessels are sealed, recirculating the carbon dioxide. Others, normally in smaller plants, vent to atmosphere via a water trap.

The yeast strain used for fermentation depends on the beverage.

The specific gravity of the fermenting mixture is measured regularly as an indication of the sugar content and thereby the degree of fermentation. Temperature controls may need to be used as most fermentation will only take place at 5-30°C.

### 3.3.3 Distillation

After separating solids from the fermented product, distillation may be used to recover the alcohol and other volatile organic species. Additional flavourings may be added either before or after distillation. More than one stage of distillation may be used. The final distillate can now either be diluted to give a standard alcohol content and bottled, or, in the case of whisky, brandy, some gins and other spirits, undergo a period of storage (maturation) during which the flavour develops.

### 3.3.4 Maturation

Wine is transferred to wooden casks after fermentation. Every 3 months the wine is decanted ("racked") from one cask to another to remove the sediment which collects during maturation. After maturation, which may take from a few weeks to several years, the wine is bottled (Burroughs and Bezzant, 1980).

Some spirits are transferred to wooden casks after distillation. Whisky and brandy are stored for a minimum of three years (usually longer). Some other spirits, such as gin, may occasionally be stored for shorter periods before sale. The final product is diluted to the appropriate alcohol strength and bottled.

### 3.4 Emissions/Controls

Emissions may occur during any of the four stages which may be needed in the production of an alcoholic beverage.

During preparation of the feedstock, the most important emissions appear to occur during the roasting of cereals and the drying of solid residues. Techniques for controlling emissions during the drying of residues exist and may involve condensers or bio-filters.

During fermentation, alcohol and other NMVOCs are carried out with the carbon dioxide as it escapes to atmosphere. In some cases, the carbon dioxide may be recovered, reducing the emission of NMVOC as a result.

During the distillation of fermentation products emissions are to be expected, but very little data is available. Losses occur as a result of poor maintenance and the use of old plant.

During maturation NMVOCs evaporate from the stored beverage. The mass of emission will be proportional to the length of the maturation period. Few if any control technologies are known.

Some losses of spirit are to be expected during transfer of spirit to barrels for storage. The UK Customs & Excise allow for a maximum loss of 0.1% of alcohol production (Passant, 1993).

## 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

The simpler methodology involves combining readily available national data on the production of wine, beer and spirits with default emission factors based on all the currently available information. The default emission factors are designed to ensure that the resulting emission is not underestimated.

The annual production in hectolitre is multiplied by the relevant 'emission factor' to give the annual emission:

$$\text{Emission Factor (kg/hl)} \times \text{Annual Consumption (hl/a)} = \text{Annual Emission (kg/yr)}$$

kg/yr = kilogram per year

kg/hl = kilogram per hectolitre

hl/yr = hectolitre per year

Emission factors for a variety of alcoholic beverages are given in paragraph 8.3.

## 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

The detailed methodology involves the acquisition of more detailed data on the production of red and white wine, and the types of spirit produced. These data are combined with default emission factors as described in the simpler methodology.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

### 6.1 Simpler Methodology

Total production of wine  
Total production of beer and cider  
Total production of spirits

International statistics for these activities are given in World Drink Trends, 1993. NTC Publications Ltd, ISBN 1 870562 63 1, price £25.

### 6.2 Detailed Methodology

Total production of red wine  
Total production of white wine  
Total production of beer  
Total production of whisky and the typical maturation period  
Total production of brandy and the typical maturation period  
Total production of other spirits and the typical maturation period

The principle information source will be the country's national statistics of production.

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

The criterion proposed for consideration as a point source is an emission of 1.5 kt NMVOC per year. This is equivalent to a point source producing 19 000 000 hl of wine, 43 000 000 hl of beer, 100 000 hl(alcohol) of whisky, 430 000 hl(alcohol) of brandy, or 4 000 000 hl(alcohol) of other spirits. Hence it would be unusual for an individual production unit to create such a significant emission

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

### 8.1 Background Data

The following emission factors were used to derive default emission factors for the simpler and detailed methodologies.



<u>Process</u>	<u>Emission factor</u>	<u>Quality code</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Barley malting	550 g/t (barley)	E	Passant, 1993
Hop processing	0.0055-0.011 kg/t(beer)	C	UBA, 1981
Fermentation	2 kg/t (alcohol)	D	Passant, 1993
Casking	0.5 kg/t (alcohol)	D	Passant, 1993
Maturation	20 kg/a/t (alcohol)	C	Passant, 1993
Grain drying	1310 g/t (grain)	E	USEPA, 1985
Wine	200 g/tonne	D	Rentz et al, 1991
Red Wine	0.1-1.2 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	E	Jourdan et al, 1990
White Wine	0.1-0.3 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	E	Jourdan et al, 1990
Red Wine	0.81 g/kg	D	Veldt, 1991
White Wine	0.34 g/kg	D	Veldt, 1991

0.15 tonne of grain is required to produce 1 tonne of beer (Passant, 1993).

Malt whiskies are typically matured for ten years. Grain whiskies are typically matured for six years. It is assumed that brandy is matured for three years and that other spirits are not matured.

Beer is considered to be typically 4% alcohol by volume and to weigh 1 tonne per cubic metre.

If no better data is available, assume spirits are 40% alcohol by volume.

Alcohol (ethanol) has a density of 789 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

## 8.2 Default Emission Factors

Beverage	Emission Factor		Quality
	Simple	Detailed	
Wine (unspecified colour)	0.08 kg/hl(wine)		E
Red Wine		0.08 kg/hl(wine)	D
White Wine		0.035 kg/hl(wine)	D
Beer (including de-alcoholized)	0.035 kg/hl(beer)		D
Spirits (unspecified sort)	15 kg/hl(alcohol)		E
Malt Whisky		15 kg/hl(alcohol)	C
Grain Whisky		7.5kg/hl(alcohol)	C
Brandy		3.5 kg/hl(alcohol)	D
Other Spirits		0.4 kg/hl(alcohol)	D

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

Emissions from most processes in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages are likely to consist almost entirely of ethanol.

Emissions from the processing of cereals is known to involve a range of NMVOC including alcohols, ethers, aldehydes, aromatics, aliphatics, dimethyl sulphide and carboxylic acids (Rapport et al., 1983; Gibson et al., 1994; Buckee et al., 1982; Lukes et al., 1988; Seaton et al., 1982)

Methanol and dichloromethane may be used in the extraction of hops for the flavouring of beer. However, emissions from this process contribute very little to the total.

