

**REVISED FINAL APPENDICES**

**CRADLE-TO-GATE LIFE CYCLE INVENTORY OF NINE PLASTIC RESINS  
AND FOUR POLYURETHANE PRECURSORS**

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**APPENDIX A**

**ENERGY REQUIREMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL EMISSIONS  
FOR FUEL CONSUMPTION**

Franklin Associates is updating our Fuels Appendix at this time. This Appendix will be completed and available within this document by August 31, 2011.



## APPENDIX B

## HIGH-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE

## INTRODUCTION

This appendix discusses the manufacture of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) resin. Large amounts of HDPE resin are used to manufacture blow-molded bottles, piping, film, and pails. Almost 16 billion pounds of HDPE was produced in the U.S. and Canada in 2003 (Reference B-1). The material flow for HDPE resin is shown in Figure B-1. The total unit process energy and emissions data (cradle-to-HDPE) for HDPE are displayed in Table B-1. Individual process tables on the bases of 1,000 pounds and 1,000 kilograms are also shown within this appendix. The following processes are included in this appendix:

- Crude oil production
- Distillation, desalting, and hydrotreating
- Natural gas production
- Natural gas processing
- Olefins (Ethylene) production
- HDPE resin production

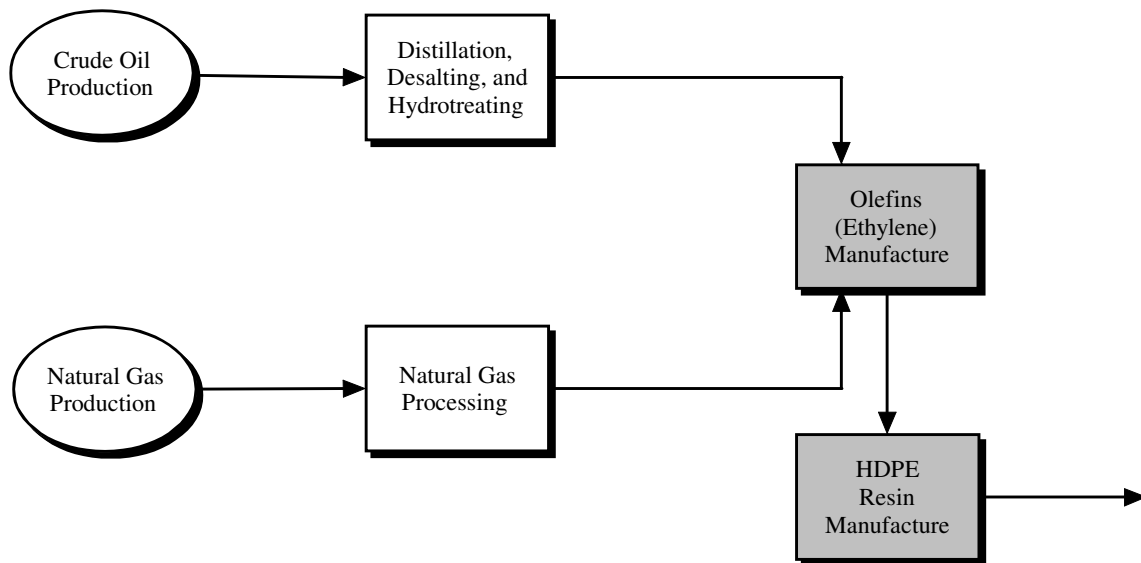


Figure B-1. Flow diagram for the manufacture of virgin high-density polyethylene ( HDPE) resin. Shaded boxes represent partial or complete data provided by manufacturers specifically for this APC analysis.

**Table B-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF HIGH-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (HDPE) RESIN**  
**(Cradle-to-Resin)**  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
<b>Raw Materials</b>				
Crude oil	188 lb		188 kg	
Natural Gas	827 lb		827 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
<b>Energy of Material Resource</b>				
Natural Gas		17,701		41.2
Petroleum		3,520		8.20
Total Resource		21,222		49.4
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	159 kwh	1,695	351 kwh	3.95
Electricity (cogeneration)	862 cu ft (2)	887	53.8 cu meters	2.07
Natural gas	3,985 cu ft	4,463	249 cu meters	10.4
LPG	0.034 gal	3.67	0.28 liter	0.0085
Distillate oil	0.18 gal	28.5	1.50 liter	0.066
Residual oil	1.52 gal	261	12.7 liter	0.61
Gasoline	0.11 gal	15.8	0.93 liter	0.037
Diesel	0.0094 gal	1.50	0.079 liter	0.0035
<b>Internal Offgas use (1)</b>				
From Oil	25.8 lb	792	25.8 kg	1.84
From Natural Gas	118 lb	3,608	118 kg	8.40
Recovered Energy	11.9 thousand Btu	11.9	27.6 MJ	0.028
Total Process		11,744		27.3
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
Combination truck	7.56 ton-miles		24.3 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.079 gal	12.6	0.66 liter	0.029
Rail	6.53 ton-miles		21.0 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.017 gal	2.66	0.14 liter	0.0062
Barge	15.6 ton-miles		50.1 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.013 gal	2.05	0.11 liter	0.0048
Residual oil	0.043 gal	7.35	0.36 liter	0.017
Ocean freighter	315 ton-miles		1,013 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.060 gal	9.50	0.50 liter	0.022
Residual	0.54 gal	92.4	4.49 liter	0.21
Pipeline-natural gas	470 ton-miles		1,512 tonne-km	
Natural gas	324 cu ft	363	20.2 cu meter	0.84
Pipeline-petroleum products	124 ton-miles		398 tonne-km	
Electricity	2.70 kwh	27.6	5.95 kwh	0.064
Total Transportation		517		1.20

- (1) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.
- (2) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency. If offgas was used within the cogen plant, the energy amount is shown within the Internal Offgas use.

Table B-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF HIGH-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (HDPE) RESIN  
(Cradle-to-Resin)  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>		
Atmospheric Emissions		
Ammonia	7.5E-04 lb	7.5E-04 kg
Antimony	4.3E-07 lb	4.3E-07 kg
Arsenic	5.4E-08 lb	5.4E-08 kg
Benzene	0.091 lb	0.091 kg
Carbon Dioxide - Fossil	66.2 lb	66.2 kg
Carbon Monoxide	0.25 lb	0.25 kg
Carbon Tetrachloride	2.9E-07 lb	2.9E-07 kg
CFC 13 (Methane, trichlorofluoro-)	4.6E-06 lb	4.6E-06 kg
Chlorine	9.9E-05 lb	9.9E-05 kg
Chromium	1.4E-07 lb	1.4E-07 kg
Ethylbenzene	0.011 lb	0.011 kg
Ethylene Dibromide	9.0E-07 lb	9.0E-07 kg
HCFC-22	9.9E-07 lb	9.9E-07 kg
Hydrogen	0.0039 lb	0.0039 kg
Hydrogen Chloride	9.9E-07 lb	9.9E-07 kg
NMVOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin	0.14 lb	0.14 kg
Methane	6.13 lb	6.13 kg
Nickel	1.2E-06 lb	1.2E-06 kg
Nitrogen Oxides	0.12 lb	0.12 kg
Non-Methane Hydrocarbons	0.51 lb	0.51 kg
Other Organics	0.011 lb	0.011 kg
Particulates (PM10)	0.15 lb	0.15 kg
Particulates (PM2.5)	0.017 lb	0.017 kg
Particulates (unspecified)	0.026 lb	0.026 kg
Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (total)	1.2E-05 lb	1.2E-05 kg
Sulfur Dioxide	1.84 lb	1.84 kg
Sulfur Oxides	0.0041 lb	0.0041 kg
Toluene	0.14 lb	0.14 kg
VOC	0.73 lb	0.73 kg
Xylene	0.082 lb	0.082 kg
Solid Wastes		
Landfilled	32.1 lb	32.1 kg
Burned	3.84 lb	3.84 kg
Waste-to-Energy	0.027 lb	0.027 kg
Waterborne Wastes		
m-Xylene	8.4E-06 lb	8.4E-06 kg
1-Methylfluorene	2.0E-08 lb	2.0E-08 kg
2,4-Dimethylphenol	8.1E-06 lb	8.1E-06 kg
2-Hexanone	1.9E-06 lb	1.9E-06 kg
2-Methylnaphthalene	4.4E-06 lb	4.4E-06 kg
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	7.4E-07 lb	7.4E-07 kg
Acetone	1.8E-06 lb	1.8E-06 kg
Acid (benzoic)	2.9E-04 lb	2.9E-04 kg
Acid (hexanoic)	6.0E-05 lb	6.0E-05 kg
Alkylated benzenes	5.4E-05 lb	5.4E-05 kg
Alkylated fluorenes	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
Alkylated naphthalenes	8.8E-07 lb	8.8E-07 kg
Alkylated phenanthrenes	3.7E-07 lb	3.7E-07 kg
Aluminum	0.027 lb	0.027 kg
Ammonia	0.0062 lb	0.0062 kg
Antimony	1.7E-05 lb	1.7E-05 kg
Arsenic	5.4E-05 lb	5.4E-05 kg
Barium	0.36 lb	0.36 kg
Benzene	3.1E-04 lb	3.1E-04 kg
Beryllium	3.4E-06 lb	3.4E-06 kg
BOD	0.042 lb	0.042 kg
Boron	9.0E-04 lb	9.0E-04 kg
Bromide	0.035 lb	0.035 kg
Cadmium	8.4E-06 lb	8.4E-06 kg
Calcium	0.58 lb	0.58 kg
Chlorides	7.25 lb	7.25 kg

**Table B-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF HIGH-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (HDPE) RESIN**  
**(Cradle-to-Resin)**  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
Chromium (unspecified)	7.2E-04 lb	7.2E-04 kg
Cobalt	6.4E-06 lb	6.4E-06 kg
COD	0.11 lb	0.11 kg
Copper	7.7E-05 lb	7.7E-05 kg
Cyanide	1.3E-08 lb	1.3E-08 kg
Dibenzofuran	3.3E-08 lb	3.3E-08 kg
Dibenzothiophene	2.7E-08 lb	2.7E-08 kg
Dissolved Solids	7.31 lb	7.31 kg
Ethylbenzene	2.7E-05 lb	2.7E-05 kg
Fluorene	1.5E-06 lb	1.5E-06 kg
Furans	1.0E-06 lb	1.0E-06 kg
Hydrocarbons	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Iron	0.049 lb	0.049 kg
Lead	1.4E-04 lb	1.4E-04 kg
Lead 210	3.0E-14 lb	3.0E-14 kg
Lithium	0.14 lb	0.14 kg
Magnesium	0.12 lb	0.12 kg
Manganese	1.7E-04 lb	1.7E-04 kg
Mercury	3.0E-07 lb	3.0E-07 kg
Methyl Chloride	7.1E-09 lb	7.1E-09 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	1.4E-08 lb	1.4E-08 kg
Molybdenum	6.6E-06 lb	6.6E-06 kg
Naphthalene	5.2E-06 lb	5.2E-06 kg
n-Decane	8.4E-06 lb	8.4E-06 kg
n-Docosane	1.9E-07 lb	1.9E-07 kg
n-Dodecane	1.6E-05 lb	1.6E-05 kg
n-Eicosane	4.3E-06 lb	4.3E-06 kg
n-Hexacosane	1.2E-07 lb	1.2E-07 kg
n-Hexadecane	1.7E-05 lb	1.7E-05 kg
Nickel	6.6E-05 lb	6.6E-05 kg
n-Octadecane	4.3E-06 lb	4.3E-06 kg
p-Xylene	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
o-Xylene	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
o-Cresol	8.3E-06 lb	8.3E-06 kg
Oil	0.012 lb	0.012 kg
p-Cresol	8.9E-06 lb	8.9E-06 kg
p-Cymene	1.8E-08 lb	1.8E-08 kg
Pentamethylbenzene	1.3E-08 lb	1.3E-08 kg
Phenanthrene	2.3E-07 lb	2.3E-07 kg
Pheno/ Phenolic Compounds	0.0011 lb	0.0011 kg
Phosphorus	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Process solvents	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Tetradecane	6.8E-06 lb	6.8E-06 kg
Radium 226	1.0E-11 lb	1.0E-11 kg
Radium 228	5.3E-14 lb	5.3E-14 kg
Selenium	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
Silver	3.5E-04 lb	3.5E-04 kg
Sodium	1.66 lb	1.66 kg
Strontium	0.016 lb	0.016 kg
Styrene	9.9E-07 lb	9.9E-07 kg
Sulfates	0.012 lb	0.012 kg
Sulfides	3.9E-05 lb	3.9E-05 kg
Sulfur	7.2E-04 lb	7.2E-04 kg
Surfactants	1.4E-04 lb	1.4E-04 kg
Suspended Solids	2.97 lb	2.97 kg
Thallium	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
Tin	6.6E-05 lb	6.6E-05 kg
Titanium	2.5E-04 lb	2.5E-04 kg
TOC	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Toluene	3.8E-04 lb	3.8E-04 kg
Total biphenyls	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
Total dibenzothiophenes	1.1E-08 lb	1.1E-08 kg
Vanadium	1.9E-05 lb	1.9E-05 kg
Xylene, unspecified	1.3E-04 lb	1.3E-04 kg
Yttrium	1.9E-06 lb	1.9E-06 kg
Zinc	6.8E-04 lb	6.8E-04 kg

References: Tables B-2 through B-7

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG models

## Crude Oil Production

Oil is produced by drilling into porous rock structures generally located several thousand feet underground. Once an oil deposit is located, numerous holes are drilled and lined with steel casing. Some oil is brought to the surface by natural pressure in the rock structure, although most oil requires energy to drive pumps that lift oil to the surface. Once oil is on the surface, it is separated from water and stored in tanks before being transported to a refinery. In some cases it is immediately transferred to a pipeline that transports the oil to a larger terminal.

There are two primary sources of waste from crude oil production. The first source is the “oil field brine,” or water that is extracted with the oil. The brine goes through a separator at or near the well head in order to remove the oil from the water. These separators are very efficient and leave minimal oil in the water.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, 17.9 billion barrels of brine water were produced from crude oil production in 1995 (Reference B-2). This equates to a ratio of 5.4 barrels of water per barrel of oil. The majority of this brine is produced by onshore oil production facilities. Only a small percentage of onshore brine is discharged to surface water. The majority is injected into wells specifically designed for production-related waters (Reference B-3). The remaining brine is produced from offshore oil production facilities, and most of this is released to the ocean (Reference B-46). Therefore, all waterborne wastes from crude oil production are attributable to the water released from offshore production (Reference B-4). Because crude oil is frequently produced along with natural gas, a portion of the data is allocated to natural gas production (Reference B-2).

Evolving technologies are reducing the amount of brine that is extracted during oil recovery and minimizing the environmental impact of discharged brine. For example, downhole separation is a technology that separates brine from oil before bringing it to the surface; the brine is injected into subsurface injection zones. The freeze-thaw evaporation (FTE) process is another technology that reduces the discharge of brine water by using a freeze crystallization process in the winter and a natural evaporation process in the summer to extract fresh water from brine water; the fresh water can be used for horticulture or agriculture applications (Reference B-5).

There are also waterborne emissions associated with drilling wastes. Suspensions of solids, chemicals, and other materials in a base of water, oil, or synthetic-based material are referred to as drilling fluids or drilling muds. These are formulated to lubricate and cool the drill bit, carry drill cuttings from the hole to the surface, and maintain downhole hydrostatic pressure. (Reference B-44). The volume of drilling waste is small in comparison to oil field brine (Reference B-2). Less than 1% of drilling fluids from onshore production are discharged to water, while about 90% of offshore drilling fluids are discharged (References B-45, B-46). Toxic metal pollutants are released due to the use of barite, which is employed to control the density of drilling fluids. (Reference B-44).

The primary source of atmospheric process emissions from oil extraction operations is gas produced from oil wells. The majority of this gas is recovered for sale, but some is released to the atmosphere. Atmospheric emissions from crude oil production are primarily hydrocarbons, attributed to the natural gas produced from combination wells and relate to line or transmission losses and unflared venting. Carbon dioxide is also released, primarily from storage tank venting. The amount of methane released from crude oil production was calculated from EPA's Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks, which has data specific to oil field emissions (Reference B-6).

The requirements for transporting crude oil from the production field to the Gulf Coast of the United States (where most petroleum refining in the United States occurs) were calculated from foreign and domestic supply data, port-to-port distance data, and domestic petroleum movement data (References B-7 and B-8). Based on 2001 foreign and domestic supply data, 62 percent of the United States crude oil supply is from foreign sources, 6 percent is from Alaska, and the remaining 32 percent is from the lower 48 states. These percentages were used to apportion transportation requirements among different transportation modes. With the exception of Canada, which transports crude oil to the United States by pipeline, foreign suppliers transport crude oil to the United States by ocean tanker. (In 2001, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Canada, Venezuela, and Nigeria were the top five foreign suppliers of crude oil to the United States.) The transportation of crude oil from Alaska to the lower 48 states is also accomplished by ocean tanker. Domestic transportation of crude oil is accomplished by pipeline and barge.

Table B-2 shows the energy requirements and emissions for the extraction of crude oil.

### **Distillation, Desalting, and Hydrotreating**

Gasoline and diesel are the primary outputs from refineries; however, other major products include kerosene, aviation fuel, residual oil, lubricating oil, and feedstocks for the petrochemical industry. Data specific to the production of each type of refinery product are not available. Such data would be difficult to characterize because there are many types of conversion processes in oil refineries that are altered depending on market demand, quality of crude input, and other variables. Thus, the following discussion is applicable to all refinery products.

A petroleum refinery processes crude oil into thousands of products using physical and/or chemical processing technology. A petroleum refinery receives crude oil, which is comprised of mixtures of many hydrocarbon compounds and uses distillation processes to separate pure product streams. Because the crude oil is contaminated (to varying degrees) with compounds of sulfur, nitrogen, oxygen, and metals, cleaning operations are common in all refineries. Also, the natural hydrocarbon components that comprise crude oil are often chemically changed to yield products for which there is higher demand. These processes, such as polymerization, alkylation, reforming, and visbreaking, are used to convert light or heavy crude oil fractions into intermediate weight products, which are more easily handled and used as fuels and/or feedstocks (Reference B-18).

Table B-2  
DATA FOR THE EXTRACTION OF  
CRUDE OIL  
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Energy Usage	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		Total Energy Thousand Btu	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)		Total Energy GigaJoules
Energy of Material Resource						
Petroleum	1,035	lb	18,770	1,035	kg	43.7
Total Resource			18,770			43.7
Process Energy						
Electricity (grid)	17.7	kwh	188	39.0	kwh	0.44
Natural gas	525	cu ft	588	32.8	cu meters	1.37
Distillate oil	0.15	gal	24.6	1.29	liter	0.057
Residual oil	0.10	gal	16.4	0.80	liter	0.038
Gasoline	0.082	gal	11.7	0.68	liter	0.027
Total Process			829			1.93
Transportation Energy						
Barge	0.37	ton-miles		1.21	tonne-km	
Diesel	3.0E-04	gal	0.048	0.0025	liter	1.1E-04
Residual oil	0.0010	gal	0.17	0.0083	liter	4.0E-04
Ocean freighter	1,472	ton-miles		4,738	tonne-km	
Diesel	0.28	gal	44.4	2.33	liter	0.10
Residual	2.52	gal	432	21.0	liter	1.00
Pipeline-petroleum products	196	ton-miles		631	tonne-km	
Electricity	4.27	kwh	43.8	9.42	kwh	0.10
Total Transportation			520			1.21
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>						
Atmospheric Emissions						
Methane	5.27	lb		5.27	kg	
Carbon Dioxide	1.11	lb		1.11	kg	
Solid Wastes						
Landfilled	26.1	lb		26.1	kg	
Waterborne Wastes						
2-Hexanone	1.4E-06	lb		1.4E-06	kg	
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	1.9E-07	lb		1.9E-07	kg	
Acetone	4.6E-07	lb		4.6E-07	kg	
Aluminum	0.021	lb		0.021	kg	
Ammonia	0.0028	lb		0.0028	kg	
Antimony	1.3E-05	lb		1.3E-05	kg	
Arsenic, ion	4.6E-05	lb		4.6E-05	kg	
Barium	0.28	lb		0.28	kg	
Benzene	2.6E-04	lb		2.6E-04	kg	
Benzene, 1-methyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-	4.6E-09	lb		4.6E-09	kg	
Benzene, ethyl-	1.4E-05	lb		1.4E-05	kg	
Benzene, pentamethyl-	3.4E-09	lb		3.4E-09	kg	
Benzenes, alkylated, unspecified	4.3E-05	lb		4.3E-05	kg	
Benzoic acid	2.2E-04	lb		2.2E-04	kg	
Beryllium	2.9E-06	lb		2.9E-06	kg	
Biphenyl, total	2.8E-06	lb		2.8E-06	kg	
BOD5, Biological Oxygen Demand	0.025	lb		0.025	kg	
Boron	6.9E-04	lb		6.9E-04	kg	
Bromide	0.031	lb		0.031	kg	
Cadmium, ion	7.1E-06	lb		7.1E-06	kg	
Calcium, ion	0.50	lb		0.50	kg	
Chloride	6.07	lb		6.07	kg	
Chromium	5.6E-04	lb		5.6E-04	kg	
Cobalt	4.9E-06	lb		4.9E-06	kg	
COD, Chemical Oxygen Demand	0.042	lb		0.042	kg	
Copper, ion	6.2E-05	lb		6.2E-05	kg	
Cyanide	3.3E-09	lb		3.3E-09	kg	
Decane	6.4E-06	lb		6.4E-06	kg	

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 DATA FOR THE EXTRACTION OF  
 CRUDE OIL  
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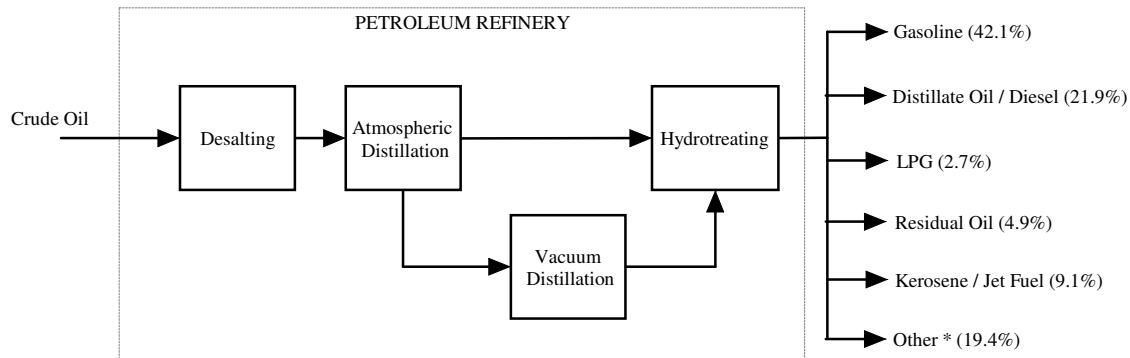
	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
Dibenzofuran	8.7E-09	lb	8.7E-09	kg
Dibenzothiophene	7.0E-09	lb	7.0E-09	kg
Dibenzothiophene, total	8.6E-09	lb	8.6E-09	kg
Dissolved solids	6.47	lb	6.47	kg
Docosane	4.9E-08	lb	4.9E-08	kg
Dodecane	1.2E-05	lb	1.2E-05	kg
Eicosane	3.3E-06	lb	3.3E-06	kg
Florene, 1-methyl-	5.2E-09	lb	5.2E-09	kg
Florenes, alkylated, unspecified	2.5E-06	lb	2.5E-06	kg
Fluorine	1.2E-06	lb	1.2E-06	kg
Hexadecane	1.3E-05	lb	1.3E-05	kg
Hexanoic acid	4.7E-05	lb	4.7E-05	kg
Iron	0.039	lb	0.039	kg
Lead	1.2E-04	lb	1.2E-04	kg
Lead-210/kg	2.3E-14	lb	2.3E-14	kg
Lithium, ion	1.6E-04	lb	1.6E-04	kg
Magnesium	0.10	lb	0.10	kg
Manganese	1.5E-04	lb	1.5E-04	kg
Methane, monochloro-, R-40	1.8E-09	lb	1.8E-09	kg
Methyl ethyl ketone	3.7E-09	lb	3.7E-09	kg
Molybdenum	5.1E-06	lb	5.1E-06	kg
m-Xylene	6.3E-06	lb	6.3E-06	kg
Naphthalene	4.0E-06	lb	4.0E-06	kg
Naphthalenes, alkylated, unspecified	7.0E-07	lb	7.0E-07	kg
Naphthalene, 2-methyl-	3.3E-06	lb	3.3E-06	kg
n-Hexacosane	3.0E-08	lb	3.0E-08	kg
Nickel	5.4E-05	lb	5.4E-05	kg
o-Cresol	6.4E-06	lb	6.4E-06	kg
Oils, unspecified	0.0043	lb	0.0043	kg
o-xylene	2.3E-06	lb	2.3E-06	kg
p-Cresol	6.9E-06	lb	6.9E-06	kg
Phenanthrene	1.8E-07	lb	1.8E-07	kg
Phenanthrenes, alkylated, unspecified	2.9E-07	lb	2.9E-07	kg
Phenol	7.2E-05	lb	7.2E-05	kg
Phenol, 2,4-dimethyl-	6.2E-06	lb	6.2E-06	kg
p-xylene	2.3E-06	lb	2.3E-06	kg
Radium-226/kg	8.0E-12	lb	8.0E-12	kg
Radium-228/kg	4.1E-14	lb	4.1E-14	kg
Selenium	2.5E-06	lb	2.5E-06	kg
Silver	3.1E-04	lb	3.1E-04	kg
Sodium, ion	1.48	lb	1.48	kg
Strontium	0.012	lb	0.012	kg
Sulfate	0.011	lb	0.011	kg
Sulfur	5.3E-04	lb	5.3E-04	kg
Surfactants	1.2E-04	lb	1.2E-04	kg
Suspended solids, unspecified	2.32	lb	2.32	kg
Tetradecane	5.1E-06	lb	5.1E-06	kg
Thallium	2.8E-06	lb	2.8E-06	kg
Tin	5.2E-05	lb	5.2E-05	kg
Titanium, ion	2.0E-04	lb	2.0E-04	kg
Toluene	2.4E-04	lb	2.4E-04	kg
Vanadium	5.7E-06	lb	5.7E-06	kg
Xylene	1.2E-04	lb	1.2E-04	kg
Yttrium	1.5E-06	lb	1.5E-06	kg
Zinc	4.8E-04	lb	4.8E-04	kg

References: B-2, B-6, B-8 through B-17, and B-44 through B-47.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG



This module includes data for desalting, atmospheric distillation, vacuum distillation, and hydrotreating. These are the most energy-intensive processes of a petroleum refinery, representing over 95 percent of the total energy requirements of U.S. petroleum refineries (Reference B-19). Data for cracking, reforming, and supporting processes are not available and are not included in this module. The following figure is a simplified flow diagram of the material flows and processes included in this module.



Simplified flow diagram for petroleum refinery operations for the production of fuels.  
 All arrows represent material flows. The percentages of refinery products represent percent by mass of total refinery output.  
 \* "Other" category includes still gas, petroleum coke, asphalt, and petrochemical feedstocks.

Air pollution is caused by various petroleum refining processes, including vacuum distillation, catalytic cracking, thermal cracking processes, and sulfur recovery. Fugitive emissions also contribute significantly to air emissions. Fugitive emissions include leaks from valves, seals, flanges, and drains, as well as leaks escaping from storage tanks or during transfer operations. The wastewater treatment plant for a refinery is also a source of fugitive emissions (Reference B-20). Emissions of atmospheric and waterborne emissions for petroleum refineries were derived from U.S. EPA and Department of Energy publications (References B-47, B-51, B-52, B-53, B-54).

This module expresses data on the basis 1,000 pounds of general refinery product as well as data allocated to specific refinery products. The data are allocated to specific refinery products based on the percent by mass of each product in the refinery output. The mass allocation method assigns energy requirements and environmental emissions equally to all refinery products -- equal masses of different refinery products are assigned equal energy and emissions.

Mass allocation is not the only method that can be used for assigning energy and emissions to refinery products. Heat of combustion and economic value are two additional methods for co-product allocation. Using heat of combustion of refinery products yields allocation factors similar to those derived by mass allocation, demonstrating the correlation between mass and heat of combustion. Economic allocation is complicated because market values fluctuate with supply and demand, and market data are not available for refinery products such as asphalt. This module does not apply the

heat of combustion or economic allocation methods because they have no apparent advantage over mass allocation.

Co-product function expansion is yet another method for allocating environmental burdens among refinery products. Co-product function expansion is more complex than mass, heat of combustion, or economic allocation; it evaluates downstream processes and product substitutes in order to determine the percentage of total energy and emissions to assign to each refinery product. This module does not use the co-product function expansion method because it is outside the scope of this project.

There are advantages and disadvantages for each type of allocation method. Until detailed data are available for the material flows and individual processes within a refinery, life cycle practitioners will have to resort to allocation methods such as those discussed above.

The energy requirements and emissions for the refining of petroleum are found in Table B-3.

### **Natural Gas Production**

Natural gas is a widely used energy resource, since it is a relatively clean, efficient, and versatile fuel. The major component of natural gas is methane (CH<sub>4</sub>). Other components of natural gas include ethane, propane, butane, and other heavier hydrocarbons, as well as water vapor, carbon dioxide, nitrogen, and hydrogen sulfides.

Natural gas is extracted from deep underground wells and is frequently co-produced with crude oil. Because of its gaseous nature, natural gas flows quite freely from wells which produce primarily natural gas, but some energy is required to pump natural gas and crude oil mixtures to the surface. An estimated 80 percent of natural gas is extracted onshore and 20 percent is extracted offshore (Reference B-12).

Atmospheric emissions from natural gas production result primarily from unflared venting. Methane and non-combustion carbon dioxide emissions from natural gas extraction are generally process related, with the largest source of these emissions from normal operations, system upsets, and routine maintenance. Waterborne wastes result from brines that occur when natural gas is produced in combination with oil. In cases where data represent both crude oil and natural gas extraction, the data module allocates environmental emissions based on the percent weight of natural gas produced. The data module also apportions environmental emissions according to the percent share of onshore and offshore extraction.

Energy data for natural gas production were calculated from fuel consumption data for the crude oil and natural gas extraction industry (Reference B-21). The energy and emissions data for the production of natural gas is displayed in Table B-4.

Table B-3  
DATA FOR THE REFINING OF  
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

Material Inputs	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
		Total Energy Thousand Btu		Total Energy GigaJoules
Crude Oil	1,018 lb		1,018 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	64.9 kwh	691	143 kwh	1.61
Natural gas	178 cu ft	199	11.1 cu meters	0.46
LPG	0.14 gal	14.9	1.15 liter	0.035
Residual oil	3.26 gal	560	27.2 liter	1.30
Total Process		1,465		3.41
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
Combination truck	13.6 ton-miles		43.9 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.14 gal	22.8	1.20 liter	0.053
Rail	8.70 ton-miles		28.0 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.022 gal	3.43	0.18 liter	0.0080
Barge	73.7 ton-miles		237 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.059 gal	9.37	0.49 liter	0.022
Residual oil	0.20 gal	33.7	1.64 liter	0.078
Pipeline-petroleum products	107 ton-miles		345 tonne-km	
Electricity	2.34 kwh	23.9	5.15 kwh	0.056
Total Transportation		93.1		0.22
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
Ammonia	0.0036 lb		0.0036 kg	
Antimony	2.0E-06 lb		2.0E-06 kg	
Arsenic	2.6E-07 lb		2.6E-07 kg	
Benzene	0.0011 lb		0.0011 kg	
Carbon dioxide, fossil	0.25 lb		0.25 kg	
Carbon monoxide	0.42 lb		0.42 kg	
Chromium	6.8E-07 lb		6.8E-07 kg	
Ethylene dibromide	4.3E-06 lb		4.3E-06 kg	
Methane, chlorotrifluoro-, CFC-13	2.2E-05 lb		2.2E-05 kg	
Methane, fossil	0.037 lb		0.037 kg	
Methane, tetrachloro-, CFC-10	1.4E-06 lb		1.4E-06 kg	
Nickel	5.8E-06 lb		5.8E-06 kg	
Nitrogen oxides	0.42 lb		0.42 kg	
NM VOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin	0.68 lb		0.68 kg	
Particulates, < 10 um	0.031 lb		0.031 kg	
Particulates, < 2.5 um	0.023 lb		0.023 kg	
Polycyclic organic matter, unspecified	5.6E-05 lb		5.6E-05 kg	
SO2	0.25 lb		0.25 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Landfilled	5.60 lb		5.60 kg	
<b>Waterborne Emissions</b>				
Ammonia	0.015 lb		0.015 kg	
BOD5, Biological Oxygen Demand	0.034 lb		0.034 kg	
Chromium	3.0E-06 lb		3.0E-06 kg	
COD, Chemical Oxygen Demand	0.23 lb		0.23 kg	
Lead	9.8E-07 lb		9.8E-07 kg	
Mercury	6.0E-08 lb		6.0E-08 kg	
Oils, unspecified	0.011 lb		0.011 kg	
Phenol	2.3E-04 lb		2.3E-04 kg	
Selenium	1.6E-06 lb		1.6E-06 kg	
Sulfide	1.9E-04 lb		1.9E-04 kg	
Suspended solids, unspecified	0.028 lb		0.028 kg	
Vanadium	5.4E-05 lb		5.4E-05 kg	

References: B-6, B-16, B-17, and B-22 through B-26

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

Table B-4  
DATA FOR THE EXTRACTION OF  
NATURAL GAS  
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Energy Usage	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
		Total Energy Thousand Btu		Total Energy GigaJoules
Energy of Material Resource				
Natural Gas	1,038 lb	21,416	1,038 kg	49.8
Total Resource		21,416		49.8
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	17.7 kwh	188	39.0 kwh	0.44
Natural gas	525 cu ft	588	32.8 cu meters	1.37
Distillate oil	0.15 gal	24.6	1.29 liter	0.057
Residual oil	0.10 gal	16.4	0.8 liter	0.038
Gasoline	0.082 gal	11.7	0.68 liter	0.027
Total Process		829		1.93
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Methane	3.40 lb		3.40 kg	
Carbon dioxide (fossil)	17.0 lb		17.0 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	26.1 lb		26.1 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
2-Hexanone	1.7E-06 lb		1.7E-06 kg	
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	7.4E-07 lb		7.4E-07 kg	
Acetone	1.8E-06 lb		1.8E-06 kg	
Aluminum	0.023 lb		0.023 kg	
Ammonia	0.0025 lb		0.0025 kg	
Antimony	1.4E-05 lb		1.4E-05 kg	
Arsenic, ion	4.7E-05 lb		4.7E-05 kg	
Barium	0.31 lb		0.31 kg	
Benzene	2.6E-04 lb		2.6E-04 kg	
Benzene, 1-methyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-	1.8E-08 lb		1.8E-08 kg	
Benzene, ethyl-	1.5E-05 lb		1.5E-05 kg	
Benzene, pentamethyl-	1.3E-08 lb		1.3E-08 kg	
Benzenes, alkylated, unspecified	4.7E-05 lb		4.7E-05 kg	
Benzoic acid	2.6E-04 lb		2.6E-04 kg	
Beryllium	3.0E-06 lb		3.0E-06 kg	
Biphenyl	3.1E-06 lb		3.1E-06 kg	
BOD5, Biological Oxygen Demand	0.024 lb		0.024 kg	
Boron	8.0E-04 lb		8.0E-04 kg	
Bromide	0.030 lb		0.030 kg	
Cadmium, ion	7.3E-06 lb		7.3E-06 kg	
Calcium, ion	0.50 lb		0.50 kg	
Chloride	6.30 lb		6.30 kg	
Chromium	6.2E-04 lb		6.2E-04 kg	
Cobalt	5.6E-06 lb		5.6E-06 kg	
COD, Chemical Oxygen Demand	0.040 lb		0.040 kg	
Copper, ion	6.7E-05 lb		6.7E-05 kg	
Cyanide	1.3E-08 lb		1.3E-08 kg	
Decane	7.4E-06 lb		7.4E-06 kg	
Dibenzofuran	3.3E-08 lb		3.3E-08 kg	
Dibenzothiophene	2.7E-08 lb		2.7E-08 kg	
Dibenzothiophene, total	9.4E-09 lb		9.4E-09 kg	
Dissolved solids	6.23 lb		6.23 kg	
Docosane	1.9E-07 lb		1.9E-07 kg	
Dodecane	1.4E-05 lb		1.4E-05 kg	

Table B-4  
DATA FOR THE EXTRACTION OF  
NATURAL GAS  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
Eicosane	3.9E-06 lb	3.9E-06 kg
Florene, 1-methyl-	2.0E-08 lb	2.0E-08 kg
Florenes, alkylated, unspecified	2.7E-06 lb	2.7E-06 kg
Fluorine	1.3E-06 lb	1.3E-06 kg
Hexadecane	1.5E-05 lb	1.5E-05 kg
Hexanoic acid	5.3E-05 lb	5.3E-05 kg
Iron	0.043 lb	0.043 kg
Lead	1.3E-04 lb	1.3E-04 kg
Lead-210/kg	2.6E-14 lb	2.6E-14 kg
Lithium, ion	0.15 lb	0.15 kg
Magnesium	0.10 lb	0.10 kg
Manganese	1.4E-04 lb	1.4E-04 kg
Methane, monochloro-, R-40	7.1E-09 lb	7.1E-09 kg
Methyl ethyl ketone	1.4E-08 lb	1.4E-08 kg
Molybdenum	5.8E-06 lb	5.8E-06 kg
m-Xylene	7.5E-06 lb	7.5E-06 kg
Naphthalene	4.6E-06 lb	4.6E-06 kg
Naphthalenes, alkylated, unspecified	7.7E-07 lb	7.7E-07 kg
Naphthalene, 2-methyl-	3.9E-06 lb	3.9E-06 kg
n-Hexacosane	1.2E-07 lb	1.2E-07 kg
Nickel	5.8E-05 lb	5.8E-05 kg
o-Cresol	7.3E-06 lb	7.3E-06 kg
Oils, unspecified	0.0045 lb	0.0045 kg
o-xylene	2.8E-06 lb	2.8E-06 kg
p-Cresol	7.9E-06 lb	7.9E-06 kg
Phenanthrene	2.0E-07 lb	2.0E-07 kg
Phenanthrenes, alkylated, unspecified	3.2E-07 lb	3.2E-07 kg
Phenols, unspecified	7.4E-05 lb	7.4E-05 kg
Phenol, 2,4-dimethyl-	7.1E-06 lb	7.1E-06 kg
p-xylene	2.8E-06 lb	2.8E-06 kg
Radium-226/kg	9.2E-12 lb	9.2E-12 kg
Radium-228/kg	4.7E-14 lb	4.7E-14 kg
Selenium	2.8E-06 lb	2.8E-06 kg
Silver	3.0E-04 lb	3.0E-04 kg
Sodium, ion	1.43 lb	1.43 kg
Strontium	0.014 lb	0.014 kg
Sulfate	0.010 lb	0.010 kg
Sulfur	6.5E-04 lb	6.5E-04 kg
Surfactants, unspecified	1.2E-04 lb	1.2E-04 kg
Suspended solids, unspecified	2.56 lb	2.56 kg
Tetradecane	6.0E-06 lb	6.0E-06 kg
Thallium	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
Tin	5.8E-05 lb	5.8E-05 kg
Titanium, ion	2.2E-04 lb	2.2E-04 kg
Toluene	2.4E-04 lb	2.4E-04 kg
Vanadium	6.8E-06 lb	6.8E-06 kg
Xylene	1.1E-04 lb	1.1E-04 kg
Yttrium	1.7E-06 lb	1.7E-06 kg
Zinc	5.3E-04 lb	5.3E-04 kg

References: B-2, B-6, B-8 through B-17, and B-44 through B-47

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

## Natural Gas Processing

Once raw natural gas is extracted, it is processed to yield a marketable product. First, the heavier hydrocarbons such as ethane, butane and propane are removed and marketed as liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). Then the water vapor, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen are removed to increase the quality and heating value of the natural gas. If the natural gas has a

high hydrogen sulfide content, it is considered “sour.” Before it is used, hydrogen sulfide is removed by adsorption in an amine solution—a process known as “sweetening.”

Atmospheric emissions result from acid gas removal processes and flaring of hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S), the regeneration of glycol solutions, and fugitive emissions of methane. Methane and carbon dioxide emissions from natural gas processing were calculated based on emissions reported in the U.S. Greenhouse Gas Inventory . For natural gas that is sweetened, the majority of the H<sub>2</sub>S removed is used for production of sulfur (Reference B-48). Sulfur dioxide emissions were calculated for flaring of H<sub>2</sub>S that is not used for recovered sulfur production (Reference B-49). . Glycol solutions are used to dehydrate natural gas, and the regeneration of these solutions result in the release of BTEX (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene) as well as a variety of less toxic organics (Reference B-28, B-50). Negligible particulate emissions are produced from natural gas plants, and the relatively low processing temperatures (<1,200 degrees Fahrenheit) prevent the formation of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>).

Natural gas is transported primarily by pipeline, but a small percentage is compressed and transported by insulated railcars and tankers (References B-30 and B-31). Transportation data were calculated from the net annual quantities of natural gas imported and exported by each state (Reference B-32).

Energy data for natural gas processing were calculated from fuel consumption data for the natural gas liquids extraction industry (Reference B-9). Table B-5 shows the energy and emissions data for processing natural gas. Sulfur was given no coproduct allocation in this process. The amount of H<sub>2</sub>S in the sour natural gas varies widely depending on where it is extracted.

### **Olefins Production (Ethylene)**

The primary process used for manufacturing olefins is the thermal cracking of saturated hydrocarbons such as ethane, propane, naphtha, and other gas oils.

