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Sectoral Guidance for Consistent and Accurate Greenhouse Gas Emission Assessments

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API Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Working Group

MISSION

Develop a set of voluntary guidelines and tools for the oil and natural gas industry to account for, calculate and report GHG emissions

- Established a decade ago
- Collaborated with global and regional oil and natural gas industry associations
- Focused on publishing publicly available documents and tools



Greenhouse Gas Inventory Evolution

➤ Industry Trends

- Moving from internal inventory development to external Carbon disclosure reports
- Ongoing refinements of methods to improve accuracy and completeness

➤ Regulatory Trends

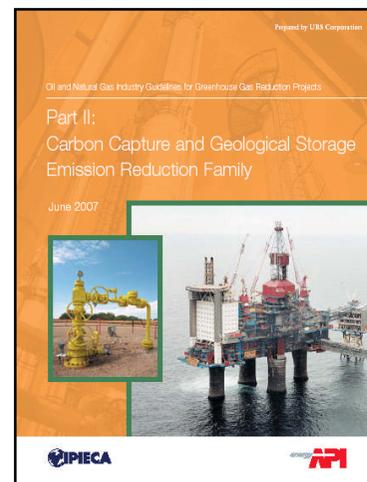
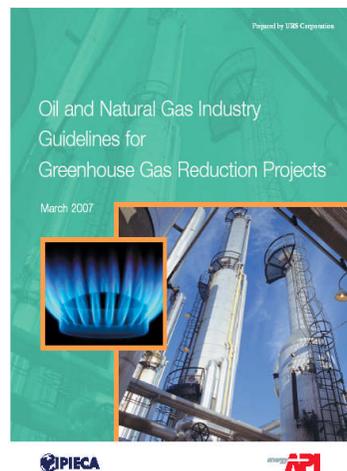
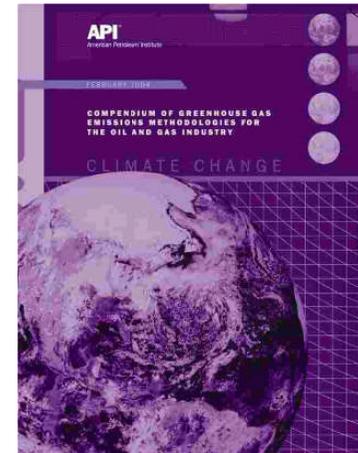
- Movement towards stricter voluntary reporting
- Emerging mandatory reporting programs to support policy development

➤ Increased stakeholder interest



New and Updated Guidelines

- API Methodology Compendium Version 3.0
 - Compilation of GHG estimation methodologies for the Oil & Gas Industry
- Uncertainty Document
 - Technical considerations and calculation methods
- GHG Project Guidelines
 - A series of guidelines for GHG emission reduction projects



API Methodology Compendium



Oil & Natural Gas Greenhouse Gas Inventories

➤ Key questions:

