

2.A.1 - Cement Production

Short description

Method	AD	EF	Key Category
T1	AS	CS	L: Hg

The remarks below refer to production of cement clinkers and clinker grinding (only relevant as a source for particulate matter). The clinker-burning with intensive use of energy emits climate-relevant gases. CO₂ accounts for the great majority of these emissions, but heavy metals are important too. Information about the key source relevance can be found in [2.A Mineral Industry](#)].

Methodology

Activity data

Activity data are determined via summation of figures for individual plants (until 1994, activity data were determined on the basis of data of the official member association BDZ). As of 1995, following optimisation of data collection within the association, activity data were compiled by the [[*https://www.vdz-online.de/home1.html?&L=1](https://www.vdz-online.de/home1.html?&L=1) German Cement Works Association] (VDZ), and by its [[*https://www.vdz-online.de/en/vdz/research-institute/](https://www.vdz-online.de/en/vdz/research-institute/) VDZ research institute] (located in Düsseldorf), via surveys of German cement plants. The data are supplemented with data for plants that are not BDZ members (in part, also VDZ estimates).

For internal reasons within the association, the data for the years from 2015 onwards is not available from the VDZ. Instead, the cement clinker specification is based on aggregated plant specific ETS-data of DEHSt. A comparison for the years 2005-2014 showed a good correlation between information of the European Emissions Trading (ETS) and the cement clinker production data of the VDZ. So, the cement clinker information from 2015 onwards is based on aggregated data of ETS. All companies are required to report production data within the framework of CO₂-ETS. The EU monitoring guidelines for emissions trading specify a maximum accuracy of 2.5 %. Furthermore CKD was taken into account. According to the VDZ, the share of bypass dust in clinker production was between 1% and 2% between 2009 and 2016. For the inclusion as an activity rate, it can be assumed that the share was 2 % from 2009 onwards, for time before only 1 %.

Emission factors

The emission factors used for emissions calculation are based on figures from research projects as well as from expert judgements.

In the German cement industry, dust separated from clinker burning exhaust gas is returned to the burning process. As a result, there is no need to take account of significant losses of particles via the exhaust-gas pathway. - On the other hand, particulate matter emissions occur during clinker grinding.

EF for Hg is based on aggregated figures for individual plants of PRTR-reporting. The trend estimation

is based on an expert judgement and derived from TSP trend.

Table 1: Overview of applied emission factors

~ pollutant	~ Name of Category	~ EF	~ unit	~ Trend
NO _x	clinker burning	> 0.60	kg/t	falling
SO ₂	clinker burning	> 0.26	kg/t	falling
NM VOC	clinker burning	> 0.046	kg/t	constant
NH ₃	clinker burning	> 0.055	kg/t	falling
Hg	clinker burning	> 0.024	g/t	falling
Pb	clinker burning	> 0.017	g/t	falling
Cd	clinker burning	> 0.005	g/t	falling
PCB	clinker burning	> 28.0	µg/t	constant
PCDD	clinker burning	> 0.040	µg/t	constant
B(a)P	clinker burning	> 1.0	mg/t	constant
PAH	clinker burning	> 240	mg/t	constant
TSP	<i>clinker grinding</i>	> 0.049	kg/t	<i>falling</i>
PM ₁₀	<i>clinker grinding</i>	> 0.044	kg/t	<i>falling</i>
PM _{2.5}	<i>clinker grinding</i>	> 0.041	kg/t	<i>falling</i>

Emissions of HCB are not applicable according to a research result. The table of EF is related to two different AD sets. For purposes of the most pollutants the AD is burnt clinker. For purposes of emission estimation of PM the AD is grinded clinker (included further materials as domestic burnt clinker). NFR tables could provide only one AD (burnt clinker).

Trends in emissions

All trends in emissions correspond to trends of emission factors in table above. No rising trends are to identify. [gallery size="medium" viewer="yes" : EM_2A1_since_1990.PNG gallery](#)

Recalculations

With **activity data** and **emission factors** remaining unrevised, no recalculations have been carried out compared to last year's submission.



For pollutant-specific information on recalculated emission estimates for Base Year and 2018, please see the pollutant specific recalculation tables following [chapter 8.1 - Recalculations](#).

Planned improvements

For purposes of updating the EF project has started in 2019, but results are planned not before 2021¹⁾.

[!- **FAQ** No comments! ...-]

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