



National Inventory of South Africa: Status of Short-Lived Climate Forcers Emission Inventories

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Presentation Outline – Brief

- Methodological approaches to prioritize source categories
- Methodological approaches to ensure time series consistency
- Methods for data collection
- QA/QC and verification of estimated emissions

Status of National Emissions Inventories

Legal Framework: Emission Estimation and Reporting

South African Air Quality Act makes provision for the management of emissions through a variety of regulatory tools:

- Management of industrial activities through a permitting system for specific activities that have been identified as “**significant sources**”
- Reporting of emissions by the regulated sectors (industries, mine and quarries) to the **National Atmospheric Emission Inventory System (NAEIS)**
- **Non-industrial emission estimations by government/researchers for policies/strategies and academic purposes**
- GHG emissions estimation and reporting is centralized nationally – international reporting and carbon tax management

Status of Non-Industrial National Emission Inventories

Key Categories	Emission Inventory Status
Biomass burning and agricultural activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently emission inventories are based on research/local policy programs• Inventories are not always consistent as estimates are based on different methodologies and objectives• National/official dynamic emission inventories under development and will include partnerships with research institutes and other experts
Transportation (road, rail, aviation and shipping)	
Residential fuel burning (wood, coal, paraffin, waste)	
Biogenic and lightning	
Waste Management	

