



determine MCFs. If no data are available, as a default, use 0 for *aerobic* systems, and 1.0 for *anaerobic*.<sup>4</sup>

Since aerobic and anaerobic handling are the only handling systems considered, the CH<sub>4</sub> conversion rate can be used to characterise a broad range of systems falling between aerobic and anaerobic handling systems.

Equation 10 presents the emission factor calculation for wastewater:

**EQUATION 10**

$$EF_i = B_{oi} \times \sum (WS_{ix} \times MCF_x)$$

where:

- EF<sub>i</sub> = emission factor (kg CH<sub>4</sub> /kg DC) for wastewater type (e.g., fertiliser industry, domestic, etc.)
- B<sub>oi</sub> = maximum methane producing capacity (kg CH<sub>4</sub>/kg DC) for wastewater type i
- WS<sub>ix</sub> = fraction of wastewater type i treated using wastewater handling system x
- MCF<sub>x</sub> = methane conversion factors of each wastewater system x

Equation 11 presents the emission factor calculation for sludge:

**EQUATION 11**

$$EF_j = B_{oj} \times \sum (SS_{jy} \times MCF_y)$$

where:

- EF<sub>j</sub> = emission factor (kg CH<sub>4</sub> /kg DC) for sludge type j (e.g., fertiliser industry wastewater, domestic wastewater, etc.)
- B<sub>oj</sub> = maximum methane producing capacity (kg CH<sub>4</sub>/kg DC) for sludge type j
- SS<sub>jy</sub> = fraction of sludge type j treated using sludge handling system y
- MCF<sub>y</sub> = methane conversion factors of each sludge handling system y (See footnote 4)

<sup>4</sup> If sludge is disposed of in landfills then the resulting emissions are already accounted for in the IPCC/OECD SWDS emission methodology (Section 6.2.4). If sludge is incinerated or burned as part of an energy recovery system, then the resulting emissions should be reported for in the Energy Chapter, classified as an industrial waste fuel. In these cases, to ensure that emissions are not counted twice an "MCF" of zero should be used in this methodology for sludge disposed in SWDSs or incinerated, or burned as part of an energy recovery system. In all other cases, an appropriate MCF value should be selected based on the specific characteristics of the system used to dispose of the sludge.

**Step 3 - Wastewater Emissions**

To estimate total emissions from wastewater, the selected emissions factors are multiplied by the associated organic wastewater production and summed. Subtract the amount of CH<sub>4</sub>, if any, that is recovered and thus not emitted into the atmosphere for each handling method. If no data are readily available, the default assumption is that this amount is zero. Sum the results for each handling method to determine total CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from wastewater. In equation form, the estimate of total CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from wastewater handling is as follows:

<p><b>EQUATION 12</b></p> $WM = \sum_i (TOW_i \times EF_i - MR_i)$
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where:

- WM = total methane emissions from wastewater in kg CH<sub>4</sub>
- TOW<sub>i</sub> = total organic waste for wastewater type i in kg DC/yr. For domestic streams, the DC is BOD; for industrial streams it is the COD (Step 1)
- EF<sub>i</sub> = emission factor for wastewater type i in kg CH<sub>4</sub>/kg DC (Step 2)
- MR<sub>i</sub> = total amount of methane recovered or flared from wastewater type i in kg CH<sub>4</sub>. If no data are available, use the default value of zero

**Step 4 - Sludge Emissions**

To estimate total emissions from sludge, the selected emissions factors are multiplied by the associated organic sludge production and summed. Subtract the amount of CH<sub>4</sub>, if any, that is recovered and thus not emitted into the atmosphere for each handling method. If no data are readily available, the default assumption is that this amount is zero. Sum the results for each handling method to determine total CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from wastewater. In equation form, the estimate of total CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from sludge handling is as follows:

<p><b>EQUATION 13</b></p> $SM = \sum_j (TOS_j \times EF_j - MR_j)$
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where:

- SM = total methane emissions from sludge in kg CH<sub>4</sub>
- TOS<sub>j</sub> = total organic waste for sludge type j in kg DC/yr. For domestic streams, the DC is BOD; for industrial streams it is COD (Step 1)
- EF<sub>j</sub> = emission factor for sludge type j in kg CH<sub>4</sub>/kg DC (Step 2)
- MR<sub>j</sub> = total amount of methane recovered or flared from sludge type j in kg CH<sub>4</sub>. If no data are available, the default is zero



### Step 5 - Total Emissions

Total emissions from wastewater and sludge can be determined by summing the results of Steps 3 and 4. This is expressed as follows in Equation 14:

$$\text{EQUATION 14}$$

$$\text{TM} = \text{WM} + \text{SM}$$

where:

- TM = total methane from wastewater and sludge handling in kg CH<sub>4</sub>
- WM = total methane emissions from wastewater in kg CH<sub>4</sub>
- SM = total methane emissions from sludge in kg CH<sub>4</sub>

### 6.3.6 Uncertainties

The quality of CH<sub>4</sub> emissions estimates for wastewater handling is directly related to the quality and availability of the waste management data used to derive these estimates. Country specific data on wastewater quantities, characteristics, and wastewater management methods are very limited. The principal sources of uncertainty are described below.

#### Organic Wastewater Quantity and Composition

Often the amount of degradable organic wastewater that is produced and the volumes handled in the various systems is not well known. Consequently, limitations exist for quantifying the fraction of wastewater subject to specific systems.

#### Physical and Chemical Data

Country-specific data on wastewater characteristics are very limited. For example, reported organic component values in industrial source categories are averages from several processes. Accurate and detailed data on the chemical characteristics and volumes of process wastewater streams could improve the emissions estimates.

#### Wastewater Handling Facility Efficiency and Output

Aerobically treated wastewater by handling plants may be subject to anaerobic conditions due to poorly managed and functioning facilities. This contributes to an underestimate of emissions. Additionally, current estimates from wastewater handling lagoons are relatively uncertain due to the limited available data. Work is on-going to develop better emission factors from these sources.

**TABLE 6-5**  
**ESTIMATED BOD<sub>5</sub> VALUES IN DOMESTIC WASTEWATER BY REGION**

Region	BOD <sub>5</sub> Value (kg/cap/day)	BOD <sub>5</sub> Value (kg/1000 persons/yr)
Africa	0.037	13,505
Asia, Middle East, Latin America	0.04	14,600
N. America, Europe, Former USSR, Oceania	0.05	18,250
Source: IPCC (1994)		

**TABLE 6-6  
INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER DATA BY REGION**

Industry Type and Region	Wastewater Produced (m <sup>3</sup> /tonnes of product)	COD Value (kg COD/m <sup>3</sup> wastewater)	Country
<b>Beverage - Distilled &amp; Industry</b>			
Generic - ethanol	13 m <sup>3</sup> / m <sup>3</sup> ethanol	40	
Generic - ethanol	NAV	5,000 kg/ m <sup>3</sup> ethanol	
South America	NAV	22	Brazil
Western Europe	NAV	4.0 - 5.0	Netherlands
<b>Beverage - Malt &amp; Beer</b>			
Generic	5 m <sup>3</sup> / m <sup>3</sup> beer	17	
Generic	5-9 m <sup>3</sup> / m <sup>3</sup> beer	2.0 - 7.0	
Western Europe	NAV	1.0 - 1.5	Netherlands
<b>Food - Meat &amp; Poultry</b>			
Generic	1.4 m <sup>3</sup> /animal	NAV	
Western Europe	NAV	2.9	Netherlands
North America	NAV	15.0	USA
<b>Food - Fish</b>			
North America	NAV	2.5	USA
<b>Food - Coffee</b>			
North America	NAV	3.0 - 14.0	USA
<b>Food - Dairy Products</b>			
Generic	2.8	NAV	
Western Europe	NAV	1.5	Netherlands
<b>Food - Fruits &amp; Vegetables</b>			
Generic (cannery)	26	NAV	
Generic Tomato processing	26	NAV	
North America, potatoes	NAV	3.0	USA
Western Europe, bean blanching	NAV	5.2	Netherlands
Western Europe, sauerkraut	NAV	10.0 - 20.0	Netherlands
<b>Food - Oils</b>			
Generic - Vegetable oil	1.6	0.3	
Middle East	NAV	42	Turkey
Asia	NAV	25	Malaysia
<b>Food - Sugar</b>			
Central America (cane)	NAV	98	Mexico
<b>Iron And Steel</b>			
South America	0.1	NAV	Brazil
<b>Organic Chemicals</b>			
Western Europe	NAV	20- 40	Netherlands
<b>Pharmaceuticals</b>			
Middle East	NAV	1.3	Egypt



