

CoMAT Methodology

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Abbreviations

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| AD | Activity Data |
| AGR | Acid Gas Removal |
| Bcf | Billion cubic feet |
| Bcm | Billion cubic meters |
| DRE | Destruction Removal Efficiency |
| EF | Emission Factor |
| GHGRP | United States Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program |
| HF | Hydraulic Fracturing |
| Kg | Kilogram |
| Kt | Kiloton (thousand metric tons) |
| LDAR | Leak Detection and Repair |
| Mcm | Million cubic meters |
| MMbbls | Million barrels |
| mmcf | Million cubic feet |
| MMHPHr | Million horsepower hour |
| MMscf | Million standard cubic feet |
| OGI | Optical Gas Imaging |
| REC | Reduced Emission Completion |
| USEPA | United States Environmental Protection Agency |
| USGHGI | United States Greenhouse Gas Inventory |
| VRU | Vapor Recovery Unit |

CoMAT Introduction

CoMAT Process

In recent years, recognition of the methane problem has also been on the rise. Spurred by leadership from the United States, United Kingdom, and European Union in 2021, more than 150 countries signed on to the Global Methane Pledge, a breakthrough commitment to reducing global methane emissions 30% by 2030.

But while important progress has been made since this critical moment, several barriers remain for countries eager to turn their methane ambitions into action, including:

- Emissions Estimates: successful methane mitigation will require robust estimates of national emissions and abatement potential.
- Mitigation Policy: Emissions reduction and country-specific mitigation plans require the development and implementation of effective national policies and regulatory tools which are often missing and/or countries interested in taking action need support identifying and designing.

To help overcome these challenges, CATF is engaging governments, industry, and civil society around the world – and has created the [Country Methane Abatement Tool](#) (CoMAT) to help government regulators and ministries turn their ambition into action. CoMAT is a powerful, free tool designed to make it easier for countries to quickly estimate their methane emissions and abatement potential, develop comprehensive mitigation approaches, and design methane reduction policy strategies. CATF's CoMAT application offers a unique combination of estimation and policy design tools that allow a country to collect, examine, check, analyze, and evaluate data, gain valuable insights and build consensus around best mitigation solutions that can help them meet their climate goals.

Using publicly available data, the platform is set up with estimates of a country's oil and gas sector emissions and access to a newly digitized library of leading methane policy and proven best practices, backed by the hands-on support of CATF's world-class methane team. CoMAT allows government regulators to continually refine their emissions inventories and explore variables and specific policy and regulatory options that can drive pollution reduction.

CATF continues to actively work with its partners to reduce methane emissions and uses CoMAT to establish a common language between policymakers, companies, and regulators. The tool is a user-friendly and intuitive knowledge-based platform that offers a high level of granularity, transparency, and the opportunity to explore regulatory tools that allow countries to plan ahead and make significant progress in designing mitigation approaches that achieve their climate and emissions decarbonization goals.

Calculation methodology

An emission source is a specific piece of equipment or process at an oil and gas site that leads to the emission of methane. Emissions for each source are calculated by adding up emissions for each emission contributor within that source using an Industry Information, Activity Data, and Emission Factors. Industry information is collected based on publicly available sources or provided directly by the country. If industry data is not available, it is estimated in the CoMAT application using Proxies. Activity data is estimated by combining industry information and activity drivers. Emission factors are based on previous measurement studies or engineering estimates.

Most of the information for activity data and emission factors is derived from the US GHG Inventory (US GHGI). These defaults represent current numbers for the US oil and gas industry or estimates of activity data and emission factors before the US oil and gas industry was subject to regulation—regulation for new/modified sources began starting in 2012, so the pre-regulatory baseline is based on 2011 data.

This equation is the general formula used to calculate methane emissions from all emission contributors.

$$\text{Methane emissions} = \text{Industry Contributor} * \text{Activity Driver(s)} * \text{Emission Factor}$$



$$\text{Methane emissions} = \text{Activity Data (AD)} * \text{Emission Factor (EF)}$$

Note that emission sources in CoMAT have between zero and four activity drivers. In the case where there are zero activity factors, the industry contributor acts directly as the activity data.

Example 1: This is the specific equation for high bleed pneumatic controllers in the gas production subsegment, an emission source with two activity drivers:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Methane emissions from high bleed controllers} = \\ (\# \text{ of active gas wells}) * (\# \text{ of natural gas powered pneumatic controllers per well}) * (\% \text{ of pneumatic controllers that are high bleed}) * (\text{Methane emissions per high bleed controller}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Methane emissions} = (\# \text{ of high bleed pneumatic controllers}) * (\text{Methane emissions per high bleed controller})$$

Example 2: This is the specific equation for abnormal process condition emissions in the gas production subsegment, an emission source with zero activity drivers:

$$\text{Methane emissions from abnormal process condition emissions} = (\# \text{ of active gas wells}) * (\text{Abnormal process condition methane emissions per active gas well})$$

Details of each emission contributor can be found in the “Emissions Sources” section of this document.

Top-down measurements

As described above, much of the calculation in CoMAT is building a bottom-up equipment-based inventory. But there are a few items that are based on top-down measurement data, so it is worth calling those out directly.

First, CoMAT estimates methane emissions from associated gas venting and flaring, and by default it uses satellite data on flaring from NOAA.¹ This data is reported in billion cubic meters of gas flared. CoMAT then has three other factors that can be modified to estimate methane emissions from associated gas venting and flaring: average flaring efficiency, average gas composition, and amount of associated gas that is vented not flared.

CoMAT also uses a default assumption for emissions from abnormal process conditions, which include malfunctions upstream of the point of emissions and equipment issues. These emissions are responsible for the gap between the component level bottom-up inventory (e.g. the official US GHG Inventory) and atmospheric measurements of methane emissions.² These emissions are estimated in CoMAT using a the factor based on Alvarez 2018.³ We use the data from this study to estimate methane emissions from abnormal process conditions per well for the oil and gas production subsegments and to estimate emissions from abnormal process conditions per station for the gathering and boosting subsegment. These factors can be replaced with country-specific top-down measurement data if that is available.

¹ Global Gas Flaring Tracker Report. *World Bank Global Gas Flaring Reduction Partnership* <https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/gasflaringreduction/global-flaring-data> (2023).

² Zavala-Araiza, D., Alvarez, R., Lyon, D. *et al.* Super-emitters in natural gas infrastructure are caused by abnormal process conditions. *Nat Commun* **8**, 14012 (2017). <https://doi.org/10.1038/ncomms14012> <https://www.nature.com/articles/ncomms14012>

³ Ramón A. Alvarez et al. Assessment of methane emissions from the U.S. oil and gas supply chain. *Science* 361, 186-188(2018). DOI:10.1126/science.aar7204

Other data considerations

Before a country site can be created in CoMAT, the following two choices must be made: which system of measurement is used (metric or imperial) and which year will be used for input data (this is typically 1-2 years before the current year and should be the most recent year for which a full dataset is available).

Industry Segments

Gas Exploration and Production

The gas exploration process involves the search for rock formations associated with natural gas deposits through detailed geological and geophysical surveys and exploratory drilling to determine nature of hydrocarbon presence. Gas production is the process of extracting hydrocarbons via drilling and hydraulic fracturing, and separating the mixture liquid hydrocarbons, gas, water, and solids. Table 1 shows the information used in CoMAT for the gas exploration and production segment.

Table 1: Data used for the gas exploration and production segment

| Industry Contributor Group | Industry Contributor | Industry Subsegment | Default Source | Proxy details |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gas Production | Gross production | Onshore Gas Production | Country-specific: EIA | |
| | Marketed/dry production | | | |
| | Offshore gas production | Offshore Gas Production | Country-specific: Rystad *Note: outdated data, should be updated by country. | |
| Gas wells | Total Gas Wells | Gas Exploration, Onshore Gas Production | Country-specific or Proxy | 3.9 Mcm (138 mmcf) per well. CATF judgement of global average |
| | Gas wells with hydraulic fracturing | | Country-specific or Proxy | Assume 5% of wells are hydraulically fractured. |
| | Gas wells with hydraulic fracturing | | Country-specific or Proxy | |
| | Gas wells drilled per year | | Country-specific or Proxy | Assume that 5% of total well count is drilled per year. |
| Well Blowouts | | Gas Exploration | Country-specific. Default zero if no information. | |

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Condensate Production | Onshore Gas Production | Country-specific: EIA | |
| Gathering and boosting stations | Gathering and Boosting | Country-specific or Proxy | 143 Mcm (5,046 mmcf) processed per gathering and boosting station. US average. |

Oil Exploration and Production

Oil exploration process involves the search for rock formations associated with oil deposits through detailed geological and geophysical surveys and exploratory drilling to determine nature of hydrocarbon presence. Oil production is the process of extracting hydrocarbons via drilling and hydraulic fracturing, and separating the mixture liquid hydrocarbons, gas, water, and solids. Table 2 shows the information used in CoMAT for the oil exploration and production segment.

Table 2: Data used for the oil exploration and production segment

| Industry Contributor Group | Industry Contributor | Industry Subsegment | Default Source | Proxy details |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Oil Production | Total oil production | Onshore Oil Production | Country-specific: EIA | |
| | Onshore Oil production | | | |
| | Offshore oil production | Offshore Oil Production | Country-specific: Rystad *Note: outdated data, should be updated by country. | |
| Oil wells | Total Oil Wells | Oil Exploration, Onshore Oil Production | Country-specific or Proxy | 3.9 Mcm (138 mmcf) per well. CATF judgement of global average |
| | Oil wells with hydraulic fracturing | | Country-specific or Proxy | Assume 5% of wells are hydraulically fractured. |
| | Oil wells with hydraulic fracturing | | Country-specific or Proxy | |
| | Oil wells drilled per year | | Country-specific or Proxy | Assume that 5% of total well count is drilled per year. |
| Flaring Volume | Flaring Volume | Onshore Oil Production | Country-specific: NOAA Global Gas Flaring | |

Gas Processing

A natural gas processing facility removes impurities from natural gas, which improves its heating value and prepares it for pipeline transmission. Natural gas processing facilities include acid gas removal (AGR), dehydration, hydrocarbon liquids removal, and compression operations. When feasible, vapor recovery units capture vented gas and send it to flares. The size and complexity of processing plants are variable; in some cases, processing occurs near production sites, while in other cases a central processing facility receives natural gas from gathering and boosting facilities.

Table 3: Data used for the gas processing segment

| Industry Contributor Group | Industry Contributor | Industry Subsegment | Default Source | Proxy details |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Number of Processing Plants | | Gas Processing | Country-specific or Proxy | Marketed/Dry gas production / Amount of natural gas processed per processing plant. Assume 1,265.5 Mcm (44,682 mmcf) natural gas processed per processing plant. US average. |

Gas Transmission and Storage

Transmission compressor stations are located along natural gas transmission pipelines and use compressors to boost the pressure of the natural gas to move it through the pipelines. These stations consist of centrifugal and reciprocating compressors; most pipeline compressors are powered by natural gas, but some are powered by electricity. Underground gas storage includes wells in depleted oil and gas fields, hollowed-out salt domes, or other geological formations. Underground storage facilities consist of pneumatic devices and compressors, and fugitive emissions coming from flanges, connectors, open-ended lines, and valves for both the storage station and wellhead.