Typical production of ethylene, propylene, and other coproducts begins when hydrocarbons and steam are fed to the cracking furnace. After being heated to temperatures around 1,000° Celsius, the cracked products are quenched in heat exchangers which produce high pressure steam. Fuel oil is separated from the main gas stream in a multi-stage centrifugal compressor. The main gas stream then undergoes hydrogen sulfide removal and drying. The final step involves fractional distillation of the various reaction products.

**Table B-5**  
**DATA FOR THE PROCESSING OF**  
**NATURAL GAS**

<b>Material Inputs</b>	<b>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</b>			<b>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</b>
Natural gas	1,005 lb			1,005 kg
<b>Energy Usage</b>		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	9.67 kwh	103		21.3 kwh 0.24
Natural gas	554 cu ft	620		34.6 cu meters 1.44
Distillate oil	0.0060 gal	0.96		0.050 liter 0.0022
Residual oil	0.0059 gal	1.02		0.050 liter 0.0024
Gasoline	0.0057 gal	0.81		0.048 liter 0.0019
Total Process		726		1.69
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
Combination truck	5.00 ton-miles			16.1 tonne-km
Diesel	0.052 gal	8.33		0.44 liter 0.019
Rail	5.00 ton-miles			16.1 tonne-km
Diesel	0.012 gal	1.97		0.10 liter 0.0046
Pipeline-natural gas	500 ton-miles			1,608 tonne-km
Natural gas	345 cu ft	386		21.5 cu meter 0.90
Total Transportation		397		0.92
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
BTEX	0.34 lb			0.34 kg
<i>Benzene</i>	0.096 lb			0.096 kg
<i>Toluene</i>	0.15 lb			0.15 kg
<i>Ethylbenzene</i>	0.012 lb			0.012 kg
<i>Xylene</i>	0.087 lb			0.087 kg
Methane	1.88 lb			1.88 kg
SO <sub>2</sub>	1.90 lb			1.90 kg
VOC	0.77 lb			0.77 kg
Carbon Dioxide	53.0 lb			53.0 kg

References: B-9 through B-12, B-17, B-26 through B-31, and B-33.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

Within the hydrocracker, an offgas is produced from the raw materials entering. A portion of this offgas is used within the hydrocracker to produce steam, while the remaining portion is exported from the hydrocracker as a coproduct, as discussed below. The offgas used within the hydrocracker is shown in Table B-6 as "Internal offgas use." This offgas is shown as a weight of natural gas and petroleum input to produce the energy, as well as the energy amount produced from those weights.

Data was collected from individual plants, and a mass allocation was used to provide an output of 1,000 pounds/kilograms of olefin product. Then a weighted average using ethylene production amounts for each plant was applied to the individual olefins plant production data collected from three leading producers (8 thermal cracking units) in North America. Transportation amounts for ethylene were calculated using a weighted average of data collected from the polyethylene producers. Numerous coproduct streams are produced during this process. Fuel gas and off-gas were two of the coproducts produced that were exported to another process for fuel use. When these fuel coproducts are exported from the hydrocracker, they carry with them the allocated share of the inputs and outputs for their production. The ratio of the mass of the exported fuel over the total mass output was removed from the total inputs and outputs of the hydrocracker, and the remaining inputs and outputs are allocated over the material hydrocracker products (Equation 1).

$$[IO] \times \left( 1 - \frac{M_{EO}}{M_{Total}} \right) = [IO]_{\text{attributed to remaining hydrocracker products}} \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

where

$IO$  = Input/Output Matrix to produce all products/coproducts

$M_{EO}$  = Mass of Exported Offgas

$M_{Total}$  = Mass of all Products and Coproducts (including fuels)

No energy credit is applied for the exported fuels, since both the inputs and outputs for the exported fuels have been removed from the data set. Table B-6 shows the averaged energy and emissions data for the production of ethylene.

As of 2003, there were 16 olefin producers and at least 29 olefin plants in the U.S. (Reference B-42). While data was collected from a relatively small sample of plants, the olefins producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American olefins production. All data collected were individually reviewed by the data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for olefins, the collection method, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for olefins include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and estimates. The standard production technology for olefins is the steam cracking of hydrocarbons (including natural gas liquids and petroleum liquids). The data in this module represent steam cracking of natural gas and petroleum. All data submitted for olefins represent the year 2003 and U.S. and Canada production.



**Table B-6**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF ETHYLENE**

	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
<b>Material Inputs (1)</b>				
Refined Petroleum Products	186 lb		186 kg	
Processed Natural Gas	830 lb		830 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>				
	195 gal		1,627 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	35.7 kwh	380	78.8 kwh	0.88
Electricity (cogeneration)	202 cu ft (3)	227	12.6 cu meters	0.53
Natural Gas	2,272 cu ft	2,545	142 cu meters	5.92
Gasoline	0.011 gal	1.56	0.091 liter	0.0036
Diesel	0.0095 gal	1.51	0.079 liter	0.0035
<b>Internal Offgas use (2)</b>				
From Oil	26.1 lb	800	26.1 kg	1.86
From Natural Gas	119 lb	3,645	119 kg	8.49
Recovered Energy	12.4 thousand Btu	12.4	29 MJ	0.029
Total Process		7,587		17.7
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
<b>Ethylene Products</b>				
Pipeline-Petroleum Products	60.0 ton-miles		193 tonne-km	
Electricity	1.31 kwh	13.4	2.88 kwh	0.031
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions - Process</b>				
Carbon Monoxide	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Chlorine	1.0E-04 lb (4)		1.0E-04 kg	
HCFC-022	1.0E-06 lb (4)		1.0E-06 kg	
Hydrogen Chloride	1.0E-06 lb (4)		1.0E-06 kg	
Hydrogen	0.0040 lb		0.0040 kg	
Hydrocarbons (NM)	0.091 lb		0.091 kg	
Methane	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Other Organics	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Particulates (unspecified)	0.0084 lb		0.0084 kg	
Particulates (PM10)	0.10 lb (4)		0.10 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	0.0041 lb		0.0041 kg	
VOC	0.010 lb (4)		0.010 kg	
<b>Atmospheric Emissions - Fuel-Related (5)</b>				
Carbon Dioxide (fossil)	648 lb		648 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	0.39 lb		0.39 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.60 lb		0.60 kg	
PM 2.5	0.0093 lb		0.0093 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	0.059 lb		0.059 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Landfilled	0.28 lb		0.28 kg	
Burned	3.62 lb		3.62 kg	
Waste-to-Energy	0.023 lb		0.023 kg	
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>				
Acetone	1.0E-08 lb (4)		1.0E-08 kg	
Benzene	1.0E-05 lb (4)		1.0E-05 kg	
BOD	6.7E-04 lb		6.7E-04 kg	
COD	0.010 lb (4)		0.010 kg	
Ethylbenzene	1.0E-05 lb (4)		1.0E-05 kg	
Naphthalene	1.0E-08 lb (4)		1.0E-08 kg	
Phenol	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Styrene	1.0E-06 lb (4)		1.0E-06 kg	
Suspended Solids	0.0045 lb		0.0045 kg	
Toluene	1.0E-04 lb (4)		1.0E-04 kg	
Total Organic Carbon	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Xylene	1.0E-06 lb (4)		1.0E-06 kg	

- (1) Specific input materials from oil refining and natural gas processing include ethane, propane, liquid feed, heavy raffinate, and DNG.
- (2) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.
- (3) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.
- (4) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.
- (5) These fuel-related emissions were provided by the plants. These take into account the combustion of the off gas, as well as the natural gas.

References: B-34, B-35, B-39, B-40, and B-41.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

## High-density Polyethylene Resin Production

High-density polyethylene is produced through the polymerization of ethylene. Polyethylene is manufactured by a slurry, solution, or a gas phase process. The average dataset includes data for the slurry and gas phase processes, which are discussed here. Ethylene and small amounts of co-monomers are continuously fed with a catalyst into a reactor.

In the slurry process, ethylene and co-monomers come into contact with the catalyst, which is suspended in a diluent. Particulates of polyethylene are then formed. After the diluent is removed, the reactor fluff is dried and pelletized.

In the gas phase process, a transition metal catalyst is introduced into a reactor containing ethylene gas, co-monomer, and a molecular control agent. The ethylene and co-monomer react to produce a polyethylene powder. The ethylene gas is separated from the powder, which is then pelletized.

A weighted average using production amounts was calculated from the HDPE production data from five plants collected from three leading producers in North America. The energy requirements and emissions data for the production of HDPE resin is displayed in Table B-7. Scrap is produced as a coproduct during this process. A mass basis was used to partition the credit for each product.

As of 2003, there were 10 HDPE producers and 23 HDPE plants in the U.S. (Reference B-43). While data was collected from a small sample of plants, the HDPE producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American HDPE production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by all HDPE data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for HDPE, the collection method, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for HDPE include direct measurements, calculations from equipment specifications, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and estimates. The technology represented by the HDPE data represents a combination of UNIPOL gas and slurry processes. All data submitted for HDPE represent the year 2003 and U.S. and Canadian production.

**Table B-7**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF**  
**HIGH-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (HDPE) RESIN**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>	<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>
<b>Material Inputs</b>		
Olefins	990 lb	990 kg
<b>Water Consumption</b>		
	179 gal	1,494 liter
<b>Energy Usage</b>		
	<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>	<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
<b>Process Energy</b>		
Electricity (grid)	80.7 kwh	858
Electricity (cogeneration)	662 cu ft (1)	741
Natural gas	569 cu ft	637
LPG	0.0045 gal	0.49
Residual oil	0.72 gal	124
Total Process	<u>2,361</u>	<u>5.50</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>		
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>		
Carbon Monoxide	0.16 lb	0.16 kg
Methane	0.014 lb	0.014 kg
Nitrogen Oxides	0.029 lb	0.029 kg
Hydrocarbons (NM)	0.42 lb	0.42 kg
Other Organics	0.010 lb (2)	0.010 kg
Particulates (unknown)	0.018 lb	0.018 kg
PM2.5	0.012 lb	0.012 kg
PM10	0.041 lb	0.041 kg
Sulfur Oxides	4.8E-05 lb	4.8E-05 kg
<b>Solid Wastes</b>		
Landfilled	0.36 lb	0.36 kg
Burned	0.26 lb	0.26 kg
Waste-to-Energy	0.0040 lb	0.0040 kg
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>		
Aluminum	0.0010 lb (2)	0.0010 kg
BOD	0.0056 lb	0.0056 kg
COD	0.0010 lb (2)	0.0010 kg
Chlorides	1.0E-06 lb (2)	1.0E-06 kg
Chromium	1.0E-05 lb (2)	1.0E-05 kg
Dissolved solids	0.044 lb	0.044 kg
Furans	1.0E-06 lb (2)	1.0E-06 kg
Hydrocarbons	0.0010 lb (2)	0.0010 kg
Oil	0.0043 lb	0.0043 kg
Phenol/Phenolics	1.0E-05 lb (2)	1.0E-05 kg
Phosphorus	1.0E-04 lb (2)	1.0E-04 kg
Process solvents	1.0E-04 lb (2)	1.0E-04 kg
Suspended solids	0.052 lb	0.052 kg
Zinc	8.5E-05 lb	8.5E-05 kg

(1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

(2) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.

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## APPENDIX C

## LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE

## INTRODUCTION

This appendix discusses the manufacture of low-density polyethylene (LDPE) resin. LDPE is commonly used to manufacture packaging films and extrusion coatings. Approximately 8 billion pounds of LDPE was produced in the U.S. and Canada in 2003 (Reference C-1). The material flow for LDPE resin is shown in Figure C-1. The total unit process energy and emissions data (cradle-to-LDPE) for LDPE are displayed in Table C-1. An individual process table on the bases of 1,000 pounds and 1,000 kilograms is shown within this appendix. Processes that have been discussed in the previous appendix have been omitted from this appendix. The following process is included in this appendix:

- LDPE resin production

Crude oil production, distillation, desalting, and hydrotreating, natural gas production, natural gas processing, and ethylene production are discussed in Appendix B.

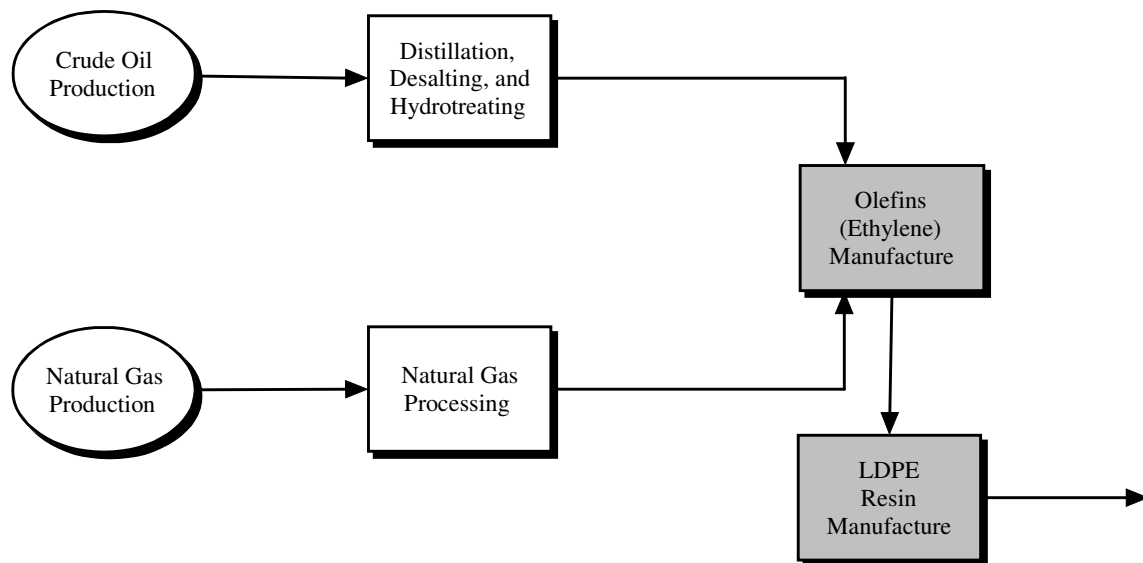


Figure C-1. Flow diagram for the manufacture of virgin low-density polyethylene ( LDPE) resin. Shaded boxes represent partial or complete data provided by manufacturers specifically for this APC analysis.



**Table C-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (LDPE) RESIN**  
**(Cradle-to-Resin)**  
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	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Raw Materials</b>				
Crude oil	191 lb		191 kg	
Natural Gas	842 lb		842 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>
		<b>Energy</b>		<b>Energy</b>
		<b>Thousand Btu</b>		<b>GigaJoules</b>
Energy of Material Resource				
Natural Gas		18,023		42.0
Petroleum		3,584		8.34
Total Resource		<u>21,607</u>		<u>50.3</u>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	166 kwh	1,761	365 kwh	4.10
Electricity (cogeneration)	2,376 cu ft (2)	2,661	148 cu meters	6.19
Natural gas	4,253 cu ft	4,763	265 cu meters	11.1
LPG	0.034 gal	3.65	0.28 liter	0.0085
Distillate oil	0.18 gal	29.0	1.52 liter	0.068
Residual oil	0.98 gal	168	8.15 liter	0.39
Gasoline	0.11 gal	16.1	0.94 liter	0.037
Diesel	0.0096 gal	1.52	0.080 liter	0.0035
Internal Offgas use (1)				
From Oil	26.3 lb	807	26.3 kg	1.88
From Natural Gas	120 lb	3,674	120 kg	8.55
Recovered Energy	183 thousand Btu	183	426 MJ	0.43
Total Process		<u>13,700</u>		<u>31.9</u>
Transportation Energy				
Combination truck	7.69 ton-miles		24.8 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.081 gal	12.8	0.67 liter	0.030
Rail	6.65 ton-miles		21.4 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.016 gal	2.62	0.14 liter	0.0061
Barge	15.8 ton-miles		51.0 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.013 gal	2.01	0.11 liter	0.0047
Residual oil	0.042 gal	7.23	0.35 liter	0.017
Ocean freighter	321 ton-miles		1,031 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.067 gal	10.7	0.56 liter	0.025
Residual	0.57 gal	98.3	4.78 liter	0.23
Pipeline-natural gas	478 ton-miles		1,540 tonne-km	
Natural gas	330 cu ft	370	20.6 cu meter	0.86
Pipeline-petroleum products	126 ton-miles		406 tonne-km	
Electricity	2.75 kwh	29.2	6.06 kwh	0.068
Total Transportation		<u>533</u>		<u>1.24</u>

- (1) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.
- (2) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency. If offgas was used within the cogen plant, the energy amount is shown within the Internal Offgas use.

Table C-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (LDPE) RESIN  
(Cradle-to-Resin)  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>		
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>		
Ammonia	7.7E-04 lb	7.7E-04 kg
Antimony	4.4E-07 lb	4.4E-07 kg
Arsenic	5.5E-08 lb	5.5E-08 kg
Benzene	0.093 lb	0.093 kg
Carbon Dioxide - Fossil	77.4	77.4 kg
Carbon Monoxide	0.10 lb	0.10 kg
Carbon Tetrachloride	2.9E-07 lb	2.9E-07 kg
CFC 13 (Methane, trichlorofluoro-)	4.7E-06 lb	4.7E-06 kg
Chlorine	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Chromium	1.4E-07 lb	1.4E-07 kg
Ethylbenzene	0.011 lb	0.011 kg
Ethylene Dibromide	9.1E-07 lb	9.1E-07 kg
HCFC-22	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Hydrogen	0.0040 lb	0.0040 kg
Hydrogen Chloride	1.0E-06 lb	1.0E-06 kg
NM VOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin	0.15 lb	0.15 kg
Methane	6.24 lb	6.24 kg
Nickel	1.2E-06 lb	1.2E-06 kg
Nitrogen Oxides	0.092 lb	0.092 kg
Nitrous Oxide	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Non-Methane Hydrocarbons	0.96 lb	0.96 kg
Other Organics	0.051 lb	0.051 kg
Particulates (PM10)	0.13 lb	0.13 kg
Particulates (PM2.5)	0.010 lb	0.010 kg
Particulates (unspecified)	0.054 lb	0.054 kg
Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (total)	1.2E-05 lb	1.2E-05 kg
Sulfur Dioxide	1.87 lb	1.87 kg
Sulfur Oxides	0.0042 lb	0.0042 kg
Toluene	0.14 lb	0.14 kg
VOC	0.75 lb	0.75 kg
Xylene	0.083 lb	0.083 kg
<b>Solid Wastes</b>		
Landfilled	32.3 lb	32.3 kg
Burned	3.89 lb	3.89 kg
Waste-to-Energy	0.024 lb	0.024 kg
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>		
m-Xylene	8.6E-06 lb	8.6E-06 kg
1-Methylfluorene	2.0E-08 lb	2.0E-08 kg
2,4-Dimethylphenol	8.2E-06 lb	8.2E-06 kg
2-Hexanone	1.9E-06 lb	1.9E-06 kg
2-Methylnaphthalene	4.5E-06 lb	4.5E-06 kg
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	7.5E-07 lb	7.5E-07 kg
Acetone	1.8E-06 lb	1.8E-06 kg
Acid (benzoic)	3.0E-04 lb	3.0E-04 kg
Acid (hexanoic)	6.2E-05 lb	6.2E-05 kg
Alkylated benzenes	5.5E-05 lb	5.5E-05 kg
Alkylated fluorenes	3.2E-06 lb	3.2E-06 kg
Alkylated naphthalenes	9.0E-07 lb	9.0E-07 kg
Alkylated phenanthrenes	3.7E-07 lb	3.7E-07 kg
Aluminum	0.027 lb	0.027 kg
Ammonia	0.0063 lb	0.0063 kg
Antimony	1.7E-05 lb	1.7E-05 kg
Arsenic	5.5E-05 lb	5.5E-05 kg
Barium	0.36 lb	0.36 kg
Benzene	3.2E-04 lb	3.2E-04 kg
Beryllium	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
BOD	0.047 lb	0.047 kg
Boron	9.2E-04 lb	9.2E-04 kg
Bromide	0.036 lb	0.036 kg
Cadmium	8.6E-06 lb	8.6E-06 kg
Calcium	0.59 lb	0.59 kg
CFC-11	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Chlorides	7.38 lb	7.38 kg
Chromium (unspecified)	7.2E-04 lb	7.2E-04 kg
Cobalt	6.5E-06 lb	6.5E-06 kg
COD	0.21 lb	0.21 kg
Copper	7.8E-05 lb	7.8E-05 kg

Table C-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (LDPE) RESIN  
(Cradle-to-Resin)  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
Cyanide	1.3E-08 lb	1.3E-08 kg
Dibenzofuran	3.4E-08 lb	3.4E-08 kg
Dibenzothiophene	2.8E-08 lb	2.8E-08 kg
Dissolved Solids	7.40 lb	7.40 kg
Ethylbenzene	2.7E-05 lb	2.7E-05 kg
Fluorene	1.5E-06 lb	1.5E-06 kg
Iron	0.050 lb	0.050 kg
Isopropyl alcohol	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Lead	1.5E-04 lb	1.5E-04 kg
Lead 210	3.0E-14 lb	3.0E-14 kg
Lithium	0.14 lb	0.14 kg
Magnesium	0.12 lb	0.12 kg
Manganese	1.7E-04 lb	1.7E-04 kg
Mercury	3.1E-07 lb	3.1E-07 kg
Methyl Chloride	7.2E-09 lb	7.2E-09 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	1.4E-08 lb	1.4E-08 kg
Molybdenum	6.7E-06 lb	6.7E-06 kg
Naphthalene	5.3E-06 lb	5.3E-06 kg
n-Decane	8.5E-06 lb	8.5E-06 kg
n-Docosane	1.9E-07 lb	1.9E-07 kg
n-Dodecane	1.6E-05 lb	1.6E-05 kg
n-Eicosane	4.4E-06 lb	4.4E-06 kg
n-Hexacosane	1.2E-07 lb	1.2E-07 kg
n-Hexadecane	1.8E-05 lb	1.8E-05 kg
Nickel	6.7E-05 lb	6.7E-05 kg
n-Octadecane	4.4E-06 lb	4.4E-06 kg
p-Xylene	3.2E-06 lb	3.2E-06 kg
o-Xylene	3.2E-06 lb	3.2E-06 kg
o-Cresol	8.4E-06 lb	8.4E-06 kg
Oil	0.0085 lb	0.0085 kg
p-Cresol	9.1E-06 lb	9.1E-06 kg
p-Cymene	1.8E-08 lb	1.8E-08 kg
Pentamethylbenzene	1.3E-08 lb	1.3E-08 kg
Phenanthrene	2.3E-07 lb	2.3E-07 kg
Phenol/ Phenolic Compounds	0.0011 lb	0.0011 kg
Phosphorus	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Tetradecane	6.9E-06 lb	6.9E-06 kg
Radium 226	1.1E-11 lb	1.1E-11 kg
Radium 228	5.4E-14 lb	5.4E-14 kg
Selenium	3.6E-06 lb	3.6E-06 kg
Silver	3.6E-04 lb	3.6E-04 kg
Sodium	1.69 lb	1.69 kg
Strontium	0.016 lb	0.016 kg
Styrene	1.0E-06 lb	1.0E-06 kg
Sulfates	0.012 lb	0.012 kg
Sulfides	4.0E-05 lb	4.0E-05 kg
Sulfur	7.4E-04 lb	7.4E-04 kg
Surfactants	1.5E-04 lb	1.5E-04 kg
Suspended Solids	2.99 lb	2.99 kg
Thallium	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
Tin	6.7E-05 lb	6.7E-05 kg
Titanium	2.6E-04 lb	2.6E-04 kg
TOC	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Toluene	3.8E-04 lb	3.8E-04 kg
Total biphenyls	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
Total dibenzothiophenes	1.1E-08 lb	1.1E-08 kg
Vanadium	1.9E-05 lb	1.9E-05 kg
Xylene, unspecified	1.3E-04 lb	1.3E-04 kg
Yttrium	2.0E-06 lb	2.0E-06 kg
Zinc	6.2E-04 lb	6.2E-04 kg

References: Tables B-2 through B-6 and C-2.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG models

## LDPE Resin Production

Low-density polyethylene (LDPE) is produced by the polymerization of ethylene in high pressure reactors (above 3,000 psi). This is the standard technology for LDPE production. The two reactor types used are autoclaves and tubular reactors. Generally, tubular reactors operate at a higher average ethylene conversion than autoclave reactors. The polymerization mechanism is either free-radical, using peroxide initiators, or ionic polymerization, using Ziegler catalyst.

Reactor effluent consists of unreacted ethylene and polymer. The pressure of the effluent mixture is reduced and the ethylene is purified and recycled back to the reactor.

A weighted average using production amounts was calculated from the LDPE production data from seven plants collected from three leading producers in North America. Table C-2 displays the energy and emissions data for the production of LDPE resin. Scrap and steam are produced as coproducts during this process. A mass basis was used to partition the credit for scrap, while the energy amount for the steam was reported separately as recovered energy.

As of 2003, there were 8 LDPE producers and 15 LDPE plants in the U.S. (Reference C-3). The LDPE data collected for this module represents a majority of North American LDPE production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by all LDPE data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for LDPE, the collection method, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for LDPE include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and estimates. The technology represented by the LDPE data represents a combination of the tubular and autoclave high-pressure reactors. All data submitted for LDPE represent the years 2002 and 2003 and production in U.S. and Canada.

**Table C-2**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF**  
**LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (LDPE) RESIN**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Olefins	1,008 lb		1,008 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>				
	499 gal		4,164 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	85.5 kwh	909	188 kwh	2.12
Electricity (cogeneration)	2,172 cu ft (1)	2,432	136 cu meters	5.66
Natural gas	775 cu ft	868	48.4 cu meters	2.02
LPG	0.0038 gal	0.41	0.032 liter	9.6E-04
Residual oil	0.16 gal	27.4	1.33 liter	0.064
Recovered Energy	171 thousand Btu	171	398 MJ	0.40
Total Process		<u>4,066</u>		<u>9.47</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
Carbon Monoxide	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Carbon Dioxide	10.0 lb (2)		10.0 kg	
Chlorine	1.0E-06 lb (2)		1.0E-06 kg	
HCFC-22	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Methane	0.0066 lb		0.0066 kg	
NM Hydrocarbons	0.87 lb		0.87 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Nitrous Oxide	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Other Organics	0.050 lb		0.050 kg	
Particulates (unknown)	0.045 lb		0.045 kg	
PM2.5	0.0055 lb		0.0055 kg	
PM10	0.026 lb		0.026 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	1.0E-05 lb (2)		1.0E-05 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Landfilled	0.063 lb		0.063 kg	
Burned	0.24 lb		0.24 kg	
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>				
Aluminum	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
BOD	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
COD	0.10 lb (2)		0.10 kg	
Dissolved Solids	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
CFC-011	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Isopropyl Alcohol	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Oil	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Phenol/Phenolics	1.0E-06 lb (2)		1.0E-06 kg	
Phosphorus	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Suspended Solids	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Zinc	1.0E-05 lb (2)		1.0E-05 kg	

(1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

(2) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.

References: C-2

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

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<http://www.the-innovation-group.com/welcome.htm>.

## APPENDIX D

## LINEAR LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE

## INTRODUCTION

This appendix discusses the manufacture of linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE) resin. LLDPE is commonly used to manufacture shrink/stretch film and trash bags. More than 11 billion pounds of LDPE was produced in the U.S. and Canada in 2003 (Reference D-1). The material flow for LLDPE resin is shown in Figure D-1. The total unit process energy and emissions data (cradle-to-LLDPE) for LLDPE are displayed in Table D-1. An individual process table on the bases of 1,000 pounds and 1,000 kilograms is shown within this appendix. Processes that have been discussed in previous appendices have been omitted from this appendix. The following process is included in this appendix:

- LLDPE resin production

Crude oil production, distillation, desalting, and hydrotreating, natural gas production, natural gas processing, and ethylene production are discussed in Appendix B.

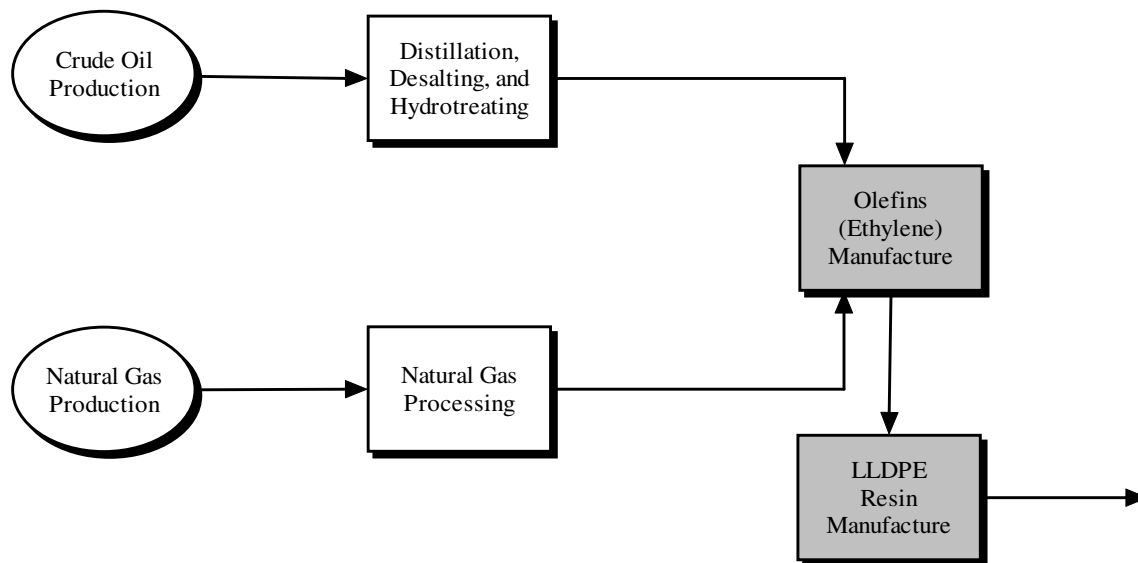


Figure D-1. Flow diagram for the manufacture of virgin linear low-density (LLDPE) resin. Shaded boxes represent partial or complete data provided by manufacturers specifically for this analysis.

**Table D-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF LINEAR LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (LLDPE) RESIN**  
**(Cradle-to-Resin)**  
**(page 1 of 3)**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>	<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Raw Materials</b>			
Crude oil	189 lb	189	kg
Natural Gas	834 lb	834	kg
<b>Energy Usage</b>			
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>	<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
<b>Energy of Material Resource</b>			
Natural Gas		17,867	41.6
Petroleum		3,554	8.27
Total Resource		<hr/> 21,421	<hr/> 49.9
<b>Process Energy</b>			
Electricity (grid)	137 kwh	1,457	302 kwh 3.39
Electricity (cogeneration)	661 cu ft (2)	740	41.3 cu meters 1.72
Natural gas	4,122 cu ft	4,617	257 cu meters 10.7
LPG	0.030 gal	3.21	0.25 liter 0.0075
Distillate oil	0.18 gal	28.8	1.51 liter 0.067
Residual oil	1.21 gal	207	10.1 liter 0.48
Gasoline	0.11 gal	16.1	0.95 liter 0.037
Diesel	0.010 gal	1.63	0.086 liter 0.0038
<b>Internal Offgas use (1)</b>			
From Oil	26.1 lb	800	26.1 kg 1.86
From Natural Gas	119 lb	3,642	119 kg 8.48
Recovered Energy	12.0 thousand Btu	12.0	27.9 MJ 0.028
Total Process		<hr/> 11,501	<hr/> 26.8
<b>Transportation Energy</b>			
<b>Combination truck</b>			
Diesel	7.63 ton-miles		24.5 tonne-km
	0.080 gal	12.7	0.67 liter 0.030
<b>Rail</b>			
Diesel	6.59 ton-miles		21.2 tonne-km
	0.016 gal	2.59	0.14 liter 0.0060
<b>Barge</b>			
Diesel	15.7 ton-miles		50.5 tonne-km
	0.013 gal	2.00	0.10 liter 0.0046
Residual oil	0.042 gal	7.17	0.35 liter 0.017
<b>Ocean freighter</b>			
Diesel	318 ton-miles		1,023 tonne-km
	0.067 gal	10.6	0.56 liter 0.025
Residual	0.54 gal	93.2	4.53 liter 0.22
<b>Pipeline-natural gas</b>			
Natural gas	474 ton-miles		1,527 tonne-km
	327 cu ft	367	20.4 cu meter 0.85
<b>Pipeline-petroleum products</b>			
Electricity	125 ton-miles		402 tonne-km
	2.72 kwh	27.9	6.01 kwh 0.065
Total Transportation		<hr/> 523	<hr/> 1.22

- (1) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.
- (2) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency. If offgas was used within the cogen plant, the energy amount is shown within the Internal Offgas use.



Table D-1  
 DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
 OF LINEAR LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (LLDPE) RESIN  
 (Cradle-to-Resin)  
 (page 2 of 3)

	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>		
Atmospheric Emissions		
Aluminum Compounds	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Ammonia	7.6E-04 lb	7.6E-04 kg
Antimony	4.3E-07 lb	4.3E-07 kg
Arsenic	5.5E-08 lb	5.5E-08 kg
Benzene	0.092 lb	0.092 kg
Carbon Dioxide - Fossil	118 lb	118 kg
Carbon Monoxide	0.19 lb	0.19 kg
Carbon Tetrachloride	2.9E-07 lb	2.9E-07 kg
CFC 13 (Methane, trichlorofluoro-)	4.6E-06 lb	4.6E-06 kg
Chlorine	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Chromium	1.4E-07 lb	1.4E-07 kg
Ethylbenzene	0.011 lb	0.011 kg
Ethylene Dibromide	9.1E-07 lb	9.1E-07 kg
Furans	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
HCFC-22	1.1E-05 lb	1.1E-05 kg
Hydrogen	0.0039 lb	0.0039 kg
Hydrogen Chloride	1.0E-06 lb	1.0E-06 kg
NM VOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin	0.14 lb	0.14 kg
Methane	6.18 lb	6.18 kg
Nickel	1.2E-06 lb	1.2E-06 kg
Nitrogen Oxides	0.12 lb	0.12 kg
Nitrous Oxide	0.017 lb	0.017 kg
Non-Methane Hydrocarbons	0.45 lb	0.45 kg
Other Organics	0.011 lb	0.011 kg
Particulates (PM10)	0.12 lb	0.12 kg
Particulates (PM2.5)	0.015 lb	0.015 kg
Particulates (unspecified)	0.018 lb	0.018 kg
Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (total)	1.2E-05 lb	1.2E-05 kg
Sulfur Dioxide	1.85 lb	1.85 kg
Sulfur Oxides	0.0043 lb	0.0043 kg
Toluene	0.14 lb	0.14 kg
VOC	0.74 lb	0.74 kg
Xylene	0.082 lb	0.082 kg
Solid Wastes		
Landfilled	32.3 lb	32.3 kg
Burned	3.75 lb	3.75 kg
Waste-to-Energy	0.11 lb	0.11 kg
Waterborne Wastes		
m-Xylene	8.5E-06 lb	8.5E-06 kg
1-Methylfluorene	2.0E-08 lb	2.0E-08 kg
2,4-Dimethylphenol	8.1E-06 lb	8.1E-06 kg
2-Hexanone	1.9E-06 lb	1.9E-06 kg
2-Methylnaphthalene	4.5E-06 lb	4.5E-06 kg
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	7.4E-07 lb	7.4E-07 kg
Acetone	1.8E-06 lb	1.8E-06 kg
Acid (benzoic)	2.9E-04 lb	2.9E-04 kg
Acid (hexanoic)	6.1E-05 lb	6.1E-05 kg
Alkylated benzenes	5.4E-05 lb	5.4E-05 kg
Alkylated fluorenes	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
Alkylated naphthalenes	8.9E-07 lb	8.9E-07 kg
Alkylated phenanthrenes	3.7E-07 lb	3.7E-07 kg
Aluminum	0.028 lb	0.028 kg
Ammonia	0.0062 lb	0.0062 kg
Antimony	1.7E-05 lb	1.7E-05 kg
Arsenic	5.5E-05 lb	5.5E-05 kg
Barium	0.36 lb	0.36 kg
Benzene	3.2E-04 lb	3.2E-04 kg
Beryllium	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
BOD	0.038 lb	0.038 kg
Boron	9.1E-04 lb	9.1E-04 kg
Bromide	0.035 lb	0.035 kg
Butene	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Cadmium	8.5E-06 lb	8.5E-06 kg
Calcium	0.59 lb	0.59 kg
Chlorides	7.32 lb	7.32 kg
Chromium (unspecified)	7.1E-04 lb	7.1E-04 kg

**Table D-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF LINEAR LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (LLDPE) RESIN**  
**(Cradle-to-Resin)**  
**(page 3 of 3)**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>	<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>
Cobalt	6.4E-06 lb	6.4E-06 kg
COD	0.12 lb	0.12 kg
Copper	7.7E-05 lb	7.7E-05 kg
Cyanide	1.3E-08 lb	1.3E-08 kg
Cyclohexane	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Dibenzofuran	3.4E-08 lb	3.4E-08 kg
Dibenzothiophene	2.7E-08 lb	2.7E-08 kg
Dissolved Solids	7.36 lb	7.36 kg
Ethylbenzene	2.7E-05 lb	2.7E-05 kg
Fluorene	1.5E-06 lb	1.5E-06 kg
Iron	0.049 lb	0.049 kg
Lead	1.5E-04 lb	1.5E-04 kg
Lead 210	3.0E-14 lb	3.0E-14 kg
Lithium	0.14 lb	0.14 kg
Magnesium	0.12 lb	0.12 kg
Manganese	1.7E-04 lb	1.7E-04 kg
Mercury	3.0E-07 lb	3.0E-07 kg
Methyl Chloride	7.1E-09 lb	7.1E-09 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	1.4E-08 lb	1.4E-08 kg
Molybdenum	6.7E-06 lb	6.7E-06 kg
Naphthalene	5.3E-06 lb	5.3E-06 kg
n-Decane	8.4E-06 lb	8.4E-06 kg
n-Docosane	1.9E-07 lb	1.9E-07 kg
n-Dodecane	1.6E-05 lb	1.6E-05 kg
n-Eicosane	4.4E-06 lb	4.4E-06 kg
n-Hexacosane	1.2E-07 lb	1.2E-07 kg
n-Hexadecane	1.7E-05 lb	1.7E-05 kg
Nickel	6.7E-05 lb	6.7E-05 kg
n-Octadecane	4.3E-06 lb	4.3E-06 kg
p-Xylylene	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
o-Xylylene	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
o-Cresol	8.4E-06 lb	8.4E-06 kg
Oil	0.011 lb	0.011 kg
p-Cresol	9.0E-06 lb	9.0E-06 kg
p-Cymene	1.8E-08 lb	1.8E-08 kg
Pentamethylbenzene	1.3E-08 lb	1.3E-08 kg
Phenanthrene	2.3E-07 lb	2.3E-07 kg
Phenol/ Phenolic Compounds	0.0011 lb	0.0011 kg
Phosphorus	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Process solvents	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Tetradecane	6.9E-06 lb	6.9E-06 kg
Radium 226	1.1E-11 lb	1.1E-11 kg
Radium 228	5.4E-14 lb	5.4E-14 kg
Selenium	3.6E-06 lb	3.6E-06 kg
Silver	3.6E-04 lb	3.6E-04 kg
Sodium	1.68 lb	1.68 kg
Strontium	0.016 lb	0.016 kg
Styrene	1.0E-06 lb	1.0E-06 kg
Sulfates	0.012 lb	0.012 kg
Sulfides	4.0E-05 lb	4.0E-05 kg
Sulfur	7.3E-04 lb	7.3E-04 kg
Surfactants	1.4E-04 lb	1.4E-04 kg
Suspended Solids	2.98 lb	2.98 kg
Thallium	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
Tin	6.6E-05 lb	6.6E-05 kg
Titanium	2.6E-04 lb	2.6E-04 kg
TOC	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Toluene	3.8E-04 lb	3.8E-04 kg
Total biphenyls	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
Total dibenzothiophenes	1.1E-08 lb	1.1E-08 kg
Vanadium	1.9E-05 lb	1.9E-05 kg
Xylene, unspecified	1.3E-04 lb	1.3E-04 kg
Yttrium	2.0E-06 lb	2.0E-06 kg
Zinc	6.1E-04 lb	6.1E-04 kg

References: Tables B-2 through B-6 and D-2.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG models

## LLDPE Resin Production

LLDPE is produced through the polymerization of ethylene. Polyethylene is most commonly manufactured by either a solution process or a gas phase process. The data in this module represent solution and gas phase technologies. Ethylene and small amounts of co-monomers are continuously fed with a catalyst into a reactor.

In the solution process, ethylene and co-monomers come into contact with the catalyst, which is suspended in a diluent. Particulates of polyethylene are then formed. After the diluent is removed, the reactor fluff is dried and pelletized.

In the gas phase process, a transition metal catalyst is introduced into a reactor containing ethylene gas, co-monomer, and a molecular control agent. The ethylene and co-monomer react to produce a polyethylene powder. The ethylene gas is separated from the powder, which is then pelletized.

A weighted average using production amounts was calculated from the LLDPE production data from five plants collected from three leading producers in North America. Table D-2 displays the energy and emissions data for the production of LLDPE resin. Scrap is produced as a coproduct during this process. A mass basis was used to partition the credit for scrap.

As of 2003, there were 11 LLDPE producers and 24 LLDPE plants in the U.S. (Reference D-3). While data was collected from a small sample of plants, the LLDPE producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American LLDPE production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by all LLDPE data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for LLDPE, the collection method, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for LLDPE include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and estimates. The technology represented by the LLDPE data represents a combination of the solution and gas phase processes. All data submitted for LLDPE represent the year 2003 and production in U.S. and Canada.