**TABLE 6-6 (CONTINUED)**  
**INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER DATA BY REGION**

Industry Type and Region	Wastewater Produced (m <sup>3</sup> /tonnes of product)	COD Value (kg COD/m <sup>3</sup> wastewater)	Country
<b>Starch</b>			
Generic, potato starch	NAV	4.0 - 16	
Generic, wheat starch	NAV	2.0 - 42	
Generic, corn starch	NAV	10	
<b>Petroleum Production</b>			
North America	NAV	0.3 - 0.4	USA
North America	NAV	1.8	Canada
<b>Pulp &amp; Paper</b>			
Generic (pulp)	58	2.0 - 15	
North America pulp mill	140	NAV	USA
Generic (paper)	NAV	2.0 - 8.0	
North America (virgin paper)	97	1.6	USA
North America (recycled paper)	44	3.0	USA
Western Europe (paper)	NAV	1.0 - 3.0	Netherlands
<b>Textiles</b>			
Rayon	501	NAV	
Greece	NAV	0.09	
North America, textile mills	NAV	1.0	USA
<b>Leather Tanning</b>			
North America, generic	NAV	5.8	USA

Source: Doorn and Eklund (1995). For a detailed list of references for each wastewater category, see Doorn and Eklund (1995). Wastewater production of COD values are not available (NAV) for every country and region. Research is ongoing to develop wastewater production and COD values for these countries and regions. Note that these data are currently undergoing revision and updating.

**TABLE 6-7**  
**DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT EMISSIONS FACTOR DERIVATION DATA**

Region	Type of Treatment	Fraction of Wastewater Treated (%)	MCF (%)
<b>Africa</b>			
Kenya	Lagoons	50	NAV
Tunisia	Lagoons	20	NAV
Zimbabwe	Activated Sludge	50	NAV
Other Africa	Lagoons	5	80
<b>Asia</b>			
Indonesia	not specified	1	NAV
Singapore	not specified	1	NAV
South Korea	not specified	1	NAV
Taiwan	not specified	1	NAV
Other Asia	not specified	5	75
<b>Latin America And Caribbean</b>	not specified	10	80
<b>Australia And New Zealand</b>	not specified	80	70

Source: Doorn and Eklund (1995). For a detailed list of references for each region, see Doorn and Eklund (1995). Methane correction factor (MCF) data are not available (NAV) for some countries and regions. Research is ongoing to provide MCF estimates for these countries and regions. Note that these data are currently undergoing revision and updating.

**TABLE 6-8  
INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT EMISSIONS FACTOR DERIVATION**

Region	Type of Industry	Type of Treatment	Fraction of Wastewater Treated (%)	MCF (%)
<b>Africa</b>				
Kenya	textiles	Lagoons	60	NAV
Kenya	coffee production	Lagoons	5	NAV
Other Africa	All	Lagoons	10	90
<b>Asia</b>				
Indonesia	All	not specified	10	NAV
Malaysia	palm oil	not specified	90	NAV
Singapore	All	not specified	10	NAV
South Korea	All	not specified	10	NAV
Taiwan	All	not specified	10	NAV
Thailand	breweries	activated sludge	50	NAV
Other Asia	All	not specified	20	90
<b>North America</b>				
Canada	All	not specified	90	70
USA	All	not specified	90	70
<b>Latin America &amp; Caribbean</b>				
	All	not specified	20	90
<b>Australia &amp; New Zealand</b>				
	All	not specified	95	70
Source: Doorn and Eklund (1995). For a detailed list of references for each region, see Doorn and Eklund (1995). Methane correction factor (MCF) data are not available (NAV) for some countries and regions. Research is ongoing to provide MCF estimates for these countries and regions. Note that these data are currently undergoing revision and updating.				



