



Washington's Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule

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Basic Information Covered

- What information is to be collected
- Location of formulas to refer to
- Monitoring, and recordkeeping



Overview of Tiers of Emissions Accuracy

- 3 basic tiers of accuracy
 - A, B, and C
- A is most accurate, C is least accurate
- Accuracy relates to how accurate the input information is
- For comparison, the routine state emissions inventory is mostly of Tier B and C quality



Information to be Collected for the 3 Tiers

Tier Level	Default factors	Fuel Quantity	Heat Content	Carbon Content	CO2 CEMS	N ₂ O and CH ₄ Monitoring
A1	None				X	X
A2	None	X	X	X		X
B	N ₂ O and CH ₄ Emissions Factors	X	X			
C	Heat Content, CO ₂ , N ₂ O and CH ₄ Emissions	X				

Where to Find the Formulas to Use

- Most methods referenced in the rule are located in the General Reporting Protocol developed by The Climate Registry
- A few Ecology methods were copied from the proposed EPA monitoring rule and are located in the rule starting at section 500
- Methods from other sources such as the final EPA reporting rule and IPCC methods can be used upon request, especially where there is no TCR or Ecology method specified



Monitoring and Recordkeeping

- In general, adequate monitoring and recordkeeping is needed to support the emissions calculations for the Tier(s) you will be using
- Some of the Ecology adopted methods and most EPA methods require significant amounts of monitoring and recordkeeping



What Monitoring is Required

- Minimum –
 - How much fuel is used by type
 - Weigh belts/scales
 - Flow meters
 - Fuel purchase records
 - Raw materials used/product produced for process emissions
 - Fugitive loss information
 - Electrical usage records



What Monitoring is Required (2)

- Additional monitoring to support higher tiers
 - Unit specific monitoring
 - Operating rates
 - Operating hours
 - Production rates
 - Fuel heat content
 - Fuel carbon content
 - Sulfur content of some fuels and SO₂ control system effectiveness
 - CEM information and calibration data



What Records Must be Kept

- Minimum

- All fuel type and usage information collected and used for reporting or calculating emissions
- The method used for calculating emissions
- Calibration records for meters, etc.

- More elements and detail for higher tiers.

- Fuel quality information
- Fuel carbon content
- Fuel measurement methods
- Unit specific operational data



Stationary Source Emissions

- Examples covered
 - Fossil fuel and biomass fired power plant
 - Cabinet manufacturing facility
 - Fruit juice concentrate production
 - Lumber mill



Fossil Fuel and Biomass Power Plant

- Electric power generation facility
 - Boiler Design heat input – 750 MMBtu/hr
 - Fuel, Design, annual average capacity
 - 500 MM Btu/hr wood
 - 250 MMBtu/hr bituminous coal
 - Electrical output 60 MW, 88% CF
 - Dry limestone scrubber for SO₂ control, 70% removal
 - Office and area lighting uses purchased power
 - Operating schedule
 - Generation, full rate for 50 weeks per year
 - Office 52 weeks per year



Assumptions for the Power plant Example

- Fuels
 - Douglas fir wood, Sulfur content $\approx 0.00\%$ by weight
 - Bituminous coal with sulfur content of 1%, by weight
- Use Tier A2 Method for coal and wood, Tier B for all else
- Include CO_2 from sulfur dioxide control
- Indirect electricity
- SF_6 emissions from plant owned and operated switchyard

Power Plant Example Calculation

- Direct CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O from wood
- Direct CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O from coal
- Direct CO₂ from the SO₂ control system
- Direct fugitive emissions from SF₆ losses
- Indirect electricity usage
- Quantity of wood and coal used is known.
- Carbon content of coal and wood used is known



Boiler Fuel Usage

- Uses 205,883 short tons/year of Douglas fir
- Uses 75,732 short tons/year of an Illinois #6 type coal

- Douglas fir has average characteristics of
 - 9,000 Btu/lb, dry, 52.3% carbon by weight
- Coal used has average characteristics of
 - 12,233 Btu/lb, 78.91 % carbon by weight



Wood Calculations

				CO ₂ e	
Pollutant	Firing Rate, MMBtu/hr	Emission Factor, kg/MMBtu	GWP	kg/hr	Metric tons/hr
N ₂ O	500	0.0056	310	763.84	0.76
CH ₄	500	0.0093	21	85.93	0.09
	Fuel use, ton/hour	Carbon content, %	Heat content, Btu/lb		
CO ₂	24.44	0.52	9000		42.52
	Total CO ₂ e per hour				43.37
	Total CO ₂ e for 50 week year				365,332
CO ₂ from wood, 50 weeks per year					358,173



Coal Calculations

				CO ₂ e	
Pollutant	Firing Rate, MMBtu/hr	Emission Factor, kg/MMBtu	GWP	kg/hr	Metric tons/hr
N ₂ O	250	0.0611	310	4,167.02	4.17
CH ₄	250	0.001	21	4.62	0.00
	Fuel use, ton/hour	Carbon content, %	Heat content, Btu/lb		
CO ₂	8.99	0.79	12233		23.60
	Total CO ₂ e per hour				27.77
	Total CO ₂ e for 50 week year				233,926

SO₂ Control Calculations

The SO₂ control uses limestone as the reactant.