Little is known of actual emissions during the fermentation of wine, however 98% of all NMVOC in must (fermenting grapes and grape skins) is ethanol, so the primary species emitted from fermentation is likely to be ethanol, with the remaining species primarily alcohols, aldehydes and esters (Passant et al., 1993; Jourdan et al., 1990; Lichine, 1975)

Emissions from the fermentation of beer are >90% ethanol, with the remaining 10% are made up of hexanal, benzaldehyde, ethers, esters, acetates, acids.

Emissions from distillation and maturation are expected to be entirely ethanol.

Unless better information is available, the composition of emissions from the production of wine and spirits is assumed to be 100% ethanol.

The following default emission profile for beer production may be used, with a data quality of E:

Compound	% contribution to total emission
Ethanol	59%
Propanol	10%
Hexanal	10%
Dimethyl Sulphide	10%
Acetic Acid	10%
Dichloromethane	1%

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

The uncertainty in emissions from the production of wine and beer is expected to be greater than a factor of 2.

The uncertainty in emissions from spirits will also be greater than a factor of 2 unless the type of spirit produced is identified. If this is the case, then the uncertainty in emissions from spirits will be less than a factor of 2.

#### **11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY**

The weakest aspect of the methodology is the accuracy of the emission factors. Which factor should receive most attention depends on the relative proportions of wines, beers and spirits in a country's production. Hence, for example, in the United Kingdom, where a large volume of spirits (matured for several years) is manufactured, uncertainty in the emission factor for maturation is the largest source of uncertainty. In Germany, where more beer and a smaller volume of spirits (matured for less time) are made, the emission factors for cereal processing are also important. More accurate emission factors may be obtained through a programme of measurements from a range of selected plant.

#### **12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES**

The manufacture of most beverages is associated with particular regions of a country. The lowest level of accuracy is obtained by disaggregating the net emission according to population density. Greater accuracy is achieved by identifying regions where particular beverages are produced and confining the distribution of emissions to those regions.

#### **13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

The lowest accuracy assumes that emissions do not vary temporally.

Greater accuracy is achieved if it is assumed that the processing of feedstock and fermentation occur primarily in three months of the year, namely August, September and October. Distillation and maturation occur during all months of the year.

#### **14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

#### **15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS**

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SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :

Asphalt Roofing Materials

## 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

The asphalt roofing industry manufactures saturated felt, roofing and siding shingles, and roll roofing and sidings. Most of these products are used in roofing and other building applications. This section covers emissions of NMVOC, CO and particulate material from all related facilities, with the exception of asphalt blowing, which is inventoried separately under SNAP code 060310.

## 2. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

Table 1 summarizes emissions from asphalt roofing manufacturing facilities. Emissions of SO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> are most likely related to combustion to produce steam or to process dryers and if so should be included under SNAP sector 0301.

**Table 1: Emissions (Mg) from Asphalt Roofing Manufacture in 1990**

Country	Particulate		SO <sub>x</sub>		NO <sub>x</sub>		CO		NMVOC	
	Emissions (Mg)	% <sup>1</sup>	Emissions (Mg)	% <sup>1</sup>	Emissions (Mg)	% <sup>1</sup>	Emissions (Mg)	% <sup>1</sup>	Emissions (Mg)	% <sup>1</sup>
Canada	20073	1.6	-	-	-	-	27763	0.3	707	0
Corinair90	-	-	~1000*	0	<100	0	-	-	~11000	0.1

<sup>1</sup> % of total anthropogenic emissions for that particular country.

\* Reported as SO<sub>2</sub>

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

## 3. GENERAL

### 3.1 Description

Asphalt felt, roofing and shingle manufacture involves the saturation or coating of felt. Heated saturant and/or coating asphalt is applied through dipping and/or spraying. Key steps in the process include asphalt storage, asphalt blowing (see SNAPcode 060310), felt saturation, coating and mineral surfacing. When glass fibre is used in place of paper felt, the saturation step is eliminated.

### 3.2 Definitions

### 3.3 Techniques

For asphalt-saturated felt, a typical manufacturing line consists of a paper feed roll, a dry looper section, a saturator spray section (may not be used), a saturator dipping section, steam-heated drying-in drums, a wet looper, water cooled rollers, a finish floating looper, and a roll winder.

For asphalt shingles, smooth rolls and mineral-surfaced rolls, the manufacturing line is similar to the felt line, with the addition of a filled asphalt coater, a granule applicator, a press section, water cooled rollers, a finish floating looper, and either a roll winder or a shingle cutter and stacker. Filled asphalt coating is prepared by mixing heated coating asphalt with a mineral stabilizer (filler), which may or may not be pre-dried.

Detailed descriptions of these processes may be found in U.S. EPA 1980.

### 3.4 Emissions

The processes which contribute to emissions from asphalt roofing manufacturing are:

- the roofing manufacturing line;
- the delivery, transfer, and storage of asphalt and mineral products used in the manufacture of roofing products;
- the blowing of asphalt (see SNAP code 060310 for the latter).

Emission sources included under SNAP code 040610 are summarized in Table 2.

**Table 2: Asphalt Roofing Manufacture - Sources of Emissions.**

Emission Source	Pollutant
saturator	particulate and gaseous hydrocarbons
wet looper	gaseous hydrocarbons
coater-mixer tank	particulate hydrocarbons, gaseous hydrocarbons, and inorganic particulates
coater	particulate hydrocarbons, gaseous hydrocarbons, and inorganic particulates
surface application	inorganic particulates
sealant strip application	gaseous hydrocarbons
asphalt storage tank	gaseous hydrocarbons and particulate
materials handling	inorganic particulates
filler dryer	inorganic particulate, combustion gases



### 3.5 Controls

The following process controls can be used to minimize emissions:

1. dip saturators, rather than spray or spray-dip saturators;
2. asphalts that inherently produce low emissions;
3. reduced temperatures in the asphalt saturant pan; and
4. reduced asphalt storage temperatures.

Add-on emission controls are summarized in Table 3.

**Table 3: Emission Controls for Asphalt Roofing Manufacture.**

Emission Sources	Control Devices	Comments
saturator, wet looper and coater	afterburner, high energy air filter, electrostatic precipitator, mist eliminators, fabric filters, or wet scrubbers	These sources usually share a common enclosure and are ducted to a common control device.
coater-mixer	high velocity air filter	Fumes may be routed to common control device (see above).
asphalt storage tanks	mist eliminator	may be routed to common control device during production periods.
mineral surfacing and granule application	bag-house, wet scrubber, cyclone	
granule and mineral delivery, storage, and transfer	bag-house(s), wet scrubber, cyclone	Storage and conveyors are usually enclosed to prevent moisture pick-up.

