

An aerial photograph of a large-scale mineral processing facility, likely a gold mine, situated in a vast, arid desert landscape. The facility features several large, rectangular processing tanks and circular structures, with extensive networks of dirt roads and conveyor systems. The surrounding terrain is dry and hilly, with some distant mountains visible under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

# **DETERMINATION OF EMISSIONS FROM THE MINERAL EXTRACTING INDUSTRY**

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**Section 5**

# Purpose

- Improve Emission Inventory Data
- Uniform Calculation Methodologies
- Documented Methodologies
- Reproducible Methodologies

# Why

- How Did I Do It Last Time?
- Emission Inventory Plan
- Simplify Calculations
- Compare Similar Facilities
- Small Facilities Limited Resources
  - Environmental Staff
  - Financial Resources
- Changes to California Clean Air Act Fees

# Material Process Industries

- Decorative Rock
- Iron Ore
- Lava
- Limestone
- Sand & Gravel
- Asphalt Plants
- Cement Plants
- Chemical Plants
- Gold Mines
- Rear Earth

# Other Users

- Coal Handling
- Construction Sites
- Military Bases

# Emission Sources

- Drilling / Blasting
- Explosives
- Material Moving
- Material Loading
- Material Processing
- Stockpiles
- Exhaust Stationary
- Exhaust Mobile
- Paved Roads
- Unpaved Roads
- Wind Erosion





# Guidance Document

- Least Complex
  - Default Emission Factor
  - Process Activity Rate
- Intermediate Complexity
  - Modify Emission Factor
  - Process Activity Rate
- Most Complex
  - Develop Emission Factor
  - Process Activity Rate
  - Develop Control Efficiency

# Develop Emission Factor

- Material Characteristics
  - Moisture Content
  - Density
  - Silt Content
  - Aerodynamic Factors
  - Truck Mean Weight
  - Traffic Speed
  - Haul Distance
  - Fuel Usage
  - Vegetation Cover

# Develop Emission Factor

- Meteorological Data
  - Wind Speed
    - Mean
    - Percent over 12 mph
  - Precipitation
  - Pan Evaporation Rate
- Source Test Data

# Develop Control Efficiency

- Water
  - Application Rate
  - Traffic Rate
- Vendors Data

# Computer Program

- General Information
  - Facility Information
  - Materials Handled
  - Meteorological Data
- Emission Calculation
  - Worksheet for each Process
- Total Emission

# Emission Worksheet

- Information Inputs
  - Default Values

- Data from previous input

- Outputs to Inventory

# References

- “*Compilation of Air Pollution Emission Factors*”, USEPA, AP-42
- “*Air Pollution Engineering Manual*”, A&WMA
- MDAQMD “*Emission Inventory Guidance*”

# Future

- Incorporate
  - Additional Process
  - Revisions to AP-42
  - New Methodologies
- Add Toxic Substances
- Other Emission Sources
  - Gasoline Dispensing
  - Dry Cleaners
  - Surface Coatings & Solvents
  - Reinforced Plastic Composite Manufacturing