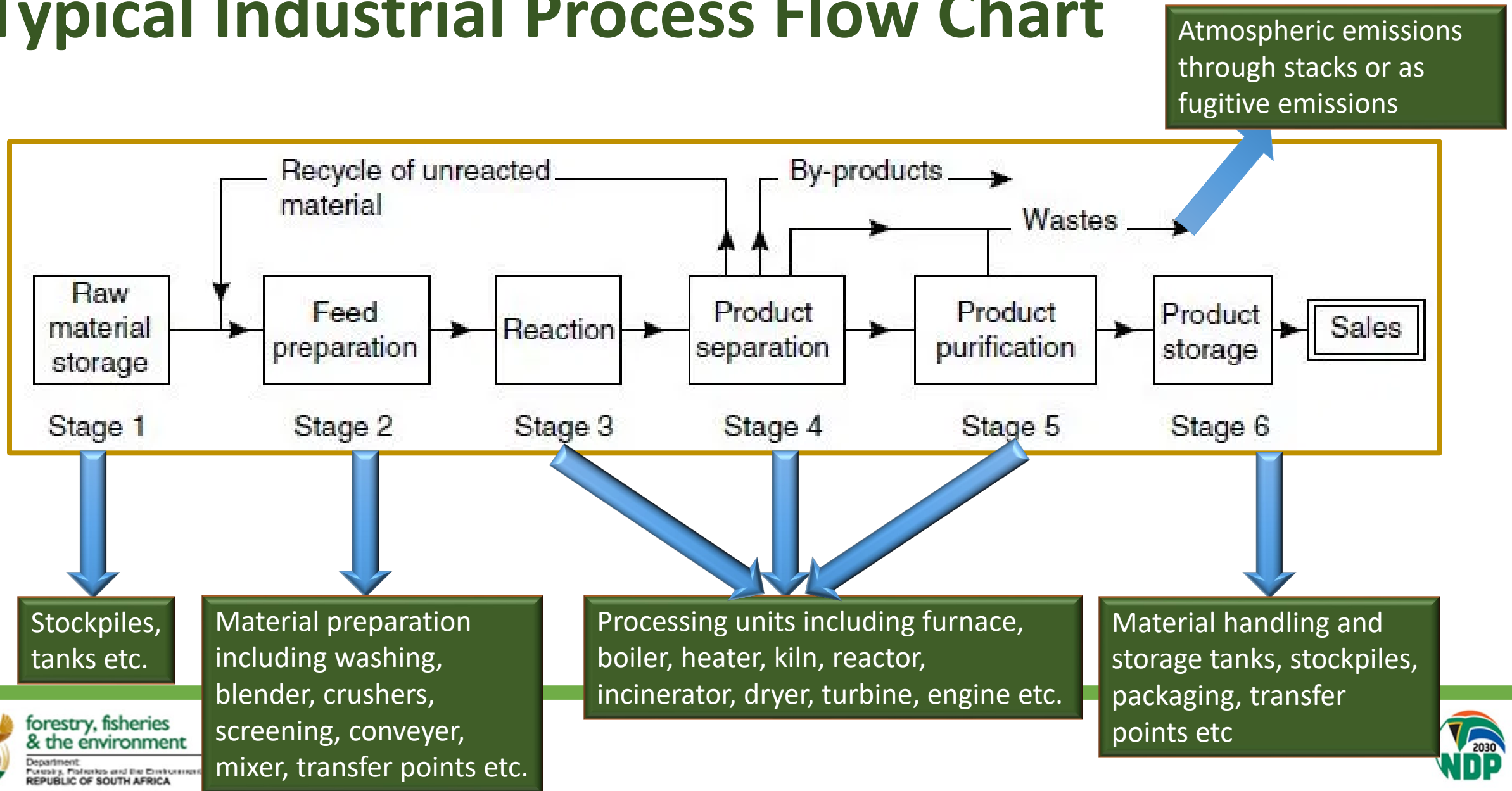
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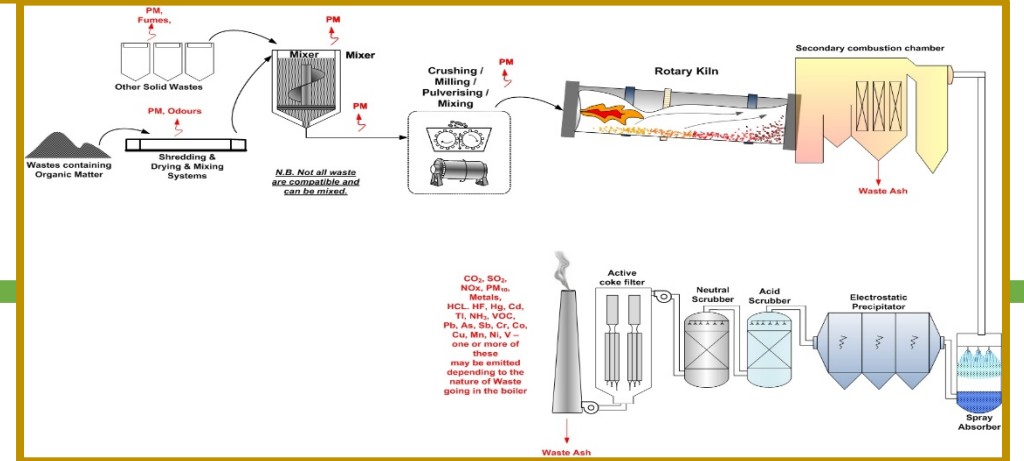
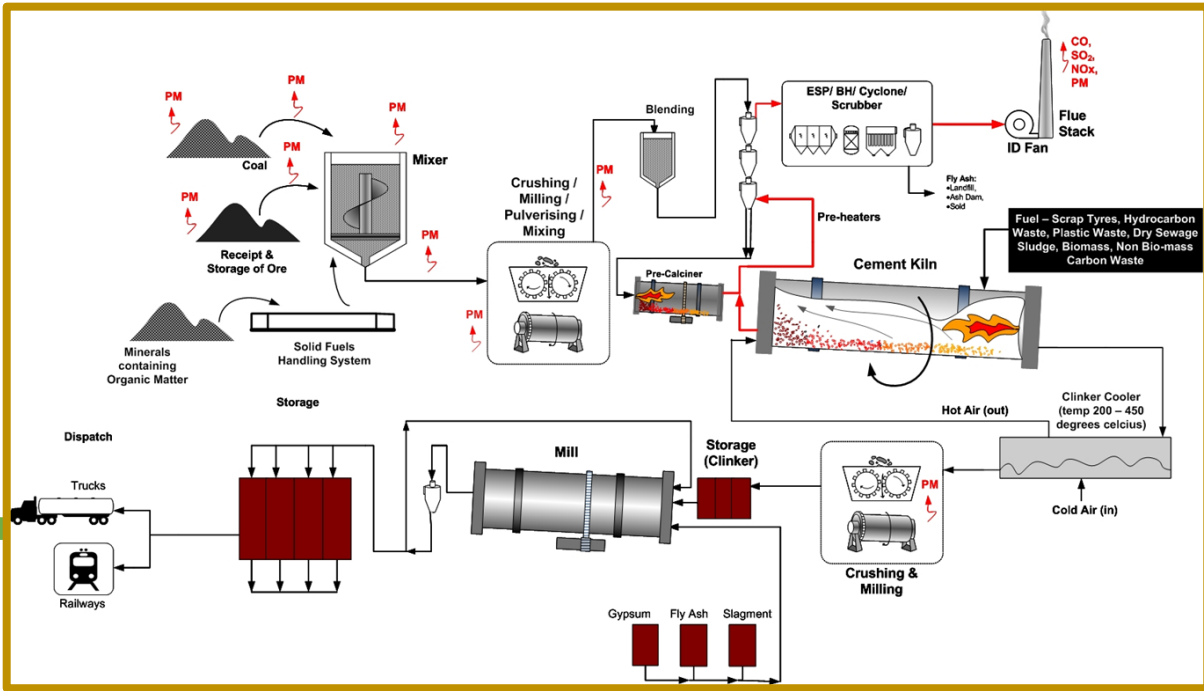
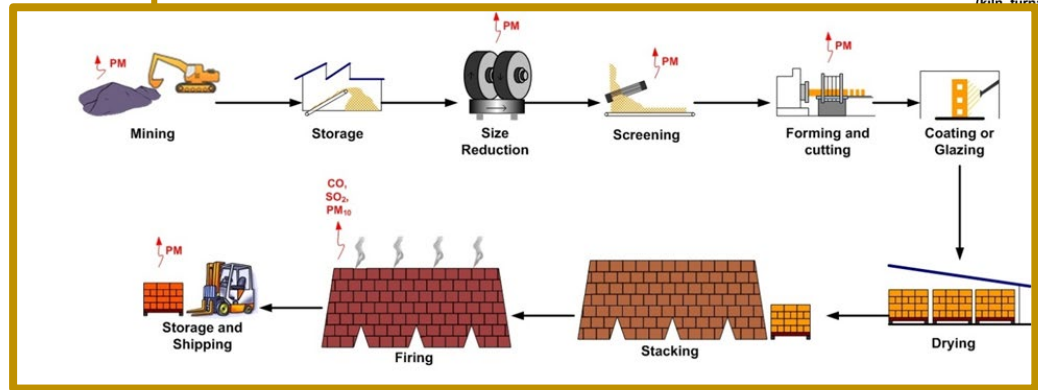
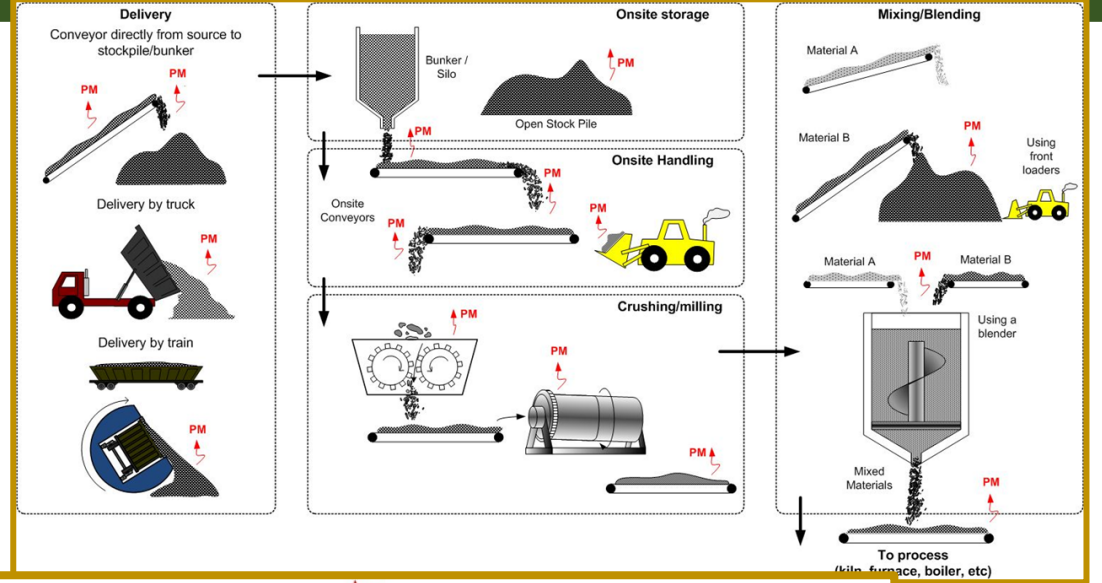
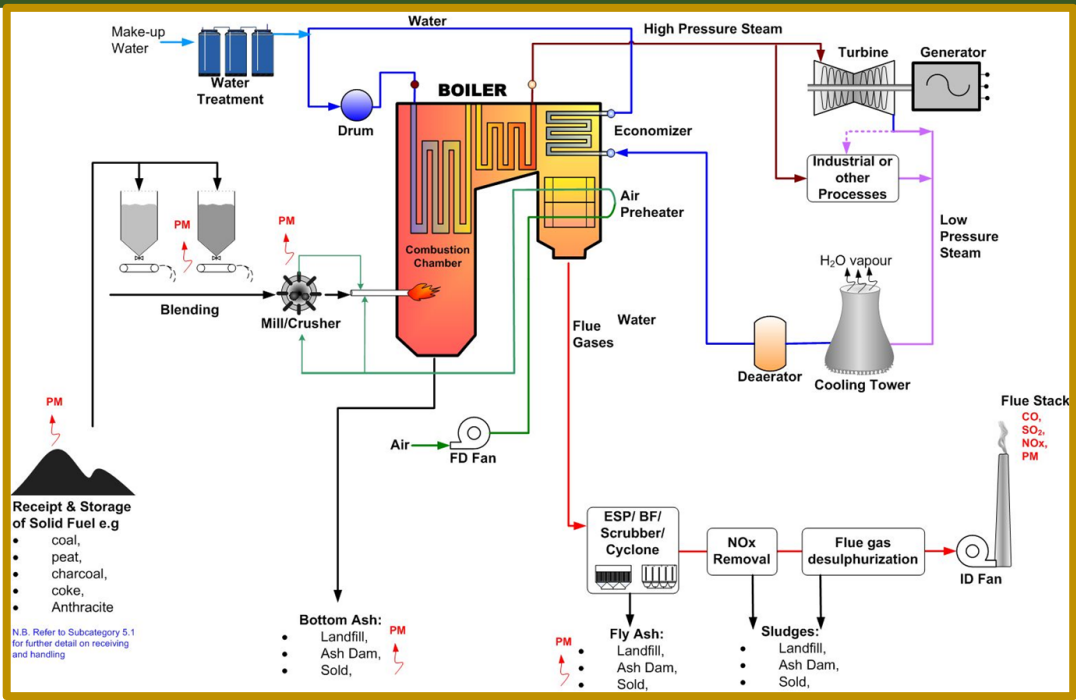
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<p>Industrial Activities: Significant sources regulated by the Air Quality Act</p> <p><i>This presentation focus</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Significant industrial sources regulated by the Air Quality Act• Includes all significant Energy (stationary and fugitive) and Industrial Processes and Product Use sectors• Energy production; petrochemical; metallurgical; mineral processing, storage and handling; organic and inorganic; pulp and paper; animal matter processing• Mining operations• Reporting to the National Atmospheric Emission Inventory System (NAEIS)• GHG emissions estimation and reporting is centralized nationally – international reporting and carbon tax management