#### 4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

The simplest inventory methodology is to combine total national production statistics with average emission factors to estimate total emissions. Emission factors used should reflect the level of control for the region being inventoried.

#### 5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY

The detailed methodology would involve the measurement of emissions from each plant to develop site-specific emission factors. This would be the case where asphalt roofing manufacturing plants are considered to be point sources. If they are considered to be area sources, then there is no detailed methodology.

#### 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

In order to estimate emissions, production data by plant or for the sector are required. The relevant activity statistic is the production of shingles.

**7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA**

In a report by the U.S. EPA (1980), a large asphalt roofing plant was identified as having an annual production rate of 280,000 Mg per year. Table 4 summarizes releases for this facility calculated with emission factors from section 8.

**Table 4: Estimated Annual Emissions from a Large Asphalt Roofing Manufacturing Facility (Mg)**

	Uncontrolled	Controlled
particulates	168 - 448 (a)	4.5 - 9.8 (b)
carbon monoxide	3	no data
total organic compounds	13 - 36 (a)	13 - 45 (b)

a. Depending upon the technology

b. Depending upon the technology and the type of control.

The release estimates given in Table 4 do not include asphalt blowing, which, although it is often done at the roofing manufacturing location, is inventoried under a different SNAP code. The U.S. EPA reports that blowing still has the highest total emissions of any of the emission sources in an asphalt roofing plant (U.S. EPA 1980). For the large asphalt plant referred to above, about 120,000 Mg/yr of asphalt would be blown.

Emissions calculated with emission factors from AP-42 (see SNAP code 060310) and assuming approximately half saturant and half coating blowing (U.S. EPA 1985) are presented in Table 5.

Thus, based on non-combustion emissions, asphalt roofing manufacturing plants would likely not qualify as point sources of criteria pollutants in the CORINAIR 1990 project, where emissions must be in excess of 1000 Mg in a year for SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> and 1500 Mg of NMVOC.

**Table 5: Estimated Emission from a Blowing Still associated with a Large Asphalt Roofing Manufacturing Facility (Mg)**

	Uncontrolled	Controlled
<b>Saturant Blowing</b>		
particulates	216	15
carbon monoxide	8.4	36
total organics (as CH <sub>4</sub> )	43.8	0.9
<b>Coating Blowing</b>		
particulates	804	27
carbon monoxide		264
NMVOC	111	3

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

**Table 6: Emission Factors for Asphalt Roofing Manufacture (U.S. EPA, 1994)**

Shingle Saturation Process	Emission Factors (Emission Factor Rating) (kg/Mg shingle produced)		
	Particulate <sup>a</sup>	TOC <sup>b</sup>	CO
Dip saturator <sup>c</sup> - Uncontrolled	no data	no data	0.0095 (D)
Dip saturator <sup>d</sup> - Uncontrolled	0.60 (D)	0.046 (D)	no data
Dip saturator <sup>d</sup> ESP	0.016 (D)	0.049 (D)	no data
Dip saturator - HEAF <sup>e</sup>	0.035 (D)	0.047 (D)	no data
Spray / dip saturator <sup>f</sup> - Uncontrolled	1.6 (D)	0.13 (D)	no data
Spray / dip saturator <sup>f</sup> - HEAF	0.027 (D)	0.16 (D)	no data

- As measured using EPA Method 5A: that particulate collected on or prior to the filter.
- Total organic compounds as measured with EPA Method 25A (or equivalent) sampling train.
- With drying - in drum section and coater.
- With drying - in drum section, wet looper and coater.
- With drying - in drum section, wet looper and High-Energy Air Filter.
- Spray/dip saturator, drying-in drum section, wet looper, coater and storage tanks.

Emission factors are all rated D. Controls are not specified. The controlled CO emission factor is based on tests at one plant only, with an afterburner as a control device.

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

No NMVOC speciation profiles specific to asphalt roofing manufacture were identified.

However, Passant (1993) used the general speciation profile for emissions from petroleum refineries to characterize emissions from asphalt blowing, as summarized in Table 7.

**Table 7: Speciation Profile for Asphalt Roofing Manufacture**

Compound	% Weight
Ethane	6.0
Propane	18.8
Butanes	30.5
Pentanes	17.2
Hexanes	8.4
Heptanes	9.8
Octanes	7.4
Cycloparaffins	1.9
Benzene	0.1

UN ECE groups: 2% group I; 73% group II; 25% group III.  
POCP factor:43

This profile could be used as a default profile for the asphalt roofing industry. The reader is also referred to generalized species profiles provided chapter B411 (Petroleum Refining).

The U.S. EPA (1994) indicates that polycyclic organic matter comprises approximately 1.1 per cent of particulate matter for saturators.

## **10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES**

It is not possible to estimate the accuracy of estimates based on the emission factors summarized in section 8. Based on the low data qualities and the large differences in emission factors, the level of uncertainty is high. Comments received from other panel members suggest that the uncertainty is greater than a factor of 2.

## **11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY**

It is recommended that better emission factors be developed for these sources. Separate emission factors for felt vs shingle/roll products should be considered, as well as accounting for the level of control for this industry.

## **12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES**

Asphalt roofing manufacturing plants are likely to be within reasonable (i.e. cost effective) shipping distances of asphalt producers or distributors. If this data is not available, population may also be used to disaggregate these emissions.

## **13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

In the absence of data on the operational characteristics of the industry, it may be assumed that the emissions are continuous (24 hour operation).

## **14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

## **15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS**

## 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

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SNAP CODE :

040611

SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :

Road Paving with Asphalt

### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Asphalt surfaces and pavements are composed of compacted aggregate and an asphalt binder. The asphalt binder may consist of heated asphalt cement (hot mix) or liquefied asphalts (cutback or emulsified). This section covers emissions from asphalt paving operations as well as subsequent releases from the paved surfaces.

### 2. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

Information on U.S. and Canadian NMVOC emissions are not available at this time. Estimates based on U.S. asphalt sales in 1991 as reported by the Asphalt Institute (1992) and the maximum available emission factors (please see section 8) indicate a maximum emission of approximately 460,000 Mg VOC from liquefied asphalt paving, which would represent about 0.2% of total estimated emissions from all sources (U.S. EPA 1993a).

**Table 1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Road Paving with Asphalt	040611	-	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1 Description

Asphalt roads are a compacted mixture of aggregate and an asphalt binder. Natural gravel, manufactured stone (from quarries) or byproducts from metal ore refining are used as aggregates. Asphalt cement or liquefied asphalt may be used as the asphalt binder.