**Table D-2**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF**  
**LINEAR LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (LLDPE) RESIN**

<b>Material Inputs</b>	<b>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</b>			<b>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</b>
Olefins	999 lb			999 kg
<b>Water Consumption</b>	60.0 gal			501 liter
<b>Energy Usage</b>		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	57.6 kwh	613	127 kwh	1.43
Electricity (cogeneration)	459 cu ft (1)	514	28.6 cu meters	1.20
Natural gas	674 cu ft	755	42.1 cu meters	1.76
Residual oil	0.40 gal	68.6	3.34 liter	0.16
Gasoline	0.0010 gal	0.14	0.0083 liter	3.3E-04
Diesel	7.5E-04 gal	0.12	0.0063 liter	2.8E-04
Total Process		1,950		4.54
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Aluminum Compounds	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Carbon Dioxide (fossil)	50.8 lb		50.8 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	0.10 lb		0.10 kg	
Furans	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
HCFC-22	1.0E-05 lb (2)		1.0E-05 kg	
Methane	0.0020 lb		0.0020 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.030 lb		0.030 kg	
Nitrous Oxides	0.017 lb		0.017 kg	
NM Hydrocarbons	0.36 lb		0.36 kg	
Other Organics	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Particulates (unknown)	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
PM2.5	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
PM10	0.014 lb		0.014 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	1.6E-04 lb		1.6E-04 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	0.35 lb		0.35 kg	
Burned	0.13 lb		0.13 kg	
Waste-to-Energy	0.091 lb		0.091 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
Aluminum	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
BOD	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Butene	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
COD	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Cyclohexane	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Dissolved Solids	0.024 lb		0.024 kg	
Oil & Grease	0.0034 lb		0.0034 kg	
Phenolics	1.0E-06 lb (2)		1.0E-06 kg	
Phosphorus	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Process Solvents	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Suspended Solids	0.034 lb		0.034 kg	
Zinc	1.0E-05 lb (2)		1.0E-05 kg	

(1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

(2) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.

References: D-2

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

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<http://www.the-innovation-group.com/welcome.htm>.

## APPENDIX E

### POLYPROPYLENE

#### INTRODUCTION

This appendix discusses the manufacture of polypropylene (PP) resin. PP is used to manufacture textiles, rigid packaging, and consumer products. More than 17 billion pounds of PP was produced in the U.S. and Canada in 2003 (Reference E-1). The material flow for PP resin is shown in Figure E-1. The total unit process energy and emissions data (cradle-to-PP) for PP are displayed in Table E-1. An individual process table on the bases of 1,000 pounds and 1,000 kilograms is shown within this appendix. Processes that have been discussed in previous appendices have been omitted from this appendix. The following process is included in this appendix:

- Propylene production
- Polypropylene resin production

Crude oil production, distillation, desalting, and hydrotreating, natural gas production, and natural gas processing are discussed in Appendix B.

#### Olefins Production (Propylene)

The primary process used for manufacturing olefins is the thermal cracking of saturated hydrocarbons such as ethane, propane, naphtha, and other gas oils.

Typical production of ethylene, propylene, and other coproducts begins when hydrocarbons and steam are fed to the cracking furnace. After being heated to temperatures around 1,000° Celsius, the cracked products are quenched in heat exchangers which produce high pressure steam. Fuel oil is separated from the main gas stream in a multi-stage centrifugal compressor. The main gas stream then undergoes hydrogen sulfide removal and drying. The final step involves fractional distillation of the various reaction products.

Within the hydrocracker, an offgas is produced from the raw materials entering. A portion of this offgas is used within the hydrocracker to produce steam, while the remaining portion is exported from the hydrocracker as a coproduct, as discussed below. The offgas used within the hydrocracker is shown in Table E-2 as “Internal offgas use.” This offgas is shown as a weight of natural gas and petroleum input to produce the energy, as well as the energy amount produced from those weights.

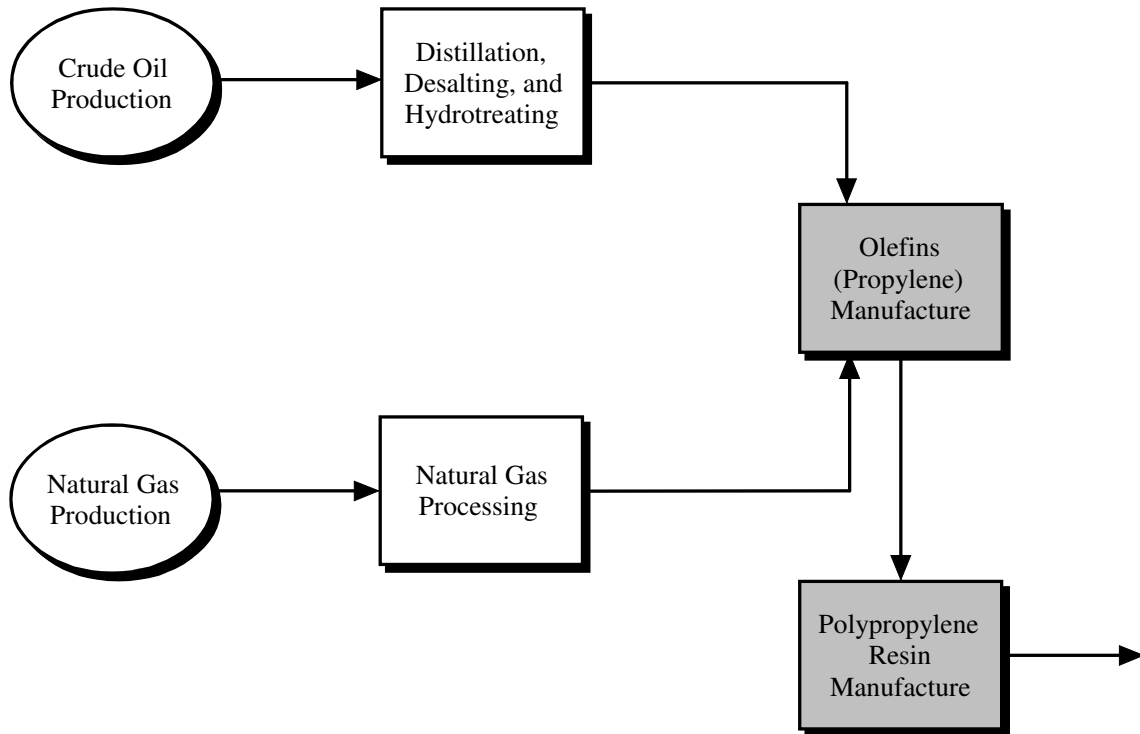


Figure E-1. Flow diagram for the manufacture of virgin polypropylene (PP) resin. Shaded boxes represent partial or complete data provided by manufacturers specifically for this APC analysis.

Data was collected from individual plants, and a mass allocation was used to provide an output of 1,000 pounds/kilograms of olefin product. Then a weighted average using propylene production amounts was applied to the individual olefins plant production data collected from three leading producers (8 thermal cracking units) in North America. Transportation amounts for propylene were calculated using a weighted average of data collected from the polypropylene producers. Numerous coproduct streams are produced during this process. Fuel gas and off-gas were two of the coproducts produced that were exported to another process for fuel use. When these fuel coproducts are exported from the hydrocracker, they carry with them the allocated share of the inputs and outputs for their production. The ratio of the mass of the exported fuel over the total mass output was removed from the total inputs and outputs of the hydrocracker, and the remaining inputs and outputs are allocated over the material hydrocracker products (Equation 1).

**Table E-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF POLYPROPYLENE (PP) RESIN**  
**(Cradle-to-Resin)**  
**(page 1 of 3)**

<b>Raw Materials</b>	<b>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</b>		<b>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</b>	
Crude oil	367 lb		367 kg	
Natural Gas	644 lb		644 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Energy of Material Resource				
Natural Gas		13,788		32.1
Petroleum		6,890		16.0
Total Resource		20,678		48.1
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	176 kwh	1,874	388 kwh	4.36
Electricity (cogeneration)	594 cu ft (2)	665	37.1 cu meters	1.55
Natural gas	3,185 cu ft	3,568	199 cu meters	8.31
LPG	0.060 gal	6.46	0.50 liter	0.015
Distillate oil	0.18 gal	29.2	1.53 liter	0.068
Residual oil	2.03 gal	348	16.9 liter	0.81
Gasoline	0.10 gal	14.9	0.87 liter	0.035
Diesel	0.0018 gal	0.28	0.015 liter	6.6E-04
Internal Offgas use (1)				
From Oil	66.0 lb	1,877	66.0 kg	4.37
From Natural Gas	117 lb	3,336	117 kg	7.77
Recovered Energy	2.29 thousand Btu	2.29	5.33 MJ	0.0053
Total Process		11,717		27.3
Transportation Energy				
Combination truck	9.59 ton-miles		30.9 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.10 gal	16.0	0.84 liter	0.037
Rail	7.50 ton-miles		24.1 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.019 gal	2.95	0.16 liter	0.0069
Barge	31.6 ton-miles		102 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.025 gal	4.01	0.21 liter	0.0093
Residual oil	0.084 gal	14.4	0.70 liter	0.034
Ocean freighter	639 ton-miles		2,057 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.12 gal	19.3	1.01 liter	0.045
Residual	1.09 gal	186	9.07 liter	0.43
Pipeline-natural gas	379 ton-miles		1,219 tonne-km	
Natural gas	261 cu ft	293	16.3 cu meter	0.68
Pipeline-petroleum products	150 ton-miles		483 tonne-km	
Electricity	3.27 kwh	33.5	7.22 kwh	0.078
Total Transportation		569		1.32

- (1) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.
- (2) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency. If offgas was used within the cogen plant, the energy amount is shown within the Internal Offgas use.



Table E-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF POLYPROPYLENE (PP) RESIN  
(Cradle-to-Resin)  
(page 2 of 3)**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>	<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>		
Atmospheric Emissions		
Ammonia	0.0015 lb	0.0015 kg
Antimony	8.7E-07 lb	8.7E-07 kg
Arsenic	1.1E-07 lb	1.1E-07 kg
Benzene	0.074 lb	0.074 kg
Carbon Dioxide - Fossil	73.0 lb	73.0 kg
Carbon Monoxide	0.30 lb	0.30 kg
Carbon Tetrachloride	5.8E-07 lb	5.8E-07 kg
CFC 13 (Methane, trichlorofluoro-)	9.3E-06 lb	9.3E-06 kg
Chlorine	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Chromium	2.9E-07 lb	2.9E-07 kg
Ethylbenzene	0.0087 lb	0.0087 kg
Ethylene Dibromide	1.8E-06 lb	1.8E-06 kg
HCF-22	1.0E-06 lb	1.0E-06 kg
Hydrogen	0.0052 lb	0.0052 kg
Hydrogen Chloride	1.0E-06 lb	1.0E-06 kg
NMVOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin	0.29 lb	0.29 kg
Lead	1.0E-12 lb	1.0E-12 kg
Methane	6.40 lb	6.40 kg
Nickel	2.5E-06 lb	2.5E-06 kg
Nitrogen Oxides	0.19 lb	0.19 kg
Nitrous Oxide	0.0045 lb	0.0045 kg
Non-Methane Hydrocarbons	0.26 lb	0.26 kg
Other Organics	0.011 lb	0.011 kg
Particulates (PM10)	0.11 lb	0.11 kg
Particulates (PM2.5)	0.0098 lb	0.0098 kg
Particulates (unspecified)	0.031 lb	0.031 kg
Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (total)	2.4E-05 lb	2.4E-05 kg
Sulfur Dioxide	1.54 lb	1.54 kg
Sulfur Oxides	0.0041 lb	0.0041 kg
Toluene	0.11 lb	0.11 kg
VOC	0.59 lb	0.59 kg
Xylene	0.066 lb	0.066 kg
Zinc	1.0E-06 lb	1.0E-06 kg
Solid Wastes		
Landfilled	34.1 lb	34.1 kg
Burned	7.63 lb	7.63 kg
Waste-to-Energy	0.0044 lb	0.0044 kg
Waterborne Wastes		
m-Xylene	8.5E-06 lb	8.5E-06 kg
1-Methylfluorene	1.7E-08 lb	1.7E-08 kg
2,4-Dimethylphenol	8.1E-06 lb	8.1E-06 kg
2-Hexanone	1.9E-06 lb	1.9E-06 kg
2-Methylnaphthalene	4.4E-06 lb	4.4E-06 kg
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	6.4E-07 lb	6.4E-07 kg
Acetone	1.5E-06 lb	1.5E-06 kg
Acid (benzoic)	2.9E-04 lb	2.9E-04 kg
Acid (hexanoic)	6.1E-05 lb	6.1E-05 kg
Alkylated benzenes	5.5E-05 lb	5.5E-05 kg
Alkylated fluorenes	3.2E-06 lb	3.2E-06 kg
Alkylated naphthalenes	9.0E-07 lb	9.0E-07 kg
Alkylated phenanthrenes	3.7E-07 lb	3.7E-07 kg
Aluminum	0.027 lb	0.027 kg
Ammonia	0.0096 lb	0.0096 kg
Antimony	1.7E-05 lb	1.7E-05 kg
Arsenic	5.6E-05 lb	5.6E-05 kg
Barium	0.36 lb	0.36 kg
Benzene	3.2E-04 lb	3.2E-04 kg
Beryllium	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
BOD	0.046 lb	0.046 kg
Boron	9.1E-04 lb	9.1E-04 kg
Bromide	0.036 lb	0.036 kg
Cadmium	8.7E-06 lb	8.7E-06 kg
Calcium	0.60 lb	0.60 kg
Chlorides	7.44 lb	7.44 kg

Table E-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF POLYPROPYLENE (PP) RESIN  
(Cradle-to-Resin)  
(page 3 of 3)**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>	<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>
Chromium (unspecified)	7.2E-04 lb	7.2E-04 kg
Cobalt	6.4E-06 lb	6.4E-06 kg
COD	0.17 lb	0.17 kg
Copper	7.8E-05 lb	7.8E-05 kg
Cyanide	1.1E-08 lb	1.1E-08 kg
Dibenzofuran	2.9E-08 lb	2.9E-08 kg
Dibenzothiophene	2.4E-08 lb	2.4E-08 kg
Dissolved Solids	7.57 lb	7.57 kg
Ethylbenzene	2.7E-05 lb	2.7E-05 kg
Fluorene	1.5E-06 lb	1.5E-06 kg
Iron	0.050 lb	0.050 kg
Lead	1.5E-04 lb	1.5E-04 kg
Lead 210	3.0E-14 lb	3.0E-14 kg
Lithium	0.11 lb	0.11 kg
Magnesium	0.12 lb	0.12 kg
Manganese	1.7E-04 lb	1.7E-04 kg
Mercury	3.2E-07 lb	3.2E-07 kg
Methyl Chloride	6.2E-09 lb	6.2E-09 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	1.2E-08 lb	1.2E-08 kg
Molybdenum	6.7E-06 lb	6.7E-06 kg
Naphthalene	5.3E-06 lb	5.3E-06 kg
n-Decane	8.4E-06 lb	8.4E-06 kg
n-Docosane	1.6E-07 lb	1.6E-07 kg
n-Dodecane	1.6E-05 lb	1.6E-05 kg
n-Eicosane	4.4E-06 lb	4.4E-06 kg
n-Hexacosane	1.0E-07 lb	1.0E-07 kg
n-Hexadecane	1.7E-05 lb	1.7E-05 kg
Nickel	6.7E-05 lb	6.7E-05 kg
n-Octadecane	4.3E-06 lb	4.3E-06 kg
p-Xylene	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
o-Xylene	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
o-Cresol	8.3E-06 lb	8.3E-06 kg
Oil	0.0098 lb	0.0098 kg
p-Cresol	9.0E-06 lb	9.0E-06 kg
p-Cymene	1.5E-08 lb	1.5E-08 kg
Pentamethylbenzene	1.1E-08 lb	1.1E-08 kg
Phenanthrene	2.3E-07 lb	2.3E-07 kg
Phenol/ Phenolic Compounds	0.0012 lb	0.0012 kg
Tetradecane	6.8E-06 lb	6.8E-06 kg
Radium 226	1.0E-11 lb	1.0E-11 kg
Radium 228	5.4E-14 lb	5.4E-14 kg
Selenium	3.9E-06 lb	3.9E-06 kg
Silver	3.7E-04 lb	3.7E-04 kg
Sodium	1.73 lb	1.73 kg
Strontium	0.016 lb	0.016 kg
Styrene	1.0E-06 lb	1.0E-06 kg
Sulfates	0.012 lb	0.012 kg
Sulfides	7.9E-05 lb	7.9E-05 kg
Sulfur	7.2E-04 lb	7.2E-04 kg
Surfactants	1.5E-04 lb	1.5E-04 kg
Suspended Solids	2.99 lb	2.99 kg
Thallium	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
Tin	6.7E-05 lb	6.7E-05 kg
Titanium	2.6E-04 lb	2.6E-04 kg
TOC	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Toluene	3.9E-04 lb	3.9E-04 kg
Total biphenyls	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
Total dibenzothiophenes	1.1E-08 lb	1.1E-08 kg
Vanadium	3.1E-05 lb	3.1E-05 kg
Xylene, unspecified	1.4E-04 lb	1.4E-04 kg
Yttrium	1.9E-06 lb	1.9E-06 kg
Zinc	6.2E-04 lb	6.2E-04 kg

References: Tables B-2 through B-5, E-2 and E-3.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG models

**Table E-2**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF PROPYLENE**

Material Inputs (1)	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
Refined Petroleum Products	357 lb		357 kg	
Processed Natural Gas	643 lb		643 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>	161 gal		1,344 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	46.2 kwh	492	102 kwh	1.15
Electricity (cogeneration)	142 cu ft (3)	159	8.85 cu meters	0.37
Natural Gas	1,759 cu ft	1,970	110 cu meters	4.59
Gasoline	0.0021 gal	0.29	0.017 liter	6.8E-04
Diesel	0.0018 gal	0.28	0.015 liter	6.6E-04
Internal Offgas use (2)				
From Oil	66.2 lb	1,884	66.2 kg	4.39
From Natural Gas	118 lb	3,350	118 kg	7.80
Recovered Energy	2.30 thousand Btu	2.30	5.35 MJ	0.0054
Total Process		<u>7,853</u>		<u>18.3</u>
Transportation Energy				
Propylene Products				
Pipeline-Petroleum Products	19.5 ton-miles		62.8 tonne-km	
Electricity	0.43 kwh	4.35	0.94 kwh	0.010
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions - Process				
Carbon Monoxide	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Chlorine	1.0E-04 lb (4)		1.0E-04 kg	
HCFC-022	1.0E-06 lb (4)		1.0E-06 kg	
Hydrogen Chloride	1.0E-06 lb (4)		1.0E-06 kg	
Hydrogen	0.0052 lb		0.0052 kg	
Hydrocarbons (NM)	0.11 lb		0.11 kg	
Methane	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Other Organics	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Particulates (unspecified)	0.0082 lb		0.0082 kg	
Particulates (PM10)	0.10 lb (4)		0.10 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	0.0041 lb		0.0041 kg	
VOC	0.010 lb (4)		0.010 kg	
Atmospheric Emissions - Fuel-Related (5)				
Carbon Dioxide (fossil)	666 lb		666 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	0.30 lb		0.30 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.47 lb		0.47 kg	
PM 2.5	0.009 lb		0.009 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	0.071 lb		0.071 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	0.36 lb		0.36 kg	
Burned	5.60 lb		5.60 kg	
Waste-to-Energy	0.0044 lb		0.0044 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
Acetone	1.0E-08 lb (4)		1.0E-08 kg	
Benzene	1.0E-05 lb (4)		1.0E-05 kg	
BOD	6.4E-04 lb		6.4E-04 kg	
COD	0.010 lb (4)		0.010 kg	
Ethylbenzene	1.0E-05 lb (4)		1.0E-05 kg	
Naphthalene	1.0E-08 lb (4)		1.0E-08 kg	
Phenol	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Styrene	1.0E-06 lb (4)		1.0E-06 kg	
Suspended Solids	0.0048 lb		0.0048 kg	
Toluene	1.0E-04 lb (4)		1.0E-04 kg	
Total Organic Carbon	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Xylene	1.0E-06 lb (4)		1.0E-06 kg	

- (1) Specific input materials from oil refining and natural gas processing include ethane, propane, liquid feed, heavy raffinate, and DNG.
- (2) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.
- (3) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.
- (4) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.
- (5) These fuel-related emissions were provided by the plants. These take into account the combustion of the offgas as well as the natural gas.

References: E-3 and E-4

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

$$[IO] \times \left( 1 - \frac{M_{EO}}{M_{Total}} \right) = [IO]_{\text{attributed to remaining hydrocracker products}} \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

where

$IO$  = Input/Output Matrix to produce all products/coproducts

$M_{EO}$  = Mass of Exported Offgas

$M_{Total}$  = Mass of all Products and Coproducts (including fuels)

No energy credit is applied for the exported fuels, since both the inputs and outputs for the exported fuels have been removed from the data set. Table E-2 shows the averaged energy and emissions data for the production of propylene.

As of 2003, there were 8 olefin-producing companies and at least 16 olefin plants producing polymer-grade propylene in the U.S. (Reference E-2). While data was collected from a relatively small sample of plants, the olefins producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American olefins production. All data collected were individually reviewed by the data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for olefins, the collection method, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for olefins include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and estimates. The standard production technology for olefins is the steam cracking of hydrocarbons (including natural gas liquids and petroleum liquids). The data in this module represent steam cracking of natural gas and petroleum. All data submitted for olefins represent the year 2003 and U.S. and Canada production.

### **Polypropylene Resin Production**

Polypropylene is manufactured by the polymerization of propylene using Ziegler-Natta catalysts. Commercial processes generally use titanium trichloride in combination with aluminum diethylmonochloride. Production processes vary and include slurry, gas-phase, and solution monomer polymerization. The latter two processes employ the use of improved high-yield catalysts. The five polypropylene datasets represent the gas-phase and solution monomer polymerization processes. These processes are discussed below.

The gas-phase method of production mixes the high-yield type catalyst and propylene vapor in a fluidized bed or agitated powder bed reactor. Temperature control is accomplished by the evaporation of liquid propylene entering the reactor. Reactor temperatures of 80° to 90° Celsius and pressures of 30 to 35 atmospheres are typical. Unreacted propylene gas is recovered, compressed, purified, and returned to the propylene feed stream. The polymer is then dried and pelletized. Catalyst residues are low and catalyst removal is not part of this process. No solvent is used in the process; therefore, no solvent recovery is necessary.

The solution monomer process of manufacturing polypropylene often employs tubular reactors with a large specific-exchange surface and a high heat-exchange coefficient. The use of high-yield catalyst eliminates the need for catalyst residue and atactic removal. Unreacted propylene is recovered, and the isotactic polypropylene is dried and pelletized. As in the gas-phase process, no solvent is used.

A weighted average using production amounts was calculated from the PP production data from four plants collected from three leading producers in North America. Table E-3 displays the energy and emissions data for the production of polypropylene resin. Scrap and some alkane/alkene streams are produced as coproducts during this process. A mass basis was used to partition the credit for the coproducts.

As of 2003 there were 11 PP producers and 20 PP plants in the U.S. (Reference E-5). While data was collected from a small sample of plants, the PP producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American PP production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by all PP data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for PP, the collection method, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for PP include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and estimates. The technology represented by the PP data represents a combination of the liquid monomer and gas phase processes. All data submitted for PP represent the years 2003 and 2004 and production in U.S.

**Table E-3**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF**  
**POLYPROPYLENE (PP) RESIN**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Olefins	996 lb		996 kg	
Propane	5.0 lb		5.0 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>	139 gal		1,160 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	74.0 kwh	762	163 kwh	1.77
Electricity (cogeneration)	453 cu ft (1)	507	28.3 cu meters	1.18
Natural gas	310 cu ft	347	19.4 cu meters	0.81
Residual oil	0.52 gal	89.2	4.34 liter	0.21
Total Process		<u>1,705</u>		<u>3.97</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
Carbon Monoxide	0.12 lb		0.12 kg	
Carbon Dioxide	19.3 lb		19.3 kg	
Lead	1.0E-12 lb (2)		1.0E-12 kg	
Methane	0.068 lb		0.068 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.014 lb		0.014 kg	
Nitrous Oxides	0.0045 lb		0.0045 kg	
NM Hydrocarbons	0.15 lb		0.15 kg	
Other Organics	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Particulates (unknown)	0.023 lb		0.023 kg	
PM2.5	1.0E-05 lb (2)		1.0E-05 kg	
PM10	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Zinc	1.0E-06 lb (2)		1.0E-06 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Landfilled	0.11 lb		0.11 kg	
Burned	2.06 lb		2.06 kg	
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>				
BOD	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
COD	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Dissolved solids	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Suspended Solids	0.020 lb		0.020 kg	
Zinc	1.0E-05 lb (2)		1.0E-05 kg	

(1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

(2) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.

References: E-4

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

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## APPENDIX F

### POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE (PET)

#### INTRODUCTION

This appendix discusses the manufacture of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) resin. The leading use of PET resin is bottle production. Over 7 billion pounds of PET was produced in the U.S., Mexico, and Canada in 2003 (Reference F-1). The material flow for PET resin is shown in Figure F-1. The total unit process energy and emissions data (cradle-to-PET) for PET are displayed in Table F-1. Individual process tables on the bases of 1,000 pounds and 1,000 kilograms are also shown within this appendix. Processes that have been discussed in previous appendices have been omitted from this appendix. The following processes are included in this appendix:

- Methanol Production
- Carbon Monoxide Production
- Acetic Acid Production
- Oxygen Production
- Ethylene Oxide Production
- Ethylene Glycol Production
- Mixed Xylenes
- Paraxylene Extraction
- Crude Terephthalic Acid (TPA) Production
- Purified TPA (PTA) Production
- Dimethyl Terephthalate (DMT) Production
- PET Melt Phase Polymerization
- PET Solid Phase Polymerization

Crude oil production, distillation, desalting, and hydrotreating, natural gas production, natural gas processing, and ethylene production are discussed in Appendix B.

#### Methanol Production

Methanol is produced from light hydrocarbons using steam reforming and low-pressure synthesis. The feed gas is compressed, preheated, and desulfurized. Then, it is mixed with steam, preheated further, and fed to the catalytic reformer. The synthesis gas from the reformer, containing primarily hydrogen, carbon monoxide, and carbon dioxide, is cooled to remove condensate to the proper temperature for entry into the compressor section.



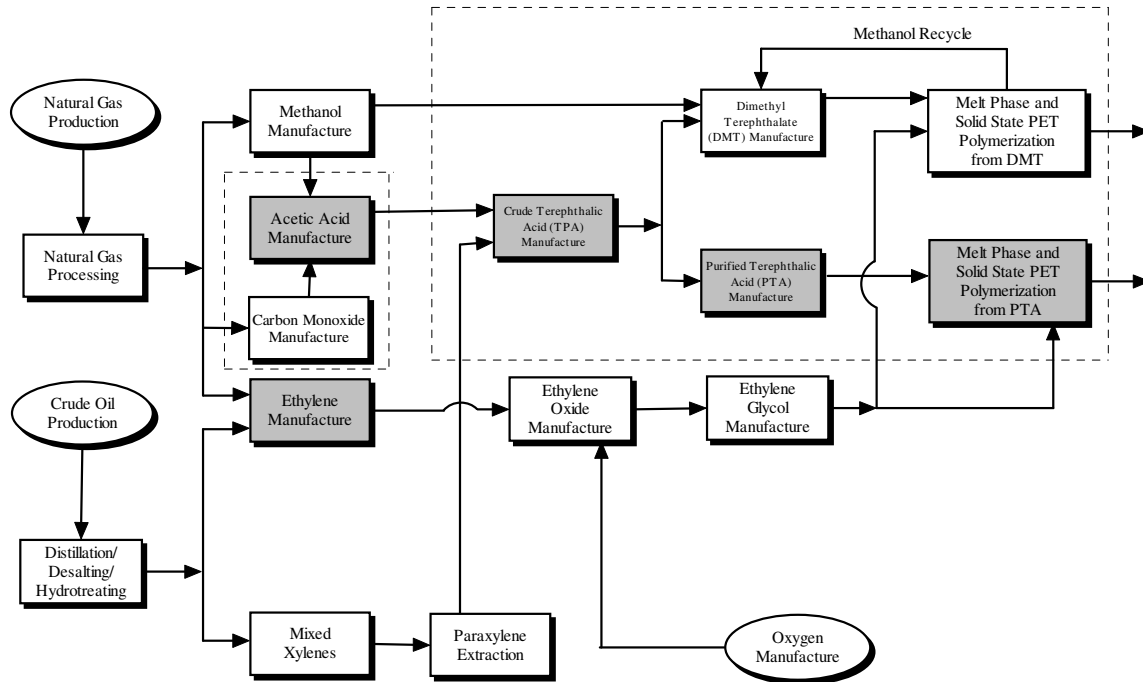


Figure F-1. Flow diagram for the manufacture of virgin polyethylene terephthalate (PET) resin. Shaded boxes represent partial or complete data provided by manufacturers specifically for this analysis. Boxes within the dotted rectangle are included in an aggregated dataset.

From the compressor, the pressure of the synthesis gas is raised, and the feed goes to a multi-bed inter-cooled methanol converter system. Converter effluent is sent to a cooler, and the crude methanol is removed from the gas mixture. The crude methanol is then brought to atmospheric pressure and distilled to eliminate dissolved gases and obtain the desired grade.

Table F-2 lists the energy requirements and environmental emissions for the manufacture of 1,000 pounds of methanol. Steam production is included in energy use for methanol production. The energy and carbon dioxide data for methanol are from a source outside of the United States. No energy and carbon dioxide data for the production of methanol are available for the United States. Waterborne emissions data are provided by an older U.S. source and may be overstated. The transportation energy was collected from an acetic acid producer and calculated using estimates.

**Table F-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE (PET) RESIN**  
**(Cradle-to-Resin)**  
**(page 1 of 4)**

	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
<b>Raw Materials</b>			
Crude oil	568 lb	568	kg
Natural Gas	215 lb	215	kg
Oxygen	223 lb	223	kg
<b>Energy Usage</b>			
		<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>Energy</b>	<b>Energy</b>
		<b>Thousand Btu</b>	<b>GigaJoules</b>
<b>Energy of Material Resource</b>			
Natural Gas		4,595	10.7
Petroleum		10,666	24.8
Total Resource		15,262	35.5
<b>Process Energy</b>			
Electricity (grid)	400 kwh	4,255	882 kwh 9.91
Electricity (cogeneration)	194 cu ft (2)	218	12.1 cu meters 0.51
Natural gas	5,640 cu ft	6,317	352 cu meters 14.7
LPG	0.68 gal	73.9	5.70 liter 0.17
Bit./Sbit. Coal	35.9 lb	404	35.9 kg 0.94
Distillate oil	1.65 gal	263	13.8 liter 0.61
Residual oil	9.60 gal	1,648	80.1 liter 3.84
Gasoline	0.070 gal	10.0	0.59 liter 0.023
Diesel	0.0019 gal	0.30	0.016 liter 7.0E-04
<b>Internal Offgas use (1)</b>			
From Oil	5.22 lb	160	5.22 kg 0.37
From Natural Gas	23.8 lb	729	23.8 kg 1.70
Recovered Energy	63.5 thousand Btu	63.5	148 MJ 0.15
Total Process		14,013	32.6
<b>Transportation Energy</b>			
<b>Combination truck</b>			
Diesel	8.85 ton-miles		28.5 tonne-km
Diesel	0.093 gal	14.8	0.78 liter 0.034
<b>Rail</b>			
Diesel	507 ton-miles		1,633 tonne-km
Diesel	1.26 gal	200	10.5 liter 0.46
<b>Barge</b>			
Diesel	43.1 ton-miles		139 tonne-km
Diesel	0.034 gal	5.48	0.29 liter 0.013
Residual oil	0.11 gal	19.7	0.96 liter 0.046
<b>Ocean freighter</b>			
Diesel	844 ton-miles		2,717 tonne-km
Diesel	0.16 gal	25.5	1.34 liter 0.059
Residual	1.44 gal	248	12.0 liter 0.58
<b>Pipeline-natural gas</b>			
Natural gas	119 ton-miles		382 tonne-km
Natural gas	81.9 cu ft	91.8	5.11 cu meter 0.21
<b>Pipeline-petroleum products</b>			
Electricity	185 ton-miles		595 tonne-km
Electricity	4.03 kwh	41.3	8.89 kwh 0.096
Total Transportation		646	1.50

- (1) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.
- (2) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency. If offgas was used within the cogen plant, the energy amount is shown within the Internal Offgas use.

Table F-1  
 DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
 OF POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE (PET) RESIN  
 (Cradle-to-Resin)  
 (page 2 of 4)

	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>		
Atmospheric Emissions		
Acetic Acid	0.051 lb	0.051 kg
Aldehydes (unspecified)	0.17 lb	0.17 kg
Ammonia	0.0020 lb	0.0020 kg
Antimony	1.1E-06 lb	1.1E-06 kg
Arsenic	1.4E-07 lb	1.4E-07 kg
Benzene	0.023 lb	0.023 kg
Bromine	0.079 lb	0.079 kg
Carbon Dioxide - Fossil	294 lb	294 kg
Carbon Monoxide	6.06 lb	6.06 kg
Carbon Tetrachloride	7.7E-07 lb	7.7E-07 kg
CFC 13 (Methane, trichloro-fluoro-)	1.2E-05 lb	1.2E-05 kg
Chlorine	2.0E-05 lb	2.0E-05 kg
Chromium	3.8E-07 lb	3.8E-07 kg
Ethylbenzene	0.0027 lb	0.0027 kg
Ethylene Dibromide	2.4E-06 lb	2.4E-06 kg
Ethylene Oxide	0.024 lb	0.024 kg
HCFC-22	2.0E-07 lb	2.0E-07 kg
Hydrogen	7.9E-04 lb	7.9E-04 kg
Hydrogen Chloride	2.0E-07 lb	2.0E-07 kg
NMVOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin	0.38 lb	0.38 kg
Methane	5.25 lb	5.25 kg
Methanol	0.0015 lb	0.0015 kg
Methyl Acetate	0.040 lb	0.040 kg
Nickel	3.2E-06 lb	3.2E-06 kg
Nitrogen Oxides	0.29 lb	0.29 kg
Non-Methane Hydrocarbons	5.57 lb	5.57 kg
Other Organics	1.11 lb	1.11 kg
Particulates (PM10)	0.038 lb	0.038 kg
Particulates (PM2.5)	0.013 lb	0.013 kg
Particulates (unspecified)	0.15 lb	0.15 kg
Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (total)	3.1E-05 lb	3.1E-05 kg
Sulfur Dioxide	0.59 lb	0.59 kg
Sulfur Oxides	0.0015 lb	0.0015 kg
TOC	0.069 lb	0.069 kg
Toluene	0.035 lb	0.035 kg
VOC	0.18 lb	0.18 kg
Xylene	0.062 lb	0.062 kg
Solid Wastes		
Landfilled	32.9 lb	32.9 kg
Burned	1.03 lb	1.03 kg
Waste-to-Energy	0.59 lb	0.59 kg
Waterborne Wastes		
m-Xylene	5.4E-06 lb	5.4E-06 kg
1-Methylfluorene	7.7E-09 lb	7.7E-09 kg
2,4-Dimethylphenol	5.3E-06 lb	5.3E-06 kg
2-Hexanone	1.2E-06 lb	1.2E-06 kg
2-Methylnaphthalene	2.8E-06 lb	2.8E-06 kg
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	2.9E-07 lb	2.9E-07 kg
Acetaldehyde	0.025 lb	0.025 kg
Acetone	6.8E-07 lb	6.8E-07 kg
Acid (benzoic)	1.9E-04 lb	1.9E-04 kg
Acid (hexanoic)	3.9E-05 lb	3.9E-05 kg
Acid (unspecified)	0.036 lb	0.036 kg
Alkylated benzenes	3.6E-05 lb	3.6E-05 kg
Alkylated fluorenes	2.1E-06 lb	2.1E-06 kg
Alkylated naphthalenes	5.9E-07 lb	5.9E-07 kg
Alkylated phenanthrenes	2.4E-07 lb	2.4E-07 kg
Aluminum	0.018 lb	0.018 kg
Ammonia	0.12 lb	0.12 kg
Ammonium	0.0013 lb	0.0013 kg
Antimony	1.2E-05 lb	1.2E-05 kg
Arsenic	3.8E-05 lb	3.8E-05 kg
Barium	0.24 lb	0.24 kg
Benzene	2.1E-04 lb	2.1E-04 kg
Beryllium	2.4E-06 lb	2.4E-06 kg
BOD	0.91 lb	0.91 kg
Boron	5.9E-04 lb	5.9E-04 kg
Bromide	0.025 lb	0.025 kg
Cadmium	5.8E-06 lb	5.8E-06 kg

Table F-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE (PET) RESIN  
(Cradle-to-Resin)  
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	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>	<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>
Calcium	0.41 lb	0.41 kg
Chlorides	4.99 lb	4.99 kg
Chromium (unspecified)	0.0068 lb	0.0068 kg
Cobalt	4.2E-06 lb	4.2E-06 kg
COD	1.64 lb	1.64 kg
Copper	5.1E-05 lb	5.1E-05 kg
Cyanide	4.9E-09 lb	4.9E-09 kg
Dibenzofuran	1.3E-08 lb	1.3E-08 kg
Dibenzothiophene	1.0E-08 lb	1.0E-08 kg
Dissolved Solids	5.23 lb	5.23 kg
Ethylbenzene	1.4E-05 lb	1.4E-05 kg
Fluorides	5.1E-05 lb	5.1E-05 kg
Fluorene	9.7E-07 lb	9.7E-07 kg
Iron	0.033 lb	0.033 kg
Lead	9.8E-05 lb	9.8E-05 kg
Lead 210	2.0E-14 lb	2.0E-14 kg
Lithium	0.036 lb	0.036 kg
Magnesium	0.081 lb	0.081 kg
Manganese	1.2E-04 lb	1.2E-04 kg
Mercury	2.3E-07 lb	2.3E-07 kg
Metal Ion (unspecified)	4.5E-06 lb	4.5E-06 kg
Methyl Chloride	2.7E-09 lb	2.7E-09 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	5.5E-09 lb	5.5E-09 kg
Molybdenum	4.3E-06 lb	4.3E-06 kg
Naphthalene	3.4E-06 lb	3.4E-06 kg
n-Decane	5.4E-06 lb	5.4E-06 kg
n-Docosane	7.3E-08 lb	7.3E-08 kg
n-Dodecane	1.0E-05 lb	1.0E-05 kg
n-Eicosane	2.8E-06 lb	2.8E-06 kg
n-Hexacosane	4.5E-08 lb	4.5E-08 kg
n-Hexadecane	1.1E-05 lb	1.1E-05 kg
Nickel	4.5E-05 lb	4.5E-05 kg
n-Octadecane	2.8E-06 lb	2.8E-06 kg
p-Xylene	2.0E-06 lb	2.0E-06 kg
o-Xylene	2.0E-06 lb	2.0E-06 kg
o-Cresol	5.4E-06 lb	5.4E-06 kg
Oil	0.0095 lb	0.0095 kg
p-Cresol	5.8E-06 lb	5.8E-06 kg
p-Cymene	6.8E-09 lb	6.8E-09 kg
Pentamethylbenzene	5.1E-09 lb	5.1E-09 kg
Phenanthrene	1.5E-07 lb	1.5E-07 kg
Phenol/ Phenolic Compounds	3.9E-04 lb	3.9E-04 kg
Phosphates	5.1E-04 lb	5.1E-04 kg

Table F-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE (PET) RESIN  
(Cradle-to-Resin)  
(page 4 of 4)**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>	<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>
Tetradecane	4.3E-06 lb	4.3E-06 kg
Radium 226	6.8E-12 lb	6.8E-12 kg
Radium 228	3.5E-14 lb	3.5E-14 kg
Selenium	3.0E-06 lb	3.0E-06 kg
Silver	2.5E-04 lb	2.5E-04 kg
Sodium	1.19 lb	1.19 kg
Strontium	0.010 lb	0.010 kg
Styrene	2.0E-07 lb	2.0E-07 kg
Sulfates	0.0085 lb	0.0085 kg
Sulfides	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Sulfur	4.6E-04 lb	4.6E-04 kg
Surfactants	9.9E-05 lb	9.9E-05 kg
Suspended Solids	2.02 lb	2.02 kg
Thallium	2.3E-06 lb	2.3E-06 kg
Tin	4.3E-05 lb	4.3E-05 kg
Titanium	1.7E-04 lb	1.7E-04 kg
TOC	0.044 lb	0.044 kg
Toluene	2.2E-04 lb	2.2E-04 kg
Total biphenyls	2.3E-06 lb	2.3E-06 kg
Total dibenzothiophenes	7.2E-09 lb	7.2E-09 kg
Vanadium	3.5E-05 lb	3.5E-05 kg
Xylene, unspecified	9.4E-05 lb	9.4E-05 kg
Yttrium	1.3E-06 lb	1.3E-06 kg
Zinc	0.0084 lb	0.0084 kg

References: Tables B-2 through B-6 and F-2 through F-8.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG models

## Carbon Monoxide Production

The raw materials necessary for the production of carbon monoxide are the gases resulting from steam reformation, as in the production of synthesis gas for ammonia manufacture, or from partial combustion of hydrocarbons. The feed gas must be stripped of carbon dioxide by scrubbing with ethanolamine solution and then passed through a molecular sieve to remove traces of carbon dioxide and water. Carbon monoxide and unconverted methane are condensed from the gas mixture and separated by lowering the pressure to remove entrained gases. The methane is recycled and the carbon monoxide comes out as a product after evaporation, warming, and compression.

The energy requirements and environmental emissions for the production of carbon monoxide using steam reformation are included in the production of acetic acid (Table F-3). The energy and emissions data for carbon monoxide are from secondary sources and estimates. The transportation energy was collected from an acetic acid producer and calculated using estimates.