Data Collection – Industrial Sources

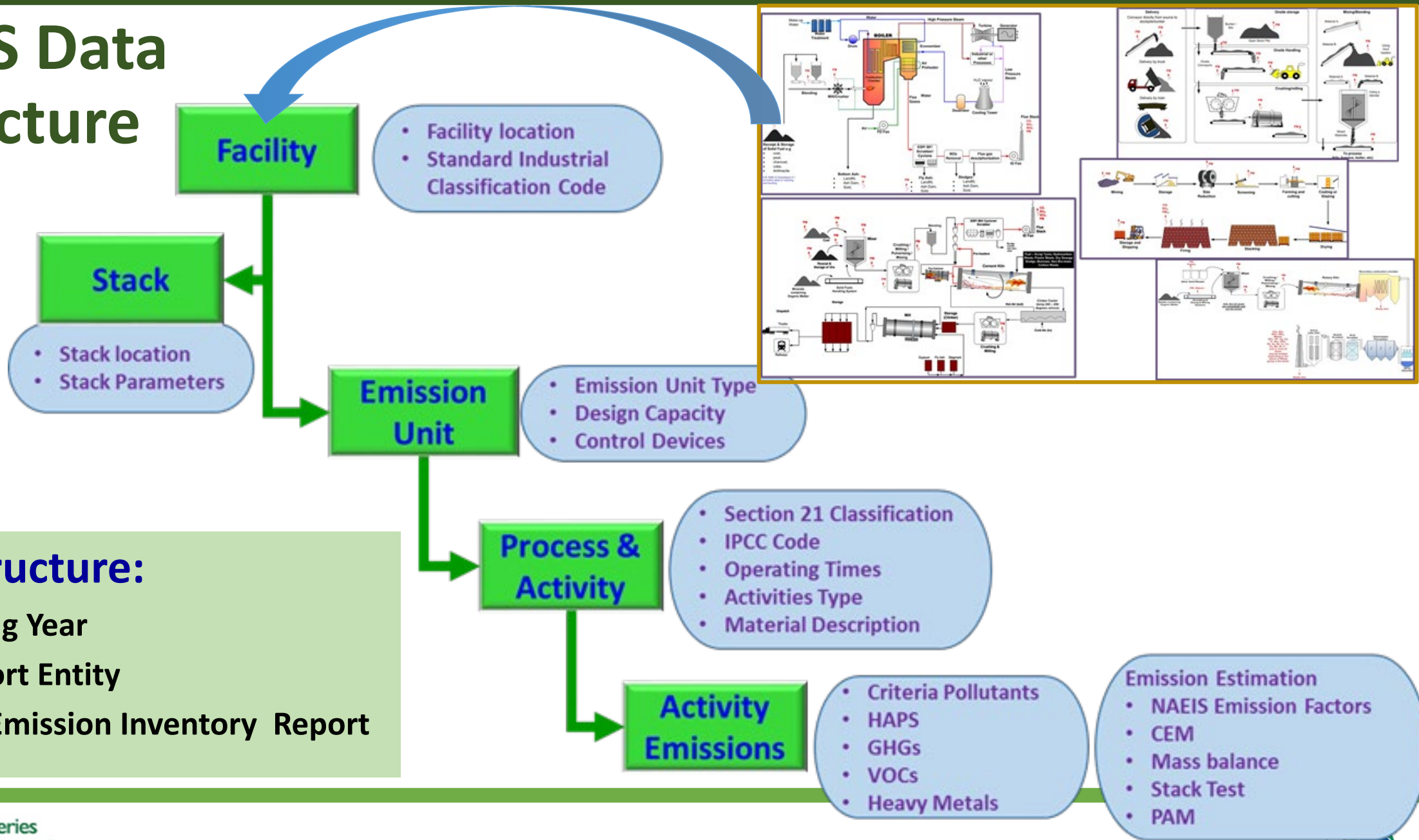
- Emissions reporting conducted **annually online** - each industrial facility estimates emissions based on a detailed bottom-up methodology that:
 - Identifies all significant process units/components that generate emissions (boiler, furnace, kiln, heater, fugitives etc.)
 - Considers activity data of process units and operating conditions (load, frequency of operation)
 - Considers emission control technologies
 - Considers emission measurements protocols
 - Documentation of measurements and analytical techniques used submitted as part of the emissions report

Typical Industrial Process Flow Chart





NAEIS Data Structure



Data Structure:

- ◆ Reporting Year
 - Report Entity
 - Emission Inventory Report

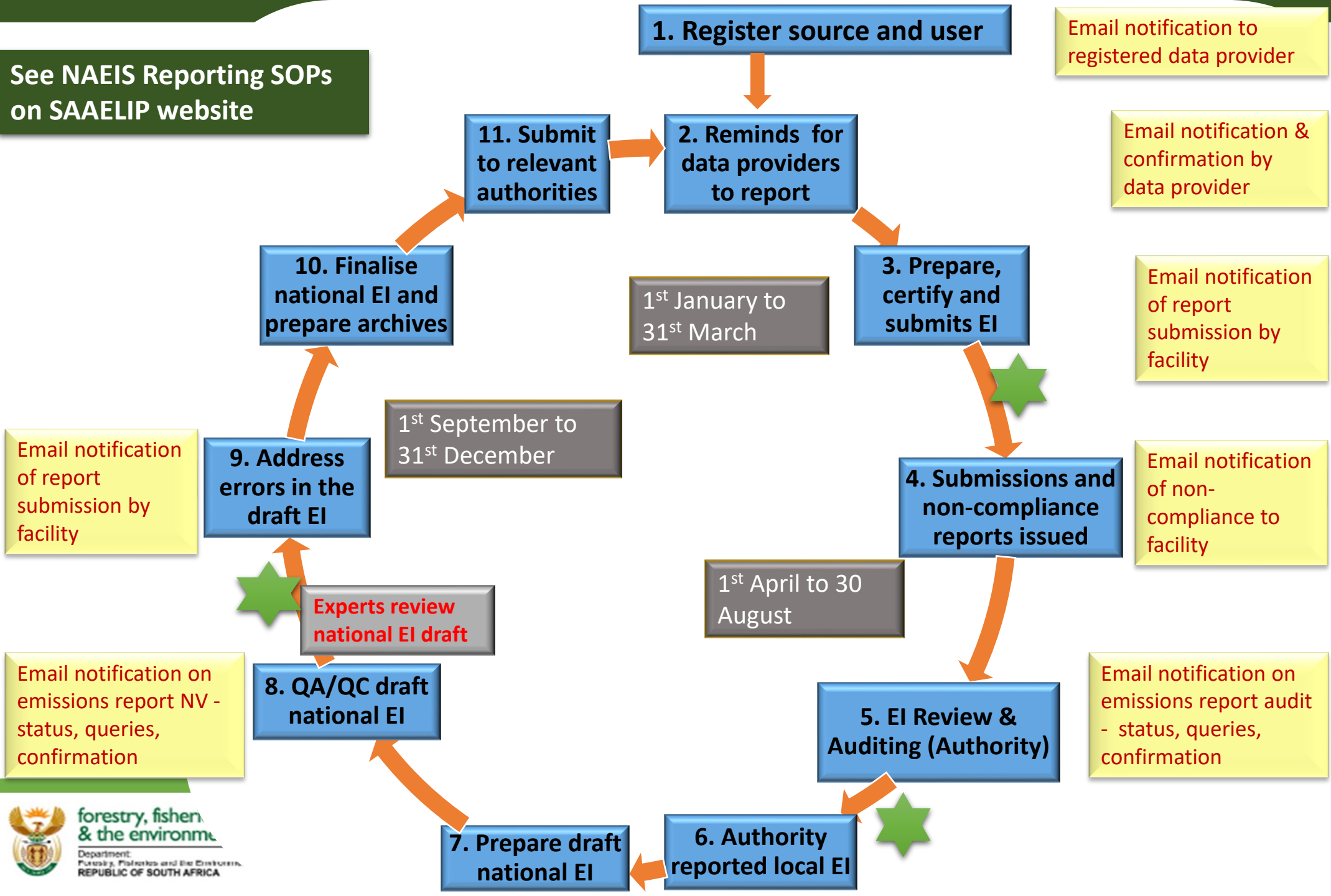
NAEIS Emission Estimation Basis

- **NAEIS Emission Factors (system default)**
 - Facility Emission Factors
 - Stack test measurements
 - Continuous Emission Monitoring (CEM)
 - Mass Balance Techniques
 - Predictive Emission Modelling (PEM)
 - Tank Model (
 - Landfill Model
 - Other estimation methodologies
- **NAEIS Emission Factor (based on US AP42 database and others)**
 - **Emission controlled factors built into the system**

