

5.D.2 - Industrial Wastewater Handling

Short description

Category Code	Method	AD	EF
5.D.2	T1	NS	D
Method(s) applied			
D	Default		
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/EEA Emission Inventory Guidebook - 2019, in category chapters.			
(source for) Activity Data			
NS	National Statistics		
RS	Regional Statistics		
IS	International Statistics		
PS	Plant Specific		
As	Associations, business organisations		
Q	specific Questionnaires (or surveys)		
M	Model / Modelled		
C	Confidential		
(source for) Emission Factors			
D	Default (EMEP Guidebook)		
CS	Country Specific		
PS	Plant Specific		
M	Model / Modelled		
C	Confidential		

NO _x	NM VOC	SO ₂	NH ₃	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	TSP	BC	CO	Heavy Metals	POPs
NA	-/-	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
L/-	key source by L evel only									
-/T	key source by T rend only									
L/T	key source by both L evel and T rend									
-/-	no key source for this pollutant									
IE	emission of specific pollutant I ncluded E lsewhere (i.e. in another category)									
NE	emission of specific pollutant N ot E stimated (yet)									
NA	specific pollutant not emitted from this source or activity = N ot A pplicable									
*	no analysis done									

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, Paper & Cardboard-production and "Other"-Industrial processes.

Method

Emissions reported under this category are calculated using the Tier 1 approach of the EMEP/EEA Guidebook 2023, 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:



Emissions_{NM VOC} = AD x EF
(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 7.7 ²⁾). 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 interpolated. Since the Wastewaterstatistic has not been updated since 2016, the data for Chemical Industry and Paper&Cardboard has been extrapolated until 2017 on the basis of an expert judgment, assuming for the Chemical Industry a yearly reduction of 1% and for Paper&Cardboard of 1,5%. For the remaining industries expert-judgement concluded that constant values since 2016 are deemed to be most probable.

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 2022, please see the recalculation tables following [chapter 9.1 - Recalculations](#).

Planned improvements



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

¹⁾ EMEP/EEA (2023): EMEP/EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook 2023; Part B, Chapter 5.D Wastewater handling; page 7, 3.2.2 - Default emission factors, Table 3-1; Copenhagen 2023.
<https://www.eea.europa.eu/en/analysis/publications/emep-eea-guidebook-2023/part-b-sectoral-guidance-chapters/5-waste/5-d-wastewater-handling/@@download/file>

²⁾ Statistisches Bundesamt, Umweltnutzung und Wirtschaft. Tabellen zu den Umweltökonomischen Gesamtrechnungen. Teil

4: Wassereinsatz, Abwasser. Table 7.7