**Table F-2**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF METHANOL**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Oxygen, from air	380 lb		380 kg	
Natural Gas	620 lb		620 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>	142 gal		1189 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	3.65 kwh	38	8.04 kwh	0.087
Natural gas	2,081 cu ft	2,330	130 cu meters	5.43
Total Process		<u>2,368</u>		<u>5.51</u>
Transportation Energy				
Barge	25.0 ton-miles		80.5 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.020 gal	3.2	0.17 liter	0.0074
Residual oil	0.067 gal	11.4	0.55 liter	0.027
Pipeline-natural gas	0.50 ton-miles		1.61 tonne-km	
Natural gas	0.35 cu ft	0.4	0.022 cu meter	9.0E-04
Total Transportation		<u>15.0</u>		<u>0.035</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Hydrocarbons	5.0 lb		5.0 kg	
Carbon Dioxide	530 lb		530 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	0.50 lb		0.50 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
BOD	0.058 lb		0.058 kg	
Suspended solids	0.088 lb		0.088 kg	

References: F-2 through F-5, F-7 and F-22.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

## Acetic Acid Production

Several methods are used for producing acetic acid. Some methods used in the United States include liquid phase oxidation of butane or LPG and the oxidation of acetaldehyde. Most commercial production of virgin synthetic acetic acid is made by reacting carbon monoxide with methanol. Recovered acetic acid represents an additional major supply (Reference F-2).

Table F-3 shows the energy and emissions data for producing acetic acid. Mixed acid and offgas are produced as coproducts during this process. A mass basis was used to partition the credit for the acid. When the offgas is exported from the process, it carries with it the allocated share of the inputs and outputs for its production. The ratio of the mass of the exported fuel over the total mass output was removed from the total inputs and outputs of the process, and the remaining inputs and outputs are allocated over the material products (Equation 1).

$$[IO] \times \left( 1 - \frac{M_{EO}}{M_{Total}} \right) = [IO]_{\text{attributed to remaining products}} \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

where

$IO$  = Input/Output Matrix to produce all products/coproducts

$M_{EO}$  = Mass of Exported Offgas

$M_{Total}$  = Mass of all Products and Coproducts (including fuels)

No energy credit is applied for the exported offgas, since both the inputs and outputs for the exported fuel have been removed from the data set.

The data in Table F-3 represents the production of acetic acid by the carbonylation of methanol. As only 2 confidential datasets were available, the carbon monoxide dataset is included within the acetic acid data. One of these datasets was collected for this project and represents 2003 data in the U.S., while the other U.S. dataset comes from 1994. As no production amounts were available for either datasets, an arithmetic average was used to weight the data. The 2003 data were collected from direct measurements and engineering estimates.

### Oxygen Production

Oxygen is manufactured by cryogenic separation of air. This technique is essentially one of liquefying air, then collecting the oxygen by fractionation. The oxygen is produced in the form of a liquid, which boils at 184° Celsius below zero at normal atmospheric pressure, so it must be kept under stringent conditions of temperature and pressure for handling. Most oxygen plants are located quite close to their point of consumption and use pipelines to minimize transportation difficulties, although there is a small amount of long distance hauling in insulated rail cars.

The energy data for producing oxygen is displayed in Table F-4. This energy data is primary data collected from 3 producers representing air separation for the years 1990 through 1993.

Table F-3

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ACETIC ACID**  
(Includes acetic acid and carbon monoxide data)

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Methanol	539 lb		539 kg	
Natural Gas products	353 lb		353 kg	
Water, from nature	332 lb		332 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	27.4 kwh	282	60.4 kwh	0.66
Electricity (cogeneration)	6.16 cu ft (1)	6.90	0.38 cu meters	0.016
Natural gas	4,348 cu ft	4,870	271 cu meters	11.3
Total Process		<hr/> 5,159		<hr/> 12.0
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
Rail	475 ton-miles		1,529 tonne-km	
Diesel	1.18 gal	187	9.83 liter	0.44
Pipeline-natural gas	0.26 ton-miles		0.83 tonne-km	
Natural gas	0.18 cu ft	0.20	0.011 cu meter	0.0005
Total Transportation		<hr/> 187		<hr/> 0.44
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
Carbon Monoxide	3.61 lb		3.61 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	0.015 lb		0.015 kg	
TOC	1.86 lb		1.86 kg	
Methanol	0.040 lb		0.040 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Landfilled	0.46 lb		0.46 kg	
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>				
Acid (unspecified)	0.96 lb		0.96 kg	

(1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

References: F-2, F-4, and F-6 through F-10.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG



**Table F-4**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF OXYGEN**

Energy Usage	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
		Total Energy Thousand Btu		Total Energy GigaJoules
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	62.6 kwh	644	138 kwh	1.50
Total Process		644		1.50
Transportation Energy				
Pipeline-natural gas	0.50 ton-miles		1.61 tonne-km	
Natural gas	0.35 cu ft	0.39	0.022 cu meter	9.0E-04
Total Transportation		0.39		9.0E-04

References: F-4 and F-11

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

### Ethylene Oxide Production

The primary production method for ethylene oxide is the direct oxidation of ethylene using air or oxygen. The predominant feed for commercial oxidation processes is oxygen rather than air. The reaction is catalyzed by silver and is exothermic. Oil or boiling water is used to absorb the heat in a multitubular reactor and produce steam that is used in other parts of the process.

A disadvantage to the oxidation process is the conversion of ethylene to carbon dioxide and water, which is released to the environment. Excess ethylene is added to prevent additional oxidation of the ethylene oxide that would increase the production of carbon dioxide. This creates typical conversion rates for ethylene to ethylene oxide of only 10 to 20 percent per pass. Approximately 20 to 25 percent of the ethylene is broken down to carbon dioxide and water.

The energy requirements and environmental emissions for the production of ethylene oxide are shown in Table F-5. These data are a straight average of 6 ethylene oxide producers in the U.S. and Europe from 1990 through 1992. This average data was sent to a Plastics Division of the American Chemistry Council (ACC) member company that produces ethylene oxide for review. The company agreed that the energy and emissions are acceptable for 2005; however, new raw material estimates were provided by the Plastics Division of the American Chemistry Council (ACC) member company.

## Ethylene Glycol Production

Ethylene glycol is produced by the hydration of ethylene oxide. The production process is generally close to the process unit for ethylene oxide. Ethylene oxide is very hazardous to handle and transport. In this case, crude oxide solution is used as feed to the glycol unit. Using crude solution avoids a refining step but still provides an adequate feed.

An excess amount of water is added to the reactor feed to reduce the amount of diethylene glycol and triethylene glycol. These glycols are produced from the reaction of monoethylene glycol with ethylene oxide. The hydration reaction can be uncatalyzed or catalyzed with an acid. An uncatalyzed reaction is much slower, but acid removal from the glycol is required if a catalyst is used.

Almost all the ethylene oxide is reacted. This glycol/water mixture is sent through an evaporator to concentrate the solution and recover the water. The water is recycled back to be used to prepare the ethylene oxide feed. High purity ethylene glycol is obtained from the concentrated glycol solution by vacuum distillation.

The energy and emissions data for ethylene glycol production is from a confidential source and is not shown to protect its confidentiality (Reference F-14).

**Table F-5**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF**  
**ETHYLENE OXIDE**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Ethylene	788 lb		788 kg	
Oxygen	880 lb		880 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>	200 gal		1669 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	101 kwh	1,041	223 kwh	2.42
Natural gas	1,618 cu ft	1,812	101 cu meters	4.22
Total Process		<u>2,854</u>		<u>6.64</u>
Transportation Energy Used in PET				
Pipeline-petroleum products	1.00 ton-miles		3.22 tonne-km	
Electricity	0.022 kwh	0.22	0.048 kwh	5.2E-04
Total Transportation		<u>0.22</u>		<u>5.2E-04</u>
Used in polyether polyol for flexible foam PUR				
Rail	12.4 ton-miles		39.9 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.031 gal	4.88	0.26 liter	0.011
Pipeline-petroleum products	0.31 ton-miles		1.00 tonne-km	
Electricity	0.0068 kwh	0.069	0.015 kwh	1.6E-04
Total Transportation		<u>4.95</u>		<u>0.012</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Aldehydes	0.28 lb		0.28 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	3.0E-04 lb		3.0E-04 kg	
Carbon Dioxide	591 lb		591 kg	
Ethylene Oxides	0.10 lb		0.095 kg	
Hydrocarbons	18.1 lb		18.1 kg	
Methane	3.05 lb		3.05 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.0014 lb		0.0014 kg	
Other Organics	0.68 lb		0.68 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	3.0E-04 lb		3.0E-04 kg	
Solid Wastes	16.8 lb		16.8 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
Acetaldehyde	0.10 lb		0.10 kg	
Ammonia	5.0E-05 lb		5.0E-05 kg	
BOD	2.23 lb		2.23 kg	
Chromium	0.025 lb		0.025 kg	
COD	2.82 lb		2.82 kg	
Fluorides	0.0002 lb		2.0E-04 kg	
Zinc	0.010 lb		0.010 kg	

References: F-2, F-4, F-12, and F-13.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

## Mixed Xylenes

The reforming processes are used to convert paraffinic hydrocarbon streams into aromatic compounds such as benzene, toluene, and xylene. Catalytic reforming has virtually replaced thermal reforming operations. Catalytic reforming has many advantages over thermal reforming including the following:

1. Greater production of aromatics
2. More olefin isomerization
3. More selective reforming and fewer end products
4. Operated at a low pressure, hence comparatively lower cost.

Catalysts such as platinum, alumina, or silica-alumina and chromium on alumina are used.

Table F-6 displays the energy and emissions data for the production of mixed xylenes. Total energy data for mixed xylenes were provided for this analysis by a confidential source. The mix of fuels shown in Table F-6 was calculated using statistics from a U.S. Department of Energy report (Reference F-16). No environmental emissions data were available.

**Table F-6**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF**  
**MIXED XYLENES FROM NAPHTHA**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Naphtha	1,000 lb		1,000 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	16.1 kwh	166	35.5 kwh	0.39
Natural gas	667 cu ft	747	41.6 cu meters	1.74
LPG	0.25 gal	27.0	2.09 liter	0.063
Bit./Sbit. Coal	7.02 lb	78.8	7.02 kg	0.18
Total Process		<u>1,019</u>		<u>2.37</u>

References: F-4, F-15, and F-16.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

## Paraxylene Extraction

Reformat feedstock rich in xylenes is fractionated to obtain a stream rich in the para-isomer. Further purification is accomplished by heat exchange and refrigeration. The solid paraxylene crystals are separated from the feedstock by centrifugation.

Table F-7 displays the energy requirements for the production of paraxylene. Total energy data for paraxylene were provided for this analysis by a confidential source. The mix of fuels shown in Table F-7 was calculated using statistics from a U.S. Department of Energy report (Reference F-16). No environmental emissions data were available.

**Table F-7**  
**DATA FOR THE EXTRACTION OF**  
**PARAXYLENE**

Material Inputs	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
		Total Energy Thousand Btu		Total Energy GigaJoules
Mixed Xylenes	1,000 lb		1,000 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	59.0 kwh	607	130 kwh	1.41
Natural gas	2,445 cu ft	2,738	153 cu meters	6.37
LPG	0.91 gal	98.4	7.59 liter	0.23
Bit./Sbit. Coal	25.7 lb	289	25.7 kg	0.67
Total Process		<u>3,733</u>		<u>8.69</u>
Transportation Energy				
Rail	650 ton-miles		2,092 tonne-km	
Diesel	1.61 gal	256	13.5 liter	0.60
Total Transportation		<u>256</u>		<u>0.60</u>

References: F-2, F-4, F-16, and F-17.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

## Crude Terephthalic Acid (TPA) Production

Crude terephthalic acid is manufactured primarily by the oxidation of paraxylene in the liquid phase. Liquid paraxylene, acetic acid, and a catalyst, such as manganese or cobalt bromides, are combined as the liquid feed to the oxidizers. The temperature of this exothermic reaction is maintained at about 200° C. The pressure may range from 300 to 400 psi.

Reactor effluents are continuously removed from the reactor and routed to a series of crystallizers, where they are cooled by flashing the liquids. The partially oxidized impurities are more soluble in acetic acid and tend to remain in solution, while crude TPA crystallizes from the liquor.

The slurry from the crystallizers is sent to solid/liquid separators, where crude TPA is recovered in the solids. The liquid portion is distilled and acetic acid, methyl acetate, and water are recovered overhead. Acetic acid is removed from the solution and recycled back to the oxidizer.

### **Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA) Production**

There are two primary methods of crude TPA purification. The first, described here, is by direct production of fiber-grade TPA or purified terephthalic acid (PTA).

In the production of fiber-grade TPA from crude TPA, the crude acid is dissolved under pressure in water at 225 to 275° C. The solution is hydrogenated in the presence of a catalyst to convert some troublesome intermediates of reaction. The solution is then cooled, causing PTA to crystallize out.

### **Dimethyl Terephthalate (DMT) Production**

The other primary method of crude TPA purification is by conversion of crude TPA to dimethyl terephthalate (DMT). DMT now makes up no more than 15 percent of the precursor s used for PET production within North America.

The common method for the production of DMT consists of four major steps: oxidation, esterification, distillation, and crystallization. A mixture of p-xylene and crude PTA is oxidized with air in the presence of a heavy metal catalyst. The acid mixture resulting from the oxidation is esterified with methanol to produce a mixture of esters. The crude ester mixture is distilled to remove all the heavy boilers and residue produced; the lighter esters are recycled to the oxidation section. The raw DMT is then sent to the crystallization section for removal of DMT isomers and aromatic aldehydes. Some byproducts are recovered, and usable materials are recycled (Reference F-21).

### **PET Melt Phase Polymerization**

PET resin is manufactured by the esterification of PTA with ethylene glycol and loss of water, or by the trans-esterification of DMT with ethylene glycol and loss of methanol. Both reactions occur at 100 to 150° C in the presence of a catalyst. Bis (2-hydroxyethyl) terephthalate is produced as an intermediate. This intermediate then undergoes polycondensation under vacuum at 10 to 20° C above the melting point of PET (246° C). Ethylene glycol is distilled over, and PET resin with an I.V. (intrinsic viscosity) of 0.60 to 0.65 is produced. The resulting resin is cooled and pelletized.

## PET Solid State Polymerization

The final step in PET resin manufacture is a solid state polymerization process. This step raises the temperature of the solid pellets to just below the melting point in the presence of a driving force to further the polymerization. Solid stating increases the final I.V. from 0.72 to 1.04. It also produces a polymer with low acetaldehyde content.

Table F-8 shows the combined energy usage and environmental emissions for the melt phase and the solid state polymerization steps for production of PET from both PTA and DMT. Scrap and heat are produced as coproducts during this process. A mass basis was used to partition the credit for scrap, while the energy amount for the steam was reported separately as recovered energy.

The data in this table includes an aggregation of TPA, PTA, DMT, and PET production. New data was collected for PTA (including TPA) and PET production. A weighted average using production amounts was calculated from the PTA production data from two plants collected from two leading producers in North America. A weighted average using production amounts was also calculated from the PET production data from two plants collected from two leading producers in North America. Data from primary sources in the early 1990's was used for DMT and PET from DMT production. The two PET technologies were weighted accordingly at 15 percent PET from DMT and 85 percent PET from PTA.

As of 2003 there were 16 PET producers and 29 PET plants in the U.S. (Reference F-2). As of 2001 there were 4 TPA/PTA producers and 6 TPA/PTA plants in the U.S. (Reference F-2). While data was collected from a small sample of plants, the PTA and PET producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American TPA/PTA and PET production. The average TPA/PTA and PET datasets were reviewed and accepted respectively by each TPA/PTA and PET data provider.

To assess the quality of the data collected for TPA/PTA, the collection method, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for TPA/PTA include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and estimates. All data submitted for TPA/PTA represent the years 2001, 2003, and 2004 and production in the U.S.

To assess the quality of the data collected for PET from PTA, the collection method, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for PET include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and estimates. The technology represented by the PET data is the esterification of PTA with ethylene glycol. All data submitted for PET represent the years 2001, 2003, and 2004 and production in the U.S.

**Table F-8**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF**  
**PET RESIN (1)**  
**(Includes PET resin, PTA, DMT, and TPA)**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs (2)</b>				
Paraxylene	521 lb		521 kg	
Ethylene glycol	322 lb		322 kg	
Acetic acid	37.2 lb		37.2 kg	
Methanol	35.2 lb		35.2 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>				
	64.4 gal		537 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>
		<b>Energy</b>		<b>Energy</b>
		<b>Thousand Btu</b>		<b>GigaJoules</b>
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	253 kwh	2,691	558 kwh	6.27
Electricity (cogeneration)	154 cu ft (3)	172	9.59 cu meters	0.40
Natural gas	1,571 cu ft	1,760	98.1 cu meters	4.10
Bit./Sbit. Coal	18.9 lb	212	18.9 kg	0.49
Distillate oil	1.53 gal	243	12.8 liter	0.57
Residual oil	3.21 gal	551	26.8 liter	1.28
Recovered energy	61.2 thousand Btu	61.2	142 MJ	0.14
Total Process		<u>5,568</u>		<u>13.0</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
Acetic Acid	0.051 lb		0.051 kg	
Aldehydes	0.094 lb		0.094 kg	
Bromine	0.079 lb		0.079 kg	
Carbon Dioxide	72.4 lb		72.4 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	5.68 lb		5.68 kg	
Methane	0.16 lb		0.16 kg	
Methyl Acetate	0.040 lb		0.040 kg	
NM Hydrocarbons	0.28 lb		0.28 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.052 lb		0.052 kg	
Other Organics	0.94 lb		0.94 kg	
Particulates (unknown)	0.15 lb		0.15 kg	
Xylene	0.041 lb		0.041 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Landfilled	4.19 lb		4.19 kg	
Burned	0.31 lb		0.31 kg	
Waste-to-Energy	0.59 lb		0.59 kg	
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>				
Aluminum	9.7E-07 lb		9.7E-07 kg	
Ammonia	0.11 lb		0.11 kg	
Ammonium ion	0.0013 lb		0.0013 kg	
Antimony	9.7E-07 lb		9.7E-07 kg	
BOD	0.30 lb		0.30 kg	
COD	0.76 lb		0.76 kg	
Dissolved solids	0.030 lb		0.030 kg	
Iron	9.7E-07 lb		9.7E-07 kg	
Metal ion	4.5E-06 lb		4.5E-06 kg	
Phenol	3.6E-06 lb		3.6E-06 kg	
Phosphates	5.1E-04 lb		5.1E-04 kg	
Suspended solids	0.054 lb		0.054 kg	
TOC	0.044 lb		0.044 kg	
Zinc	0.0055 lb		0.0055 kg	

(1) PET dataset represents 15 percent from DMT technology and 85 percent from PTA technology.

(2) Methanol is produced as a coproduct of PET production from DMT. This coproduct is sent to the DMT production facilities. Due to the boundaries for this table, the recycled methanol amount is not included in the methanol raw materials.

(3) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

References: F-10 and F-18 through F-20.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG



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## APPENDIX G

### GENERAL PURPOSE POLYSTYRENE (GPPS)

#### INTRODUCTION

This appendix discusses the manufacture of general purpose polystyrene (GPPS) resin. Examples of GPPS end-uses include food packaging, compact disc cases, and toys. Almost 6.5 billion pounds of polystyrene were produced in the U.S. and Canada in 2003 (Reference G-1). The material flow for GPPS resin is shown in Figure G-1. The total unit process energy and emissions data (cradle-to-GPPS) for GPPS are displayed in Table G-1. No fuel-related energy or emissions are included in Table G-1. Individual process tables on the bases of 1,000 pounds and 1,000 kilograms are also shown within this appendix. Processes that have been discussed in previous appendices have been omitted from this appendix. The following processes are included in this appendix:

- Olefins Production (Pygas)
- Benzene Production
- Ethylbenzene/Styrene Production
- Mineral Oil Production
- GPPS Resin

Crude oil production, distillation, desalting and hydrotreating, natural gas production, natural gas processing, and ethylene production are discussed in Appendix B.

#### Olefins Production (Pygas)

The primary process used for manufacturing olefins (including pyrolysis gasoline or pygas) is the thermal cracking of saturated hydrocarbons such as ethane, propane, naphtha, and other gas oils.

Typical production of ethylene, propylene, and other coproducts begins when hydrocarbons and steam are fed to the cracking furnace. After being heated to temperatures around 1,000° Celsius, the cracked products are quenched in heat exchangers which produce high pressure steam. Fuel oil is separated from the main gas stream in a multi-stage centrifugal compressor. The main gas stream then undergoes hydrogen sulfide removal and drying. The final step involves fractional distillation of the various reaction products.

Within the hydrocracker, an offgas is produced from the raw materials entering. A portion of this offgas is used within the hydrocracker to produce steam, while the remaining portion is exported from the hydrocracker as a coproduct, as discussed below. The offgas used within the hydrocracker is shown in Table G-2 as “Internal offgas use.” This offgas is shown as a weight of natural gas and petroleum input to produce the energy, as well as the energy amount produced from those weights.

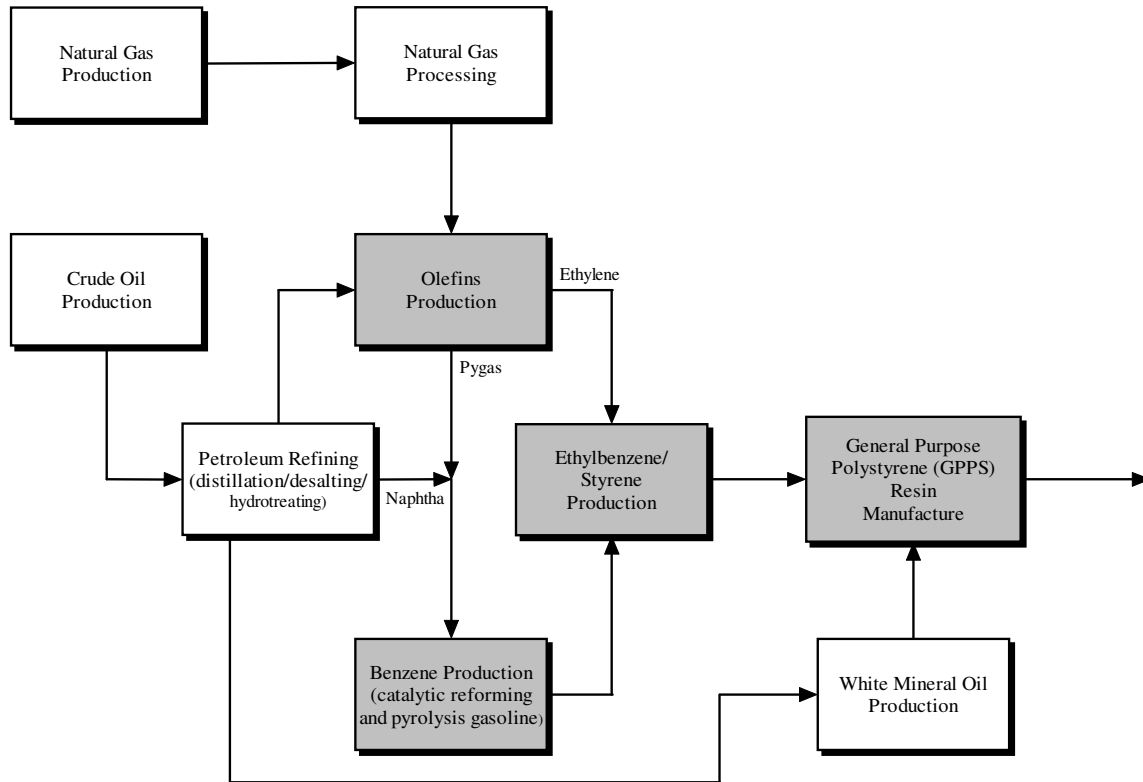


Figure G-1. Flow diagram for the production of general purpose polystyrene resin. Shaded boxes represent partial or complete data provided by manufacturers specifically for this APC analysis.

Data was collected from individual plants, and a mass allocation was used to provide an output of 1,000 pounds/kilograms of olefin product. Then a weighted average using pygas production amounts was applied to the individual olefins plant production data collected from three leading producers (8 thermal cracking units) in North America. Transportation energy for pygas was estimated using location and capacity information (References G-19 and G-20). Numerous coproduct streams are produced during this process. Fuel gas and off-gas were two of the coproducts produced that were exported to another process for fuel use. When these fuel coproducts are exported from the hydrocracker, they carry with them the allocated share of the inputs and outputs for their production. The ratio of the mass of the exported fuel over the total mass output was removed from the total inputs and outputs of the hydrocracker, and the remaining inputs and outputs are allocated over the material hydrocracker products (Equation 1).

$$[IO] \times \left( 1 - \frac{M_{EO}}{M_{Total}} \right) = [IO]_{\text{attributed to remaining hydrocracker products}} \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

where

$IO$  = Input/Output Matrix to produce all products/coproducts

$M_{EO}$  = Mass of Exported Offgas

$M_{Total}$  = Mass of all Products and Coproducts (including fuels)

**Table G-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF GENERAL PURPOSE POLYSTYRENE (GPPS) RESIN**  
**(Cradle-to-Resin)**  
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<b>Raw Materials</b>	<b>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</b>	<b>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</b>	
Crude oil	701 lb	701	kg
Natural Gas	398 lb	398	kg
<b>Energy Usage</b>		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>	<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Energy of Material Resource			
Natural Gas		8,528	19.9
Petroleum		13,158	30.6
Total Resource		<u>21,686</u>	<u>50.5</u>
Process Energy			
Electricity (grid)	230 kwh	2,448	507 kwh 5.70
Electricity (cogeneration)	116 cu ft (2)	130	7.23 cu meters 0.30
Natural gas	9,749 cu ft	10,919	609 cu meters 25.4
LPG	0.10 gal	11.3	0.87 liter 0.026
Distillate oil	0.50 gal	79.2	4.16 liter 0.18
Residual oil	5.58 gal	957	46.5 liter 2.23
Gasoline	0.11 gal	15.1	0.89 liter 0.035
Diesel	0.0033 gal	0.52	0.027 liter 0.0012
Internal Offgas use (1)			
From Oil	39.9 lb	1,105	39.9 kg 2.57
From Natural Gas	79.3 lb	2,269	79.3 kg 5.28
Recovered Energy	4.17 thousand Btu	4.17	9.69 MJ 0.0097
Total Process		<u>17,930</u>	<u>41.7</u>
Transportation Energy			
Combination truck	88.4 ton-miles		285 tonne-km
Diesel	0.93 gal	147	7.75 liter 0.34
Rail	142 ton-miles		457 tonne-km
Diesel	0.35 gal	55.9	2.94 liter 0.13
Barge	425 ton-miles		1,368 tonne-km
Diesel	0.34 gal	54.0	2.84 liter 0.13
Residual oil	1.13 gal	194	9.43 liter 0.45
Ocean freighter	1,170 ton-miles		3,764 tonne-km
Diesel	0.22 gal	35.3	1.85 liter 0.082
Residual	2.00 gal	343	16.7 liter 0.80
Pipeline-natural gas	238 ton-miles		765 tonne-km
Natural gas	164 cu ft	184	10.2 cu meter 0.43
Pipeline-petroleum products	242 ton-miles		778 tonne-km
Electricity	5.27 kwh	54.0	11.6 kwh 0.13
Total Transportation		<u>1,067</u>	<u>2.48</u>

- (1) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.
- (2) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency. If offgas was used within the cogen plant, the energy amount is shown within the Internal Offgas use.

Table G-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF GENERAL PURPOSE POLYSTYRENE (GPPS) RESIN  
(Cradle-to-Resin)  
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	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>	<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>		
Atmospheric Emissions		
Ammonia	0.0026 lb	0.0026 kg
Antimony	1.5E-06 lb	1.5E-06 kg
Arsenic	1.9E-07 lb	1.9E-07 kg
Benzene	0.047 lb	0.047 kg
Carbon Dioxide - Fossil	330 lb	330 kg
Carbon Monoxide	0.61 lb	0.61 kg
Carbon Tetrachloride	9.9E-07 lb	9.9E-07 kg
CFC 13 (Methane, trichlorofluoro-)	1.6E-05 lb	1.6E-05 kg
Chlorine	1.3E-04 lb	1.3E-04 kg
Chromium	4.9E-07 lb	4.9E-07 kg
Ethylbenzene	0.0055 lb	0.0055 kg
Ethylene Dibromide	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
HCFC-22	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Hydrogen	0.0026 lb	0.0026 kg
Hydrogen Chloride	5.5E-07 lb	5.5E-07 kg
NM VOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin	0.49 lb	0.49 kg
Methane	6.48 lb	6.48 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	2.6E-04 lb	2.6E-04 kg
Nickel	4.2E-06 lb	4.2E-06 kg
Nitrogen Oxides	0.50 lb	0.50 kg
Non-Methane Hydrocarbons	0.19 lb	0.19 kg
Other Organics	0.011 lb	0.011 kg
Particulates (PM10)	0.079 lb	0.079 kg
Particulates (PM2.5)	0.025 lb	0.025 kg
Particulates (unspecified)	0.054 lb	0.054 kg
Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (total)	4.1E-05 lb	4.1E-05 kg
Sulfur Dioxide	1.08 lb	1.08 kg
Sulfur Oxides	0.35 lb	0.35 kg
Toluene	0.071 lb	0.071 kg
VOC	0.38 lb	0.38 kg
Xylene	0.041 lb	0.041 kg
Solid Wastes		
Landfilled	38.7 lb	38.7 kg
Burned	3.43 lb	3.43 kg
Waste-to-Energy	1.55 lb	1.55 kg
Waterborne Wastes		
m-Xylene	8.2E-06 lb	8.2E-06 kg
1-Methylfluorene	1.3E-08 lb	1.3E-08 kg
2,4-Dimethylphenol	8.0E-06 lb	8.0E-06 kg
2-Hexanone	1.9E-06 lb	1.9E-06 kg
2-Methylnaphthalene	4.3E-06 lb	4.3E-06 kg
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	4.9E-07 lb	4.9E-07 kg
Acetone	1.2E-06 lb	1.2E-06 kg
Acid (benzoic)	2.9E-04 lb	2.9E-04 kg
Acid (hexanoic)	6.0E-05 lb	6.0E-05 kg
Alkylated benzenes	5.4E-05 lb	5.4E-05 kg
Alkylated fluorenes	3.2E-06 lb	3.2E-06 kg
Alkylated naphthalenes	8.9E-07 lb	8.9E-07 kg
Alkylated phenanthrenes	3.7E-07 lb	3.7E-07 kg
Aluminum	0.027 lb	0.027 kg
Ammonia	0.015 lb	0.015 kg
Antimony	1.7E-05 lb	1.7E-05 kg
Arsenic	5.7E-05 lb	5.7E-05 kg
Barium	0.36 lb	0.36 kg
Benzene	3.2E-04 lb	3.2E-04 kg
Beryllium	3.6E-06 lb	3.6E-06 kg
BOD	0.42 lb	0.42 kg
Boron	8.9E-04 lb	8.9E-04 kg
Bromide	0.037 lb	0.037 kg
Cadmium	8.8E-06 lb	8.8E-06 kg
Calcium	0.61 lb	0.61 kg
Chlorides	7.51 lb	7.51 kg
Chromium (hexavalent)	2.3E-07 lb	2.3E-07 kg
Chromium (unspecified)	7.3E-04 lb	7.3E-04 kg

Table G-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF GENERAL PURPOSE POLYSTYRENE (GPPS) RESIN  
(Cradle-to-Resin)  
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	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>	<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>
Cobalt	6.3E-06 lb	6.3E-06 kg
COD	1.07 lb	1.07 kg
Copper	7.8E-05 lb	7.8E-05 kg
Cyanide	1.0E-06 lb	1.0E-06 kg
Dibenzofuran	2.2E-08 lb	2.2E-08 kg
Dibenzothiophene	1.8E-08 lb	1.8E-08 kg
Dissolved Solids	8.86 lb	8.86 kg
Ethylbenzene	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Fluorene	1.5E-06 lb	1.5E-06 kg
Hydrocarbons	1.0E-05 lb	1.0E-05 kg
Iron	0.050 lb	0.050 kg
Lead	1.6E-04 lb	1.6E-04 kg
Lead 210	3.0E-14 lb	3.0E-14 kg
Lithium	0.072 lb	0.072 kg
Magnesium	0.12 lb	0.12 kg
Manganese	1.8E-04 lb	1.8E-04 kg
Mercury	3.4E-07 lb	3.4E-07 kg
Methyl Chloride	4.7E-09 lb	4.7E-09 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	9.5E-09 lb	9.5E-09 kg
Molybdenum	6.6E-06 lb	6.6E-06 kg
Naphthalene	5.2E-06 lb	5.2E-06 kg
n-Decane	8.3E-06 lb	8.3E-06 kg
n-Docosane	1.3E-07 lb	1.3E-07 kg
n-Dodecane	1.6E-05 lb	1.6E-05 kg
n-Eicosane	4.3E-06 lb	4.3E-06 kg
n-Hexacosane	7.8E-08 lb	7.8E-08 kg
n-Hexadecane	1.7E-05 lb	1.7E-05 kg
Nickel	7.8E-05 lb	7.8E-05 kg
n-Octadecane	4.3E-06 lb	4.3E-06 kg
p-Xylene	3.0E-06 lb	3.0E-06 kg
o-Xylene	3.0E-06 lb	3.0E-06 kg
o-Cresol	8.2E-06 lb	8.2E-06 kg
Oil	0.027 lb	0.027 kg
p-Cresol	8.9E-06 lb	8.9E-06 kg
p-Cymene	1.2E-08 lb	1.2E-08 kg
Pentamethylbenzene	8.8E-09 lb	8.8E-09 kg
Phenanthrene	2.3E-07 lb	2.3E-07 kg
Phenol/ Phenolic Compounds	8.1E-04 lb	8.1E-04 kg
Phosphates	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Tetradecane	6.6E-06 lb	6.6E-06 kg
Radium 226	1.0E-11 lb	1.0E-11 kg
Radium 228	5.3E-14 lb	5.3E-14 kg
Selenium	4.4E-06 lb	4.4E-06 kg
Silver	3.8E-04 lb	3.8E-04 kg
Sodium	1.78 lb	1.78 kg
Strontium	0.016 lb	0.016 kg
Styrene	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Sulfates	0.013 lb	0.013 kg
Sulfides	9.2E-04 lb	9.2E-04 kg
Sulfur	7.0E-04 lb	7.0E-04 kg
Surfactants	1.5E-04 lb	1.5E-04 kg
Suspended Solids	2.98 lb	2.98 kg
Thallium	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
Tin	6.6E-05 lb	6.6E-05 kg
Titanium	2.6E-04 lb	2.6E-04 kg
TOC	5.6E-04 lb	5.6E-04 kg
Toluene	3.5E-04 lb	3.5E-04 kg
Total biphenyls	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
Total dibenzothiophenes	1.1E-08 lb	1.1E-08 kg
Vanadium	4.7E-05 lb	4.7E-05 kg
Xylene, unspecified	1.4E-04 lb	1.4E-04 kg
Yttrium	1.9E-06 lb	1.9E-06 kg
Zinc	6.2E-04 lb	6.2E-04 kg

References: Tables B-2 through B-6 and G-2 through G-6.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG models

Table G-2  
DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF PYGAS

	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
<b>Material Inputs (1)</b>				
Refined Petroleum Products	419 lb		419 kg	
Processed Natural Gas	584 lb		584 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>				
	93.5 gal		780 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	52.6 kwh	560	116 kwh	1.30
Electricity (cogeneration)	127 cu ft (3)	142	7.93 cu meters	0.33
Natural Gas	1,544 cu ft	1,730	96.4 cu meters	4.03
Gasoline	0.0022 gal	0.31	0.018 liter	7.3E-04
Diesel	0.0019 gal	0.30	0.016 liter	7.1E-04
<b>Internal Offgas use (2)</b>				
From Oil	75.2 lb	2,127	75.2 kg	4.95
From Natural Gas	104 lb	2,937	104 kg	6.84
Recovered Energy	2.50 thousand Btu	2.50	5.82 MJ	0.0058
Total Process		7,494		17.4
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
Rail	115 ton-miles		370 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.29 gal	45.3	2.38 liter	0.11
Pipeline-Petroleum Products	1.55 ton-miles		4.99 tonne-km	
Electricity	0.034 kwh	0.35	0.074 kwh	8.0E-04
Total Transportation		45.6		0.11
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions - Process</b>				
Carbon Monoxide	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Chlorine	1.0E-04 lb (4)		1.0E-04 kg	
HCFC-022	1.0E-06 lb (4)		1.0E-06 kg	
Hydrogen Chloride	1.0E-06 lb (4)		1.0E-06 kg	
Hydrogen	0.0052 lb		0.0052 kg	
Hydrocarbons (NM)	0.11 lb		0.11 kg	
Methane	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Other Organics	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Particulates (unspecified)	0.010 lb		0.010 kg	
Particulates (PM10)	0.10 lb (4)		0.10 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	0.0044 lb		0.0044 kg	
VOC	0.010 lb (4)		0.010 kg	
<b>Atmospheric Emissions - Fuel-Related (5)</b>				
Carbon Dioxide (fossil)	661 lb		661 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	0.29 lb		0.29 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.43 lb		0.43 kg	
PM 2.5	0.009 lb		0.009 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	0.068 lb		0.068 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Landfilled	0.36 lb		0.36 kg	
Burned	6.89 lb		6.89 kg	
Waste-to-Energy	0.0047 lb		0.0047 kg	
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>				
Acetone	1.0E-08 lb (4)		1.0E-08 kg	
Benzene	1.0E-05 lb (4)		1.0E-05 kg	
BOD	3.5E-04 lb		3.5E-04 kg	
COD	0.010 lb (4)		0.010 kg	
Ethylbenzene	1.0E-05 lb (4)		1.0E-05 kg	
Naphthalene	1.0E-08 lb (4)		1.0E-08 kg	
Phenol	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Styrene	1.0E-06 lb (4)		1.0E-06 kg	
Suspended Solids	0.0028 lb		0.0028 kg	
Toluene	1.0E-04 lb (4)		1.0E-04 kg	
Total Organic Carbon	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Xylene	1.0E-06 lb (4)		1.0E-06 kg	

- (1) Specific raw materials from oil refining and natural gas processing include ethane, propane, liquid feed, heavy raffinate, and DNG.
- (2) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.
- (3) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.
- (4) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.
- (5) These fuel-related emissions were provided by the plants. These take into account the combustion of the offgas as well as the natural gas.

References: G-5, G-6, and G-19 through G-21.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG



No energy credit is applied for the exported fuels, since both the inputs and outputs for the exported fuels have been removed from the data set. Table G-2 shows the averaged energy and emissions data for the production of pyrolysis gasoline.

As of 2003, there were 16 olefin producers and at least 29 olefin plants in the U.S. (Reference G-20). While data was collected from a relatively small sample of plants, the olefins producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American olefins production. All data collected were individually reviewed by the data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for olefins, the collection method, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for olefins include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and estimates. The standard production technology for olefins is the steam cracking of hydrocarbons (including natural gas liquids and petroleum liquids). The data in this module represent steam cracking of natural gas and petroleum. All data submitted for olefins represent the year 2003 and U.S. and Canada production.

### **Benzene Production**

Benzene is the most widely used aromatic petrochemical raw material. The two major sources of benzene are catalytic reformat and pyrolysis gasoline (Reference G-2). Additional benzene is produced by the dealkylation of the toluene.

In the reforming process, naphtha is fed through a catalyst bed at elevated temperatures and pressures. The most common type of reforming process is platforming, in which a platinum-containing catalyst is used. Products obtained from the platforming process include aromatic compounds (benzene, toluene, xylene), hydrogen, light gas, and liquefied petroleum gas. The aromatics content of the reformat varies and is normally less than 45 percent. The reformat from the platforming process undergoes solvent extraction and fractional distillation to produce pure benzene, toluene, and other coproducts.

Pyrolysis gasoline is a byproduct of the steam cracking of hydrocarbons for the production of ethylene and propylene. Raw pyrolysis gas is composed of a mixture of C<sub>5</sub> to C<sub>8</sub> hydrocarbons, including several aromatic compounds. To separate the aromatics from the resulting mixture, a very polar solvent (commonly an alcohol) is used to dissolve the aromatic components. The aromatics can then be separated from the solvent using fractional distillation. The solvent is recovered and re-used.

Table G-3 represents the energy requirements and environmental emissions for producing benzene. Only catalytic reforming and pyrolysis gasoline are considered as the source of benzene in this analysis. These sources account for 70 percent of the world production of benzene (Reference G-3). It is estimated that one-third of this production is from pyrolysis gasoline and two-thirds are produced from catalytic reforming (Reference G-4). The collected datasets were weighted using these fractions.

Numerous aromatic coproduct streams are produced during this process. Fuel gas and off-gas were two of the coproducts produced that were exported to another process for fuel use. When these fuel coproducts are exported from the aromatics separation process, they carry with them the allocated share of the inputs and outputs for their production. The ratio of the mass of the exported fuel over the total mass output was removed from the total inputs and outputs, and the remaining inputs and outputs are allocated over the material aromatics products (Equation 1).

$$[IO] \times \left( 1 - \frac{M_{EO}}{M_{Total}} \right) = [IO]_{\text{attributed to remaining aromatics products}} \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

where

$IO$  = Input/Output Matrix to produce all products/coproducts

$M_{EO}$  = Mass of Exported Offgas

$M_{Total}$  = Mass of all Products and Coproducts (including fuels)

No energy credit is applied for the exported fuels, since both the inputs and outputs for the exported fuels have been removed from the data set. Table G-3 shows the averaged energy and emissions data for the production of benzene.