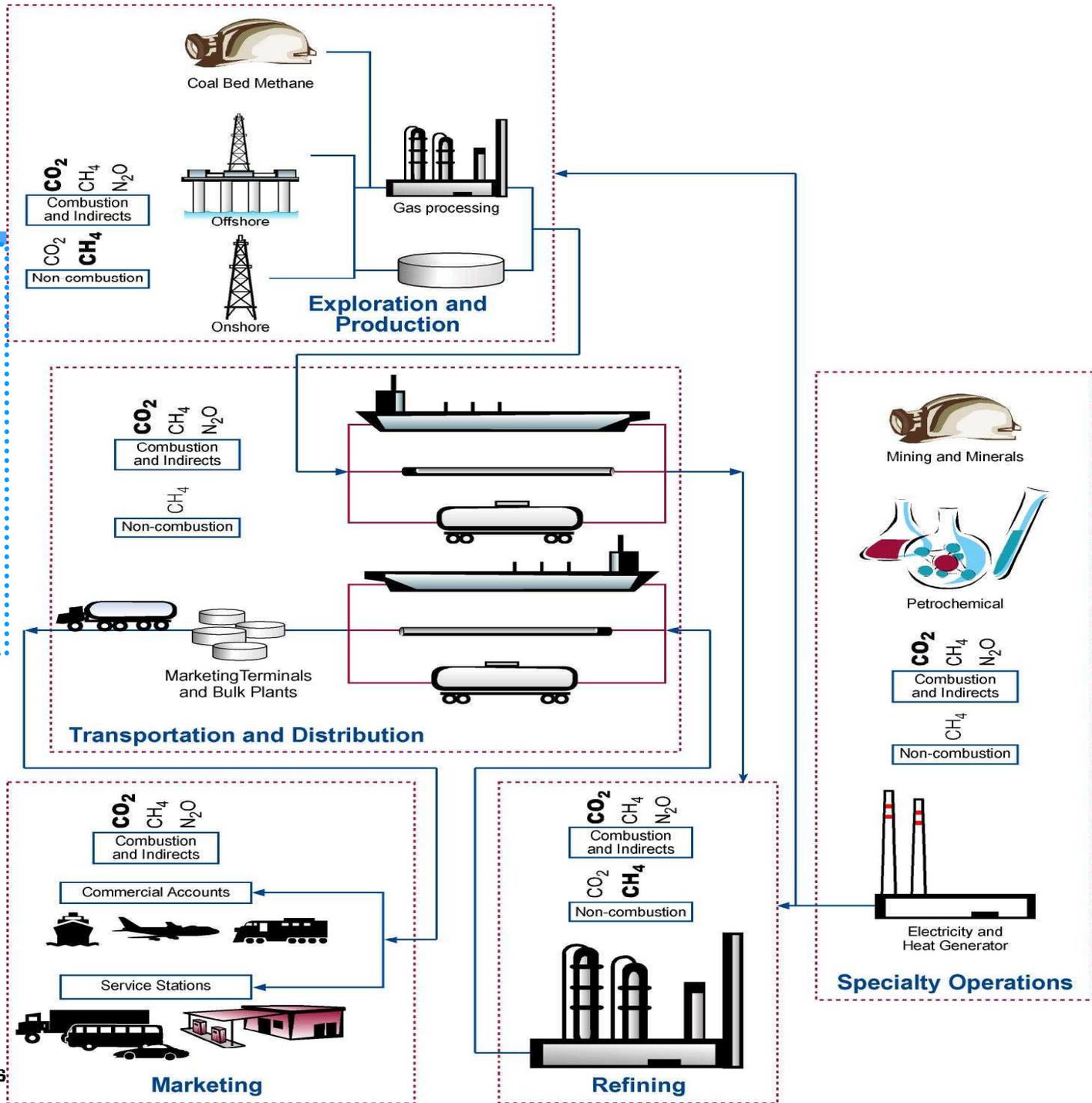
- Which company facilities and emission sources are to be included?
- How will the inventory account, if at all, for indirect emissions from operations outside the company's facilities but created in support of its operations?
- What methods are available to calculate GHG emissions from a wide variety of sources?

➤ Overarching Goal:

- Reliable, efficient and cost-effective industry-endorsed methods for estimating and reporting GHG emissions.



Oil and Natural Gas Industry Schematic of GHG Emissions



Establishing a GHG Inventory

➤ Categories of emissions sources:

- **Combustion:** stationary sources and portable devices;
- **Vents:** both normal venting from processing, storage, and product loading or off-loading as well as emergency releases;
- **Fugitives:** unintentional leakages from piping components and seals as well as wastewater and other waste handling

➤ Special challenges

- Complexity of facility designs and operations
- Heavy reliance on self-generated fuels
- Integrated systems on a continental level
- Resources needed for data collection