The control is 70% effective at removing SO₂.

The coal is 1% Sulfur by weight

How much CO₂ is released per hour by the control system?

$$\text{tons of sulfur removed per hour} = 18.99 * 0.7 * 0.1 = 0.0629 \text{ t/hr}$$

$$\text{kg/hr CO}_2 \text{ produced} = \frac{0.0629 * 44}{32} = 0.209 \text{ metric ton/hr}$$

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$$0.209 \text{ kg/hr} = 1,763 \text{ metric ton CO}_2/\text{year}$$

SF₆ Direct Fugitive Losses

SF₆ losses from plant owned switch gear on plant site.

Emissions calculated by inventory method

	SF ₆ Quantity, lb	GWP	CO ₂ e metric tons/year
Jan 1 storage inventory	15		
Purchased	25		
Sold back to supplier	17		
Dec. 31 inventory	18		
Difference lost to atmosphere	5 (2.27 kg)	23,900	54.2



Indirect Electricity Emissions

The office and perimeter lighting is served by purchased power at a rate of 2000 kWh per day.

Use E-grid Default factors for 2005

Pollutant	Electrical usage, kWh/day	E-Grid Factor, lb/MWh	GWP	CO ₂ e kg/day	CO ₂ e metric ton/year
CO ₂	2000	902.24	1	818.5	298.8
N ₂ O	2000	0.0149	310	4.2	1.5
CH ₄	2000	0.01913	21	0.4	0.1
Total Indirect Emissions				823.1	300.4



Total Power Plant Emissions

Source	Metric tons/year
Direct Combustion – biomass CO ₂	358,173
Direct Combustion -fossil fuel CO ₂ , fossil and biomass N ₂ O, CH ₄	205,943
CO ₂ from control system	1,763
SF ₆ losses	54.2
Total Direct Emissions	565,933
Indirect Emissions	300.4
Total direct and indirect emissions	566,233

This plant would report to Ecology and to EPA



Cabinet Shop Example

- Large Industrial Shop
- Emissions to account for
 - Incineration of 240 ton/yr of VOC from surface coating
 - 13 MMBtu/hr capacity natural gas space heating
 - 80 MMBtu/hr capacity wood waste boiler for space heating and waste disposal



Assumptions for Cabinet Shop Example

● Fuels

- Mixed soft and hardwoods fired at annual average 65 MMBtu/hr
- Natural gas metered via single plant meter.
 - Annual average of 9.75 MMBtu/hr
- Volatile hydrocarbons from surface coating operations,
 - dominant chemical methyl isobutyl ketone,
 - natural gas as necessary to incinerate

● Use Tier B and C Methods

Wood Calculations

				CO ₂ e	
Pollutant	Firing Rate, MMBtu/hr	Emission Factor, kg/MMBtu	GWP	kg/hr	Metric tons/hr
CO ₂	65	93.87	1	6,101.33	6.10
N ₂ O	65	0.0056	310	112.84	0.11
CH ₄	65	0.0093	21	12.69	0.01
Total CO ₂ e per hour				6,226.87	6.23
Total CO ₂ e for 52 week year				54,547,362	54,547
CO ₂ from wood, 52 weeks per year				53,447,680	53,448



Natural Gas Calculations

Pollutant	Firing Rate, MMBtu/hr	Emission Factor, kg/MMBtu	GWP	CO ₂ e	
				kg/hr	Metric tons/hr
CO ₂	9.75	53.06	1	517.30	0.52
N ₂ O	9.75	0.0009	310	2.72	0.00
CH ₄	9.75	0.0009	21	0.18	0.00
	Total CO ₂ e per hour			520.21	0.52
	Total CO ₂ e for 52 week year			4,557,014	4,557



Surface Coating Incineration Calculations

Natural gas used in incinerator included with
rest of natural gas combustion

Methyl isobutyl ketone - MW = 100

carbons = 6

240 short tons/year = 217.73 metric tons/year

Metric tons CO₂ =

$$\left(\frac{44}{12}\right)\left(\frac{72}{100}\right)(217.73) = 574.8 \text{ Metric tons/year}$$



Indirect Emissions

Pollutant	Electrical usage, kWh/day	E-Grid Factor, lb/MWh	GWP	CO ₂ e kg/day	CO ₂ e metric ton/year
CO ₂	4800	902.24	1	1,964.5	717.0
N ₂ O	4800	0.0149	310	10.1	3.7
CH ₄	4800	0.01913	21	0.9	0.3
Total Indirect Emissions				1,975.4	721.0