Table 4: Data used for the gas transmission and storage segment

| Industry Contributor Group | Industry Contributor | Industry Subsegment | Default Source | Proxy details |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Transmission Pipeline Distance | | Gas Transmission | Country-specific or Proxy | (Gross onshore gas production + Offshore gas production) / Natural gas throughput per transmission compressor station * Transmission pipeline distance per transmission compressor station. |

| Industry Contributor Group | Industry Contributor | Industry Subsegment | Default Source | Proxy details |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Assume 1,862.1 Mcm (65,758.8 mmcf) natural gas processed per transmission compressor station and 161 km (100 miles) per transmission compressor station. US average. |
| Stations | Transmission compressor stations | Gas Transmission | Country-specific or Proxy | Transmission pipeline distance / Transmission pipeline distance per transmission compressor station. Assume 161 km (100 miles) per transmission compressor station. US average. |
| | Gas storage compressor stations | Underground Gas Storage | Country-specific or Proxy | (Gross onshore gas production + Offshore gas production)/Amount of natural gas stored per storage compressor station. Assume 2,438.2 Mcm (86,102.6 mmcf) natural gas processed per storage compressor stations. US average. |
| Gas Consumption* | Total natural gas consumption | Gas Transmission, Underground Distribution Pipelines | Country-specific: EIA | |
| | Residential natural gas consumption | | Country-specific or Proxy | Assume 16 percent of total natural gas consumption. US average. |
| | Commercial natural gas consumption | | Country-specific or Proxy | Assume 11 percent of total natural gas consumption. US average. |
| | Industrial natural gas consumption | | Country-specific or Proxy | Assume 28 percent of total natural gas consumption. US average. |
| | Residential natural gas customers | | Country-specific or Proxy | Residential natural gas consumption / Natural gas consumption per residential customer. Assume 1798.6 m3 (63,515.8 cf) natural gas consumed per residential customer. US average. |
| | Commercial natural gas customers | | Country-specific or Proxy | Commercial natural gas consumption / Natural gas consumption per commercial customer. Assume 16,083.7 m3 (567,991.6 cf) natural gas consumed per commercial customer. US average. |
| | Industrial natural gas customers | | Country-specific or Proxy | Industrial natural gas consumption / Natural gas consumption per industrial customer. |

| Industry Contributor Group | Industry Contributor | Industry Subsegment | Default Source | Proxy details |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Assume 1,158,952 m3 (40,928,043 cf) natural gas consumed per industrial customer. US average. |

*Same industry information used in both Gas Transmission and Gas Distribution

LNG

Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facilities include LNG import and export terminals, and LNG storage facilities. LNG export terminals receives natural gas, liquefies natural gas, stores LNG, and transfers the LNG via ocean transportation to any location. LNG import terminals receives imported LNG via ocean transport, stores LNG, regasifies LNG, and delivers re-gasified natural gas to a natural gas transmission or distribution system.

Table 5: Data used for the liquefied natural gas segment

| Industry Contributor Group | Industry Contributor | Industry Subsegment | Default Source | Proxy details |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------|
| LNG | LNG Storage Stations | LNG Storage | Country-specific: Global Energy Monitor | |
| | LNG Import Terminals | LNG Import Terminals | Country-specific: Global Energy Monitor | |
| | LNG Export Terminals | LNG Export Terminals | Country-specific: Global Energy Monitor | |

Gas Distribution

Natural gas distribution means the distribution pipelines and metering-regulating stations to supply gas to end users.

Table 6: Data used for the gas distribution segment

| Industry Contributor Group | Industry Contributor | Industry Subsegment | Default Source | Proxy details |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | Total natural gas consumption | | Country-specific: EIA | |

| Industry Contributor Group | Industry Contributor | Industry Subsegment | Default Source | Proxy details |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gas Consumption* | Residential natural gas consumption | Aboveground Distribution Stations | Country-specific or Proxy | Assume 16 percent of total natural gas consumption. US average. |
| | Commercial natural gas consumption | | Country-specific or Proxy | Assume 11 percent of total natural gas consumption. US average. |
| | Industrial natural gas consumption | | Country-specific or Proxy | Assume 28 percent of total natural gas consumption. US average. |
| | Residential natural gas customers | | Country-specific or Proxy | Residential natural gas consumption / Natural gas consumption per residential customer. Assume 1798.6 m3 (63,515.8 cf) natural gas consumed per residential customer. US average. |
| | Commercial natural gas customers | | Country-specific or Proxy | Commercial natural gas consumption / Natural gas consumption per commercial customer. Assume 16,083.7 m3 (567,991.6 cf) natural gas consumed per commercial customer. US average. |
| | Industrial natural gas customers | | Country-specific or Proxy | Industrial natural gas consumption / Natural gas consumption per industrial customer. Assume 1,158,952 m3 (40,928,043 cf) natural gas consumed per industrial customer. US average. |
| Mains & Services | Mains - Cast Iron | Underground Distribution Pipelines, Aboveground Distribution Stations | Country-specific or Proxy | Number of residential natural gas customers * total mains distance per customer * percent of cast iron mains. Assume 0.03 km (0.02 miles) of mains per residential customer and 2.04 percent of total mains distance is composed of cast iron. US average. |
| | Mains - Protected Steel | | Country-specific or Proxy | Number of residential natural gas customers * total mains distance per customer * percent of Protected Steel mains. Assume 0.03 km (0.02 miles) of mains per residential customer and 37.35 percent of total mains distance is composed of Protected Steel. US average. |

| Industry Contributor Group | Industry Contributor | Industry Subsegment | Default Source | Proxy details |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Mains - Unprotected Steel | | Country-specific or Proxy | Number of residential natural gas customers * total mains distance per customer * percent of Unprotected Steel mains. Assume 0.03 km (0.02 miles) of mains per residential customer and 4.46 percent of total mains distance is composed of Unprotected Steel. US average. |
| | Mains - Plastic | | Country-specific or Proxy | Number of residential natural gas customers * total mains distance per customer * percent of Plastic mains. Assume 0.03 km (0.02 miles) of mains per residential customer and 56.15 percent of total mains distance is composed of Plastic. US average. |
| | Services - Protected Steel | | Country-specific or Proxy | Number of residential natural gas customers * total number of service lines per customer * percent of Protected Steel service lines. Assume 0.97 services per residential customer and 21 percent of total number of services is composed of Protected Steel. US average. |
| | Services - Unprotected Steel | | Country-specific or Proxy | Number of residential natural gas customers * total number of service lines per customer * percent of Unprotected Steel service lines. Assume 0.97 services per residential customer and 5 percent of total number of services is composed of Unprotected Steel. US average. |
| | Services - Plastic | | Country-specific or Proxy | Number of residential natural gas customers * total number of service lines per customer * percent of Plastic service lines. Assume 0.97 services per residential customer and 73 percent of total number of services is composed of Plastic. US average. |
| | Services - Copper | | Country-specific or Proxy | Number of residential natural gas customers * total number of service lines per customer * percent of copper service lines. |

| Industry Contributor Group | Industry Contributor | Industry Subsegment | Default Source | Proxy details |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Assume 0.97 services per residential customer and 1.27 percent of total number of services is composed of Copper. US average. |
| | Total Service Distance | | Country-specific or Proxy | Assume 0.02 km (0.01 miles) of pipeline per service |

*Same industry information used in both Gas Transmission and Gas Distribution

Emission Sources

CoMAT enables users to create a granular bottom-up inventory of methane emissions sources in the oil and gas industry. It uses the industry information collected in the previous section to build a robust equipment inventory, and applies default emission factors to estimate methane emissions. All activity information and emission factors can be updated by the user if data is available that is country-specific or more applicable to that country's oil and gas inventory.

Whether the user entered the industry information in metric or imperial units, methane emissions are always reported in metric units (metric tons or kilotonnes) in order to be consistent with UNFCCC reporting requirements. However, because most of the default emission factors are taken from the US GHG Inventory (US GHGI), the emission factors include both metric and imperial units (e.g. kg/mmcf or kg/mmbbl).

Below, we describe each emission source quantified in CoMAT, and provide details on activity data and emission factors for each emission contributor.

Associated Gas Venting and Flaring

Operators often vent and flare natural gas at oil wells. This waste occurs when oil producers, driven by the rush to sell oil, simply dispose of the gas from producing oil wells instead of building infrastructure (such as pipelines) to capture gas as soon as production begins. (In some cases, pipelines are never built and all the gas the well produces over its lifetime is wasted in this way, as can be seen in sales records for individual wells available from state regulators.) Venting is even more harmful than flaring, since methane warms the 80 times more than CO₂, and VOC and toxic pollutants are released unabated.

Estimating methane emissions from associated gas flaring requires measurement or estimation of three components: 1) gas flow to flare, 2) gas composition, and 3) flare efficiency. Flaring entails the burning of natural gas, but the flare will not burn all the gas; the gas which is not combusted at the flare is known as methane slip. Gas that is sent directly to a vent stack rather than a flare is considered associated gas venting. A third category of methane emission can occur when gas is sent to a flare stack that is unlit or malfunctioning in some way. Careful accounting must be done to ensure that you are including all sources of associated gas venting and flaring, while also not double counting. Emissions from associated gas venting that occurs when a flare is unlit can be treated in different ways. The Oil and Gas Methane Partnership 2.0 (OGMP) Guidance Document for Flare Efficiency notes that when the flare

is not lit, emissions should be reported as venting.⁴ On the other hand, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP) treats gas vented from an unlit flare as emissions from a flare, but considers them separately from the determination of flare combustion efficiency, which is only based on efficiency while the flare is lit.⁵ CoMAT is built to be flexible, so data about unlit flares can be represented as a lower flaring efficiency or higher venting percentage.

Table 7: Industry contributors, activity drivers, and emission factors for the associated gas venting and flaring emission source

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Onshore oil production | Associated Gas Flaring | Flaring Volume | 10% methane slip from flare 63% gas percent methane by volume | Methane slip based on literature. ⁶ Gas composition average for oil | 0.019415 kg/ft ³ | Note: not a true “emission factor”, a conversion, so should not be changed |
| | Associated Gas Venting | | 3% of associated vented not flared 63% gas percent methane by volume | Percent not flared CATF expert judgement. Gas composition average for oil | 0.019415 kg/ft ³ | Note: not a true “emission factor”, a conversion, so should not be changed |

Blowdown Venting

Methane released due to maintenance and/or blowdown operations including compressor blowdown and emergency shut-down (ESD) system testing.

⁴ OGMP Technical Guidance Document - Flare Efficiency. (2021, June 24). Retrieved from <https://ogmpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Flare-efficiency-TGD-Approved-by-SG.pdf>.

⁵ 40 C.F.R. §§ 98.232, Eq. W-19. <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/40/part-98/subpart-W>.