As of 2002 there were 22 benzene producers and 38 benzene plants in the U.S. for the three standard technologies (Reference G-19). The benzene data collected for this module represent 1 producer and 1 plant in the U.S. While data was collected from a small sample of plants, the benzene producer who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plant is representative of the extraction of benzene from pyrolysis gasoline for North American benzene production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by the benzene data provider.

One of the three datasets was collected for this project and represents 2003 data, while the other two datasets comes from 1992. The 2003 data were collected from direct measurements and engineering estimates. The collection methods for the 1992 data are unknown.

Table G-3  
DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF BENZENE

Material Inputs	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
Naphtha	667 lb		667 kg	
Pygas from Hydrocracker	335 lb		335 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>	0.75 gal		6.26 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	7.22 kwh	74.3	15.9 kwh	0.17
Electricity (cogeneration)	28.8 cu ft (2)	32.3	1.80 cu meters	0.075
Natural gas	631 cu ft	707	39.4 cu meters	1.65
Distillate oil	0.40 gal	63.5	3.34 liter	0.15
Residual oil	3.87 gal	664	32.3 liter	1.55
Internal Offgas use (1)				
From Oil	16.0 lb	400.6	16.0 kg	0.93
From Natural Gas	22.1 lb	553.4	22.1 kg	1.29
Total Process		<u>2,495</u>		<u>3.23</u>
Transportation Energy				
Barge	57.5 ton-miles		185 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.046 gal	7.30	0.15 gal	23.5
Residual oil	0.15 gal	26.2	0.49 gal	84.5
Pipeline-petroleum products	0.50 ton-miles		1.61 tonne-km	
Electricity	0.011 kwh	0.11	0.024 kwh	2.6E-04
Total Transportation		<u>33.7</u>		<u>108</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Chlorine	1.0E-04 lb (3)		1.0E-04 kg	
Carbon Dioxide	45.2 lb		45.2 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	0.010 lb (3)		0.010 kg	
NM Hydrocarbons	0.010 lb (3)		0.010 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.062 lb		0.062 kg	
Hydrogen	1.0E-06 lb (3)		1.0E-06 kg	
Particulates (unknown)	0.019 lb		0.019 kg	
PM2.5	0.010 lb (3)		0.010 kg	
PM10	0.0010 lb (3)		0.0010 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	0.44 lb		0.44 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	0.43 lb		0.43 kg	
Burned	0.051 lb		0.051 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
Benzene	1.0E-06 lb (3)		1.0E-06 kg	
BOD	0.47 lb		0.47 kg	
COD	1.08 lb		1.08 kg	
Dissolved solids	0.11 lb		0.11 kg	
Oil	0.018 lb		0.018 kg	
Sulfides	0.0010 lb (3)		0.0010 kg	
Suspended Solids	0.0010 lb (3)		0.0010 kg	
TOC	1.0E-05 lb (3)		1.0E-05 kg	

- (1) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.
- (2) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.
- (3) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.

References: G-5 through G-9

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

## Ethylbenzene/Styrene Production

The production of styrene monomer is accomplished through a series of processes. The first is the production of ethylbenzene by the alkylation of benzene with ethylene. In this process, benzene initially passes through a drying column. From the drying column, the benzene and ethylene are mixed in a reactor with a suitable catalyst. This reaction is exothermic and occurs at relatively low pressures and temperatures. Unreacted benzene is removed and recycled back to the process. The ethylbenzene is then separated from the solution. The heavy bottoms, tars, and vent gases are burned while the solution is recycled back to the reactor.

Styrene is produced by dehydrogenation of ethylbenzene. The ethylbenzene is mixed with steam, then allowed to come in contact with a catalyst in a reactor. This reaction is carried out at high temperature under vacuum. The heat is recovered from this reaction, and the hydrocarbon solution is sent to a series of fractionation units. The first separation removes the small amount (4 to 6 percent) of toluene and benzene produced by cracking. This toluene/benzene stream is typically sent back to the benzene plant. The second separation removes unreacted ethylbenzene and recycles it back into the system. Purified styrene monomer is recovered in the third and final phase. Bottoms or tar residue is removed from this third phase (Reference G-10).

Table G-4 displays the energy requirements and environmental emissions for the production of styrene including the production of ethylbenzene. Two of the three ethylbenzene/styrene datasets were collected for this project and represents 2002-2003 data, while the other dataset comes from 1993. The 2003 data were collected from direct measurements, purchasing/utility records, and engineering estimates. The collection methods for the 1993 data are unknown. Various coproduct streams are produced during this process. A mass basis was used to partition the credit for these coproducts.

As of 2001 there were 8 styrene producers and 8 styrene plants in the U.S. (Reference G-5). The styrene data collected for this module represent 2 producers and 2 plants in the U.S. While data was collected from a small sample of plants, the styrene producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of North American styrene production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by the styrene data providers.

Table G-4  
DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF ETHYLBENZENE/STYRENE

Material Inputs	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
Ethylene	293 lb		293 kg	
Benzene	783 lb		783 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	74.2 kwh	764	164 kwh	1.78
Electricity (cogeneration)	0.66 cu ft (1)	0.74	0.041 cu meters	0.0017
Natural gas	6,835 cu ft	7,655	427 cu meters	17.8
Total Process		8,420		19.6
Transportation Energy				
To Polystyrene product				
Combination truck	75.5 ton-miles		243 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.79 gal	126	6.61 liter	0.29
Rail	103 ton-miles		330 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.25 gal	40.4	2.12 liter	0.094
Barge	326 ton-miles		1,049 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.26 gal	41.4	2.18 liter	0.096
Residual oil	0.87 gal	149	7.24 liter	0.35
Ocean freighter	78.0 ton-miles		251 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.015 gal	2.35	0.12 liter	0.0055
Residual	0.13 gal	22.9	1.11 liter	0.053
Total Transportation		382		0.89
To ABS product				
Rail	59.2 ton-miles		191 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.15 gal	23.3	1.23 liter	0.054
Barge	398 ton-miles		1,281 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.32 gal	50.6	2.66 liter	0.12
Residual oil	1.06 gal	182	8.83 liter	0.42
Ocean freighter	62.7 ton-miles		202 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.012 gal	1.89	0.10 liter	0.0044
Residual	0.11 gal	18.4	0.89 liter	0.043
Total Transportation		276		0.64
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Carbon Monoxide	0.27 lb		0.27 kg	
Carbon Dioxide	261 lb		261 kg	
NM Hydrocarbons	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.10 lb (2)		0.10 kg	
Particulates (unknown)	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
VOC	0.0093 lb		0.0093 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	1.61 lb		1.61 kg	
Burned	0.44 lb		0.44 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
Ethylbenzene	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Styrene	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Suspended Solids	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	

(1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

(2) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.

References: G-11 through G-13

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

## Mineral Oil Production

Mineral oils are mixtures of highly refined paraffinic and naphthenic liquid hydrocarbons and have boiling points greater than 200° Celsius (Reference G-14). The initial distillation of crude oil is used to remove lighter petroleum fractions, such as gasoline and naphtha, and the remaining fractions consist of raw materials for fuel oil, coke, lubrication grease, and asphalts. This residue is processed through a vacuum distillation column to isolate the raw materials for lubricating oil production.

Lubricating oil production includes hydrotreating, deasphalting, and dewaxing processes that eliminate components such as multiple-ring aromatics, asphalt-like compounds, and straight-chain paraffins. The extensive refining requirements for mineral oil production result in high energy requirements in comparison to other refinery products. However, mineral oil (and other components of the lubricating oil category) represent less than one percent of total refinery output; thus, while they are energy intensive, they represent a small share of total refinery energy.

Mineral oil is used in plastics, such as polystyrene, to improve and control the melt flow rate of the finished polymer (Reference G-14). The energy and environmental burdens in Table G-5 apply to the production of mineral oil.

## General Purpose Polystyrene (GPPS) Resin Production

General-purpose polystyrene (GPPS) is produced by dispensing styrene in water in a reactor and polymerizing in the presence of initiators and suspending agents. Mass polymerization is the most common polymerization process for GPPS in the United States.

Mass polymerization, also known as bulk polymerization, is one of the simplest methods of polymerization. It is often used in the polymerization of step-growth polymers. During step-growth polymerization, the functional sites of monomers react, liberate a small molecule such as water, and repeat the reaction to produce longer and longer polymer chains. Mass polymerization does not suspend the reactants in a solution such as water or organic solvents. The absence of a reaction solution makes heat control difficult and, if not monitored carefully, a mass polymerization reaction can progress too rapidly and overheating or hot spots can occur in the reaction vessel. However, since water or organic solvents are not used, there is a lower chance for contamination of the product (References G-2 and G-17).

After the reactor and contents are cooled, the beads are dewatered and dried. The wastewater is sent to an effluent treatment facility. The dried beads are screened into different sizes and the GPPS resin is packed into containers for shipment to molders.

Data for the production of GPPS resin using mass polymerization were provided by four leading producers (6 plants) in North America to Franklin Associates under contract to Plastics Division of the American Chemistry Council (ACC). The energy requirements and environmental emissions for the production of GPPS resin are shown in Table G-6. Scrap is produced as a coproduct during this process. A mass basis was used to partition the credit for scrap.

As of 2002 there were 12 PS producers and 24 PS plants in the U.S. (Reference G-5). These plants produce all types of polystyrene; it is unknown how many produce GPPS. While data was collected from a small sample of plants, the GPPS producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American GPPS production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by all GPPS data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for GPPS, the collection methods, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for GPPS include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and estimates. The technology represented by the GPPS data represents polymerization by mass suspension. All data submitted for GPPS ranges from 2000 through 2003 and represents U.S. production.

**Table G-5**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF MINERAL OIL FROM REFINED OIL**

	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Refined oil	1,000 lb		1,000 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	188 kwh	1,935	414 kwh	4.50
Natural gas	1,195 cu ft	1,338	74.6 cu meters	3.12
LPG	0.93 gal	101	7.76 liter	0.23
Residual oil	21.8 gal	3,741	182 liter	8.71
Total Process		7,115		16.6
Transportation Energy				
Combination truck	275 ton-miles		885 tonne-km	
Diesel	2.89 gal	459	24.1 liter	1.07
Rail	275 ton-miles		885 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.68 gal	108	5.69 liter	0.25
Total Transportation		567		1.32
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Methylethylketone (MEK)	0.10 lb		0.10 kg	
VOC	0.10 lb		0.10 kg	
Waterborne Wastes.				
Chromium (unspecified)	0.0010 lb		0.0010 kg	
Chromium (Hexavalent)	8.7E-05 lb		8.7E-05 kg	
Phenolic Compounds	9.0E-04 lb		9.0E-04 kg	

References: G-6, G-8, and G-15

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG



**Table G-6**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF GENERAL PURPOSE POLYSTYRENE (GPPS)**

<b>Material Inputs</b>	<b>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</b>		<b>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</b>	
Styrene	999 lb		999 kg	
Mineral oil	2.57 lb		2.57 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>	47.4 gal		395 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	52.2 kwh	537	115 kwh	1.25
Natural gas	321 cu ft	360	20.0 cu meter	0.84
Total Process		897		2.09
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Carbon Monoxide	0.019 lb		0.019 kg	
HCFC-022	0.001 lb (1)		0.001 kg	
Hydrocarbons (NM)	0.120 lb		0.120 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.043 lb		0.043 kg	
Other Organics	0.01 lb (1)		0.010 kg	
Particulates (unknown)	0.024 lb		0.024 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	3.3E-04 lb		0.000 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	0.63 lb		0.63 kg	
Burned	0.017 lb		0.02 kg	
Waste-to-Energy	1.54 lb		1.54 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
Ammonia	1.E-04 lb (1)		5.E-04 kg	
BOD	1.E-04 lb (1)		1.E-04 kg	
Chromium	1.E-05 lb (1)		5.E-05 kg	
Cyanide	1.E-06 lb (1)		1.E-06 kg	
Dissolved solids	1 lb (1)		1 kg	
Hydrocarbons	1.E-05 lb (1)		1.E-05 kg	
Iron	1.E-05 lb (1)		1.E-05 kg	
Lead	1.E-05 lb (1)		5.E-05 kg	
Nickel	1.E-05 lb (1)		5.E-05 kg	
Oil	1.E-04 lb (1)		1.E-04 kg	
Phenol	1.E-06 lb (1)		1.E-06 kg	
Phosphates	0.001 lb (1)		0.001 kg	
Suspended Solids	1.E-04 lb (1)		5.E-04 kg	
Zinc	2.E-05 lb		5.E-05 kg	

(1) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.

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Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

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## APPENDIX H

### HIGH-IMPACT POLYSTYRENE (HIPS)

#### INTRODUCTION

This appendix discusses the manufacture of high-impact polystyrene (HIPS) resin. Examples of HIPS end-uses are flatware and medical products. Almost 6.5 billion pounds of polystyrene in general were produced in the U.S. and Canada in 2003 (Reference H-1). The material flow for HIPS resin is shown in Figure H-1. The total unit process energy and emissions data (cradle-to-HIPS) for HIPS are displayed in Table H-1. No fuel-related energy or emissions are included in Table H-1. Individual process tables on the bases of 1,000 pounds and 1,000 kilograms are also shown within this appendix. Processes that have been discussed in previous appendices have been omitted from this appendix. The following processes are included in this appendix:

- Butadiene Production
- Polybutadiene Production
- HIPS Resin

Crude oil production, distillation, desalting and hydrotreating, natural gas production, natural gas processing, and ethylene production are discussed in Appendix B. Pygas production, benzene production, and ethylbenzene/styrene production are discussed in Appendix G.

#### Butadiene Production

Commercial routes to production of butadiene are dehydrogenation of n-butane and n-butenes, and formation as a by-product during the manufacture of olefins. As of 2002, almost all butadiene is produced as an ethylene steam-cracking coproduct (Reference H-2).

Typical production of ethylene, propylene, and other coproducts begins when hydrocarbons and steam are fed to the cracking furnace. After being heated to temperatures around 1,000° Celsius, the cracked products are quenched in heat exchangers which produce high pressure steam. Fuel oil is separated from the main gas stream in a multi-stage centrifugal compressor. The main gas stream then undergoes hydrogen sulfide removal and drying. The final step involves fractional distillation of the various reaction products.

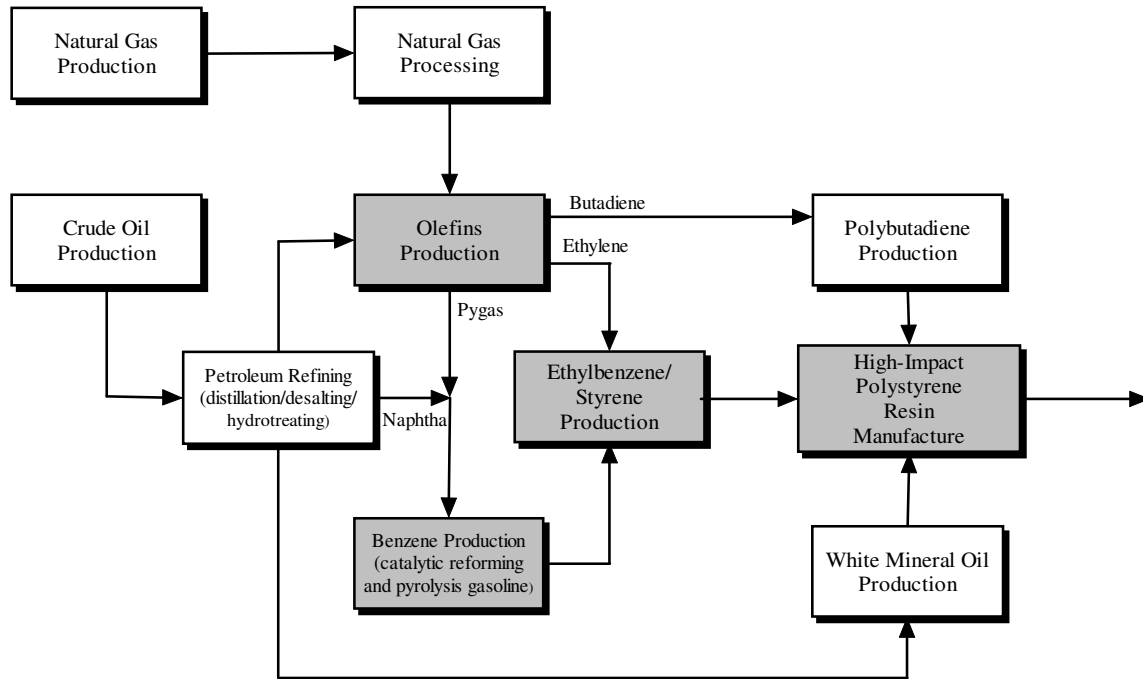


Figure H-1. Flow diagram for the production of high-impact polystyrene resin. Shaded boxes represent partial or complete data provided by manufacturers specifically for this APC analysis.

Within the hydrocracker, an offgas is produced from the raw materials entering. A portion of this offgas is used within the hydrocracker to produce steam, while the remaining portion is exported from the hydrocracker as a coproduct, as discussed below. The offgas used within the hydrocracker is shown in Table H-2 as “Internal offgas use.” This offgas is shown as a weight of natural gas and petroleum input to produce the energy, as well as the energy amount produced from those weights.

Data was collected from individual plants, and a mass allocation was used to provide an output of 1,000 pounds/kilograms of olefin product. Then a weighted average using butadiene production amounts was applied to the individual olefins plant production data collected from three leading producers (3 thermal cracking units) in North America. Transportation amounts for butadiene were estimated (References H-2 and H-4). Numerous coproduct streams are produced during this process. Fuel gas and off-gas were two of the coproducts produced that were exported to another process for fuel use. When these fuel coproducts are exported from the hydrocracker, they carry with them the allocated share of the inputs and outputs for their production. The ratio of the mass of the exported fuel over the total mass output was removed from the total inputs and outputs of the hydrocracker, and the remaining inputs and outputs are allocated over the material hydrocracker products (Equation 1).

**Table H-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF HIGH-IMPACT POLYSTYRENE (HIPS) RESIN**  
**(Cradle-to-Resin)**  
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	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Raw Materials</b>				
Crude oil	697 lb		697 kg	
Natural Gas	415 lb		415 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>
		<b>Energy</b>		<b>Energy</b>
		<b>Thousand Btu</b>		<b>GigaJoules</b>
<b>Energy of Material Resource</b>				
Natural Gas		8,897		20.7
Petroleum		13,074		30.4
Total Resource		<u>21,971</u>		<u>51.1</u>
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	235 kwh	2,496	517 kwh	5.81
Electricity (cogeneration)	159 cu ft (2)	178	9.92 cu meters	0.41
Natural gas	9,522 cu ft	10,664	594 cu meters	24.8
LPG	0.12 gal	12.8	0.99 liter	0.030
Distillate oil	0.48 gal	76.6	4.02 liter	0.18
Residual oil	5.72 gal	982	47.8 liter	2.29
Gasoline	0.11 gal	15.4	0.90 liter	0.036
Diesel	0.0033 gal	0.52	0.027 liter	0.0012
<b>Internal Offgas use (1)</b>				
From Oil	42.7 lb	1,184	42.7 kg	2.76
From Natural Gas	83.9 lb	2,390	83.9 kg	5.56
Recovered Energy	4.14 thousand Btu	4.14	9.63 MJ	0.0096
Total Process		<u>17,995</u>		<u>41.9</u>
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
Combination truck	123 ton-miles		396 tonne-km	
Diesel	1.29 gal	205	10.8 liter	0.48
Rail	146 ton-miles		470 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.36 gal	57.5	3.02 liter	0.13
Barge	430 ton-miles		1,383 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.34 gal	54.6	2.87 liter	0.13
Residual oil	1.14 gal	196	9.54 liter	0.46
Ocean freighter	1,162 ton-miles		3,741 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.22 gal	35.1	1.84 liter	0.082
Residual	1.99 gal	341	16.6 liter	0.79
Pipeline-natural gas	249 ton-miles		800 tonne-km	
Natural gas	172 cu ft	192	10.7 cu meter	0.45
Pipeline-petroleum products	243 ton-miles		782 tonne-km	
Electricity	5.30 kwh	54.2	11.7 kwh	0.13
Total Transportation		<u>1,136</u>		<u>2.64</u>

- (1) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.
- (2) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency. If offgas was used within the cogen plant, the energy amount is shown within the Internal Offgas use.

Table H-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF HIGH-IMPACT POLYSTYRENE (HIPS) RESIN  
(Cradle-to-Resin)  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>		
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>		
Acid (unknown)	1.0E-06 lb	1.0E-06 kg
Ammonia	0.0026 lb	0.0026 kg
Antimony	1.5E-06 lb	1.5E-06 kg
Arsenic	1.9E-07 lb	1.9E-07 kg
Benzene	0.049 lb	0.049 kg
Carbon Dioxide - Fossil	313 lb	313 kg
Carbon Monoxide	0.58 lb	0.58 kg
Carbon Tetrachloride	9.9E-07 lb	9.9E-07 kg
CFC 13 (Methane, trichlorofluoro-)	1.6E-05 lb	1.6E-05 kg
Chlorine	1.3E-04 lb	1.3E-04 kg
Chromium	4.9E-07 lb	4.9E-07 kg
Ethylbenzene	0.0057 lb	0.0057 kg
Ethylene Dibromide	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
HCFC-22	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Hydrogen	0.0024 lb	0.0024 kg
Hydrogen Chloride	5.2E-07 lb	5.2E-07 kg
NM VOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin	0.49 lb	0.49 kg
Methane	6.58 lb	6.58 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	0.0018 lb	0.0018 kg
Nickel	4.2E-06 lb	4.2E-06 kg
Nitrogen Oxides	0.49 lb	0.49 kg
Non-Methane Hydrocarbons	0.93 lb	0.93 kg
Other Organics	0.010 lb	0.010 kg
Particulates (PM10)	0.092 lb	0.092 kg
Particulates (PM2.5)	0.024 lb	0.024 kg
Particulates (unspecified)	0.044 lb	0.044 kg
Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (total)	4.1E-05 lb	4.1E-05 kg
Sulfur Dioxide	1.12 lb	1.12 kg
Sulfur Oxides	0.33 lb	0.33 kg
Toluene	0.074 lb	0.074 kg
VOC	0.40 lb	0.40 kg
Xylene	0.043 lb	0.043 kg
<b>Solid Wastes</b>		
Landfilled	41.6 lb	41.6 kg
Burned	3.72 lb	3.72 kg
Waste-to-Energy	1.15 lb	1.15 kg
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>		
m-Xylene	8.4E-06 lb	8.4E-06 kg
1-Methylfluorene	1.4E-08 lb	1.4E-08 kg
2,4-Dimethylphenol	8.2E-06 lb	8.2E-06 kg
2-Hexanone	1.9E-06 lb	1.9E-06 kg
2-Methylnaphthalene	4.4E-06 lb	4.4E-06 kg
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	5.1E-07 lb	5.1E-07 kg
Acetone	1.2E-06 lb	1.2E-06 kg
Acid (benzoic)	3.0E-04 lb	3.0E-04 kg
Acid (hexanoic)	6.1E-05 lb	6.1E-05 kg
Alkylated benzenes	5.5E-05 lb	5.5E-05 kg
Alkylated fluorenes	3.2E-06 lb	3.2E-06 kg
Alkylated naphthalenes	9.1E-07 lb	9.1E-07 kg
Alkylated phenanthrenes	3.8E-07 lb	3.8E-07 kg
Aluminum	0.027 lb	0.027 kg
Ammonia	0.015 lb	0.015 kg
Antimony	1.7E-05 lb	1.7E-05 kg
Arsenic	5.8E-05 lb	5.8E-05 kg
Barium	0.37 lb	0.37 kg
Benzene	3.3E-04 lb	3.3E-04 kg
Beryllium	3.6E-06 lb	3.6E-06 kg
BOD	0.42 lb	0.42 kg
Boron	9.1E-04 lb	9.1E-04 kg
Bromide	0.038 lb	0.038 kg
Cadmium	8.9E-06 lb	8.9E-06 kg
Calcium	0.62 lb	0.62 kg
Chlorides	7.64 lb	7.64 kg
Chromium (hexavalent)	1.6E-06 lb	1.6E-06 kg

Table H-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF HIGH-IMPACT POLYSTYRENE (HIPS) RESIN  
(Cradle-to-Resin)  
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	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>	<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>
Chromium (unspecified)	7.6E-04 lb	7.6E-04 kg
Cobalt	6.4E-06 lb	6.4E-06 kg
COD	1.07 lb	1.07 kg
Copper	7.9E-05 lb	7.9E-05 kg
Cyanide	1.0E-06 lb	1.0E-06 kg
Dibenzofuran	2.3E-08 lb	2.3E-08 kg
Dibenzothiophene	1.9E-08 lb	1.9E-08 kg
Dissolved Solids	10.5 lb	10.5 kg
Ethylbenzene	9.6E-04 lb	9.6E-04 kg
Fluorene	1.5E-06 lb	1.5E-06 kg
Iron	0.051 lb	0.051 kg
Lead	1.6E-04 lb	1.6E-04 kg
Lead 210	3.0E-14 lb	3.0E-14 kg
Lithium	0.075 lb	0.075 kg
Magnesium	0.12 lb	0.12 kg
Manganese	1.8E-04 lb	1.8E-04 kg
Mercury	3.4E-07 lb	3.4E-07 kg
Methyl Chloride	4.9E-09 lb	4.9E-09 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	9.8E-09 lb	9.8E-09 kg
Molybdenum	6.7E-06 lb	6.7E-06 kg
Naphthalene	5.3E-06 lb	5.3E-06 kg
n-Decane	8.4E-06 lb	8.4E-06 kg
n-Docosane	1.3E-07 lb	1.3E-07 kg
n-Dodecane	1.6E-05 lb	1.6E-05 kg
n-Eicosane	4.4E-06 lb	4.4E-06 kg
n-Hexacosane	8.1E-08 lb	8.1E-08 kg
n-Hexadecane	1.7E-05 lb	1.7E-05 kg
Nickel	7.9E-05 lb	7.9E-05 kg
n-Octadecane	4.3E-06 lb	4.3E-06 kg
p-Xylene	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
o-Xylene	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
o-Cresol	8.4E-06 lb	8.4E-06 kg
Oil	0.031 lb	0.031 kg
Pentamethylbenzene	9.1E-09 lb	9.1E-09 kg
Phenanthrene	2.3E-07 lb	2.3E-07 kg
Phenol/ Phenolic Compounds	8.6E-04 lb	8.6E-04 kg
Phosphates	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Tetradecane	6.8E-06 lb	6.8E-06 kg
Radium 226	1.1E-11 lb	1.1E-11 kg
Radium 228	5.4E-14 lb	5.4E-14 kg
Selenium	4.4E-06 lb	4.4E-06 kg
Silver	3.8E-04 lb	3.8E-04 kg
Sodium	1.81 lb	1.81 kg
Strontium	0.016 lb	0.016 kg
Styrene	9.4E-04 lb	9.4E-04 kg
Sulfates	0.013 lb	0.013 kg
Sulfides	8.7E-04 lb	8.7E-04 kg
Sulfur	7.1E-04 lb	7.1E-04 kg
Surfactants	1.5E-04 lb	1.5E-04 kg
Suspended Solids	3.14 lb	3.14 kg
Thallium	3.6E-06 lb	3.6E-06 kg
Tin	6.7E-05 lb	6.7E-05 kg
Titanium	2.6E-04 lb	2.6E-04 kg
TOC	5.9E-04 lb	5.9E-04 kg
Toluene	3.6E-04 lb	3.6E-04 kg
Total biphenyls	3.6E-06 lb	3.6E-06 kg
Total dibenzothiophenes	1.1E-08 lb	1.1E-08 kg
Vanadium	4.7E-05 lb	4.7E-05 kg
Xylene, unspecified	1.4E-04 lb	1.4E-04 kg
Yttrium	2.0E-06 lb	2.0E-06 kg
Zinc	0.061 lb	0.061 kg

References: Tables B-2 through B-5, G-2, G-3, G-4, H-2, H-3, and H-4

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG models



$$[IO] \times \left( 1 - \frac{M_{EO}}{M_{Total}} \right) = [IO]_{\text{attributed to remaining hydrocracker products}} \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

where

$IO$  = Input/Output Matrix to produce all products/coproducts

$M_{EO}$  = Mass of Exported Offgas

$M_{Total}$  = Mass of all Products and Coproducts (including fuels)

No energy credit is applied for the exported fuels, since both the inputs and outputs for the exported fuels have been removed from the data set. Table H-2 shows the averaged energy and emissions data for the production of butadiene as a coproduct of olefins.

As of 2002, there were 7 butadiene producers and at least 11 butadiene plants in the U.S. (Reference H-2). While data was collected from a relatively small sample of plants, the olefins producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American butadiene production. All data collected were individually reviewed by the data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for butadiene, the collection method, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for butadiene include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and estimates. The standard production technology for butadiene is the steam cracking of hydrocarbons (including natural gas liquids and petroleum liquids). The data in this module represent steam cracking of natural gas and petroleum. All data submitted for butadiene represent the year 2003 and U.S. and Canada production.

### **Polybutadiene Production**

Polybutadiene is manufactured by solution polymerization using Ziegler-Natta catalysts. The butadiene is treated to remove inhibitors and oxygen. It is then mixed with a solvent and passed through a drying column. The purified feed is fed to the reactors containing various modifiers and catalysts. The reactor effluent is sent to blend tanks for the addition of antioxidants and is then sent to dryers. The energy requirements and environmental emissions for the production of polybutadiene are shown in Table H-3. These data are from primary and secondary sources from the 1970s and were sent to a producer for review.

**Table H-2**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF BUTADIENE**

	<b>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</b>		<b>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</b>	
<b>Material Inputs (1)</b>				
Refined Petroleum Products	360 lb		360 kg	
Processed Natural Gas	648 lb		648 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>				
	216 gal		1,802 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	123 kwh	1,310	271 kwh	3.05
Electricity (cogeneration)	92.7 cu ft (3)	104	5.79 cu meters	0.24
Natural Gas	1,212 cu ft	1,357	75.6 cu meters	3.16
Casoline	0.0032 gal	0.45	0.027 liter	0.0011
Diesel	0.0028 gal	0.44	0.023 liter	0.0010
<b>Internal Offgas use (2)</b>				
From Oil	83.2 lb	2,286	83.2 kg	5.32
From Natural Gas	148 lb	4,063	148 kg	9.46
Recovered Energy	3.61 thousand Btu	3.61	8.39 MJ	0.0084
<b>Total Process</b>		<b>9,117</b>		<b>21.2</b>
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
Combination Truck	95.0 ton-miles		306 tonne-km	
Diesel	1.00 gal	158	8.32 liter	0.37
Rail	95.0 ton-miles		306 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.24 gal	37.4	1.97 liter	0.087
Pipeline-Petroleum Products	45.0 ton-miles		145 tonne-km	
Electricity	0.98 kwh	10.0	2.16 kwh	0.023
<b>Total Transportation</b>		<b>206</b>		<b>0.48</b>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions - Process</b>				
Carbon Monoxide	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
HCFC-022	1.0E-06 lb (4)		1.0E-06 kg	
Hydrogen	1.0E-04 lb (4)		1.0E-04 kg	
Hydrocarbons (NM)	0.010 lb (4)		0.010 kg	
Methane	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Other Organics	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Particulates (unspecified)	1.0E-04 lb (4)		1.0E-04 kg	
Particulates (PM10)	0.10 lb (4)		0.10 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
VOC	0.010 lb (4)		0.010 kg	
<b>Atmospheric Emissions - Fuel-Related (5)</b>				
Carbon Dioxide (fossil)	997 lb		997 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	0.083 lb		0.083 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.53 lb		0.53 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	0.19 lb		0.19 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Landfilled	0.042 lb		0.042 kg	
Burned	7.50 lb		7.50 kg	
Waste-to-Energy	0.0068 lb		0.0068 kg	
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>				
Acetone	1.0E-08 lb (4)		1.0E-08 kg	
Benzene	1.0E-05 lb (4)		1.0E-05 kg	
BOD	0.010 lb (4)		0.010 kg	
COD	0.010 lb (4)		0.010 kg	
Ethylbenzene	1.0E-05 lb (4)		1.0E-05 kg	
Naphthalene	1.0E-08 lb (4)		1.0E-08 kg	
Phenol	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Styrene	1.0E-06 lb (4)		1.0E-06 kg	
Suspended Solids	0.010 lb (4)		0.010 kg	
Toluene	1.0E-04 lb (4)		1.0E-04 kg	
Total Organic Carbon	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	
Xylene	1.0E-06 lb (4)		1.0E-06 kg	

- (1) Specific raw materials from oil refining and natural gas processing include ethane, propane, liquid feed, heavy raffinate, and DNG.
- (2) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.
- (3) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.
- (4) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.
- (5) These fuel-related emissions were provided by the plants. These take into account the combustion of the offgas as well as the natural gas.

References: H-2 through H-5

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

**Table H-3**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF POLYBUTADIENE**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Butadiene	1,015 lb		1,015 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>
		<b>Energy</b>		<b>Energy</b>
		<b>Thousand Btu</b>		<b>GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Natural gas	2,330 cu ft	2,610	145 cu meters	6.08
Total Process		<u>2,610</u>		<u>6.08</u>
Transportation Energy				
To HIPS product				
Combination truck	450 ton-miles		1,448 tonne-km	
Diesel	4.73 gal	750	39.4 liter	1.75
Rail	30.0 ton-miles		96.5 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.074 gal	11.8	0.62 liter	0.028
Barge	440 ton-miles		1,416 ton-miles	
Diesel	0.35 gal	55.9	2.94 liter	0.13
Residual oil	1.17 gal	201	9.77 liter	0.47
Total Transportation		<u>1,019</u>		<u>2.37</u>
To ABS product				
Combination truck	223 ton-miles		718 tonne-km	
Diesel	2.34 gal	372	19.5 liter	0.87
Rail	143 ton-miles		460 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.35 gal	56.3	2.96 liter	0.13
Ocean freighter	803 ton-miles		2,584 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.15 gal	24.2	1.27 liter	0.056
Residual	1.37 gal	236	11.5 liter	0.55
Total Transportation		<u>688</u>		<u>1.60</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Hydrocarbons	13.0 lb		13.0 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	0.10 lb		0.10 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
BOD	0.41 lb		0.41 kg	
COD	0.83 lb		0.83 kg	
Oil	0.070 lb		0.070 kg	
Suspended Solids	1.25 lb		1.25 kg	

References: H-6 through H-9

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

## High-impact Polystyrene (HIPS) Resin

High-impact polystyrene (HIPS) resin can be produced by suspension, mass, or solution polymerization. The North American producers that provided data in this analysis use mass polymerization. HIPS is produced by the polymerization of styrene in the presence of rubber, commonly polybutadiene. The rubber is dissolved within the styrene monomer before it is sent to prepolymerization, where the stabilizers, retardants and other additives are added. Production of these stabilizers, retardants, and additives are not included in this analysis. The types and quantities of these are determined by the end-use application of the HIPS resin; this is a “generic” analysis.

Mass polymerization, also known as bulk polymerization, is one of the simplest methods of polymerization. It is often used in the polymerization of step-growth polymers. During step-growth polymerization, the functional sites of monomers react, liberate a small molecule such as water, and repeat the reaction to produce longer and longer polymer chains. Mass polymerization does not suspend the reactants in a solution such as water or organic solvents. The absence of a reaction solution makes heat control difficult and, if not monitored carefully, a mass polymerization reaction can progress too rapidly and overheating or hot spots can occur in the reaction vessel. However, since water or organic solvents are not used, there is a lower chance for contamination of the product (References H-10 and H-11).

Data for the production of HIPS resin were provided by four leading producers (6 plants) in North America. Table H-4 gives the energy requirements and emissions for the production of high-impact polystyrene resin. Scrap is produced as a coproduct during this process. A mass basis was used to partition the credit for scrap.

As of 2002 there were 12 PS producers and 24 PS plants in the U.S. (Reference H-2). These plants produce all types of polystyrene; it is unknown how many produce HIPS. While data was collected from a small sample of plants, the HIPS producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American HIPS production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by all HIPS data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for HIPS, the collection methods, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for HIPS include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and estimates. The technology represented by the HIPS data represents polymerization by mass suspension. All data submitted for HIPS ranges from 2000 through 2003 and represents U.S. production.

**Table H-4**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF HIGH-IMPACT POLYSTYRENE (HIPS)**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>	<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>
<b>Material Inputs</b>		
Styrene	936 lb	936 kg
Mineral oil	18.1 lb	18.1 kg
Polybutadiene	64.0 lb	64.0 kg
<b>Water Consumption</b>	32.1 gal	268 liter
<b>Energy Usage</b>		
	<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>	<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy		
Electricity (grid)	51.8 kwh	533
Electricity (cogeneration)	44.4 cu ft (1)	49.8
Natural gas	354 cu ft	396
Total Process	<u>979</u>	<u>2.28</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>		
Atmospheric Emissions		
Acid Mist	1.0E-06 lb (2)	1.0E-06 kg
Carbon Monoxide	0.011 lb	0.011 kg
HCFC-22	0.0010 lb (2)	0.0010 kg
Methane	0.0010 lb (2)	0.0010 kg
NM Hydrocarbons	0.028 lb	0.028 kg
Nitrogen Oxides	0.038 lb	0.038 kg
Other Organics	0.0094 lb	0.0094 kg
Particulates (unknown)	0.016 lb	0.016 kg
Particulates (PM10)	0.010 lb (2)	0.010 kg
Sulfur Oxides	1.0E-04 lb (2)	1.0E-04 kg
Solid Wastes		
Landfilled	3.13 lb	3.13 kg
Burned	0.039 lb	0.039 kg
Waste-to-Energy	1.14 lb	1.14 kg
Waterborne Wastes		
Ammonia	1.E-04 lb (2)	1.0E-04 kg
BOD	1.E-04 lb (2)	1.0E-04 kg
Chromium	1.E-05 lb (2)	1.0E-05 kg
Cyanide	1.E-06 lb (2)	1.0E-06 kg
Dissolved solids	2.49 lb	2.49 kg
Iron	1.E-05 lb (2)	1.0E-05 kg
Lead	1.E-05 lb (2)	1.0E-05 kg
Nickel	1.E-05 lb (2)	1.0E-05 kg
Oil	1.E-04 lb (2)	1.0E-04 kg
Phenol	1.E-06 lb (2)	1.0E-06 kg
Phosphates	0.0010 lb (2)	0.0010 kg
Suspended Solids	0.029 lb	0.029 kg
Zinc	0.060 lb	0.060 kg

(1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

(2) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.

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Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

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## APPENDIX I

### POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC)

#### INTRODUCTION

This appendix discusses the manufacture of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) resin. Over half of the PVC produced is used to manufacture pipe and siding. Almost 15 billion pounds of PVC was produced in the U.S. and Canada in 2003 (Reference I-1). The material flow for PVC resin is shown in Figure I-1. The total unit process energy and emissions data (cradle-to-PVC) for PVC are displayed in Table I-1. Individual process tables on the bases of 1,000 pounds and 1,000 kilograms are also shown within this appendix. Processes that have been discussed in previous appendices have been omitted from this appendix. The following processes are included in this appendix:

- Salt Mining
- Sodium Hydroxide or Chlorine Production
- Hydrochloric Acid Production
- Ethylene Dichloride (EDC) Production
- Vinyl Chloride Monomer (VCM) Production
- PVC Resin

Crude oil production, distillation, desalting, and hydrotreating, natural gas production, natural gas processing, and ethylene production are discussed in Appendix B.

No fillers, additives, or plasticizers are included in this analysis; therefore, no compounding process is included.

#### Salt Mining

Salt (sodium chloride) is an abundant, inexpensive commodity used mostly by the chlor-alkali and other chemical industries. The various technologies used include underground mining of rock salt, solution mining of salt brine, vacuum pan salt, and solar salt. Vacuum pan salt and solar salt represent a small portion of U.S. production and are thus not included in this data module. This data module represents a mix of underground mining and solution mining techniques.

Approximately 95 percent of salt-based chlorine and caustic facilities use brine salt. In solution mining, pressurized fresh water is introduced to the bedded salt through an injection well. The brine is then pumped to the surface for treatment.

Approximately 5 percent of salt-based chlorine and caustic facilities use rock salt. Rock salt mining uses the room and pillar method. The room and pillar method excavates a series of rectangular sections, leaving columns of undisturbed salt in order to support the mine roof. After rock salt is crushed in the mine, it is transported by conveyor belts to the surface. On the surface, the rock salt is screened and prepared for shipment.