#### Asphalt Cement

Asphalt cement is semisolid, and must be heated prior to mixing with the aggregate. This is done in hot mix plants, which, are considered to be potential sources of common and toxic pollutants. Hot mix plants are normally fixed bulk manufacturing plants. After the hot mix is produced, the mixture is very low in volatile hydrocarbons and is not thought to be a significant source of NMVOC during paving operations (U.S. EPA 1985).

In order of development, hot mix asphalt paving materials can be manufactured by: batch mix plants; continuous mix plants; parallel flow plants; and counterflow plants. Continuous mix plants are thought to constitute a small portion of production.

In the batch process aggregate is dried, sorted, stored and then mixed in a separate pug mill with heated asphalt cement.

In the parallel flow drum mix process, the dryer is used to not only dry the aggregate but also mix the heated and dried aggregates with the liquid asphalt cement. This combined mixing process means that mixing in the discharge end captures a substantial portion of the aggregate dust. The disadvantage is that, because the mixing of aggregate and liquid asphalt occurs in the hot combustion product flow, organic emission (gaseous and liquid aerosol) may be greater than in other processes.

In the counterflow plant, the material flow in the drum is opposite to the direction of exhaust gases. Because the liquid asphalt cement, and aggregate are mixed in a zone removed from the exhaust gas stream, counterflow drum mix plants are likely to have organic emissions (gaseous and liquid aerosol) that are lower than parallel flow drum mix plants, in addition to greater capacity to accommodate recycled pavement and improved thermal efficiencies.

### **Liquefied Asphalt**

Liquefied asphalts may be used as a pavement sealant, as a tack coat, in priming roadbeds for hot mix application and for operations up to several inches thick. Liquefied asphalts are considered to be significant sources of NMVOCs during the mixing and subsequent paving operations. The two types of liquefied asphalt used for road paving are cutback asphalt and emulsified asphalt.

Cutback asphalt is prepared by blending or "cutting back" asphalt cement with various blends of petroleum distillates. The three categories of cutback asphalt are rapid cure (RC), medium cure (MC) and slow cure (SC). SC, MC and RC cutbacks are prepared by blending asphalt cement with heavy residual oils, kerosene-type solvents, or naphtha and gasoline solvents, respectively. Depending on the viscosity desired, the proportions of solvent generally range from 25 to 45 percent by volume. (U.S.EPA 1985)

Emulsified asphalts are prepared with a blend of water with an emulsifier, which is generically referred to as a soap. The blend consists of 94 to 98 percent water and 2 to 6 percent soaps. As for cutback asphalts, emulsified asphalts can be classified as rapid set (RS), medium set (MS) or slow set (SS) depending on the application and blend percentage. The blend proportions are dependent upon the specific application and operating parameters. It has been reported that emulsified asphalts may have as high as 12 percent VOC content (U.S. EPA 1993b). Emulsified asphalts may also be classified as either anionic (highfloat) or cationic through the use of particle charge testing. (U.S.EPA 1993a)

## **3.2 Definitions**

Asphalt - this is commonly called bitumen in some European countries. Macadam is another term for as laid asphalt.



### 3.3 Techniques

### 3.4 Emissions

#### Hot Mix Plants

The most significant source of ducted emissions from batch mix plants is the dryer, which emits particulate matter and small amounts of VOCs derived from combustion exhaust gases. Aggregate dust, VOCs and a fine aerosol of liquids are also emitted from the hot-side conveying, classifying and mixing equipment. Vented emissions from these areas may be controlled by equipment ranging from dry mechanical collectors to scrubbers and fabric collectors. Organic vapour and its associated aerosol are also emitted directly to the atmosphere as process fugitives during truck loadout and from the bed of the truck during transport. In addition to low molecular weight VOC, these organic emission streams may contain small amounts of polycyclic compounds. The ducted emissions from the heated asphalt storage tanks may include VOC and combustion products from the tank heater. Other fugitive sources of particulate include vehicular traffic and aggregate materials handling.

In parallel flow drum mix plants, the most significant ducted source of emissions is the rotary drum dryer. Emissions include particulate and small amounts of VOCs resulting from incomplete combustion and from the heating and mixing of liquid asphalt cement inside the drum.

Counterflow plants have similar emissions to parallel flow drum mix plants, although VOC emissions are likely to be lower because liquid asphalt cement and aggregate are not in contact with the hot exhaust gas stream. The organic compounds that are emitted are likely to be the result of inefficient combustion.

Process fugitive emissions for parallel and counterflow plants are much lower than batch plants. However VOC emissions from transport, handling and loadout of the hot mix are likely to be similar.

#### Liquefied Asphalt

For any given amount of asphalt, total emissions are believed to be the same, regardless of stockpiling, mixing and application times. The major source of NMVOCs from the use of liquefied asphalts is the cutback asphalt.

For cutback asphalt, the two major variables affecting both the quantity of NMVOC emitted and the time over which emissions occur are the type and quantity of petroleum distillate used as a diluent. Long term emissions from cutback asphalts can be estimated by assuming that 95 percent of the diluent evaporates from rapid cure (RC) cutback asphalts, 70 percent from medium cure (MC) cutbacks, and about 25 percent from slow cure (SC) asphalts, by weight percent.

Limited test data suggest that, from RC asphalt, 75 percent of the total diluent loss occurs on the first day after application, 90 percent with the first month and 95 in three to four months. For MC, evaporation is slower, with about 20 percent loss in the first day, 50 percent in the

first week and 70 percent after three to four months. Although no data is available for SC, the total losses are believed to be in the order of 25 percent, considerably less than for RC or MC, and occur over a considerably longer period of time. (U.S.EPA 1985)

### **3.5 Controls**

#### **Hot Mix Plants**

Dryer exhaust and vent line control equipment ranges from dry mechanical collectors to scrubbers and fabric collectors. Attempts to use electrostatic precipitators have been largely unsuccessful.

The dryer and other potential sources may also be routed to primary dust collection equipment with large diameter cyclones, skimmers or settling chambers. These chambers are often used as classifiers to return collected material to the process. To capture the remaining particulate matter, the primary collector is ducted to a secondary collection device such as a baghouse or a venturi scrubber.

#### **Liquefied Asphalts**

Emulsions are typically used in place of cutback asphalts to eliminate emissions of NMVOC. Limits on the volatile hydrocarbon content of emulsions can be put in place to limit NMVOC emissions.

## **4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY**

It is important to obtain information on asphalt sales for the purposes of paving that are broken down into hot mix, cutback and emulsified classifications. This then permits a generally realistic emission estimation based on reasonable emission factors for each category.