Compendium Organization

Section 1 - Introduction

Section 2 – Industry Description

Section 3 – Technical Considerations

Section 4 – Combustion Devices

Section 5 – Process and Vented Emissions

Section 6 – Fugitive Emissions

Section 7 – Indirect Emissions

Section 8 – Emission Inventory Examples



Compendium Organization

Appendix A – Additional Combustion Calculation Approaches

Appendix B – Additional Vented Calculation Approaches

Appendix C - Additional Fugitive Calculation Approaches

Appendix D – Supporting Material for Indirect Emission Factors

Appendix E – Other Background Information

Appendix F – Summary of Refinery Fugitive Emissions Study



Key Compendium Revisions

- Decision trees revamped to address materiality, data availability, and accuracy;
- Emission factors updated to reflect changes in referenced documents;
- Emission calculation approaches expanded:
 - Dehydration, acid gas removal, tank flashing, pneumatic devices, H2 plants, catalytic cracking units, asphalt blowing, and wastewater treatment;
- Inventory uncertainty considerations introduced to reflect concepts from the Uncertainty Document;
- Referenced uncertainty ranges recalculated to reflect 95% confidence intervals;
- Case studies updated.



Uncertainty Document



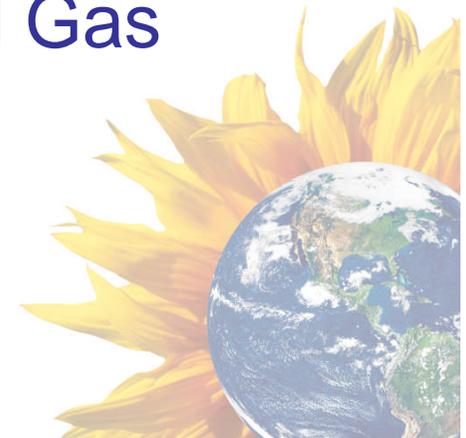
Rationale for Developing the Uncertainty Document

- Provide companion document for API Compendium and Industry Guidelines
- Improve GHG Assessments
- Enhance confidence of attaining compliance
- Focus data collection resources
- Assess applicability of existing emission factors
- Simplify statistical calculation approach



About the Uncertainty Document

- Technical considerations for uncertainty analysis at the facility and entity level
- Sources of GHG inventory uncertainty
- Role of industry practices and standards
- Approaches for calculating uncertainty
- Methods for error propagation
- Example applications for Oil & Natural Gas inventories