⁶ Methane slip is the amount of methane that is not burned in the flare. It can also be thought of as 1 minus the destruction removal efficiency (DRE). See e.g.: <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.abq0385>

Table 8: Industry contributors, activity drivers, and emission factors for the blowdown venting emission source

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Gas Processing | Blowdowns/Venting - Processing | Number of Processing Plants | - | - | 52,334.9 kg/plant | 2012 emission factor from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore gas production | Compressor Blowdowns - Gas Production | Total gas wells | 0.08 compressors per well | GHGRP subpart W | 76.9 kg/compressor | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Onshore oil production | Compressor Blowdowns - Oil Production | Total oil wells | 0.01 compressors per oil well | GHGRP subpart W | 72.7 kg/compressor | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Pipeline Blowdowns | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 56.3 miles per station | GHGRP subpart W | 37.03 kg/mile | x EPA GHGRP Subpart W 2020 |
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Station Station Blowdowns | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 53.5 blowdown evens per station | GHGRP subpart W and scaling factor from Zimmerle 2019 | 100.8 kg/event | EPA GHGRP Subpart W |
| LNG Export Terminals | LNG Export Terminal Blowdowns | LNG Export Terminals | - | - | 40,881.4 kg/terminal | EPA GHGRP Subpart W |
| LNG Import Terminals | LNG Import Terminal Blowdowns | LNG Import Terminals | - | - | 1,229,560 kg/terminal | EPA GHGRP Subpart W |
| LNG Storage | LNG Station Blowdowns | LNG Storage Stations | - | - | 83,954.3 kg/facility | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Aboveground Distribution Stations | Pipeline Blowdown | Total miles of distribution pipeline (mains + services) | - | - | 0.9 kg/mile | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Onshore gas production | Vessel Blowdowns - Gas Production | Total gas wells | 0.8 heaters + separators + dehys per well | Sum of heaters, separators, and dehydrators from GHGRP subpart W | 1.6 kg/vessel | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Onshore oil production | Vessel Blowdowns - Oil Production | Total oil wells | 0.5 separators + heater treaters per well | Sum of heavy crude separators, light crude separators, and heater treaters | 1.5 kg/vessel | GRI/EPA 1996 |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | | from GHGRP subpart W | | |
| Gas Transmission | Pipeline venting - Transmission | Gas Transmission | - | - | 610 kg/mile | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |

Centrifugal Compressors

Centrifugal compressors use a spinning turbine to pressurize gas. The rapidly rotating main shaft of the compressor is generally sealed with one of two technologies. Wet seals circulate oil to seal the narrow gap between the shaft and its housing. This oil absorbs significant amounts of the high-pressure natural gas that must be removed from the oil before recirculation. Typically, the gas removed from the seal oil is vented, resulting in substantial emissions. Dry seals, in contrast, use a more modern design to avoid the use of seal oil, with much lower emissions.

Table 9: Industry contributors, activity drivers, and emission factors for the centrifugal compressors emission source

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gas Processing | Centrifugal Compressors (wet seals) - Processing | Number of Processing Plants | 1.03 centrifugal compressors per plant 54.6 percent wet seal | GHGRP subpart W | 57,143.7 kg/compressor | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Gas Processing | Centrifugal Compressors (dry seals) - Processing | Number of Processing Plants | 1.03 centrifugal compressors per plant 45.4 percent dry seal | GHGRP subpart W | 31,738.3 kg/compressor | EPA GHGRP Subpart W |
| Gas Transmission | Centrifugal Compressors (wet seals) - Transmission | Transmission compressor stations | 1.2 centrifugal compressors per station 46.2 percent wet seal | GHGRP subpart W | 68,000 kg/compressor | Zimmerle et al. 2015 report |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gas Transmission | Centrifugal Compressors (dry seals) - Transmission | Transmission compressor stations | 1.2 centrifugal compressors per station 53.8 percent dry seal | GHGRP subpart W | 44,000 kg/compressor | Zimmerle et al. 2015 report |
| Underground Gas Storage | Centrifugal Compressors (dry seals) - Storage | Gas storage compressor stations | *0 centrifugal compressors per station 53.8 percent dry seal | *None in US GHGI, Percent from transmission | 68,000 kg/compressor | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Underground Gas Storage | Centrifugal Compressors (wet seals) - Storage | Gas storage compressor stations | *0 centrifugal compressors per station 46.2 percent wet seal | *None in US GHGI, Percent from transmission | 44,000 kg/compressor | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |

Combustion Exhaust

Combustion exhaust emissions resulting from the use of fossil fuels in equipment (e.g., heaters, engines, furnaces, etc.) to power on-site operations.

Table 10: Industry contributors, activity drivers, and emission factors for the combustion exhaust emission source

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Oil Exploration | Well Drilling - Oil | Oil wells drilled | - | - | 47.2 kg/well | Radian/API 1992 |
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Station Combustion Slip | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 2.7 units per station | GHGRP subpart W, scaling factor from Zimmerle 2019 | 20,400 kg/unit | Zimmerle 2019 |
| Onshore gas production | Gas Engines - Gas Production | Total gas wells | 0.12 MMHPhr per well | GRI/EPA 1996 factors, GHGRP subpart W | 4,301.6 kg/MMHPhr | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Onshore oil production | Gas Engines - Oil Production | Total oil wells | 0.01 compressors per oil well 6.3 MMhp per hr per compressor | Radian/EPA 1999, GHGRP subpart W | 4,622.4 kg/MMHP-hr | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Onshore oil production | Heaters - Oil Production | Total Oil production | - | - | 0.01 kg/bbl | EPA 1997 |
| Gas Processing | Gas Engines - Processing | Number of Processing Plants | 78.6 MMhp-hr per plant | GHGRP subpart W | 4,622.4 kg/MMHP-hr | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Gas Processing | Gas Turbines - Processing | Number of Processing Plants | 57.2 MMhp-hr per plant | GHGRP subpart W | 109.8 kg/MMHP-hr | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Gas Transmission | Engines (Transmission) | Residential natural gas consumption | 0.01 HPhr per residential gas consumption | GRI/EPA 1996, EIA 2021 | 0.003 kg/HPhr | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Underground Gas Storage | Engines (Storage) | Residential natural gas consumption | 0.001 HPhr per residential gas consumption | GRI/EPA 1996 factors, EIA 2021 | 0.005 kg/HPhr | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Gas Transmission | Generators (Engines) | Residential natural gas consumption | 0.001 HPhr per residential gas consumption | GRI/EPA 1996 factors, EIA 2021 | 0.005 kg/HPhr | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Gas Transmission | Generators (Turbines) | Residential natural gas consumption | 0.000007 HPhr per residential gas consumption | GRI/EPA 1996 factors, EIA 2021 | 0.0001 kg/HPhr | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Gas Transmission | Turbines (Transmission) | Residential natural gas consumption | 0.003 HPhr per residential gas consumption | GRI/EPA 1996 factors, EIA 2021 | 0.0001 kg/HPhr | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Underground Gas Storage | Turbines (Storage) | Residential natural gas consumption | 0.0004 HPhr per residential gas consumption | GRI/EPA 1996 factors, EIA 2021 | 0.0001 kg/HPhr | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| LNG Storage | LNG Station Engine Exhaust | LNG Storage Stations | 1.2 Million horsepower hours per station | GHGRP subpart W | 4,622.4 kg/MMHP-hr | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| LNG Storage | LNG Station Turbine Exhaust | LNG Storage Stations | 9.7 Million horsepower hours per station | GHGRP subpart W | 110 kg/MMHPhr | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| LNG Import Terminals | LNG Import Terminal Engine Exhaust | LNG Import Terminals | 6.7 Million horsepower hours per station | GHGRP subpart W | 4,622 kg/MMHPhr | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| LNG Import Terminals | LNG Import Terminal Turbine Exhaust | LNG Import Terminals | 3.4 Million horsepower hours per station | GHGRP subpart W | 110 kg/MMHPhr | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| LNG Export Terminals | LNG Export Terminal Engine Exhaust | LNG Export Terminals | 42.2 Million horsepower hours per station | GHGRP subpart W | 4,622 kg/MMHPhr | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| LNG Export Terminals | LNG Export Terminal Turbine Exhaust | LNG Export Terminals | 2550 Million horsepower hours per station | GHGRP subpart W | 110 kg/MMHPhr | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |

Dehydrators

Dehydrators remove water from the natural gas stream by contacting high pressure wet gas with a liquid absorbent (including ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, or triethylene glycol). When emissions from glycol dehydrators, the type most commonly used, are not controlled, the dehydrators vent a large amount of methane and other pollutants. Dehydrators are also large sources of VOC, and particularly large sources of toxic air pollutants.

Table 11: Industry contributors, activity drivers, and emission factors for the dehydrators emission source

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Onshore gas production | Dehydrator Vents | Total gas wells | 0.03 dehydrators per well 328.5 MMscf per dehydrator | GHGRP subpart W, GRI/EPA 1996 | 5.2 kg/MMscf | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Station Dehydrator Vents - Large units | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 0.04 dehydrators per station 87.6 % large dehydrators with vents | GHGRP subpart W, Zimmerle 2019 report | 24,325.3 kg/dehydrator | 2022 US GHGI |
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Station Dehydrator Vents - Small units | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 0.04 dehydrators per station 12.4 % small dehydrators with vents | GHGRP subpart W, Zimmerle 2019 report | 1,249.9 kg/dehydrator | 2022 US GHGI |
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Station Desiccant Dehydrators | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 0.008 desiccant dehydrators per station | 2012 activity factor from 2022 US GHGI | 126.2 kg/desiccant dehydrator | 2022 US GHGI |
| Gas Processing | Dehydrators - Processing | Number of Processing Plants | - | - | 25,346.7 kg/plant | 2022 US GHGI |
| Gas Transmission | Dehydrator vents (Transmission) | Transmission compressor stations | 0.1 dehydrators per transmission station 5,402 MMscf per dehydrator | GRI/EPA 1996 | 1.8 kg/MMscf | 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Underground Gas Storage | Dehydrator vents (Storage) | Gas storage compressor stations | 0.1 dehydrators per transmission station 45,354.4 MMscf per dehydrator | Zimmerle 2015 | 2.3 kg/MMscf | 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |

Leaks

A huge portion of emissions from oil and gas arise from leaks — a broad category that includes what we typically think of as a “leak” (that is, gas escaping past a seal that is failing, through a crack or corroded material on a vessel, etc.), in addition to other improper operations and “mistakes” such as valves that are stuck open, hatches that are left open, flares that are unlit, and other problems on site that lead to emissions.

While EPA’s U.S. Emissions Inventory estimates that the oil and gas industry leaks 3 million tons of methane per year (37% of industry emissions),⁷ a host of independent, peer-reviewed research has demonstrated that this figure is far too low. In 2018, a study in *Science* written by twenty-four scientists at sixteen universities and institutions analyzed on-the-ground methane measurements from over 400 wellpads and other facilities across the gas industry, and aircraft based studies of several oil and natural gas production basins; these basins account for over 30% of U.S. natural gas production. Their analysis showed that nationwide methane emissions from the oil and gas industry are actually 60% higher than EPA estimates, and the ‘missing emissions’ are largely due to leaks and improper venting.⁸ This means that an enormous quantity of methane – 7.1 million tons – arises from leaks and improper venting. Over the near-term, the methane from these leaks heats our climate as much as 160 coal-fired power plants.