The selection of average emission factors for each of hot mix, cutback and emulsified asphalt will then depend on the level of regulation in the inventory area. For example, for liquefied asphalt, levels of VOCs in the asphalt may be regulated and emission factors used would reflect the upper limits of the allowable practice. In the case of hot mix plants, a knowledge of the industry and its controls would permit the selection of the most appropriate emission factor from those presented in Section 8. In the absence of any such information, however, the emission factors for batch mix plants should be selected.

If only total asphalt sales are available, it should be assumed that the entire amount is rapid cure cutback asphalt at 45% percent by volume of diluent, with the appropriate emission factor from Section 8.

## **5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY**

Detailed information on the use of each of hot mix, cutback asphalt and emulsified asphalt should be obtained. These may be available from paving associations.

For hot mix asphalt, emission factors are based on total product, which includes the weight of the aggregate. Therefore, a survey of the types of hot mix plants by production (or at the very least capacity) and type of control, would facilitate the breakdown of hot mix asphalt use into

categories matching the available emission factors. If this detailed production survey is not possible, then the production can be estimated by assuming that the total asphalt cement used represents 8 percent of the total product. (U.S. EPA 1994)

For liquefied asphalts, the detailed emission estimation methodology is to estimate emissions from basic principles using detailed product specification and use information. It is assumed that, over the long term, 95 % of the diluent in RC evaporates. Similarly 70% of MC and 25% of SC are assumed to evaporate. If the product specification is given that specifies the weight percent of VOCs in asphalt the calculation of VOCs is fairly straight forward. It is common, however, to specify the diluent content on a percent by volume basis. An example calculation for this situation follows (U.S.EPA 1985):

Example: Local records indicate that 10,000 kg of RC cutback asphalt, containing 45 percent diluent by volume, was applied in a given area during the year. Cutback asphalt is a mixture of diluent and asphalt cement. To determine the VOC emissions, the volume of diluent present in the cutback asphalt must first be determined. Because the density of naphtha (0.7 kg/l) differs from that of asphalt cement (1.1 kg/l), the following equations must be solved to determine the volume of diluent (x) and the volume of asphalt cement (y) in the cutback cement:

$$10,000 \text{ kg cutback asphalt} = (x \text{ l diluent}) (0.7 \text{ kg/l}) + (y \text{ l asphalt cement})(1.1 \text{ kg/l})$$

and

$$x \text{ liter diluent} = 0.45 (x \text{ litre diluent} + y \text{ l asphalt cement})$$

From these equations, the volume of diluent present in the cutback asphalt is determined to be about 4900 litres, or about 3400 kg. Assuming that 95 percent of this is evaporative VOC, emissions are the 3400 kg x 0.95 = 3200 kg (i.e., 32% by weight, of the cutback asphalt eventually evaporates).

These equations can be used for MC and SC asphalts by assuming typical diluent densities of 0.8 and 0.9 kg/liter, respectively, unless actual density values are available from local records. If actual diluent contents are not known, a typical value of 35 percent may be assumed for inventory purposes.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

The annual weight of asphalt used in road paving is required as a minimum to prepare estimates of maximum likely emissions of NMVOCs from this source. If more detailed information is available on the breakdown of this total annual usage ( i.e. cement asphalt for hot mix, cutback asphalt and emulsified asphalt) and the diluent contents of the same, then progressively more accurate emissions estimates may be done. Details on the type of information that may be obtained are provided in Section 5.

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

It is not likely that hot mix plants will qualify as point sources of common pollutants. Therefore road paving with asphalt should be inventoried as an area source.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

### Hot Mix Plants

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has recently completed a detailed review of the hot mix industry (U.S.EPA 1994). Emission factors for particulate matter, CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and total organic compounds (TOC) from this review are summarized in Tables 2 and 3. The organic emissions are reported as TOC as methane, based on EPA Method 25A test data. Detailed organic compound emission factors are provided in Tables 4 and 5. It can be seen that NMVOCs generally represent less than half of the TOC, depending on the type of control.

### Liquefied Asphalt

Emission factors can be developed for the use of liquefied asphalts if sufficient information is available, as described in section 5. Alternatively, default emission factors are provided in Table 6 (U.S. EPA 1985).

**Table 2: Emission Factors for Batch Mix Hot Mix Asphalt Plants (kg/Mg of Product)<sup>c</sup>**

Process	Particulate <sup>b</sup> Matter	CO	NO <sub>x</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	TOC <sup>c</sup>
<b>Natural gas-fired dryer</b>					
Uncontrolled	16 (E)	0.17 (D)	0.013 (D)	0.0025 (D)	0.0084 (D)
Fabric Filter	0.02 (D)				
<b>Oil-fired dryer</b>					
Uncontrolled	16 (E)	0.035 (D)	0.084 (D)	0.12 (D)	0.023 (D)
Fabric Filter	0.04 (D)				

<sup>a</sup>The emission factor rating is supplied in brackets after the emission factor.

<sup>b</sup>The sum of filterable PM and total condensable PM emission factor.

<sup>c</sup>Factors represent TOC as methane, based on EPA Method 25A test data.

**Table 3: Emission Factors for Drum Mix Hot Mix Asphalt Plants (kg/Mg of Product)<sup>c</sup>**

Process	Particulate <sup>b</sup> Matter	CO	NO <sub>x</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	TOC <sup>c</sup>
<b>Natural gas-fired dryer</b>					
Uncontrolled	9.4	0.028	0.015	0.0017	0.025 <sup>d</sup>
Fabric Filter	0.0089				
<b>Oil-fired dryer</b>					
Uncontrolled	9.4	0.018	0.038	0.028	0.035 <sup>d</sup>
Fabric Filter	0.020				

<sup>a</sup>The emission factor rating is D for all factors. Drum Mix refers to both parallel flow and counterflow plants. Tests included dryers that were processing reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP). Because of limited data, the affect of RAP processing on emissions could not be determined.

<sup>b</sup>The sum of filterable PM and total condensable PM emission factor.

<sup>c</sup>Factors represent TOC as methane, based on EPA Method 25A test data.

<sup>d</sup>Organic compound flows are expected to be smaller.