Total Cabinet Shop Emissions

Source	Metric tons/year
Direct Combustion – biomass CO ₂	53,448
Direct Combustion -fossil fuel CO ₂ , fossil and biomass N ₂ O, CH ₄	5,656
VOC incinerator emissions	574.8
Total Direct Emissions	59,678
Indirect Emissions	721
Total direct and indirect emissions	60,400

This plant would report to Ecology but not to EPA;
Biomass emissions not included in reporting threshold for EPA



Fruit Juice Concentrator Example

- Produces single strength and concentrated juices, commercial packaging, no retail products
- Emissions to account for
 - Boilers rated at 1500 hp total, operate at 70% CF
 - Natural gas for 6500 hours/year
 - #6 oil for 900 hours/year
 - 10 MMBtu/hr Natural gas space heating for 7000 hr/yr
- Ammonia based refrigeration



Boiler Calculations

Natural Gas Combustion				CO ₂ e		#6 Oil Combustion				CO ₂ e	
Pollutant	Firing Rate, MMBtu/hr	Emission Factor, kg/MMBtu	GWP	kg/hr	Metric tons/hr	Pollutant	Firing Rate, MMBtu/hr	Emission Factor, kg/MMBtu	GWP	kg/hr	Metric tons/hr
CO ₂	50.17	53.06	1	2,662.02	2.66	CO ₂	50.17	78.8	1	3,953.40	3.95
N ₂ O	50.17	0.0009	310	14.00	0.01	N ₂ O	50.17	0.0003	310	4.67	0.00
CH ₄	50.17	0.0009	21	0.95	0.00	CH ₄	50.17	0.003	21	3.16	0.00
Total CO ₂ e per hour				2,676.97	2.68	Total CO ₂ e per hour				3,961.22	3.96
Total CO ₂ e for 6500 hr year				17,400,278	17,400	Total CO ₂ e for 900 hr year				3,565,100	3,565

Total CO₂e from boiler use 20,965 metric tons/year



Space Heating Calculations

				CO ₂ e	
Pollutant	Firing Rate, MMBtu/hr	Emission Factor, kg/MMBtu	GWP	kg/hr	Metric tons/hr
CO ₂	10	53.06	1	530.57	0.53
N ₂ O	10	0.0009	310	2.79	0.00
CH ₄	10	0.0009	21	0.19	0.00
	Total CO ₂ e per hour			533.55	0.53
	Total CO ₂ e for 7000 hr year			3,734,820	3,735



Indirect Electricity Emissions

Pollutant	Electrical usage, kWh/day	E-Grid Factor, lb/MWh	GWP	CO ₂ e kg/day	CO ₂ e metric ton/year
CO ₂	1957	902.24	1	800.9	292.3
N ₂ O	1957	0.0149	310	4.1	1.5
CH ₄	1957	0.01913	21	0.4	0.1
Total Indirect Emissions				805.4	294.0



Total Fruit Juice Concentrator Emissions

Source	Metric tons/year
Direct Combustion – Boiler	20,965
Direct Combustion –Space heating	3,735
Total Direct Emissions	24,700
Indirect Emissions	294
Total direct and indirect emissions	24,994

This plant would report to Ecology but not to EPA;
Direct emissions less than 25,000 metric ton threshold of EPA



Lumber Mill Example

- 18 MMBtu/hr wood fired boiler to operate Dry kilns
- All other equipment uses electric motors for operation
- No incineration of VOCs from the dry kilns
- Electric heat used for space heating



Assumptions for Lumber Mill Example

- Fuels
 - Pines fired at average rate of 12 MMBtu/hr, 48 weeks per year
- Use Tier C Methods



Wood Calculations

				CO ₂ e	
Pollutant	Firing Rate, MMBtu/hr	Emission Factor, kg/MMBtu	GWP	kg/hr	Metric tons/hr
CO ₂	12	93.87	1	1,126.40	1.13
N ₂ O	12	0.0056	310	20.83	0.02
CH ₄	12	0.0093	21	2.34	0.00
Total CO ₂ e per hour				1,149.58	1.15
Total CO ₂ e for 48 week year				9,270,178	9,270
CO ₂ from wood, 48 weeks per year				9,083,290	9,083



Indirect Electricity Emissions

Pollutant	Electrical usage, kWh/day	E-Grid Factor, lb/MWh	GWP	CO ₂ e kg/day	CO ₂ e metric ton/year
CO ₂	7000	902.24	1	2,864.9	1,045.7
N ₂ O	7000	14.9	310	14,666.8	5,353.4
CH ₄	7000	19.13	21	1,275.6	465.6
Total Indirect Emissions				18,807.3	6,864.7



Total Lumber Mill Emissions

Source	Metric tons/year
Direct Combustion – Biomass CO ₂	9,083
Direct Combustion – Biomass N ₂ O and CH ₄	187
Total Direct Emissions	9,270
Indirect Emissions	6,864.7
Total direct and indirect emissions	16,135

This plant would not report to Ecology or EPA



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Questions?