Uncertainty Document Organization

Section 1 - Introduction

Section 2 – Sources of Uncertainty

Section 3 – Overview of Measurement Practices

Section 4 – Statistical Calculation Methods

Section 5 – Calculation Examples

Appendices

A – Glossary of Statistical and GHG Inventory Terms

B – Flow Meters Inspection & Maintenance

C – Measurement Methods Summaries

D – Units Conversion

E – Calculation details for example inventory



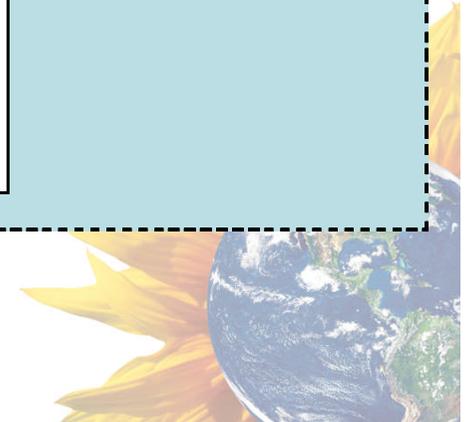
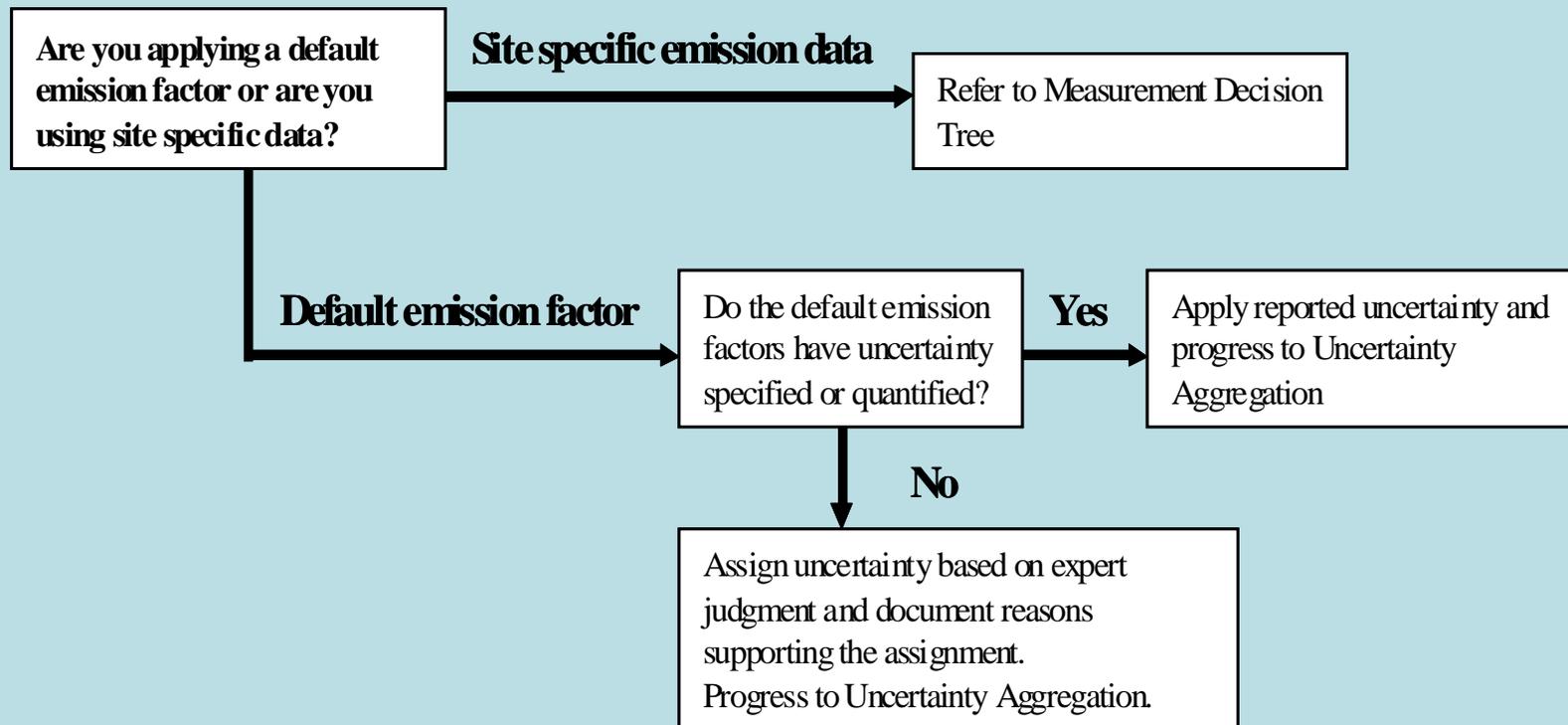
Quantifying Uncertainty

- General Steps
 - Determine the uncertainty for measured data;
 - Determine the uncertainty for emission factors data;
 - Aggregate uncertainties.
- Statistical calculation methods provided with guidance to applicability
- Decision trees used to help navigate
- Pertinent examples embedded in text



Example: Use of Decision Trees

B. Emission Factor Uncertainty



Use of Uncertainty Analysis

- Uncertainty analysis is a tool to assess the confidence range for reported GHG emissions
- The analysis is usually a blend of statistical calculations aided by expert judgment
- It is an excellent tool for
 - Understanding the main contributors to errors
 - Enable targeting large contributing sources for more intense data collection
 - Devising strategies to improve GHG inventories