**Table 4: Emission Factors for Organic Pollutant Emissions from Batch Mix Hot Mix Asphalt Plants<sup>a</sup>**

Emission Factor Rating: D

Process Pollutant	Emission Factor kg/Mg	% of TOC
<b>Natural Gas-fired dryer</b>		
2-Methylnaphthalene <sup>b</sup>		0.00
Acenaphthene <sup>b</sup>		0.0041333
Acenaphthylene <sup>b</sup>		0.00
Acetaldehyde		2.13
Acetone		21.33
Anthracene <sup>b</sup>	1.50e-07	0.000133
Benzaldehyde	6.40e-05	0.43
Benzene	1.70e-04	1.13
Benzo(a)anthracene <sup>b</sup>	2.30e-09	0.000015
Benzo(b)fluoranthene <sup>b</sup>	2.30e-09	0.000015
Benzo(k)fluoranthene <sup>b,c</sup>	1.20e-08	0.000080
Butyraldehyde/Isobutyraldehyde	1.50e-05	0.10
Chrysene <sup>b</sup>	3.10e-09	0.000021
Crotonaldehyde	1.50e-05	0.10
Ethyl benzene	1.60e-03	10.67
Fluoranthene <sup>b</sup>	1.60e-07	0.000067
Fluorene <sup>b</sup>	9.80e-07	0.01
Formaldehyde	4.30e-04	2.87
Hexanal	1.20e-05	0.08
Methane	6.00e-03	40.00
Naphthalene <sup>b</sup>	2.10e-05	0.14
Phenanthrene <sup>b</sup>	1.60e-06	0.01
Pyrene <sup>b</sup>	3.10e-08	0.00021
Quinone	1.40e-04	0.93
Toluene	8.80e-04	5.87
Xylene	2.10e-03	14.00
<b>Total for Natural gas-fired dryer</b>	<b>1.50e-02</b>	<b>99.80</b>

<b>Oil-fired dryer</b>		
2-Methylnaphthalene <sup>b</sup>	3.00e-05	0.77
Fluoranthene <sup>b</sup>	1.20e-05	0.31
Formaldehyde <sup>c</sup>	1.60e-03	40.92
Methane	2.20e-03	56.27
Naphthalene <sup>b</sup>	2.20e-05	0.56
Phenanthrene <sup>b,c</sup>	1.80e-05	0.46
Pyrene <sup>b</sup>	2.70e-05	0.69
<b>Total for Oil-fired dryer</b>	<b>3.91e-03</b>	<b>99.97</b>

<sup>a</sup>Factors kg/Mg of hot mix asphalt produced. Factors represent uncontrolled emissions, unless noted.

<sup>b</sup>Controlled by a fabric filter. Compound is classified as polycyclic organic matter (POM).

<sup>c</sup>Emission Factor Rating: E

**Table 5: Emission Factors for Organic Pollutant Emissions from Drum Hot Mix Asphalt Plants<sup>a</sup>**

Emission Factor Rating: D

Process Pollutant	Emission Factor kg/Mg	% of TOC
<b>Natural Gas-fired dryer</b>		
2-Chloronaphthalene <sup>c</sup>	8.90e-07	0.00086
2-Methylnaphthalene <sup>c</sup>		0.03558
Acenaphthene <sup>c</sup>	3.80e-05	0.000615
Acenaphthylene <sup>c</sup>	6.20e-07	0.00000
Anthracene <sup>c</sup>	4.30e-07	0.000096
Benzene	3.20e-04	0.58
Benzo(a)anthracene <sup>c</sup>	3.20e-03	0.000096
Benzo(a)pyrene <sup>c</sup>	4.60e-09	0.000004
Benzo(b)fluoranthene <sup>c</sup>	5.10e-08	0.000049
Benzo(e)pyrene <sup>c</sup>	5.20e-08	0.000050
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene <sup>c</sup>	1.90e-08	0.000018
Benzo(k)fluoranthene <sup>c</sup>	2.60e-08	0.000025
Chrysene <sup>c</sup>	1.80e-07	0.000173
Dibenz(a,h)anthracene <sup>c,e</sup>	1.30e-09	0.000001
Ethyl benzene <sup>c</sup>	1.50e-04	0.14
Fluoranthene <sup>c</sup>	3.00e-07	0.0003
Fluorene <sup>c</sup>	2.70e-06	0.000
Formaldehyde	1.80e-03	1.73
Formaldehyde <sup>d,e</sup>	7.90e-04	0.76
Ideno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene <sup>c</sup>	3.60e-09	0.000003
Methane	1.00e-01	96.15
Methyl chloroform <sup>e</sup>	2.50e-04	0.24
Naphthalene <sup>c</sup>	2.50e-05	0.02
Perylene <sup>c,e</sup>	6.20e-09	0.00001
Phenanthrene <sup>c</sup>	4.20e-06	0.000
Pyrene <sup>c</sup>	2.30e-07	0.00022
Toluene	1.00e-04	0.10
Xylene	2.00e-04	0.19
<b>Total for Natural gas-fired dryer</b>	<b>1.04e-01</b>	<b>99.96</b>

<b>Oil-fired dryer<sup>c</sup></b>		
2-Methylnaphthalene <sup>c</sup>	8.50e-05	0.63
Acenaphthylene <sup>c</sup>	1.10e-05	0.08
Acetaldehyde	6.50e-04	4.78
Acetone	4.20e-04	3.09
Acrolein	1.30e-05	0.10
Anthracene <sup>c</sup>	1.80e-06	0.01
Benzaldehyde	5.50e-05	0.40
Benzene	2.00e-04	1.47
Butyraldehyde/Isobutyraldehyde	8.00e-05	0.59
Crotonaldehyde	4.30e-05	0.32
Ethylbenzene	1.90e-04	1.40
Fluorene <sup>c</sup>	8.50e-06	0.06
Formaldehyde	1.20e-03	8.82
Formaldehyde <sup>d,e</sup>	2.60e-04	1.91
Hexanal	5.50e-05	0.40
Isovaleraldehyde	1.60e-05	0.12
Methane	9.60e-03	70.59
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	1.00e-05	0.07
Naphthalene <sup>c</sup>	1.60e-04	1.18
Phenanthrene <sup>c</sup>	2.80e-05	0.21
Propionaldehyde	6.50e-05	0.48
Pyrene <sup>c,e</sup>	1.50e-06	0.01
Quinone	8.00e-05	0.59
Toluene	3.70e-04	2.72
Valeraldehyde	3.40e-05	0.25
Xylene	8.20e-05	0.60
<b>Total for Oil-fired dryer</b>	<b>1.36e-02</b>	<b>100.27</b>

<sup>a</sup>Factors kg/Mg of hot mix asphalt produced. Table includes data from both parallel flow and counterflow drum mix dryers. Organic compound emissions from counterflow systems are expected to be less than from parallel flow systems, but the available data are insufficient to quantify accurately the difference in these emissions.

<sup>b</sup>Tests included dryers that were processing reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP). Because of limited data the effect of RAP processing on emissions could not be determined.

<sup>c</sup>Controlled by a fabric filter. Compound is classified as polycyclic organic matter (POM).

<sup>d</sup>Controlled by a wet scrubber.