Leaks are widespread, and there is no single cause for these leaks. Thermal or mechanical stresses can degrade seals, valves, flanges, etc. They can be caused by human error (e.g., improper installation, operation, or maintenance) as well as normal operations and exposure to weather conditions can wear out equipment over time. Leaks will eventually occur at all oil and gas facilities; failing to fix them in a timely matter is a wasteful and harmful practice that leads to clearly avoidable emissions. The biggest source of these emissions are very large, but uncommon, “super-emitters” which happen due to some improper operation (stuck valve, hatch left open). Research has demonstrated that super-emitters cannot be predicted and can occur at any site.⁹

Table 12: Industry contributors, activity drivers, and emission factors for the leaks emission source

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Onshore gas production | Abnormal Conditions | Total gas wells | - | - | 4,436 kg/well | Alvarez, 2018 |
| | Dehydrator Leaks | Total gas wells | 0.03 dehydrators per well | GHGRP subpart W | 418 kg/dehydrator | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |

⁷ Environmental Protection Agency. 2023. *Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2021*. Retrieved from <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/inventory-us-greenhouse-gas-emissions-and-sinks-1990-2017>

⁸ Ramón A. Alvarez et al. , *Assessment of methane emissions from the U.S. oil and gas supply chain*. *Science* 361,186-188(2018).DOI:10.1126/science.aar7204 <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/361/6398/186>

⁹ Daniel Zavala-Araiza, David Lyon, Ramón A. Alvarez, Virginia Palacios, Robert Harriss, Xin Lan, Robert Talbot, and Steven P. Hamburg. Toward a Functional Definition of Methane Super-Emitters: Application to Natural Gas Production Sites. *Environmental Science & Technology* 2015 49 (13), 8167-8174. DOI: 10.1021/acs.est.5b00133 <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.est.5b00133>

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Gas Wells with Hydraulic Fracturing | Gas wells with hydraulic fracturing | - | - | 133 kg/well | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| | Gas Wells without Hydraulic Fracturing | Gas wells without hydraulic fracturing | - | - | 96 kg/well | 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| | Heaters | Total gas wells | 0.13 heaters per well | GHGRP subpart W | 227 kg/heater | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| | Meters/Piping | Total gas wells | 0.84 meters of piping per well | GHGRP subpart W | 196 kg/meter | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| | Separators | Total gas wells | 0.71 separators per well | GHGRP subpart W | 378 kg/separator | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Onshore oil production | Abnormal Conditions | Total oil wells | - | - | 3,275 kg/well | Alvarez, 2018 |
| Onshore oil production | Headers ¹⁰ | Total oil wells | 0.23 headers per oil well 24.39 percent in heavy crude 75.61 percent in light crude | GHGRP subpart W | 0.54 kg/header (heavy crude) 76.31 kg/header (light crude) | 2022 US GHGI, Consensus of Industry Review Panel and API Workbook 4638 (API 1996) |
| Onshore oil production | Heater Treaters (light crude) | Total oil wells | 0.19 heater treaters per oil well | GHGRP subpart W | 134.93 kg/(Heater Treater) | 2022 US GHGI, Consensus of Industry Review Panel and API Workbook 4638 (API 1996) |
| Onshore oil production | Oil Wellheads | Total oil wells | 7.05 percent of oil wells that are heavy crude | GHGRP subpart W, Radian/EPA 1999 | 0.89 kg/well (heavy crude) | 2022 US GHGI, Consensus of Industry Review |

¹⁰ An oil header consists of multiple valves connected to each well flow line that directs the oil production to either the test separator, pig receiving trap, or group separator. The number of wells connected to a header depends on the volume of the oil produced per month for each well.

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | 92.95 percent of oil wells that are light crude | | 116.91 kg/well (light crude) | Panel and API Workbook 4638 (API 1996) |
| Onshore oil production | Separators | Total oil wells | 0.36 separators per well 9.90 percent heavy crude 90.10 percent light crude | GHGRP subpart W | 1.08 kg/separator (heavy crude separators) 97.38 kg/separator (light crude separators) | 2022 US GHGI, Consensus of Industry Review Panel and API Workbook 4638 (API 1996) |
| Gathering and Boosting | Abnormal Conditions | Gathering and Boosting Stations | - | - | 74,866 kg/station | Alvarez, 2018 |
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Station Dehydrator Leaks | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 0.04 dehydrators per station | GHGRP subpart W, Zimmerle 2019 report. | 498 kg/dehydrator | Zimmerle 2019 |
| Gathering and Boosting | Separators | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 2 separators per station | GHGRP subpart W | 92 kg/separator | Zimmerle 2019 |
| Gathering and Boosting | Yard Piping | Gathering and Boosting Stations | - | - | 12,553 kg/station | Zimmerle 2019 |
| Gas Processing | Plant Fugitives | Number of Processing Plants | - | - | 23,445 kg/plant | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Gas Transmission | Meter/Regulator Station (Farm Taps and Direct Sales) | Transmission pipeline distance | 1.69 M&R (Farm Taps + Direct Sales) per transmission mile | GHGRP subpart W, ICF 2008 report. | 219 kg/station | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Gas Transmission | Meter/Regulator (Transmission Company Interconnect) | Transmission pipeline distance | 0.06 M&R (Trans. Co. Interconnect) per transmission mile | GHGRP subpart W, ICF 2008 report. | 28,007 kg/station | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Gas Transmission | Station and Compressor Fugitive Emissions | Transmission compressor stations | - | - | 64,000 kg/station | 2022 US GHGI, Zimmerle 2015 |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Underground Gas Storage | Station and Compressor Fugitive Emissions | Gas storage compressor stations | - | - | 71,000 kg/station | 2022 US GHGI, Zimmerle 2015 |
| Underground Gas Storage | Wells (Storage) | Gas storage compressor stations | 48.2 storage wells per station | Zimmerle 2015 | 805 kg/well | GRI/EPA 1996 |
| LNG Storage | LNG Stations | LNG Storage Stations | - | - | 14,027 kg/facility | EPA GHGRP Subpart W |
| LNG Import Terminals | LNG Import Terminals | LNG Import Terminals | - | - | 57,731 kg/terminal | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| LNG Export Terminals | LNG Export Terminals | LNG Export Terminals | - | - | 800,720 kg/terminal | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Aboveground Distribution Stations | Customer Meters: Commercial | Commercial natural gas customers | 100 percent meters outdoors | EIA 2021 | 23 kg/meter | GTI 2009, and Clearstone 2011 |
| Aboveground Distribution Stations | Customer Meters: Industrial | Industrial natural gas customers | 100 percent meters outdoors | EIA 2021 | 105 kg/meter | GTI 2009, and Clearstone 2011 |
| Aboveground Distribution Stations | Customer Meters: Residential | Residential natural gas customers | 79 percent meters outdoors | GRI/EPA 1996, EIA 2021 | 1.49 kg/meter | GRI/EPA 1996, GTI 2009, and Clearstone 2011 |
| Aboveground Distribution Stations | Meter/Regulator | Main total distance | 0.1 aboveground station per main miles | GHGRP subpart W | - 2,143 kg/station (M&R >300 psi) - 995 kg/station (M/R 100-300) - 727 kg/station (M&R <100 psi) - 869 kg/station (Reg Station >300) - 51 kg/station (R-Vault >300) - 143 kg/station (Reg Station 100-300) - 51 kg/station (R-Vault 100-300) | GRI/EPA 1996, and Lamb et al. 2015 |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | | | - 164 kg/station (Reg Station 40-100) - 51 kg/station (R-Vault 40-100) - 22 kg/station (Reg Station <40) | |

Liquids Unloading

Methane emissions from a process used to remove liquids (produced water, oil, or condensate) that may accumulate in the well production tubing downhole.

Table 13: Industry contributors, activity drivers, and emission factors for the liquids unloading emission source

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Onshore gas production | Liquids Unloading with Plunger Lifts | Total gas wells | 0.1 unloadings per well 63.1 percent with plunger lift | 2012 activity factor from 2022 US GHGI | 3,794 kg/well | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore gas production | Liquids Unloading without Plunger Lifts | Total gas wells | 0.1 unloadings per well 36.9 percent with plunger lift | 2012 activity factor from 2022 US GHGI | 3,065.3 kg/well | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |

Offshore

Emissions associated with all upstream oil and natural gas production from on offshore platforms.

Table 12: Industry contributors, activity drivers, and emission factors for the offshore emission source

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Offshore gas production | Offshore Gas Vent/Leak | Offshore Gas production | - | - | 0.0003 kg/scf | 2022 US GHGI |
| Offshore gas production | Offshore Gas Flaring | Offshore Gas production | - | - | 4E-07 kg/scf | 2022 US GHGI |
| Offshore oil production | Offshore Oil Vent/Leak | Offshore oil production | - | - | 0.3 kg/bbl | 2022 US GHGI |
| Offshore oil production | Offshore Oil Flaring | Offshore oil production | - | - | 0.0008 kg/bbl | 2022 US GHGI |

Pneumatic Controllers

Gas-driven automatic pneumatic equipment uses the pressure energy of natural gas in pipelines to control and operate valves and operate pumps. This approach allows operators to automate equipment at sites without electricity – which is very typical for oil and gas sites in some nations. In these nations, pneumatic equipment is ubiquitous at oil and gas production and compression facilities, and it is designed to vent natural gas to the atmosphere. Pneumatic valve controllers automatically operate valves based on factors like liquid level in a liquid-gas separator, pressure, or temperature.

Table 13: Industry contributors, activity drivers, and emission factors for the pneumatic controllers emission source

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Onshore gas production | Pneumatic Controllers - High Bleed | Total gas wells | 1.98 controllers per well 8% high | 2012 data from 2022 US GHGI | 4,371 kg/controller | 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore gas production | Pneumatic Controllers - Intermittent Bleed | Total gas wells | 1.98 controllers per well 62% intermittent | 2012 data from 2022 US GHGI | 1,535 kg/controller | 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore gas production | Pneumatic Controllers - Low Bleed | Total gas wells | 1.98 controllers per well 30% low | 2012 data from 2022 US GHGI | 161 kg/controller | 2022 US GHGI |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Onshore gas production | Pneumatic Controllers - Zero Bleed | Total gas wells | Zero | | Zero | |
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Station High-bleed Pneumatic Devices | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 20 pneumatics per station 8% high | 2012 data from 2022 US GHGI, Zimmerle 2019 | 5,089 kg/device | 2022 US GHGI |
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Station Intermittent Bleed Pneumatic Devices | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 20 pneumatics per station 62% intermittent | 2012 data from 2022 US GHGI, Zimmerle 2019 | 1,721 kg/device | 2022 US GHGI |
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Station Low-Bleed Pneumatic Devices | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 20 pneumatics per station 30% low | 2012 data from 2022 US GHGI, Zimmerle 2019 | 178 kg/device | 2022 US GHGI |
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Station Zero Bleed Pneumatic Devices | Gathering and Boosting Stations | Zero | | Zero | |
| Onshore oil production | High-bleed Pneumatic Devices | Total oil wells | 0.96 pneumatic devices per oil well 8% high | 2012 data from 2022 US GHGI | 4,370.7 kg/device | 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore oil production | Intermittent Bleed Pneumatic Devices | Total oil wells | 0.96 pneumatic devices per oil well 62% intermittent | 2012 data from 2022 US GHGI | 1,534.7 kg/device | 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore oil production | Low-Bleed Pneumatic Devices | Total oil wells | 0.96 pneumatic devices per oil well 30% low | 2012 data from 2022 US GHGI | 160.6 kg/device | 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore oil production | Pneumatic Controllers - Zero Bleed | Total oil wells | Zero | | Zero | |
| Gas Processing | Percent natural gas driven controllers | Number of Processing Plants | 100% plants using gas driven controllers | | 3,173 kg/plant | 2022 US GHGI |
| Gas Transmission | Pneumatic Controllers - High bleed - Transmission | Transmission compressor stations | 25 pneumatics per transmission station 8% high | GHGRP subpart W | 2,600 kg/controller | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gas Transmission | Pneumatic Controllers - Intermittent bleed - Transmission | Transmission compressor stations | 25 pneumatics per transmission station 62% intermittent | GHGRP subpart W | 344 kg/controller | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Gas Transmission | Pneumatic Controllers - Low bleed - Transmission | Transmission compressor stations | 25 pneumatics per transmission station 30% low | GHGRP subpart W | 207 kg/controller | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Gas Transmission | Pneumatic Controllers - Zero Bleed - Transmission | Transmission compressor stations | Zero | | Zero | |
| Underground Gas Storage | Pneumatic Controllers - High bleed - Storage | Gas storage compressor stations | 68 pneumatics per storage station 8% high | GHGRP subpart W | 2,929 kg/controller | 2022 US GHGI |
| Underground Gas Storage | Pneumatic Controllers - Intermittent bleed - Storage | Gas storage compressor stations | 68 pneumatics per storage station 62% intermittent | GHGRP subpart W | 373 kg/controller | 2022 US GHGI |
| Underground Gas Storage | Pneumatic Controllers - Low bleed - Storage | Gas storage compressor stations | 68 pneumatics per storage station 30% low | GHGRP subpart W | 220 kg/controller | 2022 US GHGI |
| Underground Gas Storage | Pneumatic Controllers - Zero Bleed - Storage | Gas storage compressor stations | Zero | | Zero | |

Pneumatic Pumps

Pneumatic pumps *use the* pressure of natural gas to supply the energy required to circulate and pressurize liquids. For example, they are used to introduce liquid chemicals such as corrosion inhibitors into gas pipelines.