GHG Projects Guidelines



Accounting for GHG Reductions

- Guiding principle:
 - Reported information should provide a faithful, true, and fair account of the reductions achieved;
- For existing operations
 - Historical activity levels and operating practices, often provide the most realistic baseline scenario;
- For new operations
 - Objective and credible prediction of what would have happened in the absence of the project;
- Methods used for estimating and monitoring project reductions should be fit for purpose



Project Guidelines Organizations

Section 1 - Introduction

Section 2 – GHG Reduction Project Concepts and Principles

Section 3 - Policy Considerations

Section 4 - Overview of GHG Project Families

Section 5 - Cogeneration Project Family

Appendices

A-1 - Summary of GHG Project-Based Emission Reduction Registries

A-2 - Summary of GHG Project-Based Emission Reduction Inventories

B-1 - Cogeneration Project Case Studies

B-2 - Baseline Methodologies for Grid-displacement Reduction Projects



GHG Reduction Calculation Steps

- **Baseline Considerations**
 - Plausible situations or conditions that would have occurred in the absence of the GHG reduction project
- **CHP Projects Characteristics**
 - Net change in GHG emissions from the imported energy streams in the baseline scenario relative to the emission sources created by the project
- **GHG Emission Reduction Calculations**
 - Difference between baseline emissions and GHG reduction project emissions for a given time period, typically on a recurring annual basis



Example:

GHG Reduction via Cogeneration

➤ **Scenario 1: New Cogeneration Unit**

- A facility CHP system consisting of NG fired combustion and steam turbines;
- The fuel source used may replace or displace more carbon intensive fuel sources used off-site.

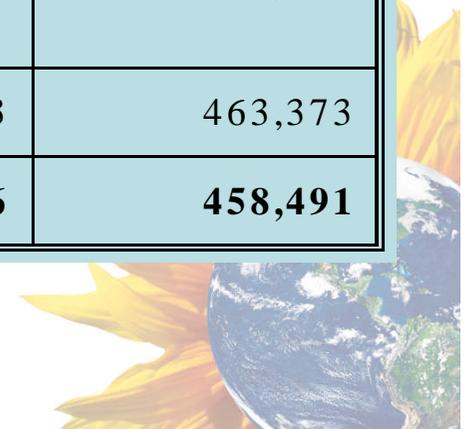
➤ **Scenario 2: Increased on-site energy use**

- The CHP system provides an improvement to overall energy efficiency as compared to the separate generation of electricity and steam
- Previously imported energy is replaced with on-site generation and excess electricity is exported to grid.



GHG Reduction from CHP Scenarios

		ANNUAL CO ₂ -E (Tonnes/year)	
		CASE # 1	CASE # 2
BASELINE SCENARIO	<i>Electricity Equivalent Emissions</i>	162,315	161,959
	<i>Electricity Grid Displacement</i>	801,496	406,103
	<i>Steam Equivalent Emissions</i>	153,678	353,802
	Total Baseline Emissions	1,117,489	921,864
CHP PROJECT	<i>Total Direct Emissions</i>	840,773	463,373
NET GHG EMISSION REDUCTIONS		276,716	458,491



Next Steps

- Version 3.0 of API Compendium is in last stages of technical review
 - Expect to be released by May 2009
- Companion Uncertainty Document undergoing industry experts review
 - To be released as a Pilot Version by June 2009
 - Stay open for comments and ‘road-testing’ for one year
- GHG Reduction Projects Guidelines on Flaring is being reviewed
 - Expect to be published by May/June 2009



Summary

- Decade-long effort by the Oil & Natural Gas industry resulted in credible and consistent methodology guidelines
- The revised API Compendium - in conjunction with the Uncertainty Document - are now at the forefront of emission estimation methods
- The Project Guidelines provide a consistent framework for assessing the GHG emission reductions projects
- The Oil & Natural Gas industry will continue outreach, dissemination, and development of additional relevant guidelines



Thanks for your attention

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