<sup>e</sup>Emission Factor Rating: E



**Table 6: Evaporative VOC emissions from cutback asphalts as a function of diluent content and cutback asphalt type<sup>a</sup>**

Type of Cutback <sup>b</sup>	Percent, by Volume of Diluent in Cutback <sup>c</sup>		
	25%	35%	45%
Rapid cure	17	24	32
Medium cure	14	20	26
Slow cure	5	8	10

<sup>a</sup>These numbers represent the percent, by weight, of cutback asphalt evaporated. Factors are based on References 1 and 2.

<sup>b</sup>Typical densities assumed for diluents used in RC, MC, and SC cutbacks are 0.7, 0.8 and 0.9 kg/liter, respectively.

<sup>c</sup>Diluent contents typically range between 25-45%, by volume. Emissions may be linearly interpolated for any given type of cutback between these values.

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

### Hot Mix Plants

For hot mix asphalt plants, total organic emission factors are expressed as methane, and it is indicated that this may consist of low molecular weight VOCs and polycyclic compounds. Speciation of the TOC has been provided in Tables 4 and 5.

### Liquefied Asphalt

If the detailed emission estimation method has been used for the liquefied asphalts, species profiles could be based on typical profiles for the diluent. Otherwise species profiles for these sectors have not been identified.

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

The largest source of uncertainty in these estimates will be the level of detail available in terms of the relative breakdown of asphalt into asphalt cement, cutback asphalt and emulsified asphalt. As an example, in the U.S. in 1991, 86 percent of total asphalt sales was asphalt cement for hot mix use. If this was assumed to be RC cutback at an average of 45 percent, total emissions would be 6,448,174 tonnes VOC. In comparison, total organic emissions (expressed as methane) from hot mix plants would be 8815 Mg for an equivalent amount of asphalt cement, assuming that asphalt cement is 8 percent of hot mix. Therefore, the simpler estimation can greatly overestimate emissions of VOCs.

The state-of-the-art estimations will, however greatly improve the estimates as the detail of the base quantity estimates and characterizations improve.

## **11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY**

There is no available information on which to base a more realistic average emission factor for the simpler methodology. Therefore emission estimates may be grossly overestimated using this methodology.

## **12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES**

Since most of the emissions occur at the paving locations, emissions can be disaggregated based on percent of total paved road surfaces. If this information is not available the emissions can be disaggregated based on mobile source emission estimates or population.

## **13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

Available information indicates that VOC emissions occur within four months of paving, with the majority of this within one month (U.S.EPA 1985).

In climates where cold weather prevents paving for a portion of the year, paving emissions should be spread over this shorter season.

## **14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

## **15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS**

## **16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES**

It may be possible to verify asphalt sales estimates through comparison with figures on road construction. Emissions estimates for hot mix plants may be verified by emission testing.

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**SNAP CODE :** 040613

**SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE :** Glass

**NACE CODE :** 26000

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### 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

The activities described include the production of flat glass, container glass, special glass and glass wool.

### 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSION

**Table 1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Glass	040613	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	0.1	-	-

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

The emissions of heavy metals from the glass industry are only relevant on a regional level.

### 3. GENERAL

#### 3.1. Description

Four products can be distinguished:

- Flat glass
- Container glass
- Special glass
- Glass wool

Process descriptions of the different processes can be found under the snap codes 030314 to 030317. The smelting process for the four product groups is similar.

Glass production comprises the following subprocesses:

- raw material preparation
- smelting process
- formation process

### **3.2. Emissions**

The most important source of atmospheric emissions is the hot furnace. The heavy metals of the raw materials or fuel partly vaporize in the hot furnace. The heavy metals which are emitted to air are mainly arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead and tin.

If recycled glass, produced from fluorspar, is used also some fluorine can be emitted.

### **3.5 Controls**

Decreasing air emissions from glass production can be realized by several abatement technologies, for instance :

- electrical heating of the hot furnace .
- increasing the share of reusable glass in the batch.
- palletizing the batch.
- covering the furnace and extending the exhaust channels.
- treating the off-gases with dry or wet air cleaning processes.
- good housekeeping.

## **4. SIMPLER METHODOLOGY**

A generalized emission can be calculated by using economic statistics. However, a direct relationship between this information and the emissions is not available yet.

## **5. DETAILED METHODOLOGY**

Detailed measurements at an individual plant are the best approach for a detailed picture of a local situation.

## **6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS**

Glass production statistics are available from several national and international sources.

## **7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA**

## **8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES**

The emission factors in table 2 are derived from literature.

**Table 2: Emission factors (g Mg<sup>-1</sup> glass) for glass production in general**

Substance	Emission factor		
	g Mg <sup>-1</sup> glass		
	[1]	[2]	Range of emission factors
Arsenic	-	0.12	0.1-0.24
Cadmium	-	0.15	0.06-0.24
Chromium	-	2.4	0.5-5
Copper	-	0.6	0.4-1.1
Lead	3	12	2-24
Mercury	-	0.05	0.036-0.072
Nickel	-	1.9	1.2-2.6
Selenium	-	18	2.4-24
Zinc	7	11	4.8-24
CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	11	-	
C <sub>x</sub> H <sub>y</sub>	9	-	
Dust	437	-	

**9. SPECIES PROFILES****10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES****11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY**

The weakest aspect is the scarcity of abatement related emission factors.

**12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES****13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA**

Glass production is usually a continuous process.

**14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

## 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

## 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

Verification should be applied by comparing calculated emissions with measured emissions at an individual plant.

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SOURCE SUB-SECTOR TITLE :

Cooling Plants

## 1. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

This chapter covers emissions released from cooling plants, whereby all sizes of installations (e.g. households, industry) are taken into account. The only cooling medium considered here is ammonia.

## 2. CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The contribution of emissions released from cooling plants to the total emissions in countries of the CORINAIR90 inventory is given as follows:

**Table 1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
Cooling Plants	040700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1

0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

## 3. GENERAL

### 3.1 Description

Cooling plants are facilities for generating and maintaining low temperatures. Cooling installations can be distinguished according to the cooling medium used in the installations, either CFC or NH<sub>3</sub>. Large cooling plants mainly use NH<sub>3</sub> as a cooling medium, whereas smaller installations (e.g. refrigerators and freezers in households) use CFC as a cooling medium.<sup>1</sup> Here only installations operated with ammonia are considered (see also section 3.4).