**TABLE 6-9**  
**UNSPECIFIED WASTEWATER TYPE EMISSIONS FACTOR DERIVATION DATA**

Region	Type of Treatment	Fraction of Wastewater Treated (%)	MCF (%)
<b>Africa</b>			
South Africa	not specified	10	NAV
<b>Asia</b>			
Afghanistan	not specified	1	NAV
<b>Latin America And Caribbean</b>			
Colombia	Lagoons	3	NAV
Argentina	Lagoons	3	NAV
<b>Europe</b>			
Albania	not specified	1-92	NAV
Austria	not specified	65	NAV
Belgium	not specified	85	NAV
Bulgaria	not specified	10-100	NAV
Belarus	not specified	10-80	NAV
Croatia	not specified	57	NAV
Czech Rep	not specified	10-5	NAV
Denmark	not specified	90	NAV
Estonia	not specified	10-80	NAV
Finland	not specified	68	NAV
France	not specified	50-85	NAV
Germany	not specified	90	NAV
Hungary	not specified	44	NAV
Ireland	not specified	66	NAV
Italy	not specified	92	NAV
Latvia	not specified	10-80	NAV
Lithuania	not specified	10-80	NAV
Moldavia	not specified	10-80	NAV
Netherlands	not specified	90	NAV
Norway	not specified	94	NAV
Poland	not specified	10-50	NAV
Portugal	not specified	42	NAV
Romania	not specified	10-46	NAV
Russia	not specified	10-80	NAV
Serbia	not specified	57	NAV
Slovenia	not specified	87	NAV
Spain	not specified	67	NAV
Sweden	not specified	98	NAV
Switzerland	not specified	88	NAV
Turkey	not specified	38	NAV
Ukraine	not specified	10-80	NAV
United Kingdom	not specified	90	NAV
Slovakia	not specified	10-65	NAV

Source: Doorn and Eklund (1995). Methane correction factor (MCF) data are not available (NAV). Research is ongoing to provide MCF estimates for these and other wastewater treatment systems. Note that these data are currently undergoing revision and updating.

## 6.4 Nitrous Oxide from Human Sewage

Since N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from human sewage are closely linked to the agricultural N cycle, the method is further discussed in the Agriculture Chapter. For a detailed description of the proposed methodology, the reader is referred to Section 4.5.4 (on indirect N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from nitrogen used in agriculture).

The emissions of N<sub>2</sub>O from human sewage are calculated as follows:

<p><b>EQUATION 15</b></p> $N_2O_{(s)} = \text{Protein} \times \text{Frac}_{NPR} \times NR_{PEOPLE} \times EF_6$
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where:

- N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>(s)</sub> = N<sub>2</sub>O emissions from human sewage (kg N<sub>2</sub>O-N/yr)
- Protein = annual per capita protein intake (kg/person/yr)
- NR<sub>PEOPLE</sub> = number of people in country
- EF<sub>6</sub> = emissions factor (default 0.01 (0.002-0.12) kg N<sub>2</sub>O-N/kg sewage-N produced) (See Table 4-18 in Agriculture Chapter)
- Frac<sub>NPR</sub> = fraction of nitrogen in protein (default = 0.16 kg N/kg protein) (See Table 4-19 in Agriculture Chapter)

## 6.5 Emissions from Waste Incineration

### 6.5.1 Introduction

Waste incineration like other types of combustion, is a source of GHG emissions. Few data have been compiled on the global emissions from waste incineration. Preliminary indicators are that this source represents a small percentage of the total GHG output from the waste source category.