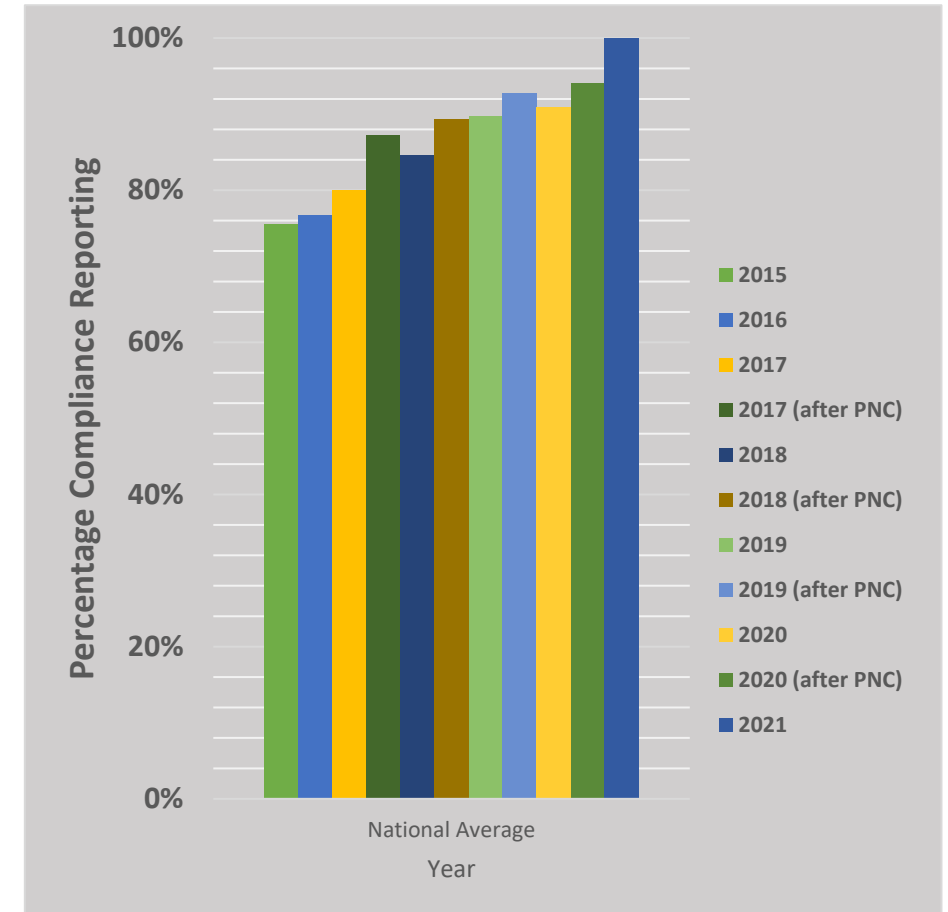
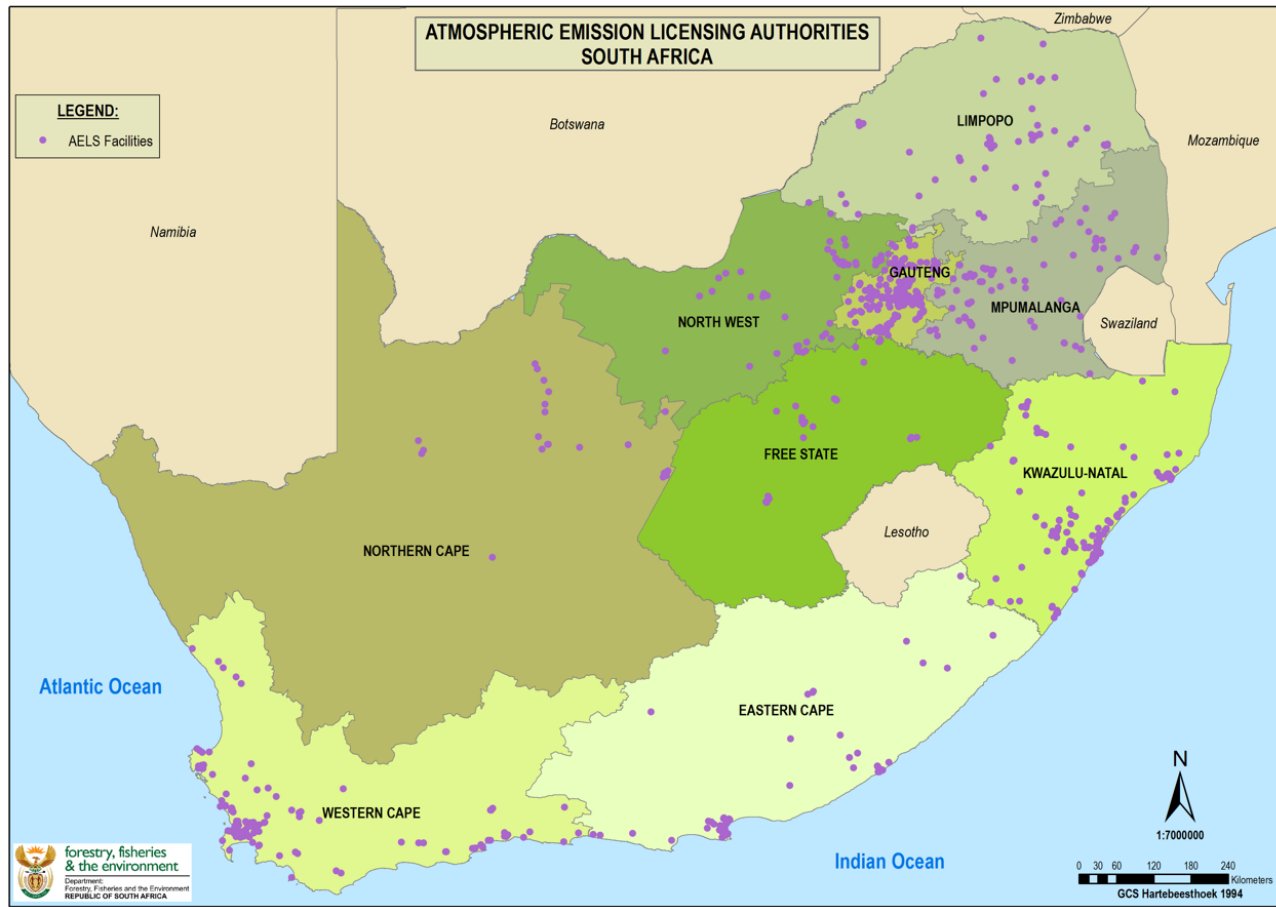
Emission Estimation and Reporting QA/QC

