5.C.2 - Open Burning of Waste

Category Code	Method	AD	EF						
5.C.2	CS	Q	D, CS						
Method(s) applied									
D	Default								
T1	Γier 1 / Simple Methodol								
T2	Tier 2*								
Т3	Γier 3 / Detailed Method	ology *							
C	CORINAIR								
CS	Country Specific								
M	Model								
* as described in the EMEP/EE	A Emission Inventory Gu	iidebook - 2019, in	category chapters.						
(source for) Activity Data									
NS I	National Statistics								
RS	Regional Statistics								
IS	International Statistics								
PS I	Plant Specific								
As	Associations, business o	rganisations							
	specific Questionnaires (or surveys)							
M	Model / Modelled								
C	Confidential								
(source for) Emission Facto	ors								
D	Default (EMEP Guidebook)								
CS	Country Specific								
PS I	Plant Specific								
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C	Confidential	<u> </u>							

NO,	NMVOC	SO ₂	NH ₃	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	TSP	ВС	СО	Pb	Cd	Нg	As	Cr	Cu	Ni	Se	Zn	PCDD/F	B(a)P	B(b)F	B(k)F	I(x)P	PAH1-4	НСВ	PCBs
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	L/- key source by Level only																								
	-/T key source by Trend only																								
				L/	r key	ey source by both L evel and T rend																			
				-/-	no k	o key source for this pollutant																			
				IE	emis	mission of specific pollutant Included Elsewhere (i.e. in another category)																			
				NE	emis	emission of specific pollutant N ot E stimated (yet)																			
				N/	spec	specific pollutant not emitted from this source or activity = N ot A pplicable																			
				*		no analysis done																			

Within NFR sub-category 5.C.2 - Open Burning of Waste, the German emissions inventory provides only emissions from allowed bonfires and from other wooden materials burnt outdoors. Emissions from bonfires are key source for $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} , but in principle of minor priority due to discontinuous appearance.

Please see chapter regarding farming/plantation waste: 3.F - Field burning of agricultural residues - this is banned by law in Germany. So there is no gap of reporting.

Emissions from open burning of wood and green waste for traditional purposes, so-called bonfires such as Easter fires, are reported model-based. In addition to biogenic carbon dioxide, emissions of NO_x , SO_2 , CO, NMVOC, particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$, PM_{10} and TSP), Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) and Heavy Metals are covered so far.

Method

For developing of a estimation frame a survey regarding the number of such bonfires was carried out by an expert work ¹⁾. As the result, questionnaires from municipalities and statistical projections for Germany for the year 2016 were checked. The

project has shown a declining trend since 1990. On the basis of expert judgement, a further reduction of emissions in the future is expected.

As discussed on Review 2020 regarding all relevant sources: A comparison shows that the volume of bonfires is significantly higher than the volume of campfires. In terms of number, however, the two types of fires are similar. Due to the large fluctuations of the minimum/maximum values, the median was proposed in study. In our view the estimation of bonfires emissions is conservative and completly.

Activity data

Activity data for this category are based on data from a step by step calculation: After the evaluation of the questionaires an extrapolation of the volume and the number of bonfires was made for Germany. For the years since 2019, it became visible that, in addition to the model-based continuous decrease in activities, special aspects must be taken into account: Because of the restrictions on public activities during the pandemic, modeling of less traditional events was searched for.

Two types of fires were already classified in the expert project: camp fires in the more private sector and, most importantly, Easter Fires in the more public sector. The calculations are now considered separately and the camp fires are modeled with a continued steady decline.

Here, Easter fires follow an approach about general percentage decreases and additionally in 2019 five percentage points decrease corresponding to various cancels due to forest fire risk. In 2020 and 2021, an additional 70 percent decrease was modeled due to cancellations for pandemic response (but no complete cancellation in Germany because there were exceptions and follow-up events). For 2022 no restrictions were modelled, only the known slight decreasing trend. The following values are the result of evaluation:

Table 1: Total annual mass of bonfires, in metric tonnes [t]

1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2021	2022
431,394	414,276	397,157	380,038	362,919	345,800	135,170	134.297	324.915

Emission factors

As discussed on Review 2020 regarding EF used and referenced: We use different EF from different references suitable for the burning of wooden wastes. We consider both fresh wood (garden and park waste) and dry wood (without coatings etc.). We have tried to find relevant parallels, for example because of the burning of fresh wood with regard to forest fires. But the most EF are from GB 2023 for 5.C.2, evaluated and corrected in use, as shown in the following table:

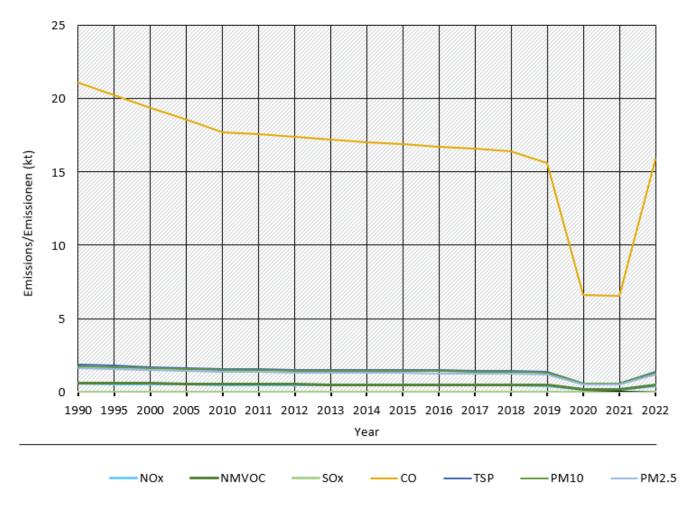
	value	unit	Current reference
СО	48.8	kg/ t	GB 2023 5.C.2, table 3-2
NO _x	1.38	kg/ t	GB 2023 5.C.2, table 3-2
SO ₂	0.03	kg/ t	GB 2023 5.C.2, table 3-2
NMVOC	1.47	kg/ t	GB 2023 5.C.2, table 3-2
TSP	4.31	kg/ t	GB 2023 5.C.2, table 3-2
PM ₁₀	4.13	kg/ t	GB 2023 5.C.2, table 3-2
PM _{2.5}	3.76	kg/ t	GB 2023 5.C.2, table 3-2
ВС	1,05	kg/ t	GB 2023 5.C.2, table 3-2 (28% of PM2.5)
PCDD/F	10.0	μg/ t	GB 2023 5.C.2, table 3-1
PAH	3.39	g/ t	sum of single compounts
B[a]P	1.3	g/t	IIR Ireland ²⁾
B[b]F	1.5	g/t	IIR Ireland ³⁾
B[k]F	0.5	g/ t	IIR Ireland ⁴⁾
I[]P	0.09	g/t	IIR Ireland 5)
Pb	0.32	g/ t	GB 2023 5.C.2, table 3-2
Cd	0.13	g/ t	GB 2023 5.C.2, table 3-2

Trends in emissions

All trends in emissions correspond to trends of AD. No rising trends are identifiable in the long term.

Trends of Emissions in Germany in NFR category Bonfires

Emissions by pollutant / Emissionen nach Schadstoff



^{*} Base Year for PM = 1995 / Basisjahr für Feinstäube (PM) ist 1995

Quelle: German Environment Agency, National inventory for the German reporting on atmospheric emissions since 1990, (11/2023)

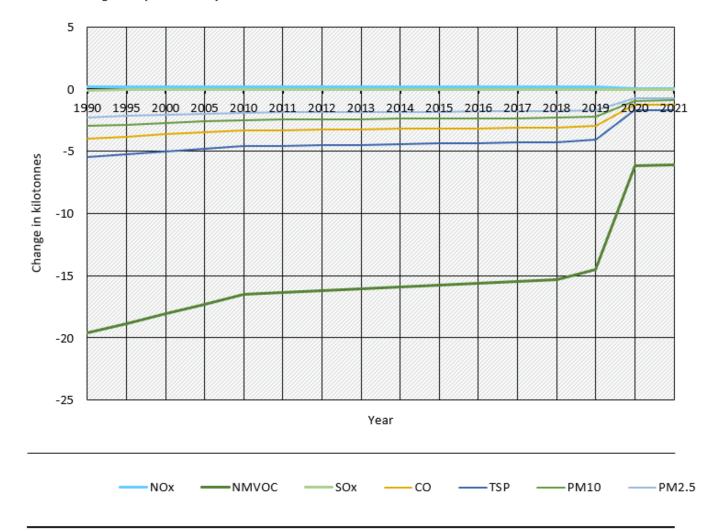
Emission trends of bonfires

Recalculations

Recalculations were necessary due to corrected emission factors. The significant changes can be shown as an absolute difference over time as follows:

Emissions in Germany in NFR category bonfires

Absolute changes compared to last year's submission



Quelle: German Environment Agency, National inventory for the German reporting on atmospheric emissions since 1990, (11/2023)

Recalculations in NFR 5.C.2



For **pollutant-specific information on recalculated emission estimates for Base Year and 2022**, please see the pollutant specific recalculation tables following chapter 8.1 - Recalculations.

 $https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/sites/default/files/medien/1410/publikationen/2018-02-19_texte_11-2018_lager-brauchtumsfeuer.pdf; UBA-Texte_11/2018$

¹⁾ Wagner & Steinmetzer, 2018: Jörg Wagner, Sonja Steinmetzer, INTECUS GmbH Abfallwirtschaft und umweltintegratives Management: Erhebung der Größen und Zusammensetzung von Brauchtums- und Lagerfeuern durch kommunale Befragungen; URL:

^{2), 3), 4), 5)} (EF is referenced to a former research project called 'Use of charcoal, tobacco etc.'. This was a literature research, which is only available via UBA library in German. The EF is relating wood burning as it was documented in Ireland's IIR