### 6.5.2 Emissions

Certainly waste incineration produces CO<sub>2</sub>, but it is difficult to identify the portion which should be considered **net** emissions. A large fraction of the carbon in waste combusted (e.g., paper, food waste) is derived from biomass raw materials which are replaced by regrowth on an annual basis. These emissions should not be considered net anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the IPCC Methodology. If the agricultural or forestry sources are not being sustainably managed, net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (equivalent to reductions in biomass stocks) should be accounted for in those source categories. On the other hand, some carbon in waste is in the form of plastics or other products based on fossil fuel. Combustion of these materials, like fossil fuel combustion, releases net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. In estimating emissions from waste incineration, the desired approach is to separate carbon in the incinerated waste into biomass and fossil fuel based fractions. Only the fossil based portion should be considered net carbon emissions. Any such detailed analysis should ensure that carbon emissions are not double counted in the treatment of stored carbon under energy emissions. See *Overview to the IPCC Guidelines*.





A recent Belgian analysis (Debruyne and Van Rensbergen, 1994) offers an example of a very detailed approach.

Other relevant gases released from combustion are net GHG emissions. Methane emissions from waste incineration are highly uncertain. An expert working group recognised waste incineration as a source of methane production, but was not able to give global estimates or default emissions factors. Although this source is considered to be relatively small compared to the other CH<sub>4</sub> sources in waste, it was recognised as an area for further research in the future (Berdowski et al., 1993).

Recent studies have also shown that N<sub>2</sub>O may be an important GHG produced from incineration. Table 6-10 provides data from studies of several incineration plants and the N<sub>2</sub>O produced from the waste incineration (de Soete, 1993). Studies in Belgium (IPCC, 1993), Japan (Tanaka et al., 1992) and Norway (Rosland, 1993) have estimated N<sub>2</sub>O production from their waste incineration processes. It has also been found that the emission level depends on the nature of the waste burned. Research in Japan has noted that while all types of incineration produce N<sub>2</sub>O, sludge incinerators produce the highest emissions rates (Tanaka et al., 1992).

Traditional air pollutants from combustion - NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, NMVOC - are characterised in existing emissions inventory systems. The IPCC does not provide a new methodology for these gases, but recommends that national experts use existing published methods. Some key examples of the current literature providing methods are: Default Emission Factor Handbook (CORINAIR, 1994), as well as the US EPA's Compilation of Air Pollutant Emissions Factors (AP-42) (US EPA, 1985) and Criteria Pollutant Emission Factors for the 1985 NAPAP Emissions Inventory (Stockton and Stelling, 1987).

**TABLE 6-10**  
**NITROUS OXIDE EMISSIONS FROM WASTE INCINERATION**

Nature of Waste (reference)	Facility	T°C	N <sub>2</sub> O Emission				
			ppmv <sup>a</sup> min.	ppmv <sup>a</sup> average	ppmv <sup>a</sup> max.	O <sub>2</sub> (%)	g N <sub>2</sub> O / tonne waste
Municipal refuse	10 furnaces (65-300 tonnes/day)		1.2	8	18		
Municipal refuse	Stepgrate	780-880	0.8		4.9	10	11-43
	Stepgrate	780-980	4		24	8-14	40-220
	Fluid. bed	830-850	6.7		10.5	13-15	14-123
Municipal solid waste	5 stokers (20-400 tonnes/day)		3	7	12		26-270
	3 Fluid. bed		5.6	9.8	17.1		97-293
	rot. koln (120 tonnes/day)		10.2	11.1	12.1		35-165
Sewage-sludge	4 incin. (150-300 tonnes/day)		57	87	125		
Sludge	Rotary grate	750		50.7			227
	Fluid. bed	770-812	270		600		580-1528
	Fluid. bed	838-854	135		292		684-1508
	Fluid. bed	834-844	100		320		275-886
	Fluid. bed	853-887	45		145		101-307

Source: de Soete, 1993.  
<sup>a</sup> ppmv = parts per million by volume

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