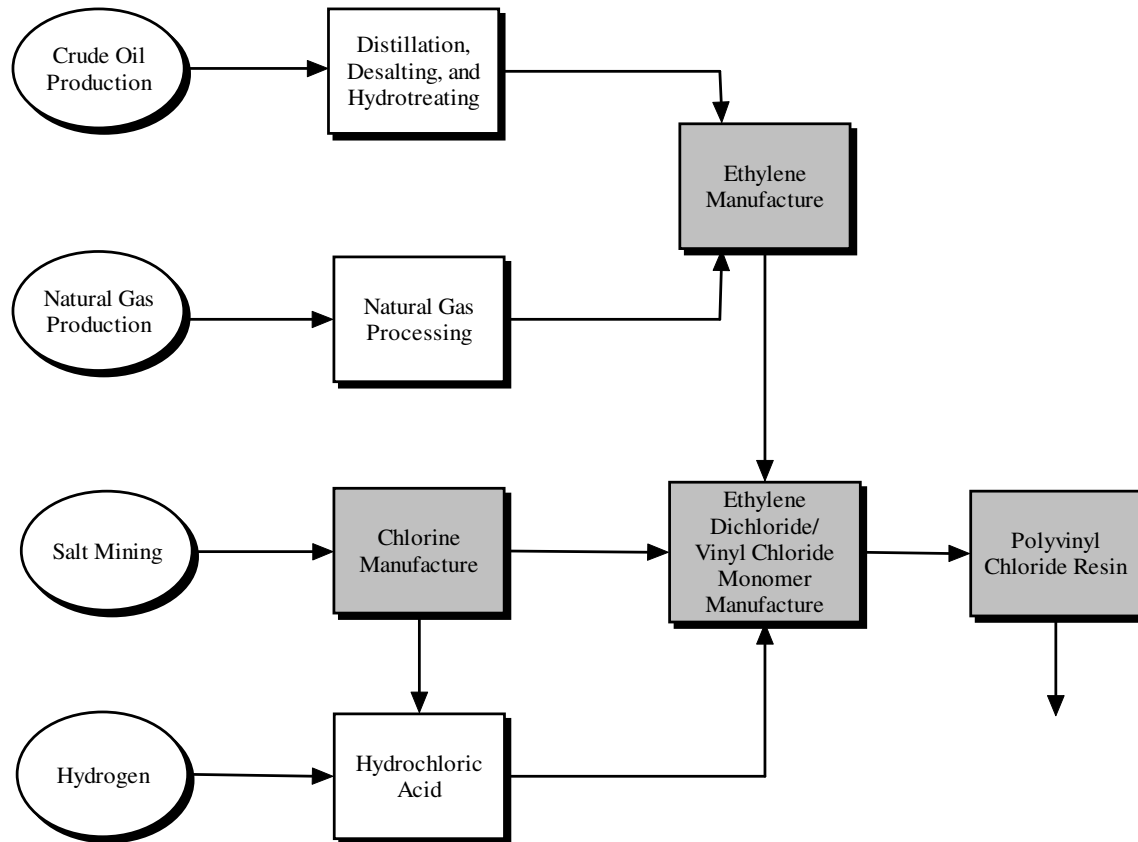


Figure I-1. Flow diagram for the manufacture of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) resin. Shaded boxes represent partial or complete data provided by manufacturers specifically for this analysis.

No data are available for the energy requirements of the solution mining of salt brine in the U.S. Energy data for the mining/extracting and purification of the salt in this analysis come from the Eco-profile of purified brine commissioned by PlasticsEurope. The transportation data was estimated from chlorine data collected from a confidential source.



**Table I-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC) RESIN**  
**(Cradle-to-Resin)**  
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<b>Raw Materials</b>	<b>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</b>		<b>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</b>	
Crude oil	85.9 lb		85.9 kg	
Natural Gas	385 lb		385 kg	
Salt	552 lb		552 kg	
Oxygen	144 lb		144 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Energy of Material Resource				
Natural Gas		8,248		19.2
Petroleum		1,612		3.75
Total Resource		<u>9,860</u>		<u>23.0</u>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	381 kwh	4,053	840 kwh	9.44
Electricity (cogeneration)	1,690 cu ft (2)	1,893	106 cu meters	4.41
Natural gas	5,928 cu ft	6,639	370 cu meters	15.5
LPG	0.013 gal	1.46	0.11 liter	0.0034
Bit./Sbit. Coal	22.3 lb	250	22.3 kg	0.58
Distillate oil	0.75 gal	119	6.27 liter	0.28
Residual oil	0.40 gal	69.5	3.38 liter	0.16
Gasoline	0.052 gal	7.32	0.43 liter	0.017
Diesel	0.0043 gal	0.68	0.036 liter	0.0016
Internal Offgas use (1)				
From Oil	11.8 lb	363	11.8 kg	0.84
From Natural Gas	53.9 lb	1,652	53.9 kg	3.85
Recovered Energy	5.44 thousand Btu	5.44	12.7 MJ	0.013
Total Process		<u>15,043</u>		<u>35.0</u>
Transportation Energy				
Combination truck	18.7 ton-miles		60.2 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.20 gal	31.2	1.64 liter	0.073
Rail	132 ton-miles		425 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.33 gal	52.0	2.73 liter	0.12
Barge	7.81 ton-miles		25.1 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.0063 gal	0.99	0.052 liter	0.0023
Residual oil	0.021 gal	3.57	0.17 liter	0.0083
Ocean freighter	144 ton-miles		464 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.027 gal	4.35	0.23 liter	0.010
Residual	0.25 gal	42.3	2.06 liter	0.10
Pipeline-natural gas	220 ton-miles		708 tonne-km	
Natural gas	152 cu ft	170	9.47 cu meter	0.40
Pipeline-petroleum products	123 ton-miles		394 tonne-km	
Electricity	2.67 kwh	27.4	5.89 kwh	0.064
Total Transportation		<u>332</u>		<u>0.77</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Ammonia	3.4E-04 lb		3.4E-04 kg	
Antimony	2.0E-07 lb		2.0E-07 kg	
Arsenic	2.5E-08 lb		2.5E-08 kg	
Benzene	0.042 lb		0.042 kg	
Carbon Dioxide - Fossil	86.6 lb		86.6 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	0.068 lb		0.068 kg	
Carbon Tetrachloride	1.2E-04 lb		1.2E-04 kg	
CFC 13 (Methane, trichlorofluoro-)	2.1E-06 lb		2.1E-06 kg	

(1) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.

(2) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency. If offgas was used within the cogen plant, the energy amount is shown within the Internal Offgas use.

**Table I-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC) RESIN**  
**(Cradle-to-Resin)**  
**(page 2 of 3)**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>	<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>		
Atmospheric Emissions		
Chlorine	0.17 lb	0.17 kg
Chromium	6.5E-08 lb	6.5E-08 kg
Dioxins (3)	1.1E-10 lb	1.1E-10 kg
Ethylbenzene	0.0050 lb	0.0050 kg
Ethylene Dibromide	4.1E-07 lb	4.1E-07 kg
HCFC-123	5.6E-05 lb	5.6E-05 kg
HCFC-22	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
HFC-134a	5.6E-05 lb	5.6E-05 kg
Hydrogen	0.0018 lb	0.0018 kg
Hydrogen Chloride	0.0029 lb	0.0029 kg
NM VOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin	0.065 lb	0.065 kg
Lead	6.8E-09 lb	6.8E-09 kg
Mercury	1.6E-05 lb	1.6E-05 kg
Methane	2.84 lb	2.84 kg
Nickel	5.5E-07 lb	5.5E-07 kg
Nitrogen Oxides	0.075 lb	0.075 kg
Non-Methane Hydrocarbons	0.042 lb	0.042 kg
Other Organics	0.046 lb	0.046 kg
Particulates (PM10)	0.062 lb	0.062 kg
Particulates (PM2.5)	0.0033 lb	0.0033 kg
Particulates (unspecified)	0.10 lb	0.10 kg
Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (total)	5.4E-06 lb	5.4E-06 kg
Sulfur Dioxide	0.85 lb	0.85 kg
Sulfur Oxides	0.0023 lb	0.0023 kg
TOC	0.0083 lb	0.0083 kg
Toluene	0.065 lb	0.065 kg
Vinyl Chloride (4)	0.039 lb	0.039 kg
VOC	0.34 lb	0.34 kg
Xylene	0.038 lb	0.038 kg
Solid Wastes		
Landfilled	16.5 lb	16.5 kg
Burned	5.84 lb	5.84 kg
Waste-to-Energy	21.7 lb	21.7 kg
Waterborne Wastes		
m-Xylene	3.9E-06 lb	3.9E-06 kg
1-Methylfluorene	9.3E-09 lb	9.3E-09 kg
2,4-Dimethylphenol	3.7E-06 lb	3.7E-06 kg
2-Hexanone	8.7E-07 lb	8.7E-07 kg
2-Methylnaphthalene	2.1E-06 lb	2.1E-06 kg
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	3.4E-07 lb	3.4E-07 kg
Acetone	8.2E-07 lb	8.2E-07 kg
Acid (benzoic)	1.4E-04 lb	1.4E-04 kg
Acid (hexanoic)	2.8E-05 lb	2.8E-05 kg
Alkylated benzenes	2.5E-05 lb	2.5E-05 kg
Alkylated fluorenes	1.4E-06 lb	1.4E-06 kg
Alkylated naphthalenes	4.1E-07 lb	4.1E-07 kg
Alkylated phenanthrenes	1.7E-07 lb	1.7E-07 kg
Aluminum	0.012 lb	0.012 kg
Ammonia	0.0038 lb	0.0038 kg
Antimony	7.7E-06 lb	7.7E-06 kg
Arsenic	2.5E-05 lb	2.5E-05 kg
Barium	0.17 lb	0.17 kg
Benzene	1.4E-04 lb	1.4E-04 kg
Beryllium	1.6E-06 lb	1.6E-06 kg
BOD	0.20 lb	0.20 kg
Boron	4.2E-04 lb	4.2E-04 kg
Bromide	0.016 lb	0.016 kg
Cadmium	3.9E-06 lb	3.9E-06 kg
Calcium	0.27 lb	0.27 kg
Chlorides	3.36 lb	3.36 kg
Chromium (unspecified)	4.3E-04 lb	4.3E-04 kg
Cobalt	3.0E-06 lb	3.0E-06 kg
COD	0.12 lb	0.12 kg
Copper	3.6E-05 lb	3.6E-05 kg

Table I-1  
 DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
 OF POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC) RESIN  
 (Cradle-to-Resin)  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
Cyanide	1.0E-06 lb	1.0E-06 kg
Dibenzofuran	1.5E-08 lb	1.5E-08 kg
Dibenzothiophene	1.3E-08 lb	1.3E-08 kg
Dioxins	2.9E-10 lb	2.9E-10 kg
Dissolved Solids	30.8 lb	30.8 kg
Ethylbenzene	1.2E-05 lb	1.2E-05 kg
Fluorene	6.8E-07 lb	6.8E-07 kg
Iron	0.023 lb	0.023 kg
Lead	6.7E-05 lb	6.7E-05 kg
Lead 210	1.4E-14 lb	1.4E-14 kg
Lithium	0.066 lb	0.066 kg
Magnesium	0.054 lb	0.054 kg
Manganese	7.7E-05 lb	7.7E-05 kg
Mercury	2.6E-07 lb	2.6E-07 kg
Methyl Chloride	3.3E-09 lb	3.3E-09 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	6.6E-09 lb	6.6E-09 kg
Molybdenum	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
Naphthalene	2.4E-06 lb	2.4E-06 kg
n-Decane	3.9E-06 lb	3.9E-06 kg
n-Docosane	8.7E-08 lb	8.7E-08 kg
n-Dodecane	7.3E-06 lb	7.3E-06 kg
n-Eicosane	2.0E-06 lb	2.0E-06 kg
n-Hexacosane	5.4E-08 lb	5.4E-08 kg
n-Hexadecane	8.0E-06 lb	8.0E-06 kg
Nickel	3.1E-05 lb	3.1E-05 kg
Nitrates	0.010 lb	0.010 kg
n-Octadecane	2.0E-06 lb	2.0E-06 kg
p-Xylene	1.4E-06 lb	1.4E-06 kg
o-Xylene	1.4E-06 lb	1.4E-06 kg
o-Cresol	3.8E-06 lb	3.8E-06 kg
Oil	0.0044 lb	0.0044 kg
p-Cresol	4.1E-06 lb	4.1E-06 kg
p-Cymene	8.1E-09 lb	8.1E-09 kg
Pentamethylbenzene	6.1E-09 lb	6.1E-09 kg
Phenanthrene	1.1E-07 lb	1.1E-07 kg
Phenol/ Phenolic Compounds	6.1E-04 lb	6.1E-04 kg
Tetradecane	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
Radium 226	4.8E-12 lb	4.8E-12 kg
Radium 228	2.5E-14 lb	2.5E-14 kg
Selenium	1.6E-06 lb	1.6E-06 kg
Silver	1.6E-04 lb	1.6E-04 kg
Sodium	0.77 lb	0.77 kg
Strontium	0.0073 lb	0.0073 kg
Styrene	4.5E-07 lb	4.5E-07 kg
Sulfates	0.0055 lb	0.0055 kg
Sulfides	2.2E-05 lb	2.2E-05 kg
Sulfur	3.4E-04 lb	3.4E-04 kg
Surfactants	6.6E-05 lb	6.6E-05 kg
Suspended Solids	1.56 lb	1.56 kg
Thallium	1.6E-06 lb	1.6E-06 kg
Tin	3.0E-05 lb	3.0E-05 kg
Titanium	1.2E-04 lb	1.2E-04 kg
TOC	4.5E-04 lb	4.5E-04 kg
Toluene	1.7E-04 lb	1.7E-04 kg
Total biphenyls	1.6E-06 lb	1.6E-06 kg
Total dibenzothiophenes	5.0E-09 lb	5.0E-09 kg
Vanadium	8.7E-06 lb	8.7E-06 kg
Vinyl Chloride (2)	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Xylene, unspecified	6.1E-05 lb	6.1E-05 kg
Yttrium	9.0E-07 lb	9.0E-07 kg
Zinc	3.8E-04 lb	3.8E-04 kg

Note: No additives or plasticizers are included in this data.

- (3) This emission was provided by the Vinyl Institute based on 2003 Dioxin TRI values and listed EDC capacity for the site assuming an operating rate at EDC capacity. Molar ratios were used to convert to units for PVC. These amounts were calculated as toxic equivalent values (TEQ).
- (4) This vinyl chloride emission was provided by the Vinyl Institute, based on 2003 Vinyl Chloride TRI reported values and 2003 PVC production reported by ACC Resin Statistic Report. This value was used to represent a more industry wide average value to account for facilities that did not participate in the LCI inventory. Actual reported figures were lower than the industry average.

References: Tables B-2 through B-6 and I-2 through I-5.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG models

No U.S. data are available for air emissions from salt mining. Since salt mining involves no chemical reactions and minimal processing requirements, it is assumed that negligible process emissions result from salt mining. Total suspended solids (TSS) are the only BPT limited water effluent from sodium chloride production (Reference I-2). No data are available for other water effluents. However, BPT limitations for sodium chloride production by solution mining stipulate that no process wastewater is returned to navigable waters. Any solution remaining after the recovery of salt brine can be returned to the body of water or salt deposit from which it originally came (Reference I-3). Salt deposits are relatively pure and require minimal beneficiation (Reference I-4). Any overburden that may be removed during rock salt mining can be returned to the mining site after the salt is recovered. Similarly, solution mining is a technology that does not generate significant amounts of solid wastes. It is thus assumed that salt mining produces negligible quantities of solid waste.

Table I-2 displays the energy requirements for the mining/extraction and purification of salt.

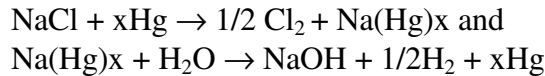
### **Sodium Hydroxide or Chlorine Production**

Caustic soda (sodium hydroxide) and chlorine are produced from salt by an electrolytic process. The aqueous sodium chloride solution is electrolyzed to produce caustic soda, chlorine, and hydrogen gas.

There are three commercial processes for the electrolysis of sodium chloride: (1) the diaphragm cell process, (2) the mercury cathode cell process, and (3) the membrane cell process. Diaphragm cell electrolysis is used for 66.4 percent of production, mercury cathode cell electrolysis is used for 8.6 percent of production, and membrane cell electrolysis is used for 22.9 percent of production (Reference I-8). Membrane cell electrolysis is the most recent of these technologies and is gradually gaining commercial acceptance. Membrane cell electrolysis has relatively low energy requirements, but its high capital costs have hindered its growth (Reference I-8). Limited data are available for membrane cell electrolysis; this data module thus assigns 91.4 percent of chlorine and caustic soda production to diaphragm/membrane cell electrolysis and 8.6 percent of chlorine and caustic soda production to mercury cathode cell electrolysis (Reference I-3). The mercury cell technology is more likely to be used to produce high-purity caustic, than chlorine to be used in EDC; however, a small percentage (1.4 percent) of chlorine used in EDC does still come from mercury cells (Reference I-9).

The diaphragm cell uses graphite anodes and steel cathodes. Brine solution is passed through the anode compartment of the cell, where the salt is decomposed into chlorine gas and sodium ions. The gas is removed through a pipe at the top of the cell. The sodium ions pass through a cation-selective diaphragm. The depleted brine is either resaturated with salt or concentrated by evaporation and recycled to the cell. The sodium ions transferred across the diaphragm react with water at the cathode to produce hydrogen and sodium hydroxide. Diffusion of the cathode products back into the brine solution is prevented by the diaphragm.

The mercury cell uses graphite anodes and mercury cathodes. Sodium reacts with the mercury cathode to produce an amalgam (an alloy of mercury and sodium) that is sent to another compartment of the cell and reacted with water to produce hydrogen and high purity sodium hydroxide. The chemistry that occurs at the mercury cathode includes the following reactions:



Mercury loss is a disadvantage of the mercury cathode cell process. Some of the routes by which mercury can escape are in the hydrogen gas stream, in cell room ventilation air and washing water, through purging of the brine loop and disposal of brine sludges, and through end box fumes.

**Table I-2**  
**DATA FOR THE MINING OF SALT**

Energy Usage	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
		Total Energy Thousand Btu		Total Energy GigaJoules
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	15.1 kwh	155	33.3 kwh	0.36
Natural gas	397 cu ft	445	24.8 cu meters	1.04
Bit./Sbit. Coal	11.7 lb	131	11.7 kg	0.31
Distillate oil	1.21 gal	192	10.1 liter	0.45
Total Process		924		2.15
Transportation Energy				
Rail	1.25 ton-miles		4.02 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.0031 gal	0.49	0.026 liter	0.0011
Barge	1.25 ton-miles		4.02 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.0010 gal	0.16	0.0083 liter	3.7E-04
Residual oil	0.0033 gal	0.57	0.028 liter	0.0013
Pipeline-petroleum products	114 ton-miles		367 tonne-km	
Electricity	2.49 kwh	25.5	5.48 kwh	0.059
Total Transportation		26.7		0.062

References: I-5 through I-7

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

Titanium anodes, coated with metal oxide finishes, are gaining commercial acceptance and are gradually replacing graphite anodes. The advantages of titanium anodes are (1) corrosion resistance and (2) the low activation energy for electrolysis at the anode surface (Reference I-10).

The reason coproduct credit was given is that it is not possible, using the electrolytic cell, to get chlorine from salt without also producing sodium hydroxide and hydrogen, both of which have commercial value as useful coproducts. Likewise, sodium hydroxide cannot be obtained without producing the valuable coproducts of chlorine and hydrogen. Furthermore, it is not possible to control the cell to increase or decrease the amount of chlorine or caustic soda resulting from a given input of salt. This is determined by the stoichiometry of the reaction; the electrolysis of sodium chloride produces approximately 1.1 tons caustic soda per ton of chlorine. Caustic soda is usually handled and sold as a 50% solution in water.

The energy requirements and environmental emissions for the production of sodium hydroxide or chlorine are given in Tables I-3a and I-3b. Diaphragm and mercury cells are considered as the main source of chlorine/caustic in this analysis. Data was collected from one plant that used both the diaphragm and membrane technologies, and so their dataset represented both cells. According to a study performed by Chemical Market Associates, Inc. (CMAI), the approximate amount of chlorine from mercury cell technology going into U.S. EDC production is 1.4 percent. Two percent of the chlorine used by EDC plants is assumed to come from the mercury cell technology as shown in Table I-3a. For the overall chlorine/caustic industry, it is estimated that 91.4 percent of the cell technology is diaphragm and membrane, while 8.6 percent of the cell technology is mercury. The collected datasets were weighted using these fractions in Table I-3b.

As of 2003 there were 20 chlorine/caustic producers and 41 chlorine/caustic plants in the U.S. for the three standard technologies (Reference I-7). The chlorine/caustic data collected for this module represent 1 producer and 3 plants in the U.S. Besides this recently collected data, 2 diaphragm cell datasets and 2 mercury cell datasets were used from the early 1990s. While data was collected from a small sample of plants, the chlorine/caustic producer who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plant are representative of the diaphragm/membrane cell technology for North American chlorine/caustic production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by the chlorine/caustic data provider.

One of the five company datasets was collected for this project and represents 2003 data, while the other four datasets comes from 1989-1992. The 2003 data were collected from direct measurements, calculated from equipment specifications, taken from purchasing/utility records, and engineering estimates. The collection methods for the older data are unknown.

## Hydrochloric Acid Production

Although there are a number of processes used to produce hydrochloric acid, this analysis assumes that it is produced from the synthesis of the elements hydrogen and chloride ( $H_2 + Cl_2 \rightarrow 2HCl$ ). Most hydrochloric acid used in the production of EDC comes from producing VCM. However, some EDC producers must supplement the amount of hydrochloric acid.

The dataset used in this analysis for hydrochloric acid comes from the ecoinvent Database. It is shown in Table I-4 as a cradle-to-gate process due to confidentiality issues concerning showing unit process data from the EcoInvent Database. The dataset itself is provided by Swiss Centre for LCI, EMPA from the 2007 Life Cycle Inventories of Chemicals. The dataset states that the data represents a cross-section of actual plants in Europe for the years 1997-2000.

## Ethylene Dichloride (EDC) Production

Ethylene dichloride is produced from the reaction of ethylene and chlorine. Ethylene is chlorinated in the liquid phase at a temperature of 20° to 120° C and a pressure of 75 psi. A ferric chloride catalyst is used to drive the reaction. The crude product from the reactor is then purified by distillation to yield ethylene dichloride. Ethylene dichloride data was collected with VCM data and are included within the VCM dataset (Table I-5).

## Vinyl Chloride Monomer (VCM) Production

Vinyl chloride monomer (VCM) is produced almost exclusively by thermal cleavage (dehydrochlorination) of ethylene dichloride. The ethylene dichloride is fed to the cracking unit to form VCM and HCl. The HCl from this process is fed back to the ethylene dichloride reaction. In the case of the collected EDC/VCM data, either the producer used all HCl produced or not enough HCl was produced, and supplemental HCl was purchased. Unreacted ethylene dichloride is separated from the VCM.

Data for the production of EDC/VCM were provided by three leading producers (3 plants) in North America to Franklin Associates under contract to Plastics Division of the American Chemistry Council (ACC). The energy requirements and environmental emissions for the production of EDC/VCM are shown in Table I-5. Dichloroethane is produced as a coproduct during this process. A mass basis was used to partition the credit for this coproduct.

**Table I-3a**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF SODIUM HYDROXIDE OR CHLORINE**  
**(98.6 % Diaphragm/Membrane and 1.4% Mercury Technologies)**

	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Salt	892 lb		892 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>	384 gal		3,204 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	277 kwh	2,851	611 kwh	6.64
Electricity (cogeneration)	1,126 cu ft (1)	1,261	70.3 cu meters	2.93
Natural gas	1,945 cu ft	2,178	121 cu meters	5.07
Bit./Sbit. Coal	25.6 lb	287	25.6 kg	0.67
Residual oil	0.060 gal	10.3	0.50 liter	0.024
Total Process		6,587		15.3
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
Combination truck	24.6 ton-miles		79.2 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.26 gal	41.0	2.16 liter	0.10
Rail	66.5 ton-miles		214 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.16 gal	26.2	1.38 liter	0.061
Pipeline-petroleum products	2.60 ton-miles		8.37 tonne-km	
Electricity	0.057 kwh	0.58	0.12 kwh	0.0014
Total Transportation		67.8		0.16
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
Benzene	2.2E-05 lb		2.2E-05 kg	
Carbon Dioxide (fossil)	0.074 lb		0.074 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	1.4E-04 lb		1.4E-04 kg	
Carbon Tetrachloride	1.9E-04 lb		1.9E-04 kg	
Chlorine	0.0011 lb		0.0011 kg	
HFCs/HCFCs	1.8E-04 lb		1.8E-04 kg	
NM Hydrocarbons	2.7E-04 lb		2.7E-04 kg	
Hydrogen Chloride	3.2E-04 lb		3.2E-04 kg	
Lead	1.1E-08 lb		1.1E-08 kg	
Mercury	2.6E-05 lb		2.6E-05 kg	
Methane	1.1E-06 lb		1.1E-06 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.0038 lb		0.0038 kg	
Other Organics	8.0E-06 lb		8.0E-06 kg	
Particulates	0.0028 lb		0.0028 kg	
PM2.5	1.2E-04 lb		1.2E-04 kg	
PM10	0.021 lb		0.021 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	5.5E-04 lb		5.5E-04 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Landfilled	0.63 lb		0.63 kg	
Burned	1.42 lb		1.42 kg	
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>				
BOD	0.27 lb		0.27 kg	
Copper	1.2E-07 lb		1.2E-07 kg	
Dissolved Solids	44.3 lb		44.3 kg	
Lead	5.6E-07 lb		5.6E-07 kg	
Mercury	2.0E-07 lb		2.0E-07 kg	
Nickel	5.8E-07 lb		5.8E-07 kg	
Sulfides	7.3E-06 lb		7.3E-06 kg	
Suspended Solids	0.080 lb		0.080 kg	
Zinc	5.6E-07 lb		5.6E-07 kg	

(1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

Note: According to a study performed by Chemical Market Associates, Inc. (CMAI), the approximate amount of chlorine from mercury cell technology going into EDC production is 1.4 percent. This dataset assumes 98.6 percent of the chlorine used by EDC plants comes from the diaphragm/membrane technology.

References: I-6, I-11, I-12, and I-14

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG



**Table I-3b**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF SODIUM HYDROXIDE OR CHLORINE**  
**(91.4% Diaphragm/Membrane and 8.6% Mercury Technologies)**

	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Salt	884 lb		884 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>	384 gal		3,204 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	306 kwh	3,149	675 kwh	7.33
Electricity (cogeneration)	1039 cu ft (1)	1,164	64.9 cu meters	2.71
Natural gas	1,821 cu ft	2,040	114 cu meters	4.75
Bit./Sbit. Coal	25.0 lb	281	25.0 kg	0.65
Residual oil	0.15 gal	25.7	1.25 liter	0.060
Total Process		6,659		15.5
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
<b>Used in Rigid and Flexible Polyols</b>				
Combination truck	67.4 ton-miles		217 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.71 gal	112	5.91 liter	0.26
Rail	20.6 ton-miles		66.3 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.05 gal	8.11	0.43 liter	0.019
Total Transportation		120		0.28
<b>Used in MDI and TDI</b>				
Pipeline-petroleum products	1.25 ton-miles		4.01 tonne-km	
Electricity	0.027 kwh	0.28	0.060 kwh	6.5E-04
Total Transportation		0.28		6.5E-04
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
Benzene	2.1E-05 lb		2.1E-05 kg	
Carbon Dioxide (fossil)	0.069 lb		0.069 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	1.3E-04 lb		1.3E-04 kg	
Carbon Tetrachloride	1.8E-04 lb		1.8E-04 kg	
Chlorine	0.0011 lb		0.0011 kg	
HCFE-123	8.5E-05 lb		8.5E-05 kg	
HFC-134a	8.5E-05 lb		8.5E-05 kg	
NM Hydrocarbons	2.5E-04 lb		2.5E-04 kg	
Hydrogen Chloride	3.0E-04 lb		3.0E-04 kg	
Lead	1.0E-08 lb		1.0E-08 kg	
Mercury	1.6E-04 lb		1.6E-04 kg	
Methane	9.9E-07 lb		9.9E-07 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.0035 lb		0.0035 kg	
Other Organics	7.4E-06 lb		7.4E-06 kg	
Particulates	0.0027 lb		0.0027 kg	
PM2.5	1.1E-04 lb		1.1E-04 kg	
PM10	0.019 lb		0.019 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	5.1E-04 lb		5.1E-04 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Landfilled	1.20 lb		1.20 kg	
Bumed	1.32 lb		1.32 kg	
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>				
BOD	0.25 lb		0.25 kg	
Copper	1.1E-07 lb		1.1E-07 kg	
Dissolved Solids	41.0 lb		41.0 kg	
Lead	5.2E-07 lb		5.2E-07 kg	
Mercury	5.1E-07 lb		5.1E-07 kg	
Nickel	5.4E-07 lb		5.4E-07 kg	
Sulfides	4.5E-05 lb		4.5E-05 kg	
Suspended Solids	0.074 lb		0.074 kg	
Zinc	5.2E-07 lb		5.2E-07 kg	

(1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.  
References: I-6, I-11, I-12, and I-14

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

**Table I-4**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF HYDROCHLORIC ACID**  
**(Cradle-to-Gate)**  
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Energy Usage	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
		Total Energy Thousand Btu		Total Energy GigaJoules
Energy of Material Resource				
Natural Gas		1,878		4.37
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	439 kwh	4,517	968 kwh	10.5
Electricity (cogeneration)	1,097 cu ft (1)	1,229	68.5 cu meters	2.86
Natural gas	2,358 cu ft	2,641	147 cu meters	6.15
Coal (bituminous)	35.1 lb	395	35.1 kg	0.92
Distillate oil	1.06 gal	169	8.89 liter	0.39
Residual oil	0.067 gal	11.4	0.56 liter	0.027
Gasoline	0.0071 gal	1.00	0.059 liter	0.0023
Total Process		8,963		20.9
Transportation Energy				
Combination truck	24.4 ton-miles		78.4 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.26 gal	40.6	2.14 liter	0.095
Rail	66.3 ton-miles		213 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.16 gal	26.1	1.37 liter	0.061
Barge	1.09 ton-miles		3.50 tonne-km	
Diesel	8.7E-04 gal	0.14	0.0073 liter	3.2E-04
Residual oil	0.0029 gal	0.50	0.024 liter	0.0012
Pipeline-natural gas	39.3 ton-miles		126 tonne-km	
Natural gas	27.1 cu ft	30.3	1.69 cu meter	0.071
Pipeline-petroleum products	104 ton-miles		334 tonne-km	
Electricity	2.26 kwh	23.2	4.98 kwh	0.054
Total Transportation		121		0.28
<b>Environmental Emissions (Process)</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Benzene	0.0076 lb		0.0076 kg	
Carbon Dioxide (Fossil)	222 lb		222 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	0.19 lb		0.19 kg	
Carbon Tetrachloride	1.9E-04 lb		1.9E-04 kg	
Chlorine	1.90 lb		1.90 kg	
Ethylbenzene	9.4E-04 lb		9.4E-04 kg	
HCFC-123	8.8E-05 lb		8.8E-05 kg	
HFC-134a	8.8E-05 lb		8.8E-05 kg	
Hydrogen Chloride	3.1E-04 lb		3.1E-04 kg	
Lead	1.1E-08 lb		1.1E-08 kg	
Mercury	2.5E-05 lb		2.5E-05 kg	
Methane	1.11 lb		1.11 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.0037 lb		0.0037 kg	
Non-Methane Hydrocarbons	2.6E-04 lb		2.6E-04 kg	
Other Organics	7.8E-06 lb		7.8E-06 kg	
Particulates (PM10)	0.020 lb		0.020 kg	
Particulates (PM2.5)	1.2E-04 lb		1.2E-04 kg	
Particulates (unspecified)	0.0027 lb		0.0027 kg	

(1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

**Table I-4**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF HYDROCHLORIC ACID**  
**(Cradle-to-Gate)**  
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	<b>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</b>	<b>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</b>
Sulfur Oxides	1.91 lb	1.91 kg
TOC	0.097 lb	0.097 kg
Toluene	0.012 lb	0.012 kg
VOC	0.060 lb	0.060 kg
Xylene	0.0068 lb	0.0068 kg
<b>Solid Wastes</b>		
Landfilled	2.61 lb	2.61 kg
Burned	1.38 lb	1.38 kg
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>		
1-Methylfluorene	3.9E-08 lb	3.9E-08 kg
2,4-Dimethylphenol	9.7E-06 lb	9.7E-06 kg
2-Hexanone	2.3E-06 lb	2.3E-06 kg
2-Methylnaphthalene	5.5E-06 lb	5.5E-06 kg
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	1.5E-06 lb	1.5E-06 kg
Acetone	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
Acid (benzoic)	3.5E-04 lb	3.5E-04 kg
Acid (hexanoic)	7.3E-05 lb	7.3E-05 kg
Alkalinity	0.028 lb	0.028 kg
Alkylated benzenes	3.4E-06 lb	3.4E-06 kg
Alkylated fluorenes	2.0E-07 lb	2.0E-07 kg
Alkylated naphthalenes	5.6E-08 lb	5.6E-08 kg
Alkylated phenanthrenes	2.3E-08 lb	2.3E-08 kg
Aluminum	0.0064 lb	0.0064 kg
Ammonia	0.0043 lb	0.0043 kg
Antimony	3.9E-06 lb	3.9E-06 kg
Arsenic	7.7E-05 lb	7.7E-05 kg
Barium	0.099 lb	0.099 kg
Benzene	5.8E-04 lb	5.8E-04 kg
Beryllium	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
BOD	0.32 lb	0.32 kg
Boron	0.0011 lb	0.0011 kg
Bromide	0.074 lb	0.074 kg
Cadmium	1.1E-05 lb	1.1E-05 kg
Calcium	1.12 lb	1.12 kg
Chlorides	12.5 lb	12.5 kg
Chromium (unspecified)	1.8E-04 lb	1.8E-04 kg
Cobalt	7.7E-06 lb	7.7E-06 kg
COD	0.10 lb	0.10 kg
Copper	4.9E-05 lb	4.9E-05 kg
Cyanide	2.5E-08 lb	2.5E-08 kg
Dibenzofuran	6.6E-08 lb	6.6E-08 kg
Dibenzothiophene	5.3E-08 lb	5.3E-08 kg
Dissolved Solids	58.7 lb	58.7 kg
Ethylbenzene	3.3E-05 lb	3.3E-05 kg
Fluorine	1.2E-07 lb	1.2E-07 kg
Hardness	3.44 lb	3.44 kg
Iron	0.020 lb	0.020 kg
Lead	1.1E-04 lb	1.1E-04 kg
Lead 210	3.6E-14 lb	3.6E-14 kg

**Table I-4**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF HYDROCHLORIC ACID**  
**(Cradle-to-Gate)**  
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	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>	<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>
Lithium	0.37 lb	0.37 kg
Magnesium	0.22 lb	0.22 kg
Manganese	3.5E-04 lb	3.5E-04 kg
Mercury	2.6E-07 lb	2.6E-07 kg
Methyl Chloride	1.4E-08 lb	1.4E-08 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	2.8E-08 lb	2.8E-08 kg
Molybdenum	8.0E-06 lb	8.0E-06 kg
m-Xylene	1.1E-05 lb	1.1E-05 kg
Naphthalene	6.3E-06 lb	6.3E-06 kg
n-Decane	1.0E-05 lb	1.0E-05 kg
n-Docosane	3.7E-07 lb	3.7E-07 kg
n-Dodecane	1.9E-05 lb	1.9E-05 kg
n-Eicosane	5.3E-06 lb	5.3E-06 kg
n-Hexacosane	2.3E-07 lb	2.3E-07 kg
n-Hexadecane	2.1E-05 lb	2.1E-05 kg
n-Octadecane	5.2E-06 lb	5.2E-06 kg
n-Tetradecane	8.4E-06 lb	8.4E-06 kg
Nickel	6.1E-05 lb	6.1E-05 kg
o + p-Xylene	7.7E-06 lb	7.7E-06 kg
o-Cresol	1.0E-05 lb	1.0E-05 kg
Oil	0.0067 lb	0.0067 kg
p-Cresol	1.1E-05 lb	1.1E-05 kg
p-Cymene	3.5E-08 lb	3.5E-08 kg
Pentamethylbenzene	2.6E-08 lb	2.6E-08 kg
Phenanthrene	4.4E-08 lb	4.4E-08 kg
Phenol/Phenolic Compounds	1.6E-04 lb	1.6E-04 kg
Radium 226	1.3E-11 lb	1.3E-11 kg
Radium 228	6.4E-14 lb	6.4E-14 kg
Selenium	7.7E-07 lb	7.7E-07 kg
Silver	7.3E-04 lb	7.3E-04 kg
Sodium	3.54 lb	3.54 kg
Strontium	0.019 lb	0.019 kg
Sulfates	0.026 lb	0.026 kg
Sulfides	7.1E-06 lb	7.1E-06 kg
Sulfur	9.2E-04 lb	9.2E-04 kg
Surfactants	3.5E-04 lb	3.5E-04 kg
Suspended Solids	0.30 lb	0.30 kg
Thallium	8.2E-07 lb	8.2E-07 kg
Tin	3.8E-05 lb	3.8E-05 kg
Titanium	6.0E-05 lb	6.0E-05 kg
Toluene	5.5E-04 lb	5.5E-04 kg
Total biphenyls	2.2E-07 lb	2.2E-07 kg
Total dibenzothiophenes	6.8E-10 lb	6.8E-10 kg
Vanadium	9.4E-06 lb	9.4E-06 kg
Xylene (unspecified)	2.8E-04 lb	2.8E-04 kg
Yttrium	2.3E-06 lb	2.3E-06 kg
Zinc	1.7E-04 lb	1.7E-04 kg

Reference: I-16

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

**Table I-5**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF**  
**ETHYLENE DICHLORIDE (EDC)/VINYL CHLORIDE MONOMER (VCM)**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Ethylene	453 lb		453 kg	
Chlorine	535 lb		535 kg	
Oxygen	144 lb		144 kg	
Hydrochloric acid	85.4 lb		85.4 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>	104 gal		868 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>
		<b>Energy</b>		<b>Energy</b>
		<b>Thousand Btu</b>		<b>GigaJoules</b>
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	68.6 kwh	706	151 kwh	1.64
Electricity (cogeneration)	628 cu ft (1)	704	39.2 cu meters	1.64
Natural gas	2,006 cu ft	2,247	125 cu meters	5.23
		3,656		8.51
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
Rail	87.2 ton-miles		280 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.22 gal	34.3	1.80 liter	0.080
Pipeline-petroleum products	1.20 ton-miles		3.86 tonne-km	
Electricity	0.026 kwh	0.27	0.058 kwh	6.2E-04
		34.6		0.080
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
Carbon Monoxide	0.011 lb		0.011 kg	
Carbon Dioxide	37.3 lb		37.3 kg	
Chlorine	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Hydrochloric Acid	0.0026 lb		0.0026 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.032 lb		0.032 kg	
Other Organics	0.0069 lb (3)		0.0069 kg	
Particulates (unknown)	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
PM2.5	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
PM10	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Landfilled	0.36 lb		0.36 kg	
Burned	3.32 lb		3.32 kg	
Waste-to-Energy	21.7 lb		21.7 kg	
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>				
Chlorides	1.0E-05 lb (2)		1.0E-05 kg	
Copper	1.0E-07 lb (2)		1.0E-07 kg	
Vinyl Chloride	0.0010 lb (4)		0.0010 kg	

- (1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.
- (2) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.
- (3) This category contains small amounts of EDC and VCM as well as other hydrocarbons which were not separated out by the data providers. These amounts may be overcounting the VCM emissions as the Vinyl Institute provided atmospheric VCM emissions for the production of EDC/VCM/PVC as shown in Table I-5.
- (4) This vinyl chloride emission was provided by the Vinyl Institute, based on 2003 Vinyl Chloride TRI reported values and 2003 PVC production reported by ACC Resin Statistic Report. This value was used to represent a more industry wide average value to account for facilities that did not participate in the LCI inventory. Actual reported figures were lower than the industry average.

References: I-6, I-14, and I-15.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

As of 2003 there were 8 VCM producers and 12 VCM plants in the U.S. (Reference I-13). While data was collected from a small sample of plants, the EDC/VCM producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American EDC/VCM production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by all EDC/VCM data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for EDC/VCM, the collection methods, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for EDC/VCM include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, calculated from equipment specifications, and engineering estimates. All data submitted for EDC/VCM ranges from 2003-2004 and represents U.S. production.

### **PVC Resin Production**

PVC resin is produced by suspension, emulsion, mass, or solution polymerization of VCM. The data presented in this appendix represents suspension polymerization.

In the suspension process, VCM and initiators are mixed with water and kept in the form of aqueous droplets by agitation and suspension stabilizers. The polymerization generally is carried out in a nitrogen atmosphere in large agitated reactors. The reaction time is typically about 12 hours, and conversion of VCM approaches 90 percent. After polymerization, the unreacted monomer is removed and recycled. The polymer is blended with additives and modifiers and centrifuged to remove water. The resin is then dried and packaged for shipment.

Table I-6 presents the data for the production of PVC resin by suspension polymerization. Data for the production of PVC were provided by three leading producers (3 plants) in North America to Franklin Associates under contract to Plastics Division of the American Chemistry Council (ACC). Scrap is produced as a coproduct during this process. A mass basis was used to partition the credit for the scrap.

As of 2003 there were 12 PVC producers and 25 PVC plants in the U.S. (Reference I-7). While data was collected from a small sample of plants, the PVC producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American PVC suspension technology production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by all PVC data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for PVC, the collection methods, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for PVC include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, calculated from equipment specifications, and engineering estimates. All data submitted for PVC ranges from 2003-2004 and represents U.S. production.

**Table I-6**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC) RESIN**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Vinyl Chloride Monomer	1,001 lb		1,001 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>	121 gal		1,010 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>
		<b>Energy</b>		<b>Energy</b>
		<b>Thousand Btu</b>		<b>GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	74.4 kwh	766	164 kwh	1.78
Electricity (cogeneration)	273 cu ft (1)	306	17.1 cu meters	0.71
Natural gas	925 cu ft	1,036	57.7 cu meters	2.41
Total Process		<u>2,108</u>		<u>4.91</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
Chlorine	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
HCFC-22	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Hydrochloric Acid	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Other Organics	0.039 lb		0.039 kg	
Particulates (unknown)	0.087 lb		0.087 kg	
Vinyl Chloride	0.039 lb (3)		0.039 kg	
Dioxins	1.1E-10 lb (4)		1.1E-10 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Landfilled	1.09 lb		1.09 kg	
Bumed	5.2E-04 lb		5.2E-04 kg	
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>				
Ammonia	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
BOD	0.012 lb		0.012 kg	
Chromium (unknown)	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
COD	0.068 lb		0.068 kg	
Cyanide	1.0E-06 lb (2)		1.0E-06 kg	
Nitrates	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Oil	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Phenol	9.9E-05 lb		9.9E-05 kg	
Suspended solids	0.16 lb		0.16 kg	
Zinc	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Dioxins	2.9E-10 lb (4)		2.9E-10 kg	

Note: No additives or plasticizers were included in this data.