Table 14: Industry contributors, activity drivers, and emission factors for the pneumatic pumps emission source

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Station Pneumatic Pumps | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 2 pumps per station 100% gas driven | GHGRP subpart W, Enverus | 1,661 kg/pump | 2022 US GHGI |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| | | | | DrillingInfo dataset, Zimmerle 2019 | | |
| Onshore gas production | Chemical Injection Pumps - Gas Production | Total gas wells | 0.18 pumps per gas well 100% gas driven | GHGRP subpart W | 1,521 kg/pump | 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore gas production | Kimray Pumps | Total gas wells | 0.03 dehydrators per well 328.5 MMscf per dehydrator 89.10% of throughput 100% gas driven | GHGRP subpart W, GRI/EPA 1996 | 11 kg/MMscf | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Onshore oil production | Chemical Injection Pumps - Oil Production | Total oil wells | 0.09 pumps per oil well 100% gas driven | GHGRP subpart W, Enverus DrillingInfo dataset | 1,515.3 kg/pump | 2022 US GHGI |

Reciprocating Compressors

Reciprocating compressors use pistons to compress gas. These compressors have seals on the rods that transmit motion from the engine to the pistons inside the high-pressure compressor cylinders; these seals are often referred to as rod packing and are a large source of emissions. Even when new, the seals let some gas escape.

Table 15: Industry contributors, activity drivers, and emission factors for the reciprocating compressors emission source

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Onshore gas production | Compressors - Gas Production | Total gas wells | 0.08 compressors per well | GHGRP subpart W | 1,989 kg/compressor | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Station Compressors | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 3 compressors per station | GHGRP subpart W, Enverus | 16,118 kg/compressor | 2022 US GHGI, Zimmerle 2019 |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | DrillingInfo dataset Zimmerle 2019 | | |
| Onshore oil production | Compressors - Oil Production | Total oil wells | 0.005 compressors per oil well | GHGRP subpart W, EIA dataset | 702.99 kg/compressor | 2022 US GHGI, Consensus of Industry Review Panel data |
| Gas Processing | Reciprocating Compressors - Processing | Number of Processing Plants | 6.1 reciprocating compressors per plant | GHGRP subpart W | 17,756 kg/compressor | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Gas Transmission | Reciprocating Compressor - Transmission | Transmission compressor stations | 2.9 reciprocating compressors per station | Zimmerle 2015 report | 65,000 kg/compressor | 2022 US GHGI, Zimmerle 2015 |
| Underground Gas Storage | Reciprocating Compressors - Storage | Gas storage compressor stations | 4.3 reciprocating compressors per station | Zimmerle 2015 report | 70,000 kg/compressor | 2022 US GHGI, Zimmerle 2015 |

Tanks

Storage tanks are used to hold oil, condensate, and produced water from oil and gas wells. These wells are usually kept at a high pressure, but oil, water, and other liquids are typically stored at wellsites in tanks held at or near atmospheric pressure. When the liquids are moved from the high-pressure well to the atmospheric-pressure tank, methane and other volatile hydrocarbons that are dissolved in the liquids bubble or “flash” out of the liquid, just as bubbles come out of soda when you take the cap off the bottle, reducing the pressure in the bottle. Many tanks have no controls, so the methane is released into the atmosphere, together with the other volatile hydrocarbons. These other hydrocarbons are potent precursors of regional ozone smog, and they also include toxic air pollutants.

Tanks emissions can be controlled, and the hydrocarbons conserved for sale, by using vapor recovery units – small compressors that are designed to capture these hydrocarbon vapors so that they can be pressurized and sent into a pipeline.

Table 16: Industry contributors, activity drivers, and emission factors for the tanks emission source

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Station Tanks | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 5 tanks per station | GHGRP subpart W, Enverus DrillingInfo dataset, Zimmerle 2019 | 5,606 kg/tank | 2022 US GHGI, Zimmerle 2019 |
| Onshore gas production | Malfunctioning Separator Dump Valves - Gas Production | Condensate Production | 93.1 percent condensate sent to tanks 82 percent large tanks | GHGRP subpart W | 0.00007 kg/bbl | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore gas production | Large Tanks with Flares - Gas Production | Condensate Production | 93.1 percent condensate sent to tanks 82 percent large tanks 65 percent tanks with flares | GHGRP subpart W | 0.005 kg/bbl | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore gas production | Large Tanks with Vapor Recovery Units - Gas Production | Condensate Production | 93.1 percent condensate sent to tanks 82 percent large tanks 5 percent tanks with VRU | GHGRP subpart W | 0.003 kg/bbl | 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore gas production | Large Tanks without Control - Gas Production | Condensate Production | 93.1 percent condensate sent to tanks 82 percent large tanks 30 percent tanks without control | GHGRP subpart W | 0.18 kg/bbl | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Onshore gas production | Small Tanks with Flares - Gas Production | Condensate Production | 93.1 percent condensate sent to tanks 18 percent small tanks 20 percent tanks with flares | GHGRP subpart W | 0.006 kg/bbl | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore gas production | Small Tanks without Flares - Gas Production | Condensate Production | 93.1 percent condensate sent to tanks 18 percent small tanks 80 percent tanks without flares | GHGRP subpart W | 0.5 kg/bbl | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore oil production | Floating Roof Tanks | Total oil wells | 4.3E-05 floating roof tanks per oil well | GHGRP subpart W, Industry panel, Entropy tank survey | 6,515.78 kg/tank | 2022 US GHGI, AP-42 Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors report and API Workbook 4638 (1996) |
| Onshore oil production | Large Tanks with Flares - Oil Production | Total Oil production | 62.7 percent of oil sent to tank 94 percent of tank throughput from large tanks 65 percent of large tanks with flares | GHGRP subpart W, EIA dataset | 0.01 kg/bbl | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore oil production | Large Tanks without Control - Oil Production | Total Oil production | 62.7 percent of oil sent to tank 94 percent of tank throughput from large tanks | GHGRP subpart W, EIA dataset | 0.15 kg/bbl | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI. |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | 30 percent of large tanks without control | | | |
| Onshore oil production | Large Tanks with VRU | Total Oil production | 62.7 percent of oil sent to tank 94 percent of tank throughput from large tanks 5 percent of large tanks with VRU | GHGRP subpart W, EIA dataset | 0.01 kg/bbl | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore oil production | Malfunctioning Separator Dump Valves - Oil Production | Total Oil production | 62.7 percent of oil sent to tank 94 percent of tank throughput from large tanks | GHGRP subpart W | 0.003 kg/bbl | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore oil production | Small Tanks with Flares - Oil Production | Total Oil production | 62.7 percent of oil sent to tank 6 percent of tank throughput from small tanks 20 percent of small tanks with Flares | GHGRP subpart W | 0.002 kg/bbl | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore oil production | Small Tanks without Flares - Oil Production | Total Oil production | 62.7 percent of oil sent to tank 6 percent of tank throughput from small tanks 80 percent of small tanks without Flares | GHGRP subpart W | 0.04 kg/bbl | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |

Well Completions and Workovers

Methane emissions resulting from a process, including hydraulic fracturing (HF), that allows for the flowback of petroleum or natural gas to expel drilling and reservoir fluids and test the reservoir flow characteristics. Completions occur at newly drilled wells, while workovers are done at existing wells to increase production.

Table 17: Industry contributors, activity drivers, and emission factors for the well completions and workovers emission source

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Gas Exploration | HF Completions - Non-REC with Venting - Gas | Gas wells with hydraulic fracturing | 4.1 percent of HF wells completed or worked over in year 46.5 percent of HF completions that vent without REC | GHGRP subpart W | 24,998 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Gas Exploration | HF Completions - Non-REC with Flaring - Gas | Gas wells with hydraulic fracturing | 4.1 percent of HF wells completed or worked over in year 12.6 percent of HF completions that flare without REC | GHGRP subpart W | 3,702 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Gas Exploration | HF Completions - REC with Venting - Gas | Gas wells with hydraulic fracturing | 4.1 percent of HF wells completed or worked over in year 29.5 percent of HF completions that vent with REC | GHGRP subpart W | 4,851 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Gas Exploration | HF Completions - REC with Flaring - Gas | Gas wells with hydraulic fracturing | 4.1 percent of HF wells completed or worked over in year 11.4 percent of HF completions that flare with REC | GHGRP subpart W | 2,301 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Gas Exploration | Non-HF Completions - Vented - Gas | Gas wells without hydraulic fracturing | 0.46 percent of wells completed in year | GHGRP subpart W, ICF 1997 report | 14,312 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | 31 percent non-HF workover vented | | | |
| Gas Exploration | Non-HF Completions - Flared - Gas | Gas wells without hydraulic fracturing | 0.46 percent of wells completed in year 69 percent non-HF workover flared | GHGRP subpart W, ICF 1997 report | 39 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Oil Exploration | Non-HF Completions - Vented - Oil | Total oil wells | 0.0056 events per oil well | GHGRP subpart W, Enverus DrillingInfo dataset | 14 kg/event | 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996. |
| Oil Exploration | HF Completions: Non-REC with Venting - Oil | Oil wells with hydraulic fracturing | 0.097 events per HF oil well 51 percent of HF completions that vent without REC | GHGRP subpart W, Enverus DrillingInfo dataset | 40,449 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Oil Exploration | HF Completions: Non-REC with Flaring - Oil | Oil wells with hydraulic fracturing | 0.097 events per HF oil well 11 percent of HF completions that flare without REC | GHGRP subpart W, Enverus DrillingInfo dataset | 1,254 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Oil Exploration | HF Completions: REC with Venting - Oil | Oil wells with hydraulic fracturing | 0.097 events per HF oil well 15 percent of HF completions that vent with REC | GHGRP subpart W, Enverus DrillingInfo dataset | 1,437 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Oil Exploration | HF Completions: REC with Flaring - Oil | Oil wells with hydraulic fracturing | 0.097 events per HF oil well 22 percent of HF completions that flare with REC | GHGRP subpart W, Enverus DrillingInfo dataset | 1,473 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore gas production | HF Workovers - Non-REC with Venting - Gas Production | Gas wells with hydraulic fracturing | 1.0% workover rate | GHGRP subpart W | 24,998 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | 55 percent of HF workovers that vent without REC | | | |
| Onshore gas production | HF Workovers - Non-REC with Flaring - Gas Production | Gas wells with hydraulic fracturing | 1.0% workover rate 26 percent of HF workovers that flare without REC | GHGRP subpart W | 3,702 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore gas production | HF Workovers - REC with Venting - Gas Production | Gas wells with hydraulic fracturing | 1.0% workover rate 19 percent of HF workovers that vent with REC | GHGRP subpart W | 4,851 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore gas production | HF Workovers - REC with Flaring - Gas Production | Gas wells with hydraulic fracturing | 1.0% workover rate 0.2% percent of HF workovers that flare with REC | GHGRP subpart W | 2,301 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore gas production | Non-HF Workovers - Vented - Gas Production | Gas wells without hydraulic fracturing | .35% workover rate 96 percent non-HF workover vented | GHGRP subpart W | 191 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore gas production | Non-HF Workovers - Flared - Gas Production | Gas wells without hydraulic fracturing | 4.35% workover rate 4 percent non-HF workover flared | GHGRP subpart W | 1 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI. |
| Onshore oil production | HF Workovers: Non-REC with Venting - Oil Production | Total oil wells | 0.003 workovers per well 52 percent of HF workovers that vent without REC | GHGRP subpart W | 40,448.58 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore oil production | HF Workovers: REC with Venting - Oil Production | Total oil wells | 0.003 workovers per well 27 percent of HF workovers that vent with REC | GHGRP subpart W | 1,436.95 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI. |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Onshore oil production | Non-HF Well Workovers - Oil Production | Total oil wells | 7.50% workovers per well | GHGRP subpart W, Radian/EPA 1999 | 1.85 kg/event | 2022 US GHGI, Radian/EPA 1999 |
| Onshore oil production | HF Workovers: Non-REC with Flaring - Oil Production | Total oil wells | 0.003 workovers per well 8 percent of HF workovers that flare without REC | GHGRP subpart W | 1,254.35 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore oil production | HF Workovers: REC with Flaring - Oil Production | Total oil wells | 0.003 workovers per well 13 percent of HF workovers that flare with REC | GHGRP subpart W | 1,472.65 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |

Other

Other methane emissions sources in the oil and gas industry, not covered by one of the other emission sources.

