# 2.A.5.a - Quarrying & Mining - Other Than Coal

## Short description

| Category Code | Method | | | | | AD | | | | | EF | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2.A.5.a | T1 | | | | | NS | | | | | D | | | | |
| **Key Category** | **$SO_2$** | **$NO_x$** | **$NH_3$** | **NMVOC** | **CO** | **BC** | **Pb** | **Hg** | **Cd** | **Diox** | **PAH** | **HCB** | **TSP** | **$PM_{10}$** | **$PM_{2.5}$** |
| 2.A.5.a | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | L/- | L/T | L/- |

**T** = key source by Trend **L** = key source by Level

| Methods | |
|---|---|
| **D** | Default |
| **RA** | Reference Approach |
| **T1** | Tier 1 / Simple Methodology * |
| **T2** | Tier 2* |
| **T3** | Tier 3 / Detailed Methodology * |
| **C** | CORINAIR |
| **CS** | Country Specific |
| **M** | Model |

* as described in the EMEP/CORINAIR Emission Inventory Guidebook - 2007, in the group specific chapters.

| AD - Data Source for Activity Data | |
|---|---|
| **NS** | National Statistics |
| **RS** | Regional Statistics |
| **IS** | International Statistics |
| **PS** | Plant Specific data |
| **AS** | Associations, business organisations |
| **Q** | specific questionnaires, surveys |

| EF - Emission Factors | |
|---|---|
| **D** | Default (EMEP Guidebook) |
| **C** | Confidential |
| **CS** | Country Specific |
| **PS** | Plant Specific data |

The mining process emits relevant amounts of particles. Quarrying and mining of minerals other than coal is subsumed, in particular mining of limestone, hard rock and building sands. Information about the current relevance is shown in 2.A - Mineral Industry.

## Methodology

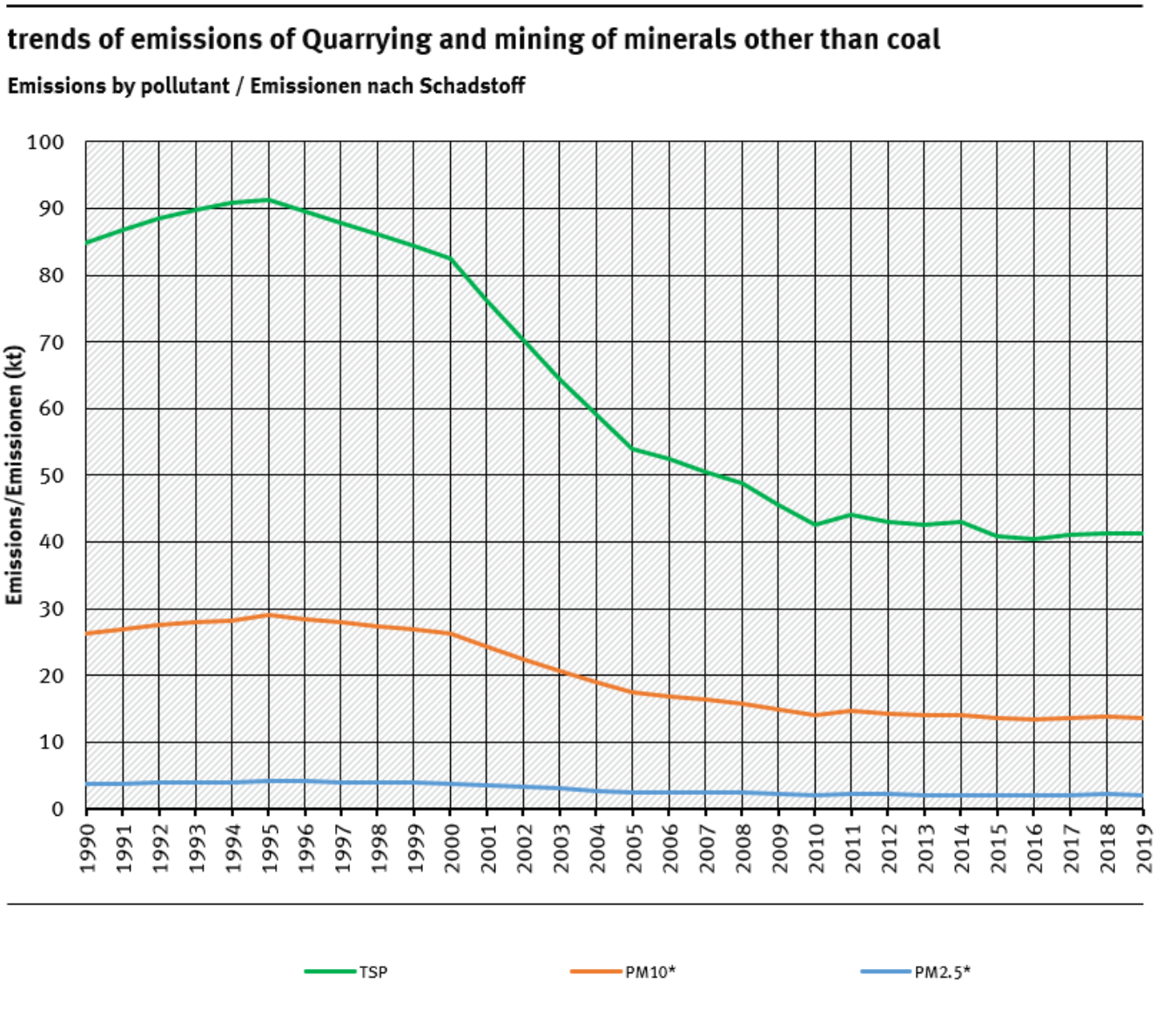
With the use of the 2019 GB method [1)], a Tier 2 method is available that can reflect different national conditions.