- (1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.
- (2) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.
- (3) This vinyl chloride emission was provided by the Vinyl Institute, based on 2003 Vinyl Chloride TRI reported values and 2003 PVC production reported by ACC Resin Statistic Report. This amount includes both the EDC/VCM plant as well as the PVC plant. This value was used to represent a more industry wide average value to account for facilities that did not participate in the LCI inventory. Actual reported figures were lower than the industry average.
- (4) This emission was provided by the Vinyl Institute based on 2003 Dioxin TRI values and listed EDC capacity for the site assuming an operating rate at EDC capacity. Molar ratios were used to convert to units for PVC. These amounts were calculated as toxic equivalent values (TEQ).

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Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

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## APPENDIX J

### ACRYLONITRILE-BUTADIENE-STYRENE (ABS)

#### INTRODUCTION

This appendix discusses the manufacture of acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS) resin. ABS is used to manufacture boats, mobile homes, luggage, and pipelines. Approximately 1.37 billion pounds of ABS were produced in the U.S., Mexico, and Canada in 2004 (Reference J-1). The material flow for ABS resin is shown in Figure J-1. The total unit process energy and emissions data (cradle-to-ABS) for ABS are displayed in Table J-1. Individual process tables on the bases of 1,000 pounds and 1,000 kilograms are also shown within this appendix. Processes that have been discussed in previous appendices have been omitted from this appendix. The following processes are included in this appendix:

- Ammonia Production
- Acrylonitrile Production
- ABS Resin

Crude oil production, distillation, desalting, and hydrotreating, natural gas production, natural gas processing, and ethylene production are discussed in Appendix B. Propylene production is discussed in Appendix E. Pygas production, benzene production, and ethylbenzene/styrene production are discussed in Appendix G. Butadiene production and polybutadiene production are discussed in Appendix H.

#### Ammonia Production

Ammonia is produced primarily by steam reforming natural gas. Natural gas is fed with steam into a tubular furnace where the reaction over a nickel reforming catalyst produces hydrogen and carbon oxides. The primary reformer products are then mixed with preheated air and reacted in a secondary reformer to produce the nitrogen needed in ammonia synthesis. The gas is then cooled to a lower temperature and subjected to the water shift reaction in which carbon monoxide and steam are reacted to form carbon dioxide and hydrogen. The carbon dioxide is removed from the shifted gas in an absorbent solution. Hydrogen and nitrogen are reacted in a synthesis converter to form ammonia (Reference J-2).

Table J-2 presents the energy and emissions data for the production of ammonia. The energy data for ammonia was calculated from secondary sources (Reference J-2) and from stoichiometry. The transportation data was estimated from the ammonia and acrylonitrile chemical profiles (Reference J-3) and from the acrylonitrile data provider. The atmospheric emissions and solid wastes are estimates, while the waterborne emissions are from a 1970's source (Reference J-4), although these emissions were reviewed and revised in 1994.

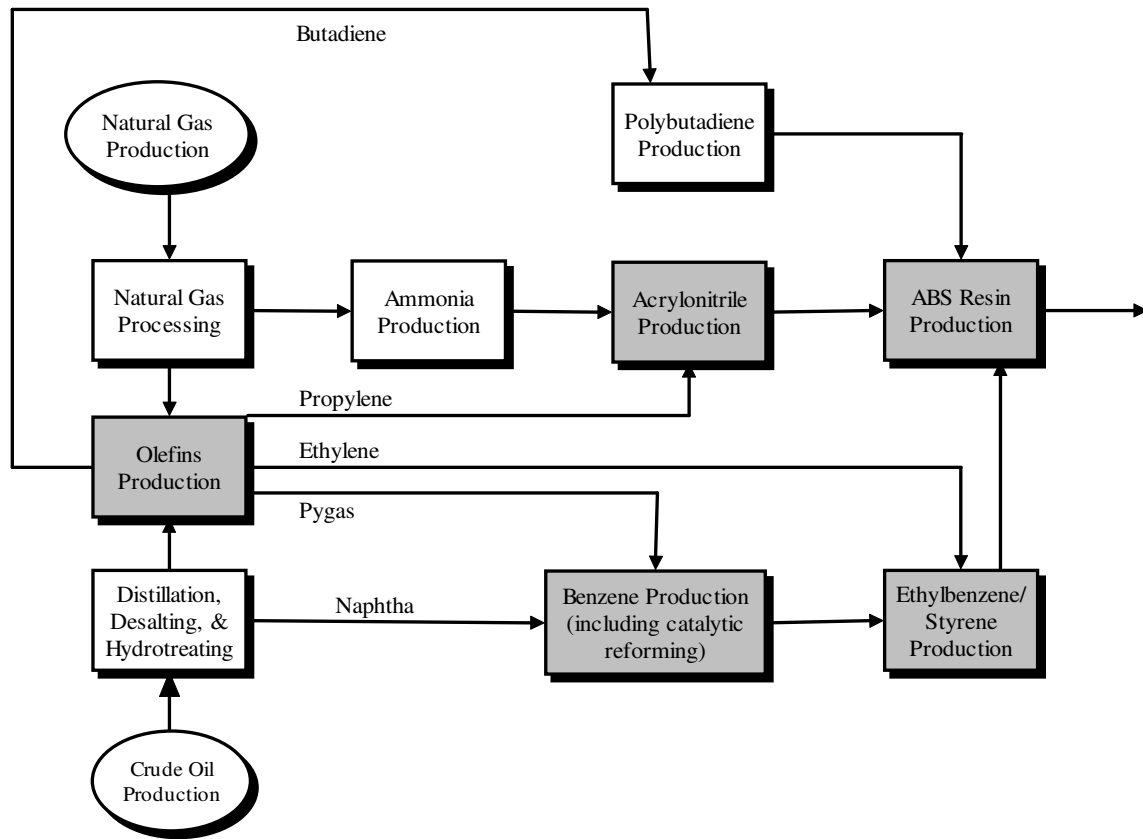


Figure J-1. Flow diagram for the production of acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS) resin. Shaded boxes represent partial or complete data provided by manufacturers specifically for this analysis.

## Acrylonitrile Production

Acrylonitrile production in the U.S. and most of the world is based on the Sohio process. Propylene, air, and ammonia are catalytically converted to acrylonitrile using a fluidized bed reactor. Operating temperatures are 400° to 500° Celsius and gauge pressures are 30 to 300 kPa. The reaction is exothermic with recovered heat being used to generate steam for use in the process. The chemical equation for the process is:



Major by-products are hydrogen cyanide and acetonitrile, which are normally incinerated because supply often exceeds demand. Unused ammonia can be recovered as ammonium sulfate and then disposed of, but it is commonly vented to the atmosphere (Reference J-2).

**Table J-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF ACRYLONITRILE-BUTADIENE-STYRENE (ABS) RESIN**  
**(Cradle-to-Resin)**  
**(page 1 of 3)**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Raw Materials</b>				
Crude oil	602 lb		602 kg	
Natural Gas	529 lb		529 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Energy of Material Resource				
Natural Gas		11,320		26.4
Petroleum		11,291		26.3
Total Resource		<u>22,610</u>		<u>52.6</u>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	504 kwh	5,366	1,112 kwh	12.5
Electricity (cogeneration)	246 cu ft (2)	275	15.3 cu meters	0.64
Natural gas	8,778 cu ft	9,832	548 cu meters	22.9
LPG	0.090 gal	9.75	0.75 liter	0.023
Bit./Sbit. Coal	68.4 lb	768	68.4 kg	1.79
Distillate oil	0.41 gal	64.6	3.40 liter	0.15
Residual oil	4.31 gal	739	35.9 liter	1.72
Gasoline	0.11 gal	16.0	0.94 liter	0.037
Diesel	0.0030 gal	0.48	0.025 liter	0.0011
Internal Offgas use (1)				
From Oil	53.2 lb	1,483	53.2 kg	3.45
From Natural Gas	100 lb	2,841	100 kg	6.61
Recovered Energy	207 thousand Btu	207	482 MJ	0.48
Total Process		<u>21,188</u>		<u>49.3</u>
Transportation Energy				
Combination truck	57.9 ton-miles		186 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.61 gal	96.5	5.07 liter	0.22
Rail	127 ton-miles		407 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.31 gal	49.9	2.62 liter	0.12
Barge	414 ton-miles		1,331 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.33 gal	52.6	2.76 liter	0.12
Residual oil	1.10 gal	189	9.18 liter	0.44
Ocean freighter	1,123 ton-miles		3,614 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.21 gal	33.9	1.78 liter	0.079
Residual	1.92 gal	330	16.0 liter	0.77
Pipeline-natural gas	313 ton-miles		1,007 tonne-km	
Natural gas	216 cu ft	242	13.5 cu meter	0.56
Pipeline-petroleum products	221 ton-miles		710 tonne-km	
Electricity	4.81 kwh	49.3	10.6 kwh	0.11
Total Transportation		<u>1,042</u>		<u>2.42</u>

- (1) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.
- (2) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency. If offgas was used within the cogen plant, the energy amount is shown within the Internal Offgas use.

Table J-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF ACRYLONITRILE-BUTADIENE-STYRENE (ABS) RESIN  
(Cradle-to-Resin)  
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	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>	<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>		
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>		
Ammonia	0.10 lb	0.10 kg
Antimony	1.3E-06 lb	1.3E-06 kg
Arsenic	1.7E-07 lb	1.7E-07 kg
Benzene	0.061 lb	0.061 kg
Carbon Dioxide - Fossil	253 lb	253 kg
Carbon Monoxide	0.88 lb	0.88 kg
Carbon Tetrachloride	8.8E-07 lb	8.8E-07 kg
CFC 13 (Methane, trichlorofluoro-)	1.4E-05 lb	1.4E-05 kg
Chlorine	1.1E-04 lb	1.1E-04 kg
Chromium	4.4E-07 lb	4.4E-07 kg
Ethylbenzene	0.0072 lb	0.0072 kg
Ethylene Dibromide	2.7E-06 lb	2.7E-06 kg
HCFC-22	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Hydrogen	0.0029 lb	0.0029 kg
Hydrogen Chloride	5.9E-07 lb	5.9E-07 kg
Hydrogen Cyanide	0.010 lb	0.010 kg
NM VOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin	0.44 lb	0.44 kg
Methane	6.82 lb	6.82 kg
Nickel	3.7E-06 lb	3.7E-06 kg
Nitrogen Oxides	0.96 lb	0.96 kg
Non-Methane Hydrocarbons	2.15 lb	2.15 kg
Other Organics	0.14 lb	0.14 kg
Particulates (PM10)	0.094 lb	0.094 kg
Particulates (PM2.5)	0.020 lb	0.020 kg
Particulates (unspecified)	0.16 lb	0.16 kg
Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (total)	3.6E-05 lb	3.6E-05 kg
Sulfur Dioxide	1.35 lb	1.35 kg
Sulfur Oxides	0.24 lb	0.24 kg
Toluene	0.093 lb	0.093 kg
VOC	0.49 lb	0.49 kg
Xylene	0.054 lb	0.054 kg
<b>Solid Wastes</b>		
Landfilled	52.4 lb	52.4 kg
Burned	7.29 lb	7.29 kg
Waste-to-Energy	0.81 lb	0.81 kg
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>		
m-Xylene	8.8E-06 lb	8.8E-06 kg
1-Methylfluorene	1.6E-08 lb	1.6E-08 kg
2,4-Dimethylphenol	8.6E-06 lb	8.6E-06 kg
2-Hexanone	2.0E-06 lb	2.0E-06 kg
2-Methylnaphthalene	4.7E-06 lb	4.7E-06 kg
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	5.9E-07 lb	5.9E-07 kg
Acetone	1.4E-06 lb	1.4E-06 kg
Acid (benzoic)	3.1E-04 lb	3.1E-04 kg
Acid (hexanoic)	6.4E-05 lb	6.4E-05 kg
Alkylated benzenes	5.8E-05 lb	5.8E-05 kg
Alkylated fluorenes	3.4E-06 lb	3.4E-06 kg
Alkylated naphthalenes	9.5E-07 lb	9.5E-07 kg
Alkylated phenanthrenes	3.9E-07 lb	3.9E-07 kg
Aluminum	0.028 lb	0.028 kg
Ammonia	0.12 lb	0.12 kg
Antimony	1.8E-05 lb	1.8E-05 kg
Arsenic	6.0E-05 lb	6.0E-05 kg
Barium	0.38 lb	0.38 kg
Benzene	3.4E-04 lb	3.4E-04 kg
Beryllium	3.8E-06 lb	3.8E-06 kg
BOD	0.37 lb	0.37 kg
Boron	9.6E-04 lb	9.6E-04 kg
Bromide	0.039 lb	0.039 kg
Cadmium	9.3E-06 lb	9.3E-06 kg
Calcium	0.65 lb	0.65 kg
Chlorides	7.95 lb	7.95 kg

Table J-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF ACRYLONITRILE-BUTADIENE-STYRENE (ABS) RESIN  
(Cradle-to-Resin)  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
Chromium (unspecified)	7.6E-04 lb	7.6E-04 kg
Cobalt	6.8E-06 lb	6.8E-06 kg
COD	3.83 lb	3.83 kg
Copper	8.3E-05 lb	8.3E-05 kg
Cyanide	1.0E-08 lb	1.0E-08 kg
Dibenzofuran	2.7E-08 lb	2.7E-08 kg
Dibenzothiophene	2.2E-08 lb	2.2E-08 kg
Dissolved Solids	9.22 lb	9.22 kg
Ethylbenzene	7.0E-04 lb	7.0E-04 kg
Fluorene	1.6E-06 lb	1.6E-06 kg
Iron	0.053 lb	0.053 kg
Lead	1.6E-04 lb	1.6E-04 kg
Lead 210	3.2E-14 lb	3.2E-14 kg
Lithium	0.095 lb	0.095 kg
Magnesium	0.13 lb	0.13 kg
Manganese	1.9E-04 lb	1.9E-04 kg
Mercury	3.5E-07 lb	3.5E-07 kg
Metal Ion (unspecified)	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Methyl Chloride	5.6E-09 lb	5.6E-09 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	1.1E-08 lb	1.1E-08 kg
Molybdenum	7.0E-06 lb	7.0E-06 kg
Naphthalene	5.5E-06 lb	5.5E-06 kg
n-Decane	8.8E-06 lb	8.8E-06 kg
n-Docosane	1.5E-07 lb	1.5E-07 kg
n-Dodecane	1.7E-05 lb	1.7E-05 kg
n-Eicosane	4.6E-06 lb	4.6E-06 kg
n-Hexacosane	9.4E-08 lb	9.4E-08 kg
n-Hexadecane	1.8E-05 lb	1.8E-05 kg
Nickel	7.2E-05 lb	7.2E-05 kg
Nitrates	0.010 lb	0.010 kg
n-Octadecane	4.6E-06 lb	4.6E-06 kg
p-Xylene	3.3E-06 lb	3.3E-06 kg
o-Xylene	3.3E-06 lb	3.3E-06 kg
o-Cresol	8.8E-06 lb	8.8E-06 kg
Oil	0.14 lb	0.14 kg
Other Organics	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
p-Cresol	9.5E-06 lb	9.5E-06 kg
p-Cymene	1.4E-08 lb	1.4E-08 kg
Pentamethylbenzene	1.1E-08 lb	1.1E-08 kg
Phenanthrene	2.4E-07 lb	2.4E-07 kg
Phenol/ Phenolic Compounds	9.7E-04 lb	9.7E-04 kg
Phosphates	0.010 lb	0.010 kg
Tetradecane	7.1E-06 lb	7.1E-06 kg
Radium 226	1.1E-11 lb	1.1E-11 kg
Radium 228	5.6E-14 lb	5.6E-14 kg
Selenium	4.5E-06 lb	4.5E-06 kg
Silver	3.9E-04 lb	3.9E-04 kg
Sodium	1.87 lb	1.87 kg
Strontium	0.017 lb	0.017 kg
Styrene	6.7E-04 lb	6.7E-04 kg
Sulfates	0.013 lb	0.013 kg
Sulfides	6.5E-04 lb	6.5E-04 kg
Sulfur	7.5E-04 lb	7.5E-04 kg
Surfactants	1.6E-04 lb	1.6E-04 kg
Suspended Solids	4.33 lb	4.33 kg
Thallium	3.7E-06 lb	3.7E-06 kg
Tin	7.0E-05 lb	7.0E-05 kg
Titanium	2.7E-04 lb	2.7E-04 kg
TOC	7.4E-04 lb	7.4E-04 kg
Toluene	3.8E-04 lb	3.8E-04 kg
Total biphenyls	3.7E-06 lb	3.7E-06 kg
Total dibenzothiophenes	1.2E-08 lb	1.2E-08 kg
Vanadium	4.3E-05 lb	4.3E-05 kg
Xylene, unspecified	1.5E-04 lb	1.5E-04 kg
Yttrium	2.0E-06 lb	2.0E-06 kg
Zinc	7.4E-04 lb	7.4E-04 kg

References: Tables B-2 through B-6, E-2, G-2, G-3, G-4, H-2, H-3, J-2, and J-3.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG models

**Table J-2**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF AMMONIA**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Processed Natural Gas	267 lb		267 kg	
Water (as steam)	403 lb		403 kg	
Nitrogen (from air)	418 lb		418 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	63.5 kwh	653	140 kwh	1.52
Natural gas	2,239 cu ft	2,508	140 cu meters	5.84
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Total Process		3,161		7.36
Transportation Energy				
Rail	125 ton-miles		402 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.31 gal	49.2	2.59 liter	0.11
Pipeline-petroleum products	1.25 ton-miles		4.02 tonne-km	
Electricity	0.027 kwh	0.28	0.060 kwh	6.5E-04
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Total Transportation		49.5		0.12
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Ammonia	1.00 lb		1.00 kg	
Other Organics	1.00 lb		1.00 kg	
Fossil Carbon Dioxide	97.0 lb		97.0 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	0.20 lb		0.20 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
Ammonia	0.060 lb		0.060 kg	
BOD	0.050 lb		0.050 kg	
COD	0.23 lb		0.23 kg	
Oil	0.050 lb		0.050 kg	
Suspended solids	0.050 lb		0.050 kg	

References: J-2 through J-5

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

The energy and emissions data for acrylonitrile production is from a confidential source and is not shown to protect its confidentiality (Reference J-6). The company provided ranges for the material inputs and coproducts. The median of these ranges was used in the acrylonitrile dataset. Hydrogen cyanide and acetonitrile are produced as coproducts during this process. A mass basis was used to partition the credit for these coproducts. Waterborne emissions from the confidential dataset collected for acrylonitrile are sent to deepwell disposal, which is not included in this analysis, as the emissions are not released to a water source.

### **ABS Production**

The two standard technologies for ABS production in North America are suspension or mass polymerization. Both of these technologies are represented within the ABS production dataset.

ABS is produced by grafting styrene and acrylonitrile onto a polybutadiene matrix. The three basic steps in the suspension process are: prepolymerization, polymerization, and product separation. The processing steps for mass polymerization are: prepolymerization, polymerization, devolatilization, and extrusion. Mass polymerization generates a minimum of wastewater and eliminates the need for dewatering and drying. In both the suspension and mass processes the polybutadiene must be soluble in styrene. Polybutadiene resin may be added as a dry resin rather than a latex.

Table J-3 presents the data for the production of ABS resin. Data for the production of ABS were provided by three leading producers (5 plants) in North America to Franklin Associates under contract to Plastics Division of the American Chemistry Council (ACC). Scrap and heat are produced as coproducts during this process. A mass basis was used to partition the credit for scrap, while the energy amount for the heat is reported separately as recovered energy.

As of 2003 there were 4 ABS producers and 7 ABS plants in the U.S. (Reference J-7). The ABS data collected represents a majority of the total North American ABS production amount. The ABS producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American ABS production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by all ABS data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for ABS, the collection methods, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for ABS include direct measurements and information provided by purchasing and utility records. All data submitted for ABS ranges from 2003-2004 and represents U.S. and Mexican production.



**Table J-3**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF ACRYLONITRILE-BUTADIENE-STYRENE (ABS)**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Ammonia	98 lb		98 kg	
Styrene	672 lb		672 kg	
Polybutadiene	144 lb		144 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>	314 gal		2,620 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	296 kwh	3,046	653 kwh	7.09
Electricity (cogeneration)	124 cu ft (1)	139	7.73 cu meters	0.32
Natural gas	751 cu ft	841	46.9 cu meters	1.96
Bit./Sbit. Coal	68.4 lb	768	68.4 kg	1.79
Residual oil	0.045 gal	7.72	0.38 liter	0.018
Recovered Energy	204 thousand Btu	204	1,699 GJ	0.47
Total Process		<u>4,598</u>		<u>10.7</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
Carbon Monoxide	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
NM Hydrocarbons	0.12 lb		0.12 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
HCFE-22	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Other Organics	0.036 lb		0.036 kg	
Particulates	0.11 lb		0.11 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Landfilled	13.7 lb		13.7 kg	
Burned	2.29 lb		2.29 kg	
Waste-to-Energy	0.80 lb		0.80 kg	
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>				
Ammonia	0.10 lb (2)		0.10 kg	
BOD	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
COD	2.91 lb		2.91 kg	
Dissolved solids	1.00 lb (2)		1.00 kg	
Metal Ion	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Nitrates	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Oil	0.10 lb (2)		0.10 kg	
Other Organics	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Phosphates	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Suspended solids	0.98 lb		0.98 kg	
Zinc	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	

(1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

(2) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.

Reference: J-8

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

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## APPENDIX K

### POLYETHER POLYOL FOR RIGID FOAM POLYURETHANE

#### INTRODUCTION

This appendix discusses the manufacture of the polyether polyol used for rigid foam polyurethanes. Examples of uses of rigid foam polyurethanes are insulation, packaging, and aviation. Over 200 million pounds of polyether polyols for use in rigid foam polyurethanes were produced in the U.S. and Canada in 2002 (Reference K-1). The material flow for this polyether polyol is shown in Figure K-1. The total unit process energy and emissions data (cradle-to-polyol) for this polyether polyol are displayed in Table K-1. Individual process tables on the bases of 1,000 pounds and 1,000 kilograms are also shown within this appendix. Processes that have been discussed in previous appendices have been omitted from this appendix. The following processes are included in this appendix:

- Limestone Mining
- Sugar Beet Cultivation and Harvesting
- Sucrose Production
- Propylene Oxide Production
- Polyether Polyol for Rigid Foam Polyurethane

Crude oil production, distillation, desalting, and hydrotreating, natural gas production, and natural gas processing are discussed in Appendix B. Propylene production is discussed in Appendix E. Acetic acid production and oxygen production are discussed in Appendix F. Salt mining and sodium hydroxide/chlorine production are discussed in Appendix I.

#### Limestone Mining

Limestone is composed mainly of calcium carbonate in the form of the mineral calcite. It is quarried primarily from open pits. The most economical method of recovering the limestone is through blasting, followed by mechanical crushing and screening.

Particulate emissions arise from limestone crushing and screening operations (Reference K-3). Based on the type of technologies employed for limestone mining and processing, it is assumed that the release of other air emissions or water effluents is negligible (Reference K-4 and K-5).

Any overburden or tailings produced from limestone mining and processing are assumed to be returned to the mine site (References K-4 and K-5) and are not reported as solid waste.

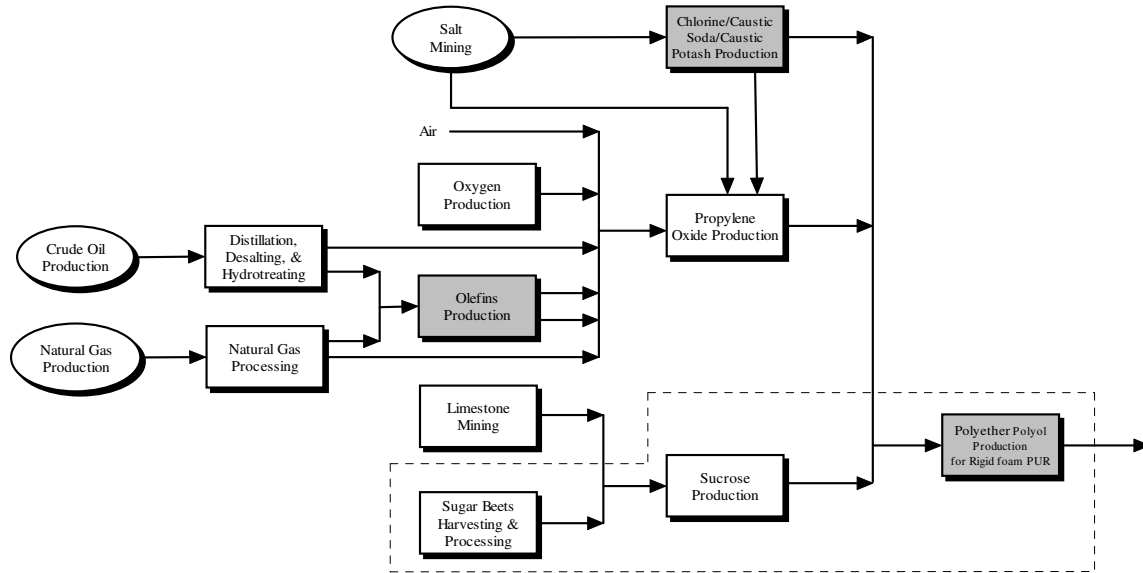


Figure K-1. Flow diagram for the manufacture of polyether polyol for rigid foam polyurethane. Shaded boxes represent partial or complete data provided by manufacturers specifically for this analysis. Boxes within the dotted lines are included in an aggregated dataset. Polyol types vary greatly by use. Additives are not included in this analysis of polyether polyols.

The energy requirements and environmental emissions for the mining and processing of limestone are shown in Table K-2.

### Sugar Beet Cultivation and Harvesting

The sugar beet is a rotational crop, which requires nearly 4 times the land area of the equivalent cane crop (Reference K-6). Sugar beets are planted in the early spring. Agricultural practices include the application of fertilizer and pre-emergence herbicide at the time of planting. During the growing season, post-emergence herbicide is frequently applied as weeds can easily take away the water and nutrients from the soil. The root of the sugar beet plant is harvested in the fall, after a growing period of 120 to 200 days depending on the climate. The farmers defoliate the beets, then harvest them. Dirt is removed by shaking the beets using rollers on the way to the harvesting bin. The sugar beets are transported to a processing plant to where sucrose is produced.

The energy and emissions data for sugar beet cultivation and harvesting are from secondary sources. This dataset has been included with the polyether polyol average dataset (Table K-4) to conceal the confidential data of the limited number of provider companies.

**Table K-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF POLYETHER POLYOL FOR RIGID FOAM POLYURETHANES**  
**(Cradle-to-Polyol)**  
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Raw Materials	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)		
Crude oil	214 lb		214 kg	
Natural Gas	380 lb		380 kg	
Salt	1,565 lb		1,565 kg	
Sugar Beets	1,215 lb		1,215 kg	
Limestone	72.5 lb		72.5 kg	
Oxygen	74.9 lb		74.9 kg	
		<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>
		<b>Energy</b>		<b>Energy</b>
		<b>Thousand Btu</b>		<b>GigaJoules</b>
Energy of Material Resource				
Natural Gas		8,133		18.9
Petroleum		4,008		9.33
Total Resource		<u>12,140</u>		<u>28.3</u>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	532 kwh	5,655	1,172 kwh	13.2
Electricity (cogeneration)	1,495 cu ft (2)	1,674	93.3 cu meters	3.90
Natural gas	6,942 cu ft	7,775	433 cu meters	18.1
LPG	0.035 gal	3.76	0.29 liter	0.0088
Bit./Sbit. Coal	97.0 lb	1,089	97.0 kg	2.54
Distillate oil	2.01 gal	319	16.7 liter	0.74
Residual oil	13.0 gal	2,224	108 liter	5.18
Gasoline	3.10 gal	441	25.9 liter	1.03
Diesel	1.82 gal	289	15.2 liter	0.67
Internal Offgas use (1)				
From Oil	38.9 lb	1,107	38.9 kg	2.58
From Natural Gas	69.2 lb	1,968	69.2 kg	4.58
Recovered Energy	101 thousand Btu	101	234 MJ	0.23
Total Process		<u>22,443</u>		<u>52.2</u>
Transportation Energy				
Combination truck	150 ton-miles		483 tonne-km	
Diesel	1.58 gal	250	13.2 liter	0.58
Rail	36.5 ton-miles		117 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.090 gal	14.4	0.75 liter	0.033
Barge	21.3 ton-miles		68.6 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.017 gal	2.71	0.14 liter	0.0063
Residual oil	0.057 gal	9.73	0.47 liter	0.023
Ocean freighter	373 ton-miles		1,199 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.071 gal	11.2	0.59 liter	0.026
Residual	0.64 gal	109	5.32 liter	0.25
Pipeline-natural gas	224 ton-miles		719 tonne-km	
Natural gas	154 cu ft	173	9.62 cu meter	0.40
Pipeline-petroleum products	266 ton-miles		857 tonne-km	
Electricity	5.81 kwh	59.5	12.8 kwh	0.14
Total Transportation		<u>630</u>		<u>1.47</u>

(1) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.

(2) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency. If offgas was used within the cogen plant, the energy amount is shown within the Internal Offgas use.

Table K-1  
 DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
 OF POLYETHER POLYOL FOR RIGID FOAM POLYURETHANES  
 (Cradle-to-Polyol)  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>		
Atmospheric Emissions		
Acid (unknown)	0.033 lb	0.033 kg
Ammonia	0.038 lb	0.038 kg
Antimony	5.1E-07 lb	5.1E-07 kg
Arsenic	6.4E-08 lb	6.4E-08 kg
Benzene	0.043 lb	0.043 kg
Carbon Dioxide - Fossil	58.3 lb	58.3 kg
Carbon Monoxide	0.24 lb	0.24 kg
Carbon Tetrachloride	1.8E-04 lb	1.8E-04 kg
CFC 13 (Methane, trichlorofluoro-)	5.4E-06 lb	5.4E-06 kg
Chlorine	0.0022 lb	0.0022 kg
Chromium	1.7E-07 lb	1.7E-07 kg
Ethylbenzene	0.73 lb	0.73 kg
Ethylene Dibromide	1.1E-06 lb	1.1E-06 kg
HCFC-123	8.3E-05 lb	8.3E-05 kg
HCFC-22	5.9E-07 lb	5.9E-07 kg
HFC-134a	8.3E-05 lb	8.3E-05 kg
Hydrogen	0.0030 lb	0.0030 kg
Hydrogen Chloride	2.9E-04 lb	2.9E-04 kg
NM VOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin	0.17 lb	0.17 kg
Lead	9.7E-09 lb	9.7E-09 kg
Mercury	1.6E-04 lb	1.6E-04 kg
Methane	3.72 lb	3.72 kg
Nickel	1.4E-06 lb	1.4E-06 kg
Nitrogen Oxides	0.53 lb	0.53 kg
Non-Methane Hydrocarbons	4.49 lb	4.49 kg
Other Organics	0.11 lb	0.11 kg
Particulates (PM10)	0.12 lb	0.12 kg
Particulates (PM2.5)	0.016 lb	0.016 kg
Particulates (unspecified)	0.26 lb	0.26 kg
Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (total)	1.4E-05 lb	1.4E-05 kg
Propylene Oxide	0.36 lb	0.36 kg
Sulfur Dioxide	0.91 lb	0.91 kg
Sulfur Oxides	0.0039 lb	0.0039 kg
Toluene	0.067 lb	0.067 kg
VOC	0.35 lb	0.35 kg
Xylene	0.039 lb	0.039 kg
Solid Wastes		
Landfilled	21.3 lb	21.3 kg
Burned	4.57 lb	4.57 kg
Waste-to-Energy	0.0026 lb	0.0026 kg
Waterborne Wastes		
m-Xylene	5.0E-06 lb	5.0E-06 kg
1-Methylfluorene	1.0E-08 lb	1.0E-08 kg
2,4-Dimethylphenol	4.8E-06 lb	4.8E-06 kg
2-Hexanone	1.1E-06 lb	1.1E-06 kg
2-Methylnaphthalene	2.6E-06 lb	2.6E-06 kg
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	3.8E-07 lb	3.8E-07 kg
Acetone	9.1E-07 lb	9.1E-07 kg
Acid (benzoic)	1.7E-04 lb	1.7E-04 kg
Acid (hexanoic)	3.6E-05 lb	3.6E-05 kg
Acid (unspecified)	7.56 lb	7.56 kg
Alkylated benzenes	3.2E-05 lb	3.2E-05 kg
Alkylated fluorenes	1.9E-06 lb	1.9E-06 kg
Alkylated naphthalenes	5.3E-07 lb	5.3E-07 kg
Alkylated phenanthrenes	2.2E-07 lb	2.2E-07 kg
Aluminum	0.016 lb	0.016 kg
Ammonia	0.0056 lb	0.0056 kg
Antimony	9.8E-06 lb	9.8E-06 kg
Arsenic	3.3E-05 lb	3.3E-05 kg
Barium	0.21 lb	0.21 kg
Benzene	1.9E-04 lb	1.9E-04 kg
Beryllium	2.1E-06 lb	2.1E-06 kg
BOD	1.16 lb	1.16 kg
Boron	5.3E-04 lb	5.3E-04 kg
Bromide	0.021 lb	0.021 kg
Cadmium	5.1E-06 lb	5.1E-06 kg
Calcium	0.35 lb	0.35 kg
Chlorides	4.37 lb	4.37 kg

Table K-1  
 DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
 OF POLYETHER POLYOL FOR RIGID FOAM POLYURETHANES  
 (Cradle-to-Polyol)  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
Chromium (unspecified)	4.2E-04 lb	4.2E-04 kg
Cobalt	3.8E-06 lb	3.8E-06 kg
COD	1.09 lb	1.09 kg
Copper	4.6E-05 lb	4.6E-05 kg
Cyanide	6.5E-09 lb	6.5E-09 kg
Dibenzofuran	1.7E-08 lb	1.7E-08 kg
Dibenzothiophene	1.4E-08 lb	1.4E-08 kg
Dissolved Solids	44.3 lb	44.3 kg
Ethylbenzene	1.6E-05 lb	1.6E-05 kg
Fluorene	8.7E-07 lb	8.7E-07 kg
Hydrocarbons	0.70 lb	0.70 kg
Iron	0.029 lb	0.029 kg
Lead	8.7E-05 lb	8.7E-05 kg
Lead 210	1.8E-14 lb	1.8E-14 kg
Lithium	0.067 lb	0.067 kg
Magnesium	0.071 lb	0.071 kg
Manganese	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Mercury	6.8E-07 lb	6.8E-07 kg
Methyl Chloride	3.6E-09 lb	3.6E-09 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	7.3E-09 lb	7.3E-09 kg
Molybdenum	3.9E-06 lb	3.9E-06 kg
Naphthalene	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
n-Decane	4.9E-06 lb	4.9E-06 kg
n-Docosane	9.7E-08 lb	9.7E-08 kg
n-Dodecane	9.4E-06 lb	9.4E-06 kg
n-Eicosane	2.6E-06 lb	2.6E-06 kg
n-Hexacosane	6.0E-08 lb	6.0E-08 kg
n-Hexadecane	1.0E-05 lb	1.0E-05 kg
Nickel	4.0E-05 lb	4.0E-05 kg
Nitrogen	0.91 lb	0.91 kg
n-Octadecane	2.5E-06 lb	2.5E-06 kg
p-Xylene	1.8E-06 lb	1.8E-06 kg
o-Xylene	1.8E-06 lb	1.8E-06 kg
o-Cresol	4.9E-06 lb	4.9E-06 kg
Oil	0.0057 lb	0.0057 kg
p-Cresol	5.3E-06 lb	5.3E-06 kg
p-Cymene	9.0E-09 lb	9.0E-09 kg
Pentamethylbenzene	6.8E-09 lb	6.8E-09 kg
Phenanthrene	1.4E-07 lb	1.4E-07 kg
Phenol/ Phenolic Compounds	1.01 lb	1.01 kg
Tetradecane	4.0E-06 lb	4.0E-06 kg
Radium 226	6.2E-12 lb	6.2E-12 kg
Radium 228	3.2E-14 lb	3.2E-14 kg
Selenium	2.3E-06 lb	2.3E-06 kg
Silver	2.1E-04 lb	2.1E-04 kg
Sodium	1.01 lb	1.01 kg
Sodium Hydroxide	1.08 lb	1.08 kg
Strontium	0.0093 lb	0.0093 kg
Styrene	5.9E-07 lb	5.9E-07 kg
Sulfates	0.0073 lb	0.0073 kg
Sulfides	9.0E-05 lb	9.0E-05 kg
Sulfur	4.2E-04 lb	4.2E-04 kg
Surfactants	8.6E-05 lb	8.6E-05 kg
Suspended Solids	1.82 lb	1.82 kg
Thallium	2.1E-06 lb	2.1E-06 kg
Tin	3.9E-05 lb	3.9E-05 kg
Titanium	1.5E-04 lb	1.5E-04 kg
TOC	5.9E-04 lb	5.9E-04 kg
Toluene	2.3E-04 lb	2.3E-04 kg
Total biphenyls	2.1E-06 lb	2.1E-06 kg
Total dibenzothiophenes	6.4E-09 lb	6.4E-09 kg
Vanadium	1.8E-05 lb	1.8E-05 kg
Xylene, unspecified	8.0E-05 lb	8.0E-05 kg
Yttrium	1.1E-06 lb	1.1E-06 kg
Zinc	3.6E-04 lb	3.6E-04 kg

References: Tables B-2 through B-6, E-2, F-4, I-2, I-3b, K-2, K-3, and K-4.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG models

**Table K-2**  
**DATA FOR THE MINING AND PROCESSING**  
**OF LIMESTONE**

Energy Usage	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
		Total Energy Thousand Btu		Total Energy GigaJoules
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	1.92 kwh	19.8	4.23 kwh	0.046
Natural gas	2.25 cu ft	2.52	0.14 cu meters	0.0059
Bit./Sbit. Coal	0.036 lb	0.40	0.036 kg	9.4E-04
Distillate oil	0.070 gal	11.1	0.58 liter	0.026
Gasoline	0.0061 gal	0.87	0.051 liter	0.0020
Total Process		34.7		0.081
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
Combination truck	21.0 ton-miles		67.6 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.22 gal	35.0	1.84 liter	0.081
Rail	5.00 ton-miles		16.1 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.012 gal	1.97	0.10 liter	0.0046
Barge	13.0 ton-miles		41.8 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.010 gal	1.65	0.087 liter	0.0038
Residual oil	0.035 gal	5.93	0.29 liter	0.014
Total Transportation		44.6		0.10
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Particulates (unknown)	0.051 lb		0.051 kg	

References: K-2 through K-5

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

## Sucrose Production

Sucrose is commonly produced from sugar cane and sugar beets. For this project, sucrose production is based on production from sugar beets. Both cane and beet sucrose are produced in North America and could be used for this purpose. Other principal products of sugar beet processing are molasses and beet pulp. These have been given coproduct credit on a mass basis.

When the beets arrive to be processed into granulated sugar, they are washed, sliced, and weighed. Significant amounts of soil associated with the incoming beets are removed here, as well as beet tops and other organic matter; these are commonly land applied. The sliced beets are fed to a counter-current diffuser where sugar and other soluble materials are dissolved from the beets. From the diffuser, the beet slices are pressed in screw presses to squeeze as much juice as possible from them. The "raw juice" is carbonated and clarified by adding milk of lime (CaOH) and carbon dioxide. The juice is then thickened in multiple effect evaporators and crystallized in vacuum pans to obtain sugar. The sugar is centrifuged to separate it from adhering syrup, and then dried. In



many beet processing plants, a Steffan process has been added to further extract sugar from molasses. This process increases the sugar yield while reducing the molasses output, but also increases the limestone requirements (Reference K-6).

Energy requirements and environmental emissions for sucrose production are from a 1991 European confidential source, which was reviewed and updated in 2005 by an expert in the U.S. sucrose industry. The energy requirements, solid waste, and atmospheric emissions were edited to represent the current U.S. sucrose industry.

The sucrose dataset has been included with the polyether polyol average dataset (Table K-4) to conceal the confidential data of all provider companies.

### **Propylene Oxide Production**

Two different processes for the production of propylene oxide are currently in use. These are the chlorohydrin process and hydroperoxidation processes, using either ethylbenzene, isobutene, or MTBE. The MTBE hydroperoxidation process is approximately the same as the isobutene hydroperoxidation process. The chlorohydrin process is the oldest and is less flexible because it produces only propylene oxide. The hydroperoxide reactions, however, produce marketable co-products in addition to propylene oxide.

The data in Table K-3 represent the energy requirements and environmental emissions for the production of propylene oxide. The energy requirements are based on data in a Department of Energy report from 2000 (Reference K-7). No information was given in the DoE report about the technology or mix of technologies represented by the energy data. The environmental emissions and raw materials are based on three datasets from a confidential secondary source. These amounts are a weighted average of the three technologies based on 2001 capacity. The chlorohydrin process generates 42.1 percent of the propylene oxide, the isobutene hydroperoxidation (including MTBE hydroperoxidation) 34.6 percent, and the ethylbenzene hydroperoxidation 23.3 percent (Reference K-8). In the two hydroperoxidation datasets, coproduct credit was given on a mass basis.

The chlorohydrin process begins with a equal molar mixture of propylene and chlorine in water, which forms the solution propylene chlorohydrin. The chlorohydrin solution is treated with a base, usually cell liquor from a chlorine plant, to form the oxide. Propylene oxide is then stripped from the alkaline solution and purified by distilling the light ends, then the oxide.