Table 18: Industry contributors, activity drivers, and emission factors for other emission sources

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Gas Exploration | Non-completion Well Testing - Flared - Gas | Total gas wells | 0.00002 events per gas well | GHGRP subpart W | 1,715 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Gas Exploration | Non-completion Well Testing - Vented - Gas | Total gas wells | 0.00094 events per gas well | GHGRP subpart W | 5,262 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Gas Exploration | Well Blowouts - Gas | Well Blowouts | - | - | 26,900,000 kg/event | 2019 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Gas Exploration | Well Drilling - Gas | Gas wells drilled | - | - | 52 kg/well | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, Radian/API 1992. |
| Oil Exploration | Non-completion Well Testing - Vented - Oil | Total oil wells | 0.032 events per oil well | GHGRP subpart W | 410 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Oil Exploration | Non-completion Well Testing - Flared - Oil | Total oil wells | 0.002 number of events per oil well | GHGRP subpart W | 524 kg/event | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Station Flare Stacks | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 0.67 flares per station | GHGRP subpart W, Zimmerle 2019 | 1,871 kg/flare | 2022 US GHGI |
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Station Acid Gas Removal Units | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 0.02 AGR unit per station | GHGRP subpart W, Zimmerle 2019 | 598 kg/AGR | 2022 US GHGI, Zimmerle 2019 |
| Gathering and Boosting | GB Pipeline Leaks | Gathering and Boosting Stations | 56 miles per station | GHGRP subpart W, GRI/EPA 1996 factors | 289 kg/mile | 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore gas production | Compressor Starts - Gas Production | Total gas wells | 0.08 compressors per well | GHGRP subpart W | 172 kg/compressor | 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Onshore gas production | Pressure Relief Valves - Gas Production | Total gas wells | 2.4 PRV per well | GHGRP subpart W, GRI/EPA 1996 factors | 0.69 kg/PRV | 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Onshore gas production | Miscellaneous Production Flaring - Gas Production | Gross onshore gas production | 100 Percent of gas production in basin | Total natural gas production in year | - | - |
| Onshore oil production | Miscellaneous Production Flaring - Oil Production | Total Oil production | - | - | 0.004 kg/bbl | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore oil production | Battery Pumps | Total oil wells | 0.3 battery pumps per oil well | GHGRP subpart W, Industry Review Panel | 1.7 kg/pump | 2022 US GHGI, API 1995 |
| Onshore oil production | Compressor Starts - Oil Production | Total oil wells | 0.005 compressors per oil well | GHGRP subpart W | 162.6 kg/compressor | 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Onshore oil production | Pipelines | Total oil wells | 0.03 miles per oil well | GHGRP subpart W, annual Oil and Gas Journal Pipeline Economics issue 2021 | - | - |
| Onshore oil production | Pressure Relief Valves - Oil Production | Total Oil production | 8.4E-05 valves per bbl production | GHGRP subpart W, Industry Review Panel | 0.67 kg/valve | 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Onshore oil production | Sales Areas | Total Oil production | 0.0008 loadings per bbl | GHGRP subpart W, EIA datasets | 0.78 kg/loading | 2022 US GHGI, Industry Review Panel data |
| Oil Exploration | Well Blowouts - Oil | Oil wells drilled | 0.003 blowouts per oil wells drilled | GHGRP subpart W, Industry Review Panel | 48,150 kg/event | 2022 US GHGI |
| Onshore oil production | Produced Water - Regular Pressure Oil Wells | Total Oil production | 8.2E-06 bbls of produced water per bbls of oil produced 27 percent from regular pressure wells | GHGRP subpart W, Enverus DrillingInfo dataset | 14,197.6 kg/bbl | 2022 US GHGI, EPA's Oil & Gas Tool for the 2017 NEI. |
| Onshore oil production | Produced Water - Low Pressure Oil Wells | Total Oil production | 8.2E-06 bbls of produced water per bbls of oil produced 73 percent from low pressure wells | GHGRP subpart W, Enverus DrillingInfo dataset | 1,496.9 kg/bbl | 2022 US GHGI, EPA's Oil & Gas Tool for the 2017 NEI |
| Gas Exploration | Thermal Desorption Units Gas Stack - Gas | Gas Wells drilled | 2,972.4 bbl mud per well drilled | Okoro EE, Dosunmu A, Iyuke SE 2018. | 0.00000006 kg/bbl mud | Ogbuagu DH, Esinulo AC, Job SE 2016 |
| Oil Exploration | Thermal Desorption Units Gas Stack - Oil | Oil wells drilled | 2,972.4 bbl mud per well drilled | Okoro EE, Dosunmu A, Iyuke SE 2018. | 0.00000006 kg/bbl mud | Ogbuagu DH, Esinulo AC, Job SE 2016 |
| Gas Processing | Acid Gas Removal Unit Vents - Processing | Number of Processing Plants | 0.5 AGR vents per plant | GHGRP subpart W, GRI/EPA 1996 factors. | 42,763 kg/AGR | 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Gas Processing | Flares - Processing | Number of Processing Plants | - | - | 29,249 kg/plant | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Gas Transmission | Flaring (Transmission) | Transmission compressor stations | - | - | 176 kg/station | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |
| Underground Gas Storage | Flaring (Storage) | Gas storage compressor stations | - | - | 3,299 kg/station | 2022 US GHGI |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Gas Transmission | Pipeline Leaks - Transmission | Transmission pipeline distance | - | - | 11 kg/mile | 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 report. |
| Gas Transmission | Station Venting Transmission | Transmission compressor stations | - | - | 81,902 kg/station | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Underground Gas Storage | Station Venting Storage | Gas storage compressor stations | - | - | 83,954 kg/station | 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Underground Distribution Pipelines | Underground Pipeline Leaks - Mains - Cast Iron | Mains - Cast Iron | - | - | 1,157 kg/mile | 2022 US GHGI, Lamb et al. 2015, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Underground Distribution Pipelines | Underground Pipeline Leaks - Mains - Unprotected steel | Mains - Unprotected steel | - | - | 861 kg/mile | 2022 US GHGI, |
| Underground Distribution Pipelines | Underground Pipeline Leaks - Mains - Protected steel | Mains - Protected steel | - | - | 97 kg/mile | Lamb et al. 2015, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Underground Distribution Pipelines | Underground Pipeline Leaks - Mains - Plastic | Mains - Plastic | - | - | 29 kg/mile | 2022 US GHGI |
| Underground Distribution Pipelines | Underground Pipeline Leaks - Services - Unprotected steel | Services - Unprotected steel | - | - | 14 kg/service | Lamb et al. 2015, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Underground Distribution Pipelines | Underground Pipeline Leaks - Services Protected steel | Services Protected steel | - | - | 1 kg/service | 2022 US GHGI |
| Underground Distribution Pipelines | Underground Pipeline Leaks - Services - Plastic | Services - Plastic | - | - | 0.3 kg/service | Lamb et al. 2015, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Underground Distribution Pipelines | Underground Pipeline Leaks - Services - Copper | Services - Copper | - | - | 5 kg/service | 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Underground Distribution Pipelines | Mishaps (Dig-ins) | Service + Main Length | - | - | 30 kg/mile | 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |
| Aboveground Distribution Stations | Pressure Relief Valve Releases | Main total distance | - | - | 1 kg/mile | 2022 US GHGI, GRI/EPA 1996 |

| Industry Subsegment | Emission Contributor | Industry Contributor | Default Activity Driver | Default Activity Driver Source | Default Emission Factor (EF) | Emission Factor (EF) Source |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Onshore gas production | Produced Water - Natural Gas Wells | Gross onshore gas production | 1.3E-10 mmbbls produced water per cf of gas produced | GHGRP subpart W | 50,529 kg/MMbbl produced water | 2012 EF from 2022 US GHGI |

Mitigation Plan

The CoMAT application estimates potential abatement for each emission source. For each of the emissions sources in this section, we describe the abatement measures available to reduce emissions and then describe the method that CoMAT uses to quantify methane reductions. In all cases, the initial abatement estimate is based on the Compendium of Leading Policies, which is a compilation of policy items from jurisdictions around the world. CoMAT will also give the user the ability to tailor the stringency of the policy for each emission source and will estimate emission reduction associated with this change. While this functionality is *currently under development* in the application, users can work with the legacy CoMAT excel document to create a customized mitigation plan on request.

Associated Gas Venting and Flaring

While a substantial portion of this gas is flared off — wasting energy and producing large amounts of carbon dioxide and other pollutants — some is just dumped into the air or vented. Even in cases where a gas pipeline is not connected, there are a variety of other technologies that operators can use to reduce associated gas flaring at oil wells.¹¹

Venting of this gas should be prohibited in all cases as an unnecessary source of harmful air pollution. There are numerous low-cost (and usually profitable) ways to utilize natural gas from oil wells. Flaring should be a last resort: only in the most extreme cases should oil producers be allowed to flare gas, and it should be strictly a temporary measure.

CoMAT estimates emission reduction from associated gas venting and flaring by applying an overall percent reduction, and then adjusting 2 key pieces of activity data. The following are the reductions applied based on the Compendium/Best Practice policies.

- Percent reduction of flaring: 80%
- Flare efficiency: 98%
- Percent of associated gas that is vented rather than flared: 1%

Blowdown Venting

¹¹ Carbon Limits AS. (October. 2015). *Improving utilization of associated gas in US tight oil fields*. Clean Air Task Force. October 2015. Retrieved from <https://www.catf.us/resource/putting-out-the-fire/>

Emissions from blowdown venting can be reduced by designing a system that routes vented gas to a vapor recovery unit or combustion device. Alternatively, a temporary compressor handle gas would otherwise be vented during a maintenance blowdown, either by temporarily storing the gas or inserting it into the pipeline past the maintenance activities.

Reductions are applied using a simple abatement percentage combustion exhaust, representing the stringency of the policy. Because policies for this emission source are still evolving, the Compendium/Best Practice policies does not apply a percent reduction to emissions from this source.

Centrifugal Compressors

Methane emissions can be cheaply and substantially reduced by requiring centrifugal compressors to use dry seals or to redirect gas that would be vented from a wet-seal compressor back into the pipeline system or another use. Reductions are applied using a simple abatement percentage for all wet seal centrifugal compressors, representing the stringency of the policy. The Compendium/Best Practice policies result in a 95% reduction.

Combustion Exhaust

Reductions can be achieved by increasing the combustion efficiency of combustion sources at oil and gas sites. Alternatively, combustion emissions can be significantly reduced through site electrification, which make it unnecessary to burn throughput gas or diesel to power the site. Because policies for this emission source are still evolving and because the starting conditions of each jurisdiction vary significantly, the Compendium/Best Practice policies does not apply a percent reduction to emissions from this source.