	Emission Inventory Status
Uncertainties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activity data is a function of production/raw materials used.• Emission factors are internationally sourced in most cases• Direct measurements always preferred – need continuous improvement in representation of measurements
Time Series	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reporting is prescribed by regulations• Emissions are reported annually over a physical year• Effective from 2015 – limited time series
Quality Control and Quality Assurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• QA/QC is our current priority• Technical guideline to improve reporting completeness especially with respect to pollutants reported• Reports annually audited at three levels, 2 by authorities to improve quality of reports• Continuous improvement through time series analyses of trends reported by data providers• Continuous training of data providers to improve report quality

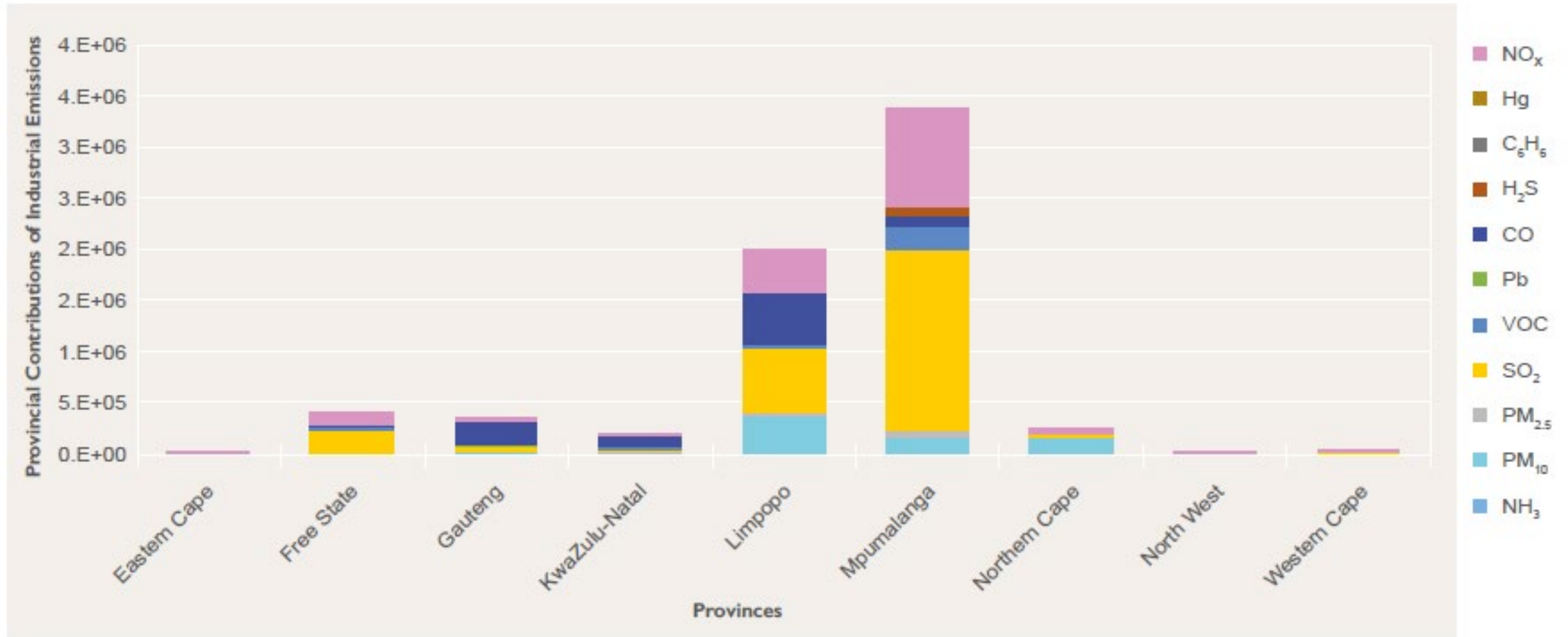
See NAEIS Reporting SOPs on SAAELIP website



Industry Compliance Reporting Trends



National Industrial Emissions Profile (2019)



Concluding Remarks: Lessons and Future Plans

Observations	How we are addressing it
<p>Status of Emissions Inventory Estimation and Reporting</p> <p>Technology use for environmental compliance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottom-up and detailed emission inventory significant industrial sources and stationary energy production • SO₂, NO₂, CO, NH₃, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, NMVOCs etc.
<p>Lessons learnt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities not fully quantifying all pollutants/other emission sources such as fugitive emissions • Mining sector and other regulated facilities not fully captured • Need to continuously improve quality of reports (completeness, accuracy etc.) • System emission factors are based on the US EPA, IPCC and other international databases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous training, improving technical support guidelines and a standing system help desk • Improving QA/QC of system as well as authority auditing • Continuous training of users • Continuously capturing new facilities • Develop a process for updating NAEIS EF database

Thank you

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