Since the GB tool in principle calculates emissions for exactly one year [2)], files must be available for exactly those years in which input data are available. Intermediate years are interpolated in case of data gaps.

With the help of the GB tools, IEFs are reported on an annual basis, which are used for the inventory method AR x EF. Thus the activity data are presented transparently and can be discussed with data suppliers. The emission factors can be modified if further information on the parameters of the GB-tool is available.

# Trend discussion

Trends in emissions follow the shrinking mining activities.




Emission trends in NFR 2.A.5.a

# Recalculations

Recalculations were necessary due to minor revised AD for the last recent year.

# Planned improvements

At the moment, no category-specific improvements are planned.

# Short description - Salt Production

Salt production is a sub-category of the mining activities in respect of the country specific approach used. Currently, a Tier 1 method is used: information on production of salts are multiplied with emission factors for TSP and PM.

# Method

## Activity data

The data from national statistics includes production of potash and rock salt. Potash salt is dominating, nevertheless gaps of statistics are filled and emissions are modelled as potash salt only.

## Emission factors

The emission factors are based on analogy to bulk product handling by an expert judgements from UBA:

Table 2: Overview of applied emission factors, in kg/t salt

| Pollutant | EF value | EF trend |
|---|---|---|
| **TSP** | 0.031 | constant |
| **$PM_{10}$** | 0.016 | constant |
| **$PM_{2.5}$** | 0.003 | constant |

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[1)] EMEP/EEA, 2019: EEA Report No 13/2019 EMEP EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook 2019, Copenhagen, 2019; URL: https://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/emep-eea-guidebook-2019/part-b-sectoral-guidance-chapters

/2-industrial-processes/2-a-mineral-products/2-a-5-a-quarrying/view

[2)] EMEP/EEA, 2019: EEA Report No 13/2019 EMEP EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook 2019, Copenhagen, 2019; URL: https://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/emep-eea-guidebook-2019/part-b-sectoral-guidance-chapters/2-industrial-processes/2-a-mineral-products/2-a-5-a-quarrying-1/view