Dehydrators

Cleaning up methane from dehydrators will reduce HAP emissions too, with important benefits for air quality. There are a number of approaches to reducing emissions from dehydrator venting, such as adjusting circulation rates of the glycol fluid; routing the vent gas to a burner used to heat the glycol, so methane and toxics are combusted; use of a condenser to capture heavier VOC and toxics from the vent gas (which does not capture methane); and routing emissions to a flare or incinerator.

Reductions are applied using a simple abatement percentage for all dehydrators, representing the stringency of the policy. The Compendium/Best Practice policies result in a 95% reduction.

Leaks

Fortunately, most leaks are straightforward to repair (and fixing leaks is paid for by the value of the gas that is saved by repairing them).¹² Further, finding leaks has become efficient with modern technology. The standard approach today is to use special cameras that can detect infrared light (think of night-vision goggles) which are tuned to make methane, which is invisible to our eyes, visible. They allow inspectors to directly image leaking gas in real time, with the ability to inspect entire components (not just connections and other areas most likely to leak) and pinpoint the precise source, making repair more straightforward. And technology promises to make this process even more efficient (and cheaper) over the coming years.¹³

LDAR inspections can be conducted with an optical gas imaging (OGI) camera that is able to see methane leaks that are otherwise invisible. By providing a visual image the operator is able quickly to see the component that is leaking and either initiate repair immediately or tag the component for follow up repair. LDAR can also be conducted using Method 21, which is for the determination of VOC leaks from process equipment. This method is typically more sensitive to smaller leaks but surveying an entire site using this method is much more time consuming. The key driver or abatement potential for leaks is the frequency of inspection.

LDAR programs require operators to regularly survey all of their facilities for leaks and improper emissions and repair all the leaks they identify in a reasonable time. For example, California requires operators to survey all sites four times a year.¹⁴ Colorado has a different approach, requiring operators of the largest sites to survey them monthly, but requiring less frequent inspections for sites with smaller potential emissions.¹⁵

Reductions are applied using a simple abatement percentage for all leaks, representing the frequency of instrument-based inspections in policy. The actual reduction from an LDAR program depends on a number of factors, including the type of site, the baseline number of leaks, the distribution of the size of leaks, how long it takes to repair the leaks, and the experience level of the OGI camera

¹² Carbon Limits. (2014). *Quantifying Cost-Effectiveness of Systematic Leak Detection and Repair Programs using Infrared Cameras*. Clean Air Task Force. Retrieved from <https://www.catf.us/resource/quantifying-cost-effectiveness-ldar/>

¹³ Lyon, D., Nowlan, A., & Paranhos, E. (2019, April). *Pathways for Alternative Compliance: A Framework to Advance Innovation, Environmental Protection, and Prosperity*. Environmental Defense Fund & Environmental Council of the States Shale Gas Caucus. Retrieved from https://www.edf.org/sites/default/files/documents/EDFAlternativeComplianceReport_0.pdf

¹⁴ California Air Resources Board, California Final Regulation Order, 17 C.C.R., (March 10, 2017), available at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2016/oilandgas2016/oilgasfro.pdf>.

¹⁵ Colorado Air Quality Control Commission Regulation Number 7, 5 C.C.R. 1001-9, (“Colorado regulation”), available at <https://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=9417>

operator.¹⁶ Early LDAR regulations used a rule of thumb to estimate reductions from leaks: 40% reduction for annual inspections, 60% reduction for bi-annual inspections, and 80% reduction for quarterly inspections.¹⁷ A recent proposal from the US EPA relied on more sophisticated modeling (FEAST model¹⁸) to estimate reductions from different types of facilities.¹⁹ For the purposes of quantifying reductions in CoMAT, we stick with the simple “rule of thumb”, with extensions added to estimate triannual inspections (70%) and monthly inspections (90%).

The Compendium/Best Practice policy is quarterly LDAR, resulting in an 80% reduction across all applicable subsegments. CoMAT allows the user to adjust the inspection frequency (and therefore the abatement percentage) for each individual subsegment, reflecting the stringency of the country’s policy.

Liquids Unloading

Emissions from liquids unloading can be minimized using equipment to capture gas that would otherwise be vented to the atmosphere. Reductions are applied using a simple abatement percentage, representing the stringency of the policy. The Compendium/Best Practice policies result in a 95% reduction from this source.

Offshore

Reductions are applied using a simple abatement percentage for combustion exhaust, representing the stringency of the policy. Because policies for this emission source are still evolving, the Compendium/Best Practice policies does not apply a percent reduction to emissions from this source.

¹⁶ Ravikumar, A. P., Sreedhara, S., Wang, J., Englander, J., Bell, C., Zimmerle, D., Lyon, D., Mogstad, I., Ratner, B., & Brandt, A. R. (2019). *Single-blind inter-comparison of methane detection technologies – results from the Stanford/EDF Mobile Monitoring Challenge*. Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene, 7. <https://doi.org/10.1525/elementa.373>, <https://online.ucpress.edu/elementa/article/doi/10.1525/elementa.373/112505/Single-blind-inter-comparison-of-methane-detection>

¹⁷ Colorado Air Quality Control Commission, Cost-Benefit Analysis for Proposed Revisions to AQCC Regulations No. 3 and 7, February 7, 2014.

¹⁸ Chandler E. Kemp, Arvind P. Ravikumar, and Adam R. Brandt. *Comparing Natural Gas Leakage Detection Technologies Using an Open-Source “Virtual Gas Field” Simulator*. Environmental Science & Technology 2016 50 (8), 4546-4553. DOI: 10.1021/acs.est.5b06068. <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.est.5b06068>

¹⁹ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. (October 2022). Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review.

Pneumatic Controllers

Pneumatic controllers can be classified based on whether and how rapidly they vent or “bleed” natural gas and whether they bleed continuously or intermittently (typically only when performing some function). Controllers can either be classified as high-bleed or low-bleed, and it has been demonstrated that the conversion from high- to low-bleed is feasible and cost-effective in almost all cases.²⁰ However, it has also been shown that controllers specified as “low-bleed” often malfunction, causing emissions that are much higher than the low-bleed threshold.²¹

Thus, a more effective mitigation strategy is the use of “zero-bleed” controllers, which vent no natural gas, by either utilizing compressed air or electrical power to operate instead of pressurized natural gas, or by capturing for further use the natural gas that would otherwise be vented. Some zero-bleed devices are powered with solar-generated electricity, while others require electricity from the grid or an on-site gas-powered generator, or air compressed with a natural gas-powered engine. Significant methane emission reductions can be achieved by replacing natural gas-driven pneumatic controllers with zero-bleed devices, including at wellsites that are off-the-grid.²²

Reductions are applied by adjusting the percent for each of the four types of controllers: high-, intermittent-, low-, and zero-bleed. Policies that require a higher the percentage of zero- and low-bleed controllers will achieve lower the overall emissions from this source.

Pneumatic Pumps

Pneumatic pumps *use the* pressure of natural gas to supply the energy required to circulate and pressurize liquids. For example, they are used to introduce liquid chemicals such as corrosion inhibitors into gas pipelines. Electric pumps, which are often solar-powered, completely eliminate methane emissions and are technically feasible in many locations.

²⁰ US EPA. (October 2006). *Options For Reducing Methane Emissions From Pneumatic Devices In The Natural Gas Industry*. Retrieved from: [19january2017snapshot.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/1l_pneumatics.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/1l_pneumatics.pdf).

²¹ Ramón A. Alvarez et al., *Assessment of methane emissions from the U.S. oil and gas supply chain*. Science 361,186-188(2018). DOI:10.1126/science.aar7204. <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/361/6398/186>

²² Carbon Limits AS. (2016). *Zero Emission Technologies for Pneumatic Controllers in the USA: Applicability and Cost Effectiveness*. <https://www.catf.us/resource/zero-emission-technologies-for-pneumatic-controllers-usa/>

Several jurisdictions have implemented strong standards to reduce emissions from pneumatic controllers and pneumatic pumps. For example, California requires all new pneumatic equipment to be zero emitting, and it requires all existing pumps to emit below the low-bleed threshold.²³ Operators must measure emissions from each device annually to ensure that they are in fact emitting below this threshold. British Columbia also requires that all new pneumatic equipment to be zero emitting, and it also requires zero bleed controllers at all large compressor stations (>3 MW).²⁴

Emissions from pneumatic pumps can be reduced through conversion to zero-bleed options. Reductions are applied using a simple abatement percentage, representing the stringency of the policy. The Compendium/Best Practice policies result in a 95% reduction from this source.

Reciprocating Compressors

Over time the seals of reciprocating compressors wear, letting more gas out. If not regularly replaced, emissions can become very large: the older the seals are, the more methane they emit. Fortunately, these methane emissions can easily be reduced. First, proper maintenance practices— regular replacement of rod-packing—minimize emissions and should be required. An available additional or alternative approach is to capture gas that escapes from rod packing and utilize it, such as by adding it to the fuel/air mixture for the compressor engine. This can be a superior approach since some gas escapes even from newly installed rod-packing.

Emissions from reciprocating compressors can be minimized using equipment to capture gas that would otherwise be vented to the atmosphere. Reductions are applied using a simple abatement percentage, representing the stringency of the policy. The Compendium/Best Practice policies result in a 95% reduction from this source.

Tanks

Emissions from tanks can be controlled by routing vented gas to a vapor recovery unit (VRU) or, where this is not feasible, routing to a flare. Reductions from tanks are estimated in CoMAT by adjusting the percent of tanks with a VRU, a flare, or no control.

²³ California Air Resources Board, California Final Regulation Order, 17 C.C.R., (March 10, 2017), available at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2016/oilandgas2016/oilgasfro.pdf>.

²⁴ British Columbia Oil and Gas Commission (BC OGC). Amendment to Drilling and Production Regulation, B.C. Reg. 282/2010. (“BC regulation”), (December 17, 2018), available at: http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/regulationbulletin/regulationbulletin/Reg286_2018.

Well Completions and Workovers

Methane emissions from hydraulically fractured oil and gas wells can be significant. Fortunately, there are low-cost and effective waste mitigation measures for this source. The same Reduced Emissions Completions (REC) approach to gas well completions — whereby operators capture natural gas with specialized equipment and direct it into pipelines, instead of allowing it to escape into the air — can be applied to associated gas produced during oil well completions. RECs reduce methane emissions from both oil and gas wells by more than 95%.

Reductions from well completions and workovers are estimated in CoMAT by adjusting the percent of events that utilize RECs, flares, or no control.

Other

This category includes a variety of emission sources that don't fall within one of the previous categories. CoMAT does not apply a percent reduction to emissions from this source. If policies and technologies become available to reduce methane emissions from these sources, abatement quantification will be added to the CoMAT application.

Appendix A: Compendium of Leading Policies

English: <https://cdn.catf.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/12161320/leading-methane-abatement-policies-for-oil-and-gas-operations.pdf>

Spanish: <https://cdn.catf.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/12161403/politicas-principales-de-reduccion-de-metano-para-operaciones-de-petroleo-y-gas-natural.pdf>

Appendix B: Oil and Gas Industry Information Input Worksheet

The following information is needed to estimate methane emissions from the oil and gas supply chain. If country-specific data is not available, a proxy will be used to estimate the data. To ensure consistency, select the year for data collection, representing the most recent year for which full data is available. In addition, select whether data will be entered in Metric or Imperial units.

