

5.D.2 - Industrial Wastewater Handling

Short description

Category Code	Method					AD					EF				
5.D.2	T1					NS					D				
	NO _x	NM VOC	SO ₂	NH ₃	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	TSP	BC	CO	Pb	Cd	Hg	Diox	PAH	HCB
Key Category:	-	-/-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

In category **5.D.2**, NM VOC emissions from industrial wastewater handling are reported. The industrial section is covered by wastewaters from industrial processes. Main sectors are chemical industries, iron & steel industries, power generation, Food sector and Paper & Cardboard-production.

Method

Emissions reported under this category are calculated using the Tier 1 approach of the EMEP/EEA Guidebook 2019, where the emission factor (EF) is 15 mg/m³ wastewater (Part B, 5.D, chap. 3.2.2, Table 3-1, p. 7¹⁾). This EF is multiplied with the total amount of wastewater (AD) treated in industrial wwt-plants, following the equation:

$$\text{Emissions}_{\text{NM VOC}} = \text{AD} \times \text{EF} \text{ (ibid., chap. 3.2.1)}$$

Activity data

Total volumes of treated industrial wastewater are derived by the German statistical agency (Statistisches Bundesamt, Umweltnutzung und Wirtschaft. Tabellen zu den Umweltökonomischen Gesamtrechnungen. Teil 4: Wassereinsatz, Abwasser. Table 7.7²⁾). The availability of the data starts in 1991 with new data for every following year, until 2001. Until then the data source is published on a three-year basis with new data only for the respective year of the update. Missing data are inter- or extrapolated

Emission factors

See method.

It should be noted that the described default emission factor was collected in Turkey for municipal wastewater treatment plants under specific climatic conditions in developing countries. The wastewater characteristics of the considered industries sometimes differ significantly from municipal wastewater.

Uncertainties

The AD from Statistisches Bundesamt have an uncertainty of $\pm 3\%$ (normal distribution) whereas the uncertainty for the EF, due to its range (5/50 mg/m³), is -70 / +210 % and the distribution lognormal.

Recalculations

Recalculations were not necessary.



For **pollutant-specific information on recalculated emission estimates for Base Year and 2019**, please see the recalculation tables following [chapter 8.1 - Recalculations](#).

Planned improvements

Currently no improvements are planned.

¹⁾ EMEP/EEA, 2019: EMEP/EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook 2019, Copenhagen, 2019

²⁾ Statistisches Bundesamt, Umweltnutzung und Wirtschaft. Tabellen zu den Umweltökonomischen Gesamtrechnungen. Teil 4: Wassereinsatz, Abwasser. Table 7.7