### 3.2 Definitions

No definitions are given

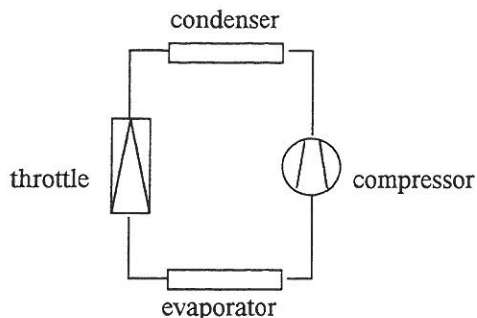
### 3.3 Techniques

Depending on the technology applied, installations can mainly be separated into compression and absorption cooling installations.

<sup>1</sup>The CFC mainly used today are R11, R12, R13, R500, R502, R22 and R134 /1/. Currently, many are being replaced by modified cooling media with a lower ozone depletion potential. The replacement of CFC was dealt with through a decree of the European Union in 1994 /4/ requiring a change of cooling media.

- **Compression cooling installations:**

Compression cooling installations consist of a mechanical compressor, a condenser, a throttle as well as an evaporator (see Figure 1). Compression cooling installations are of major relevance.



**Figure 1: General scheme of a compression cooling installation /cf. 3/**

- **Absorption cooling installations:**

Absorption cooling installations in principle consist of the same parts as a compression cooling installation, but the mechanical compressor is replaced by a thermal one. Absorption cooling is mostly applied in household units and is of minor relevance.

With regard to compressors, a distinction should generally be made between enclosed and semi-enclosed machines /1, 2/. For emissions from closed installations during normal operation the number of flanges and fittings seems to be most relevant. Household refrigerators and freezers are completely enclosed /1/.

Furthermore for special purposes specific cooling processes are used, such as electrothermal processes, which are not emission relevant.

### 3.4 Emissions

The only relevant pollutant for this edition is ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ ). Here it is assumed, that emissions of non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOC), which may have been reported, refer to CFC. CFC emissions are normally not considered as NMVOC. Therefore, they will not be taken into account here. In practice, emissions from cooling plants during normal operation are very small. Emissions are mainly released during inspection/maintenance and repair operations (e.g. replacement of the compressor means opening the cooling circuit and thus cooling medium is released into the atmosphere).

### 3.5 Controls

No control measures are relevant.

## 4./5. SIMPLER AND DETAILED METHODOLOGY

Here both approaches refer to the calculation of emissions based on emission factors and activities, which are jointly discussed in the following. The "simpler methodology" is

considered as an overall approach, where activity data refer e.g. to mass of product figures. The "detailed methodology" is considered as the recommended approach, where activity data concerning the mass of frozen product is available in a technology specific way. The simpler and the detailed methodologies cover emissions of ammonia.

The annual emission is determined according to Equation (1) by an activity and an emission factor:

$$E_i = EF_i \cdot A \quad (1)$$

$E_i$       annual emission of pollutant i  
 $EF_i$      emission factor of pollutant i  
 A         activity

The activity A and the emission factor  $EF_i$  have to be determined on the same level of aggregation by using available data. The CORINAIR90 methodology requires for cooling plants activity data, which is related to the mass of frozen product in [Mg/a].

#### 4.1 Simpler methodology

The simpler methodology corresponds to an approach, which takes into account activity rates derived from data of comparable installations or from literature data. In practice, statistical material (see also Section 6), which provides only the mass of frozen products in [Mg/a] without technological classification, has to be used.

For the determination of emission factors, leakages from cooling plants during normal operation, maintenance and repair have to be taken into account. The leakage emissions published are mostly given in [g/Mg] mass of the circulating cooling medium. They have to be converted into the unit [g/Mg] mass product frozen by taking into account e.g. the mass of the cooling medium emitted per quantity of frozen product.

#### 4.2 Detailed methodology

The detailed methodology corresponds to a technology specific approach, which takes into account as far as possible information on the types of installations in place. Here, it is assumed that CORINAIR90 compatible activity data and emission factors (including leakage emissions) are directly available (Equation (1)).

For cooling plants neither appropriate emission factors, nor corresponding activity rates are currently available.

## 6. RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

International statistics contain data concerning the amount of frozen food, e.g. the following data source

- Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT) (ed.): Panorama of Industry; 1994

contains data for selected countries concerning frozen vegetables, potato products, fish, meat, bakery products, ready meals, poultry, fruits and fruit juices. The statistics also contain data concerning food produced and stored at low temperatures, e.g. dairy products.

## 7. POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

Cooling plants should be reported as area sources.

## 8. EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

The following Table 2 contains emission factors for cooling plants:

**Table 2: Emission factors for cooling plants**

Pollutant	Emission factors		
	value	range	unit
NH <sub>3</sub>	662 <sup>2)</sup>	200 - 350,000 <sup>1)</sup>	mass/mass of frozen product [g/Mg]

<sup>1)</sup> CORINAIR90 data, area sources

<sup>2)</sup> CORINAIR90 data, point sources

## 9. SPECIES PROFILES

## 10. UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

Uncertainties occur concerning the estimation of leakage emissions for all cooling plants and concerning emissions linked with maintenance and repair. However, uncertainties cannot be quantified at this stage.

## 11. WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

Further work should be invested to improve the availability of technology specific emission factors based on measured data.

## 12. SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

Spatial disaggregation criteria are necessary for cooling plants considered as area sources. A top-down approach regarding annual emission data should take into account a differentiation in spatial areas with regard to densely populated areas (it can be assumed that most cooling plants are situated not far from densely populated areas in order to keep transportation distances short).

### 13. TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

Temporal disaggregation of annual emission data (top-down approach) from cooling plants can be derived by taking into account

- seasonal splitting (It can be assumed, that emissions from cooling plants are higher in summer than in winter, due to the demand for frozen products and the ambient temperatures.),
- the time of operation, and
- the variation in the demand for frozen products.

Data for the variation in the demand for frozen products can only be obtained directly from cooling plant operators.

### 14. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

### 15. SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

### 16. VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

As outlined in chapter on "Concepts for Emission Inventory Verification" different verification procedures can be recommended. As the relevance of cooling plants is very low, verification procedures should be based on comparisons between measured and calculated values for large cooling plants. In particular further work on the conversion of emission factors [g/Mg] related to the cooling medium in the required CORINAIR unit [g/Mg] related to the frozen products should be carried out.

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### Abbreviations:

CFC	Chloro-fluoro-hydrocarbons
R11	Trichlorfluormethane
R12	Dichlordifluormethane
R13	Chlortrifluormethane
R115	Chlorpentafluorethane
R500	R12 (73.8 %) and R115 (26.2 %)
R502	R22 (48.8 %) and R115 (51.2 %)
R22	Chlordifluormethane
R134	Tetrafluorethane