Country: _____

Year: _____

Units: Metric or Imperial (circle one)

| Industry Segment | Contributor Group | Industry Contributor | Initial Value | Unit | Data source or proxy | Updated Value | Source |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Gas Exploration and Production | Gas Production | Gross production | | Mcm (or mmcf) | Country-specific: EIA | | |
| | | Marketed/dry gas production | | Mcm (or mmcf) | | | |
| | | Offshore gas production | | Mcm (or mmcf) | Country-specific: Rystad (old) | | |
| | Gas wells | Total Gas Wells | | # of wells | Proxy | | |
| | | Gas wells with hydraulic fracturing | | # of wells | Proxy | | |
| | | Gas wells without hydraulic fracturing | | # of wells | Proxy | | |
| | | Gas wells drilled per year | | # of wells drilled per year | Proxy | | |
| | Well Blowouts | | | # of events | Default zero if no information. | | |
| | Condensate Production | | | Mcm (or MMbbl) | Country-specific: EIA | | |
| | Gathering and boosting stations | | | # of stations | Proxy | | |
| Oil Exploration and Production | Oil Production | Total oil production | | Mcm (or MMbbl) | Country-specific: EIA | | |
| | | Onshore Oil production | | Mcm (or MMbbl) | Country-specific: EIA | | |

| Industry Segment | Contributor Group | Industry Contributor | Initial Value | Unit | Data source or proxy | Updated Value | Source |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| | | Offshore Oil Production | | Mcm (or MMbbl) | Country-specific: Rystad (old) | | |
| | Oil wells | Total Oil Wells | | # of wells | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | | Oil wells with hydraulic fracturing | | # of wells | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | | Oil wells without hydraulic fracturing | | # of wells | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | | Oil wells drilled per year | | # of wells per year | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | Flaring Volume | | | Mcm (or mmcf) | Country-specific: NOAA Global Gas Flaring | | |
| Gas Processing | Number of Processing Plants | | | # plants | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| Gas Transmission and Storage | Transmission Pipeline Distance | | | km (or miles) | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | Stations | Transmission compressor stations | | # of stations | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | | Gas storage compressor stations | | # of stations | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | Gas Consumption* | Total natural gas consumption | | Mcm (or mmcf) | Country-specific: EIA | | |
| | | Residential natural gas consumption | | Mcm (or mmcf) | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | | Commercial natural gas consumption | | Mcm (or mmcf) | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | | Industrial natural gas consumption | | Mcm (or mmcf) | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | | Residential natural gas customers | | # of customers | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | | Commercial natural gas customers | | # of customers | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | | Industrial natural gas customers | | # of customers | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) | LNG | LNG Storage Stations | | # of stations | Country-specific: Global Energy Monitor | | |

| Industry Segment | Contributor Group | Industry Contributor | Initial Value | Unit | Data source or proxy | Updated Value | Source |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| | | LNG Import Terminals | | # of terminals | Country-specific: Global Energy Monitor | | |
| | | LNG Export Terminals | | # of terminals | Country-specific: Global Energy Monitor | | |
| Gas Distribution | Gas Consumption (see industry input in Gas Transmission and Storage Section) * | | | | | | |
| | Mains & Services | Mains - Cast Iron | | km (or miles) | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | | Mains - Protected Steel | | km (or miles) | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | | Mains - Unprotected Steel | | km (or miles) | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | | Mains - Plastic | | km (or miles) | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | | Services - Protected Steel | | # of services | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | | Services - Unprotected Steel | | # of services | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | | Services - Plastic | | # of services | Country-specific or Proxy | | |
| | | Services - Copper | | # of services | Country-specific or Proxy | | |

*Same industry information used in both Gas Transmission and Gas Distribution

Appendix C: Mitigation Plant Calculation Worksheet

| Emissions Source | Segment | Subsegment | % Reduction | Description of activity-based reduction | Quantify (a) | Quantify (b) | Quantify (c) | Quantify (d) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Associated Gas Venting and Flaring | Oil Exploration and Production | Onshore oil production | 80% | Adjust (a) flare efficiency and (b) percent of associated gas that is vented | 98% | 1% | | |
| Blowdown Venting | Gas Exploration and Production | Onshore gas production | 0% | | | | | |
| Blowdown Venting | Gas Exploration and Production | Gathering and Boosting | 0% | | | | | |
| Blowdown Venting | Oil Exploration and Production | Onshore oil production | 0% | | | | | |
| Blowdown Venting | Gas Processing | Gas Processing | 0% | | | | | |
| Blowdown Venting | Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) | LNG Export Terminals | 0% | | | | | |
| Blowdown Venting | Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) | LNG Import Terminals | 0% | | | | | |
| Blowdown Venting | Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) | LNG Storage | 0% | | | | | |
| Blowdown Venting | Gas Distribution | Aboveground Distribution Stations | 0% | | | | | |
| Centrifugal Compressors | Gas Processing | Gas Processing | 95% | | | | | |
| Centrifugal Compressors | Gas Transmission and Storage | Gas Transmission | 95% | | | | | |
| Centrifugal Compressors | Gas Transmission and Storage | Underground Gas Storage | 95% | | | | | |
| Combustion Exhaust | Gas Exploration and Production | Gas Exploration | 0% | | | | | |

| Emissions Source | Segment | Subsegment | % Reduction | Description of activity-based reduction | Quantify (a) | Quantify (b) | Quantify (c) | Quantify (d) |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Combustion Exhaust | Gas Exploration and Production | Onshore gas production | 0% | | | | | |
| Combustion Exhaust | Gas Exploration and Production | Gathering and Boosting | 0% | | | | | |
| Combustion Exhaust | Oil Exploration and Production | Oil Exploration | 0% | | | | | |
| Combustion Exhaust | Oil Exploration and Production | Onshore oil production | 0% | | | | | |
| Combustion Exhaust | Gas Processing | Gas Processing | 0% | | | | | |
| Combustion Exhaust | Gas Transmission and Storage | Gas Transmission | 0% | | | | | |
| Combustion Exhaust | Gas Transmission and Storage | Underground Gas Storage | 0% | | | | | |
| Combustion Exhaust | Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) | LNG Export Terminals | 0% | | | | | |
| Combustion Exhaust | Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) | LNG Import Terminals | 0% | | | | | |
| Combustion Exhaust | Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) | LNG Storage | 0% | | | | | |
| Dehydrators | Gas Exploration and Production | Onshore gas production | 95% | | | | | |
| Dehydrators | Gas Exploration and Production | Gathering and Boosting | 95% | | | | | |
| Dehydrators | Gas Processing | Gas Processing | 95% | | | | | |
| Dehydrators | Gas Transmission and Storage | Gas Transmission | 95% | | | | | |
| Dehydrators | Gas Transmission and Storage | Underground Gas Storage | 95% | | | | | |
| Leaks | Gas Exploration and Production | Onshore gas production | 80% | | | | | |

| Emissions Source | Segment | Subsegment | % Reduction | Description of activity-based reduction | Quantify (a) | Quantify (b) | Quantify (c) | Quantify (d) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Leaks | Gas Exploration and Production | Gathering and Boosting | 80% | | | | | |
| Leaks | Oil Exploration and Production | Onshore oil production | 80% | | | | | |
| Leaks | Gas Processing | Gas Processing | 80% | | | | | |
| Leaks | Gas Transmission and Storage | Gas Transmission | 80% | | | | | |
| Leaks | Gas Transmission and Storage | Underground Gas Storage | 80% | | | | | |
| Leaks | Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) | LNG Export Terminals | 80% | | | | | |
| Leaks | Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) | LNG Import Terminals | 80% | | | | | |
| Leaks | Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) | LNG Storage | 80% | | | | | |
| Leaks | Gas Distribution | Aboveground Distribution Stations | 80% | | | | | |
| Liquids Unloading | Gas Exploration and Production | Onshore gas production | 95% | | | | | |
| Offshore | Gas Exploration and Production | Offshore gas production | 0% | | | | | |
| Offshore | Oil Exploration and Production | Offshore oil production | 0% | | | | | |
| Pneumatic Controllers | Gas Exploration and Production | Onshore gas production | | Change activity data for (a) zero-bleed, (b) low, (c) intermittent, and (d) high bleed controllers | 55% | 20% | 20% | 5% |
| Pneumatic Controllers | Gas Exploration and Production | Gathering and Boosting | | Change activity data for (a) zero-bleed, (b) low, (c) intermittent, and (d) high bleed controllers | 60% | 20% | 15% | 5% |
| Pneumatic Controllers | Oil Exploration and Production | Onshore oil production | | Change activity data for (a) zero-bleed, (b) low, (c) intermittent, and (d) high bleed controllers | 55% | 20% | 20% | 5% |

| Emissions Source | Segment | Subsegment | % Reduction | Description of activity-based reduction | Quantify (a) | Quantify (b) | Quantify (c) | Quantify (d) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Pneumatic Controllers | Gas Processing | Gas Processing | | Change activity data for (a) percent gas driven | 5% | | | |
| Pneumatic Controllers | Gas Transmission and Storage | Gas Transmission | | Change activity data for (a) zero-bleed, (b) low, (c) intermittent, and (d) high bleed controllers | 60% | 20% | 15% | 5% |
| Pneumatic Controllers | Gas Transmission and Storage | Underground Gas Storage | | Change activity data for (a) zero-bleed, (b) low, (c) intermittent, and (d) high bleed controllers | 60% | 20% | 15% | 5% |
| Pneumatic Pumps | Gas Exploration and Production | Onshore gas production | 95% | | | | | |
| Pneumatic Pumps | Gas Exploration and Production | Gathering and Boosting | 95% | | | | | |
| Pneumatic Pumps | Oil Exploration and Production | Onshore oil production | 95% | | | | | |
| Reciprocating Compressors | Gas Exploration and Production | Onshore gas production | 95% | | | | | |
| Reciprocating Compressors | Gas Exploration and Production | Gathering and Boosting | 95% | | | | | |
| Reciprocating Compressors | Oil Exploration and Production | Onshore oil production | 95% | | | | | |
| Reciprocating Compressors | Gas Processing | Gas Processing | 95% | | | | | |
| Reciprocating Compressors | Gas Transmission and Storage | Gas Transmission | 95% | | | | | |
| Reciprocating Compressors | Gas Transmission and Storage | Underground Gas Storage | 95% | | | | | |
| Tanks | Gas Exploration and Production | Onshore gas production | | Change activity data for tanks with large tanks only (a) VRU, large tanks only (b) flare, large tanks, (c) flare, small tanks only, or (d) no control/no flare | 95% | 5% | 100% | 0% |
| Tanks | Gas Exploration and Production | Gathering and Boosting | 95% | | | | | |
| Tanks | Oil Exploration and Production | Onshore oil production | | Change activity data for tanks with large tanks only (a) VRU, large tanks only (b) flare, large | 95% | 5% | 100% | 0% |

| Emissions Source | Segment | Subsegment | % Reduction | Description of activity-based reduction | Quantify (a) | Quantify (b) | Quantify (c) | Quantify (d) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | tanks, (c) flare, small tanks only, or (d) no control/no flare | | | | |
| Well Completions and Workovers | Gas Exploration and Production | Gas Exploration | | Change activity data for wells that use (a) reduced emission completions, (b) flare, or (c) vent | 95% | 5% | 0% | |
| Well Completions and Workovers | Gas Exploration and Production | Onshore gas production | | Change activity data for wells that use (a) reduced emission completions, (b) flare, or (c) vent | 95% | 5% | 0% | |
| Well Completions and Workovers | Oil Exploration and Production | Oil Exploration | | Change activity data for wells that use (a) reduced emission completions, (b) flare, or (c) vent | 95% | 5% | 0% | |
| Well Completions and Workovers | Oil Exploration and Production | Onshore oil production | | Change activity data for wells that use (a) reduced emission completions, (b) flare, or (c) vent | 95% | 5% | 0% | |

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