In the isobutene hydroperoxide process, propylene oxide and tert-butyl alcohol are formed from isobutene, oxygen, and propylene. Isobutane is first oxidized to the intermediate, tert-butyl hydroperoxide. This intermediate and an alcohol mixture coproduct is combined with propylene. This is reacted to nearly 100 percent conversion of the hydroperoxide over a catalyst. The products stream contains propylene oxide and tert-butyl alcohol. The products are separated in distillation columns.

Table K-3  
DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF PROPYLENE OXIDE

	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Propylene	773 lb		773 kg	
Chlorine	573 lb		573 kg	
Sodium Hydroxide	689 lb		689 kg	
Sodium Chloride	928 lb		928 kg	
Oxygen	98.6 lb		98.6 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	128 kwh	1,322	283 kwh	3.08
Natural gas	2,328 cu ft	2,607	145 cu meters	6.07
Residual oil	15.7 gal	2,692	131 liter	6.27
Total Process		6,621		15.4
Transportation Energy				
Used in polyether polyols for rigid foam PUR				
Combination truck	50.0 ton-miles		161 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.53 gal	83.4	4.38 liter	0.19
Pipeline-petroleum products	0.50 ton-miles		1.61 tonne-km	
Electricity	0.011 kwh	0.11	0.024 kwh	2.6E-04
Total Transportation		83.5		0.19
Used in polyether polyols for flexible foam PUR				
Combination truck	4.57 ton-miles		14.7 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.048 gal	7.62	0.40 liter	0.018
Rail	9.39 ton-miles		30.2 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.023 gal	3.70	0.19 liter	0.0086
Pipeline-petroleum products	0.40 ton-miles		1.29 tonne-km	
Electricity	0.0087 kwh	0.089	0.019 kwh	2.1E-04
Total Transportation		11.4		0.027
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Acid (unknown)	0.044 lb		0.044 kg	
Ammonia	0.049 lb		0.049 kg	
Carbon Dioxide	12.8 lb		12.8 kg	
Chlorine	0.0013 lb		0.0013 kg	
Ethylbenzene	0.96 lb		0.96 kg	
Hydrocarbons	5.83 lb		5.83 kg	
Propylene Oxide	0.47 lb		0.47 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	0.20 lb		0.20 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
Acid (unknown)	9.95 lb		9.95 kg	
Hydrocarbons	0.92 lb		0.92 kg	
Phenol	1.33 lb		1.33 kg	
Sodium Hydroxide	1.42 lb		1.42 kg	

References: K-7 through K-9.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

In the ethylbenzene hydroperoxide reaction, propylene oxide and styrene are produced. Ethylbenzene and oxygen are reacted to form ethylbenzene hydroperoxide and small amounts of methylbenzyl alcohol and acetophenone. This solution and propylene are fed to the epoxidation reactor. The products stream contains propylene oxide, propylene, methylbenzyl alcohol, and small amounts of several other hydrocarbons. Propylene oxide is purified by a multi-tower distillation scheme.

### **Polyether Polyol Production for Rigid Foam Polyurethane**

The manufacturing of the polyether polyol used in rigid foam polyurethane production begins with the introduction of a potassium hydroxide catalyst to an initiator. In this analysis, sucrose was chosen as the initiator; however, glycerine and sorbitol are also common initiators used to produce polyether polyols for rigid foam polyurethane. This solution is then reacted with propylene oxide to form an intermediate. The catalyst is removed using an acid, which produces a salt that must be filtered. This acid amount is small and considered negligible in this analysis. Finally, the polyol is purified of side products and water through distillation. Sodium hydroxide data is used in place of potassium hydroxide data which were not available. The manufacture of sodium hydroxide utilizes a process similar to the manufacture of potassium hydroxide.

Table K-4 presents the data for the production of polyether polyol for use in rigid foam polyurethane. Data for the production of polyether polyol were provided by two leading producers (2 plants) in North America to Franklin Associates under contract to Plastics Division of the American Chemistry Council (ACC). Heat was a coproduct for one producer. The energy for exported heat was reported separately as recovered energy.

As of 2002, it is estimated that for all polyurethane applications, there were 7 polyether polyol producers and 9 polyether polyol plants in the U.S. (Reference K-1 and K-18). The polyether polyol data collected represents a majority of the total North American production of polyether polyol for rigid foam polyurethane. The polyether polyol producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of the North American production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by both polyether polyol data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for polyether polyols in rigid foam polyurethane, the collection methods, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for these polyether polyols include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and engineering estimates. All data submitted for polyether polyols represents the year 2003 and represents U.S. production.

**Table K-4**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF POLYETHER POLYOLS FOR RIGID FOAM POLYURETHANES**  
**(includes sugar beet harvesting/processing and sucrose production)**

	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Propylene oxide	760 lb		760 kg	
Potassium hydroxide	13.0 lb		13.0 kg	
Limestone	72.5 lb		72.5 kg	
Sugar beets	1,215 lb		1,215 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>				
	0.5 gal		4.17 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	48.3 kwh	497	106 kwh	1.16
Electricity (cogeneration)	401 cu ft (1)	449	25.0 cu meters	1.05
Natural gas	1,087 cu ft	1,217	67.9 cu meters	2.83
Bit./Sbit. Coal	54.4 lb	611	54.4 kg	1.42
Gasoline	3.04 gal	432	25.4 liter	1.01
Diesel	1.82 gal	289	15.2 liter	0.67
Recovered Energy	98.1 thousand Btu	98.1	228 MJ	0.23
Total Process		3,398		7.91
<b>Transportation Energy (2)</b>				
Combination truck	39.5 ton-miles		127 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.41 gal	65.9	3.46 liter	0.15
Rail	9.72 ton-miles		31.3 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.024 gal	3.83	0.20 liter	0.0089
Total Transportation		69.7		0.16
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
Carbon Dioxide	16.8 lb		16.8 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	0.13 lb		0.13 kg	
Chlorine	1.0E-04 lb (3)		1.0E-04 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.42 lb		0.42 kg	
Other Organics	0.11 lb		0.11 kg	
Particulates (unknown)	0.25 lb		0.25 kg	
PM2.5	0.010 lb (3)		0.010 kg	
PM10	0.033 lb		0.033 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	0.0010 lb		0.0010 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Landfilled	0.064 lb		0.064 kg	
<b>Waterborne Wastes (4)</b>				
BOD	0.89 lb		0.89 kg	
COD	1.00 lb (3)		1.00 kg	
Nitrogen	0.91 lb		0.91 kg	
Suspended solids	1.0E-04 lb (3)		1.0E-04 kg	

(1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

(2) Transportation energy represents transporting the sugar beets to the sucrose plant and the sucrose to the polyols plant.

(3) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.

(4) These waterborne emissions may be overstated as 1 or more of the plants providing data were only able to supply waterborne emissions before the effluent was sent to a water treatment plant.

References: K-11 through K-17.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

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## APPENDIX L

### POLYETHER POLYOL FOR FLEXIBLE FOAM POLYURETHANE

#### INTRODUCTION

This appendix discusses the manufacture of the polyether polyol used for flexible foam polyurethanes. Examples of uses of flexible foam polyurethanes are furniture, carpet underlay, and automotive seats. Over 1.2 billion pounds of polyether polyols used in flexible foam polyurethanes were produced in the U.S. and Canada in 2002 (Reference L-1). The material flow for this polyether polyol is shown in Figure L-1. The total unit process energy and emissions data (cradle-to-polyol) for this polyether polyol are displayed in Table L-1. Individual process tables on the bases of 1,000 pounds and 1,000 kilograms are also shown within this appendix. Processes that have been discussed in a previous appendix have been omitted from this appendix. The following processes are included in this appendix:

- Fresh fruit bunch harvesting
- Palm kernels production
- Palm kernel oil processing
- Palm kernel oil refining, bleaching and deodorizing
- Glycerine production
- Polyether polyol for flexible foam polyurethane

Crude oil production, distillation, desalting, and hydrotreating, natural gas production, natural gas processing, and ethylene production are discussed in Appendix B. Propylene production is discussed in Appendix E. Ethylene oxide production, methanol production, and oxygen production are discussed in Appendix F. Salt mining and sodium hydroxide/chlorine production are discussed in Appendix I. Propylene oxide production is discussed in Appendix K.

#### **Fresh Fruit Bunch Harvesting**

With an average rainfall of 210 centimeters per year, an average temperature of 85° to 90° Fahrenheit, and the generally flat geographic terrain, Malaysia is ideal for growing palm trees for palm oil production. A palm tree produces its first harvest between the ages of 30 and 36 months. Once the tree begins producing fruit it may be harvested every 10 to 21 days for the remainder of its life (approximately 25 years) (Reference L-2).

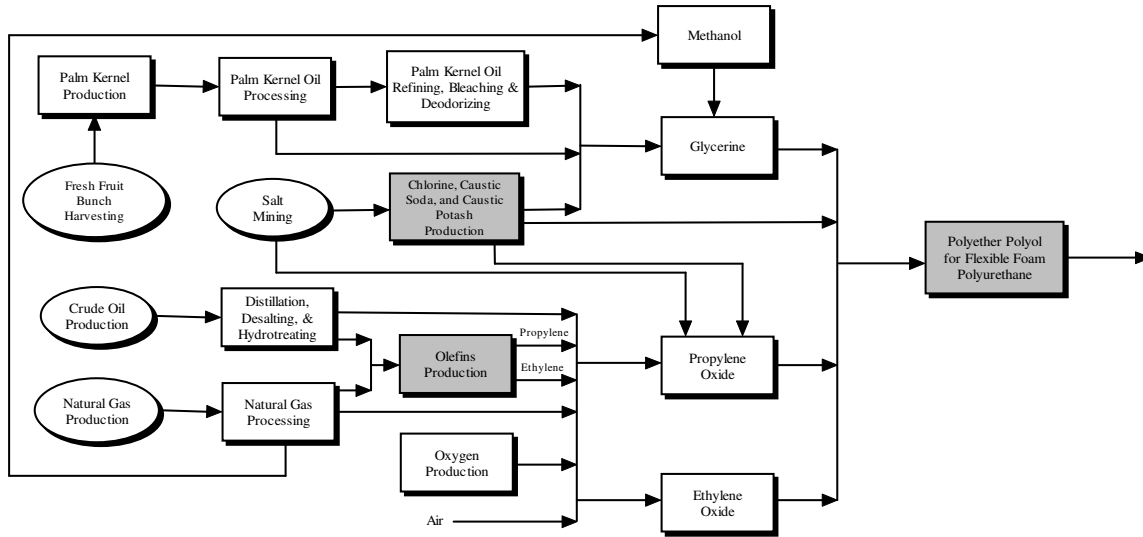


Figure L-1. Flow diagram for the manufacture of polyether polyol for flexible foam polyurethane. Shaded boxes represent partial or complete data provided by manufacturers specifically for this analysis.

There are approximately 54 palm trees per acre, or 130 palm trees per hectare (Reference L-3). An individual palm fruit is four centimeters long and grows in a cluster or bunch on the inner base of the palm frond. Therefore, in order to harvest a fresh fruit bunch (FFB), a palm frond must be manually cut from the tree. Once the frond has been removed, the stalk of the FFB falls to the ground. To prevent bruising of FFBs, harvesting crews typically catch the FFB before it hits the ground.

The FFB are then taken to one of the plantation's access roads where they are loaded into trucks or trailers and shipped to the palm oil mill for processing (Reference L-4). Less than 5 percent of the harvested FFB are transported to the mill by rail.

The energy required for harvesting comes from transporting FFB from the fields to the palm oil mill. Environmental emissions result primarily from burning of older trees on the plantation. Older trees are taken out of production in part because their height makes harvesting very difficult. At any given time, 10 percent of a plantation will be in the stages of replanting (Reference L-3).

The pruned palm fronds, as well as the fallen and burned tree, are utilized as soil conditioners or additives (Reference L-2). The pruned palm fronds are left on the ground under the palm tree as a mulch material and allowed to naturally degrade. It is not uncommon for palm oil mill effluent (POME), which is relatively high in potassium, phosphorus, and nitrogen, to be applied to the soil or fronds to aid in their degradation and act as a fertilizer. With the palm fronds and the resultant ash from burning the tree being utilized, the only emissions to report are the atmospheric emissions from burning the older palm trees.



**Table L-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF POLYETHER POLYOL FOR FLEXIBLE FOAM POLYURETHANES**  
**(Cradle-to-Polyol)**  
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	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Raw Materials</b>				
Crude oil	257	lb	257	kg
Natural Gas	504	lb	504	kg
Salt	1,753	lb	1,753	kg
Fresh Fruit Bunches	76.5	lb	76.5	kg
Oxygen	184	lb	184	kg
		<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>
<b>Energy Usage</b>		<b>Energy</b>		<b>Energy</b>
		<b>Thousand Btu</b>		<b>GigaJoules</b>
<b>Energy of Material Resource</b>				
Natural Gas		10,796		25.1
Petroleum		4,830		11.2
Total Resource		<u>15,626</u>		<u>36.4</u>
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	580	kwh	6,169	1,279
Electricity (cogeneration)	1,561	cu ft (2)	1,749	97.5
Natural gas	8,110	cu ft	9,084	506
LPG	0.042	gal	4.52	0.35
Bit./Sbit. Coal	48.9	lb	549	48.9
Distillate oil	2.41	gal	382	20.1
Residual oil	14.7	gal	2,517	122
Casoline	0.079	gal	11.3	0.66
Diesel	0.15	gal	24.1	1.27
Biomass	97.6	thousand Btu	97.6	227
<b>Internal Offgas use (1)</b>				
From Oil	46.2	lb	1,318	46.2
From Natural Gas	88.5	lb	2,541	88.5
Recovered Energy	81.6	thousand Btu	81.6	190
Total Process		<u>24,365</u>		<u>56.7</u>
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
Combination truck	85.0	ton-miles		274
Diesel	0.89	gal	142	7.45
Single unit truck	0.79	ton-miles		2.55
Diesel	0.018	gal	2.83	0.15
Rail	40.8	ton-miles		131
Diesel	0.10	gal	16.1	0.84
Barge	24.4	ton-miles		78.6
Diesel	0.020	gal	3.10	0.16
Residual oil	0.065	gal	11.1	0.54
Ocean freighter	550	ton-miles		1,770
Diesel	0.10	gal	16.6	0.87
Residual	0.94	gal	161	7.85
Pipeline-natural gas	295	ton-miles		950
Natural gas	204	cu ft	228	12.7
Pipeline-petroleum products	310	ton-miles		998
Electricity	6.76	kwh	69.2	14.9
Total Transportation		<u>650</u>		<u>1.51</u>

- (1) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.
- (2) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency. If offgas was used within the cogen plant, the energy amount is shown within the Internal Offgas use.

Table L-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF POLYETHER POLYOL FOR FLEXIBLE FOAM POLYURETHANES  
(Cradle-to-Polyol)  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>		
Atmospheric Emissions		
Acid (unknown)	0.038 lb	0.038 kg
Aldehydes (unspecified)	0.032 lb	0.032 kg
Ammonia	0.043 lb	0.043 kg
Antimony	6.1E-07 lb	6.1E-07 kg
Arsenic	7.7E-08 lb	7.7E-08 kg
Benzene	0.057 lb	0.057 kg
Carbon Dioxide - Fossil	147 lb	147 kg
Carbon Dioxide - Non-Fossil	16.9 lb	16.9 kg
Carbon Monoxide	0.16 lb	0.16 kg
Carbon Tetrachloride	2.0E-04 lb	2.0E-04 kg
CFC 13 (Methane, trichlorofluoro-)	6.5E-06 lb	6.5E-06 kg
Chlorine	0.0024 lb	0.0024 kg
Chromium	2.0E-07 lb	2.0E-07 kg
Ethylbenzene	0.83 lb	0.83 kg
Ethylene Dibromide	1.3E-06 lb	1.3E-06 kg
Ethylene Oxide	0.011 lb	0.011 kg
HCFC-123	9.2E-05 lb	9.2E-05 kg
HCFC-22	7.5E-07 lb	7.5E-07 kg
HFC-134a	9.2E-05 lb	9.2E-05 kg
Hydrogen	0.0038 lb	0.0038 kg
Hydrogen Chloride	3.3E-04 lb	3.3E-04 kg
NM VOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin	0.20 lb	0.20 kg
Lead	1.1E-07 lb	1.1E-07 kg
Mercury	1.7E-04 lb	1.7E-04 kg
Methane	5.69 lb	5.69 kg
Nickel	1.7E-06 lb	1.7E-06 kg
Nitrogen Oxides	0.20 lb	0.20 kg
Nitrous Oxide	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Non-Methane Hydrocarbons	7.32 lb	7.32 kg
Odororous Sulfur	0.0039 lb	0.0039 kg
Other Organics	0.10 lb	0.10 kg
Particulates (PM10)	0.16 lb	0.16 kg
Particulates (PM2.5)	0.017 lb	0.017 kg
Particulates (unspecified)	0.092 lb	0.092 kg
Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (total)	1.7E-05 lb	1.7E-05 kg
Propylene Oxide	0.40 lb	0.40 kg
Sulfur Dioxide	1.19 lb	1.19 kg
Sulfur Oxides	0.031 lb	0.031 kg
Toluene	0.088 lb	0.088 kg
VOC	0.46 lb	0.46 kg
Xylene	0.051 lb	0.051 kg
Solid Wastes		
Landfilled	30.9 lb	30.9 kg
Burned	5.46 lb	5.46 kg
Waste-to-Energy	0.0050 lb	0.0050 kg
Waterborne Wastes		
m-Xylene	6.4E-06 lb	6.4E-06 kg
1-Methylfluorene	1.3E-08 lb	1.3E-08 kg
2,4-Dimethylphenol	6.1E-06 lb	6.1E-06 kg
2-Hexanone	1.4E-06 lb	1.4E-06 kg
2-Methylnaphthalene	3.3E-06 lb	3.3E-06 kg
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	5.0E-07 lb	5.0E-07 kg
Acetaldehyde	0.011 lb	0.011 kg
Acetone	1.2E-06 lb	1.2E-06 kg
Acid (benzoic)	2.2E-04 lb	2.2E-04 kg
Acid (hexanoic)	4.6E-05 lb	4.6E-05 kg
Acid (unspecified)	8.52 lb	8.52 kg
Alkylated benzenes	4.1E-05 lb	4.1E-05 kg
Alkylated fluorenes	2.4E-06 lb	2.4E-06 kg

Table L-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF POLYETHER POLYOL FOR FLEXIBLE FOAM POLYURETHANES  
(Cradle-to-Polyol)  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
Alkylated naphthalenes	6.7E-07 lb	6.7E-07 kg
Alkylated phenanthrenes	2.8E-07 lb	2.8E-07 kg
Aluminum	0.020 lb	0.020 kg
Ammonia	0.017 lb	0.017 kg
Antimony	1.3E-05 lb	1.3E-05 kg
Arsenic	4.2E-05 lb	4.2E-05 kg
Barium	0.27 lb	0.27 kg
Benzene	2.4E-04 lb	2.4E-04 kg
Beryllium	2.6E-06 lb	2.6E-06 kg
BOD	0.85 lb	0.85 kg
Boron	6.8E-04 lb	6.8E-04 kg
Bromide	0.027 lb	0.027 kg
Cadmium	6.5E-06 lb	6.5E-06 kg
Calcium	0.45 lb	0.45 kg
Chlorides	5.58 lb	5.58 kg
Chromium (unspecified)	0.0034 lb	0.0034 kg
Cobalt	4.8E-06 lb	4.8E-06 kg
COD	3.45 lb	3.45 kg
Copper	5.9E-05 lb	5.9E-05 kg
Cyanide	8.5E-09 lb	8.5E-09 kg
Dibenzofuran	2.2E-08 lb	2.2E-08 kg
Dibenzothiophene	1.8E-08 lb	1.8E-08 kg
Dissolved Solids	51.3 lb	51.3 kg
Ethylbenzene	2.1E-05 lb	2.1E-05 kg
Fluorides	2.3E-05 lb	2.3E-05 kg
Fluorene	1.1E-06 lb	1.1E-06 kg
Hydrocarbons	0.89 lb	0.89 kg
Iron	0.037 lb	0.037 kg
Lead	1.1E-04 lb	1.1E-04 kg
Lead 210	2.3E-14 lb	2.3E-14 kg
Lithium	0.089 lb	0.089 kg
Magnesium	0.090 lb	0.090 kg
Manganese	1.3E-04 lb	1.3E-04 kg
Mercury	7.9E-07 lb	7.9E-07 kg
Metal Ion (unspecified)	1.00 lb	1.00 kg
Methyl Chloride	4.7E-09 lb	4.7E-09 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	9.5E-09 lb	9.5E-09 kg
Molybdenum	5.0E-06 lb	5.0E-06 kg
Naphthalene	4.0E-06 lb	4.0E-06 kg
n-Decane	6.3E-06 lb	6.3E-06 kg
n-Docosane	1.3E-07 lb	1.3E-07 kg
n-Dodecane	1.2E-05 lb	1.2E-05 kg
n-Eicosane	3.3E-06 lb	3.3E-06 kg
n-Hexacosane	7.9E-08 lb	7.9E-08 kg
n-Hexadecane	1.3E-05 lb	1.3E-05 kg
Nickel	5.1E-05 lb	5.1E-05 kg
Nitrates	1.00 lb	1.00 kg
Nitrogen	0.0025 lb	0.0025 kg
n-Octadecane	3.3E-06 lb	3.3E-06 kg
p-Xylene	2.3E-06 lb	2.3E-06 kg
o-Xylene	2.3E-06 lb	2.3E-06 kg
o-Cresol	6.3E-06 lb	6.3E-06 kg
Oil	0.0097 lb	0.0097 kg

Table L-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF POLYETHER POLYOL FOR FLEXIBLE FOAM POLYURETHANES  
(Cradle-to-Polyol)  
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	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>	<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>
p-Cresol	6.8E-06 lb	6.8E-06 kg
p-Cymene	1.2E-08 lb	1.2E-08 kg
Pentamethylbenzene	8.8E-09 lb	8.8E-09 kg
Phenanthrene	1.7E-07 lb	1.7E-07 kg
Phenol/ Phenolic Compounds	1.14 lb	1.14 kg
Tetradecane	5.1E-06 lb	5.1E-06 kg
Radium 226	7.9E-12 lb	7.9E-12 kg
Radium 228	4.0E-14 lb	4.0E-14 kg
Selenium	2.9E-06 lb	2.9E-06 kg
Silver	2.7E-04 lb	2.7E-04 kg
Sodium	1.29 lb	1.29 kg
Sodium Hydroxide	1.22 lb	1.22 kg
Strontium	0.012 lb	0.012 kg
Styrene	7.5E-07 lb	7.5E-07 kg
Sulfates	0.0093 lb	0.0093 kg
Sulfides	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Sulfur	5.4E-04 lb	5.4E-04 kg
Surfactants	1.1E-04 lb	1.1E-04 kg
Suspended Solids	2.39 lb	2.39 kg
Thallium	2.7E-06 lb	2.7E-06 kg
Tin	5.0E-05 lb	5.0E-05 kg
Titanium	1.9E-04 lb	1.9E-04 kg
TOC	0.011 lb	0.011 kg
Toluene	2.9E-04 lb	2.9E-04 kg
Total biphenyls	2.7E-06 lb	2.7E-06 kg
Total dibenzothiophenes	8.2E-09 lb	8.2E-09 kg
Vanadium	2.2E-05 lb	2.2E-05 kg
Xylene, unspecified	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Yttrium	1.5E-06 lb	1.5E-06 kg
Zinc	0.0016 lb	0.0016 kg

References: Tables B-2 through B-6, E-2, F-2, F-4, F-5, I-2, I-3b, K-3, and L-2 through L-7.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG models

Table L-2 displays the energy and emissions for harvesting fresh fruit bunches in Malaysia.

### **Palm Kernels Production**

The FFB are delivered to palm oil mills in lorries or trailers. A small portion of the FFB are shipped in sterilizer cages; the majority are placed in sterilizer cages at the mill, where they are then passed through steam. This sterilization deactivates or kills the enzymes, which cause the breakdown of oil into free fatty acids (FFA), which are undesirable in the palm oil. The industry tries to keep the entering FFA to less than 5 percent (Reference L-2). The sterilization process also helps loosen the individual fruit from the bundles.

From the sterilizer, the fruit bunches are sent to a stripper where the fruitlets are separated from then stalk/stem. The empty bunches, approximately 70 percent moisture, are sent to an incinerator (no energy recovery). The resulting incinerator ash, 0.5 percent of the weight of the FFB, is then landspread on the plantation.

The fruitlets from the stripper are sent to a digester where the fruitlets are converted by a mechanical stirring process into homogeneous oily mash. A screw press is used to remove the majority of crude palm oil from the digested mash.

**Table L-2**  
**DATA FOR THE GROWING AND HARVESTING**  
**OF FRESH FRUIT BUNCHES**

Energy Usage	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
		Total Energy Thousand Btu		Total Energy GigaJoules
Process Energy				
Diesel	1.96 gal	311	16.4 liter	0.72
Total Process		<u>311</u>		<u>0.72</u>
Transportation Energy				
Single unit truck	6.30 ton-miles		20.3 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.14 gal	22.5	1.18 liter	0.052
Total Transportation		<u>22.5</u>		<u>0.052</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Carbon Dioxide (Non-fossil)	8.56 lb		8.56 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	0.0023 lb		0.0023 kg	
Hydrocarbons	0.0010 lb		0.0010 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.0055 lb		0.0055 kg	
Particulates (unknown)	0.066 lb		0.066 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	0.0023 lb		0.0023 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	0.012 lb		0.012 kg	

References: L-3 and L-5 through L-9.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

At this point the crude palm oil contains oil, water, and fruit solids. Therefore, the liquid is clarified in a continuous settling tank operation. The decanted palm oil passes through a centrifugal purifier from which the oil layer is vacuum dried to remove any remaining solids and moisture. The oil is then pumped to storage tanks before it is sent on for refining. Crude palm oil yields are approximately 21 percent, by weight, of the FFB.

The deoiled fiber/nut press cake passes to an air separation system, which separates the fiber from the nut. After separation the fiber (30 percent moisture) is used as a fuel for the mill (Reference L-3). The nuts are dried in silo driers and then cracked using centrifugal crackers. The kernel or the nut meat is removed from the shell using air and water separation systems. Kernels are further dried in silo driers and stored awaiting shipment to a processor. Dried kernels account for 6 percent of the FFB weight and contain between 40 and 50 percent oil.

The shells, 15 percent moisture (Reference L-3), are mixed with the fiber and used as boiler fuel. Most boiler designs limit the ratio of fiber/shell feed. For this reason excess shell material typically requires alternative handling. The most common practiced is to use the shell material as a base or surface material on the numerous roads of the plantation (Reference L-3).

Bunch ash, crude palm oil, and shells used in road construction have been treated as coproducts, for which credit has been given on a mass basis. The energy recovered from fiber and shells used as a fuel in this process, as well as any biogas utilization, is greater than the process energy demands. Therefore, only transportation energy is reported for palm oil production. Because the amount of palm kernels produced is relatively small, separate processing plants have been established for extracting palm kernel oil.

The major environmental discharges from a palm oil mill are atmospheric emissions from the incinerator and boiler operations, solid waste in the form of the boiler ash and wastewater treatment sludges, and waterborne wastes in the form of treated palm oil mill effluents (POME) discharged to the water.

The POME has received considerable attention because of the amount of material generated. POME generation is approximately 60 to 67 percent of the weight of FFB, including water form the process. The largest single source of POME is the centrifugal sludge. The quantity of POME on a wet basis is roughly 2.5 times greater than the amount of crude palm oil generated.

Significant research has been performed on the utilization of palm mill wastes including the POME. All raw effluents receive treatment prior to discharge. Data from individual mills as well as government published sources were used in characterizing these discharges. Some general assumptions were necessary to describe the common practices. In general, it was assumed 5 percent of POME is treated through biogas operation; 95 percent is assumed lagooned after aerobic and anaerobic digestion. Of that POME lagooned, 33 percent is utilized as fertilizer, and 65 percent is not utilized; the remaining 2 percent is assumed to have no effluent or zero discharge. The wastewater discharges, therefore, represent this 65 percent value.

The energy requirements and environmental emissions for the production of palm kernels are shown in Table L-3.

### **Palm Kernel Oil Processing**

The extraction of crude palm kernel oil (CPKO) from palm kernels can be carried out in a variety of ways:

- Mechanical extraction using high-pressure screw pressing
- Solvent extraction with hexane
- Preprocessing followed by solvent extraction

**Table L-3**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF PALM KERNELS**

	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Fresh Fruit Bunches	2,980 lb		2,980 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Biomass		3,800		8.85
Total Process		3,800		8.85
Transportation Energy				
Single unit truck	6.22 ton-miles		20.0 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.14 gal	22.2	1.17 liter	0.052
Ocean freighter	1,508 ton-miles		4,854 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.29 gal	46	2.39 liter	0.11
Residual	2.58 gal	443	21.5 liter	1.03
Total Transportation		510		1.19
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Carbon Dioxide (non-fossil)	631 lb		631 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	0.11 lb		0.11 kg	
Methane	23.0 lb		23.0 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.27 lb		0.27 kg	
NM Hydrocarbons	0.52 lb		0.52 kg	
Odorous Sulfur	0.15 lb		0.15 kg	
Particulates (unknown)	3.00 lb		3.00 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	1.05 lb		1.05 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	19.7 lb		19.7 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
BOD	0.18 lb		0.18 kg	
COD	1.63 lb		1.63 kg	
Dissolved Solids	5.07 lb		5.07 kg	
Nitrogen	0.10 lb		0.10 kg	
Oil	0.048 lb		0.048 kg	
Suspended Solids	0.73 lb		0.73 kg	

References: L-3, L-5, L-7, L-8, and L-10 through L-21.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

Industry sources have indicated solvent extraction of palm kernel oil accounts for only a minor portion of the CPKO production. Mechanical extraction may be carried out in either a single-or double-press system. In this analysis it was assumed only one-third of all CPKO is produced by way of a double-press system. The remainder was assumed produced from a single-press system (Reference L-4).

The energy and emissions data for the production of CPKO is presented in Table L-4. For every 1,000 pounds of CPKO produced, 1,560 pounds of cake and pellets are produced. Mass partitioning was used to give credit to these coproducts.

**Table L-4**  
**DATA FOR THE PROCESSING**  
**OF CRUDE PALM KERNEL OIL**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Palm Kernels	1,064 lb		1,064 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	137 kwh	1,410	302 kwh	3.28
Natural gas	36.1 cu ft	40.4	2.25 cu meters	0.094
Distillate oil	3.83 gal	608	32.0 liter	1.42
Total Process		<u>2,059</u>		<u>4.79</u>
Transportation Energy				
Single unit truck	6.22 ton-miles		20.02 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.14 gal	22.2	1.17 liter	0.052
Ocean freighter	1,508 ton-miles		4,854 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.29 gal	46	2.39 liter	0.11
Residual	2.58 gal	443	21.5 liter	1.03
Total Transportation		<u>510</u>		<u>1.19</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	17.2 lb		17.2 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
Suspended solids	1.84 lb		1.84 kg	

References: L-5, L-7 through L-9, and L-22 through L-24.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

### **Palm Kernel Oil Refining, Bleaching, and Deodorizing**

The purpose for refining is to produce a bland, light colored oil with excellent oxidative stability. This can be achieved by removing trace components such as beta-carotenes, metals, and free fatty acid (FFA). The two most common methods are the alkali or chemical refining route and the physical or steam refining route. The methods differ basically in the way the FFA is removed from the oil.



The chemical refining route is the older of the commercial refining methods. In this system the oil is treated with phosphoric acid and neutralized with a solution of caustic soda. The precipitated impurities are removed and commonly called soapstock. The refined oil is then vacuum dried and mixed with bleaching clay (0.6 to 1.2 percent by weight of the oil input) (Reference L-2). The final step is to deodorize the oil by distillation. The refining loss index for the alkali process ranges from 1.5 to 1.8 times the input FFA.

Drawbacks from the alkali process include the problem of effluent production and the limitation of needing low FFA in the crude oil input. The effluents issue pertains to the production of alkali metal sulphate and dilute sulfuric acid. The alkali method is also considered as restricted to processing crude oils of low FFA. Thus, the greater the incoming FFA, the greater the refinery losses. Typically the FFA levels of crude oils processed by the alkali method are below 0.25 percent (crude palm oil ranges between 3 and 5 percent FFA).

Physical refining, which eliminates the need for effluent plants, involves subjecting the oil to steam distillation of fatty acids in a vacuum under high temperatures. Approximately 85-90 percent of Malaysia refining capacity is through the physical route. Discussion and analysis will therefore focus on physical refining for the processing of crude palm oil.

Physical refining was initially conceived for the treatment of high FFA oils. Because of this situation and the fact that no alkali or acid industry exists in Malaysia, the physical refining route was a natural progression.

Initially the oil is treated with phosphoric acid (85 percent). Next the degummed oil comes in contact with bleaching clay (0.6 to 1.5 percent by weight of the oil) (Reference L-4). This bleaching ratio is considerably higher than that required in the residual/unreacted phosphoric acid and to remove metals and other impurities.

The resulting (degummed and bleached) oil must be deodorized. Because the FFA at this point is still quite high, deodorizing is significantly different than for the alkali process. The deodorization is performed under a vacuum at temperatures of 260° Celsius. The fatty acid distillate is marketed as animal feed. The refining loss index is from 1.1 to 2.8 times the input FFA. An average 93.5 percent oil yield is achieved through the physical refining route.

The energy requirements and environmental emissions for the refining, bleaching, and deodorizing of palm kernel oil are shown in Table L-5.

**Table L-5**  
**DATA FOR THE REFINING, BLEACHING AND DEODORIZING**  
**OF PALM KERNEL OIL**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Crude Palm Kernel Oil	1,016 lb		1,016 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	4.30 kwh	44.3	9.48 kwh	0.10
Distillate oil	3.20 gal	508	26.7 liter	1.18
Total Process		552		1.29
Transportation Energy				
Combination truck	18.6 ton-miles		59.9 tonne-km	
Diesel	1.18 gal	187	9.85 liter	0.44
Ocean freighter	1,508 ton-miles		4,854 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.45 gal	71.5	3.75 liter	0.17
Residual	4.53 gal	777	37.8 liter	1.81
Total Transportation		1,036		2.41
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Carbon Monoxide	0.0070 lb		0.0070 kg	
Hydrocarbons	0.0020 lb		0.0020 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	20.9 lb		20.9 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
BOD	0.44 lb		0.44 kg	
COD	0.87 lb		0.87 kg	
Suspended solids	0.54 lb		0.54 kg	
Dissolved solids	1.00 lb		1.00 kg	
Oil	0.057 lb		0.057 kg	

References: L-5

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

## Glycerine Production

Glycerine is produced by several methods: 1) as a byproduct of soap manufacture, 2) from propylene and chlorine to form allyl chloride, which is converted to dichlorohydrin with hypochlorous acid and then saponified to glycerine with caustic, 3) by isomerization of propylene oxide to allyl alcohol, which is then reacted with peracetic acid, followed by hydrolyzing the glycidol into glycerine, 4) hydrogenation of carbohydrates with a nickel catalyst, and 5) from acrolein and hydrogen peroxide. In this analysis, glycerine is produced as a byproduct of palm oil methyl ester, which is an intermediate in soap production. This production method makes up approximately 75 percent of the total U.S. glycerine production amount (Reference L-25).

Although a number of raw materials (coconut oil, palm oil, palm kernel oil, etc.) can be used to produce glycerine, palm kernel oil has been chosen in this analysis (Reference L-26). Refined palm kernel oil is converted to methyl esters and glycerine by the transesterification of triglycerides. The reaction occurs with excess methanol, a process known as methanolysis, in the presence of a sodium methylate catalyst. The reaction takes place at atmospheric pressure and can be carried out in a batch or continuous process. The yields will be higher (in excess of 99 percent) for the continuous process.

The reaction forms two layers. The bottom layer consists of crude glycerine, soap, methanol, small amounts of methyl ester, and water. The top layer contains the methyl esters.

The first step in refining the glycerine is to distill off the methanol and water. The methanol is dried and recirculated back into the esterification process or used to make sodium methylate. The remaining glycerine mixture is acidulated to separate the fatty acids from the soap. Methyl esters are also separated and the glycerine is dried.

Table L-6 displays the energy requirements and environmental emissions for the production of glycerine.

**Table L-6**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF GLYCERINE**

<b>Material Inputs</b>	<b>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</b>		<b>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</b>	
Refined Palm Kernel Oil	675 lb		675 kg	
Crude Palm Kernel Oil	232 lb		232 kg	
Methanol	124 lb		124 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	5.48 kwh	56.4	12.1 kwh	0.13
Natural gas	2,071 cu ft	2,320	129 cu meters	5.40
Bit./Sbit. Coal	49.1 lb	551	49.1 kg	1.28
Total Process		<u>2,927</u>		<u>6.81</u>
Transportation Energy				
Combination truck	27.1 ton-miles		87.2 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.28 gal	45.2	2.37 liter	0.11
Rail	49.8 ton-miles		160 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.12 gal	19.6	1.03 liter	0.046
Total Transportation		<u>64.8</u>		<u>0.15</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
NM Hydrocarbons	2.41 lb		2.41 kg	
Methane	0.014 lb		0.014 kg	
Other Organics	0.034 lb		0.034 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
BOD	0.063 lb		0.063 kg	
COD	0.070 lb		0.070 kg	
Oil	0.012 lb		0.012 kg	
Suspended solids	0.028 lb		0.028 kg	
Dissolved solids	0.068 lb		0.068 kg	

References: L-5, L-27, and L-28.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

**Polyether Polyol for Flexible Foam Polyurethanes**

The manufacture of polyether polyol begins with the introduction of a potassium hydroxide catalyst to a polyol initiator, such as a triol. Sodium hydroxide data is used in place of potassium hydroxide data, which were not available. The manufacture of sodium hydroxide utilizes a process similar to the manufacture of potassium hydroxide. This solution is reacted with propylene oxide and ethylene oxide to form an intermediate. Water is then added to this intermediate. A solvent is introduced, which absorbs the polyol from the water/catalyst. The density difference between the aqueous & organic phases is used to separate the two phases. Finally, the polyol is purified of solvent, side products and water through distillation (Reference L-28).

Table L-7 presents the data for the production of polyether polyol for use in flexible foam polyurethane. Data for the production of polyether polyol were provided by five leading producers (5 plants) in North America to Franklin Associates under contract to Plastics Division of the American Chemistry Council (ACC). Heat was a coproduct for two producers. The energy for exported heat was reported separately as recovered energy.

As of 2002, it is estimated that for all polyurethane applications, there were 7 polyether polyol producers and 9 polyether polyol plants in the U.S. (Reference L-1 and L-29). The polyether polyol data collected represents a majority of the total North American production of polyether polyol for flexible foam polyurethane. The polyether polyol producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of the North American production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by all polyether polyol data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for polyether polyols used in flexible foam polyurethane, the collection methods, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for these polyether polyols include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and engineering estimates. All data submitted for polyether polyols represents the years 2003 and 2005 and represents U.S. production.

**Table L-7**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF POLYETHER POLYOL FOR FLEXIBLE FOAM POLYURETHANE**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Propylene oxide	856 lb		856 kg	
Ethylene oxide	113 lb		113 kg	
Glycerine	26.3 lb		26.3 kg	
Caustic Potash	3.96 lb		3.96 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>	54.0 gal		451 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>
		<b>Energy</b>		<b>Energy</b>
		<b>Thousand Btu</b>		<b>GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	10.9 kwh	112	24.0 kwh	0.26
Electricity (cogeneration)	322 cu ft (1)	361	20.1 cu meters	0.84
Natural gas	985 cu ft	1,103	61.5 cu meters	2.57
Recovered Energy	79.0 thousand Btu	79.0	184 MJ	0.18
Total Process		1,497		3.49
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Carbon Monoxide	0.027 lb		0.027 kg	
Carbon Dioxide	26.1 lb		26.1 kg	
Chlorine	1.0E-05 lb (2)		1.0E-05 kg	
Lead	1.0E-07 lb (2)		1.0E-07 kg	
Mercury	1.0E-07 lb (2)		1.0E-07 kg	
Methane	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.063 lb		0.063 kg	
Nitrous Oxide	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
NM Hydrocarbons	0.11 lb		0.11 kg	
Other Organics	0.023 lb		0.023 kg	
Particulates (unknown)	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
PM2.5	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
PM10	0.057 lb		0.057 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	2.1E-04 lb		2.1E-04 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	0.87 lb		0.87 kg	
Waterborne Wastes (3)				
Ammonia	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
BOD	0.28 lb		0.28 kg	
COD	2.96 lb		2.96 kg	
Dissolved Solids	1.00 lb (2)		1.00 kg	
Hydrocarbons	0.10 lb (2)		0.10 kg	
Metal Ion	1.00 lb (2)		1.00 kg	
Nitrates	1.00 lb (2)		1.00 kg	
Suspended Solids	3.6E-04 lb		3.6E-04 kg	
TOC	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	

(1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

(2) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.

(3) These waterborne emissions may be overstated as 1 or more of the plants providing data were only able to supply waterborne emissions before the effluent was sent to a water treatment plant.

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Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

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## APPENDIX M

### METHYLENE DIPHENYLENE DIISOCYANATE (MDI)

#### INTRODUCTION

This appendix discusses the manufacture of pure and polymeric forms of methylene diphenylene diisocyanate (MDI), which is a precursor for a variety of polyurethanes. Industries that use polyurethanes with MDI as a precursor include automotive, construction, footwear, and appliances. Over 2.2 billion pounds of pure and polymeric MDI were produced in the U.S. and Canada in 2002 (Reference M-1). The material flow for MDI is shown in Figure M-1. The total unit process energy and emissions data (cradle-to-MDI) for MDI are displayed in Table M-1. Individual process tables on the bases of 1,000 pounds and 1,000 kilograms are also shown within this appendix. Processes that have been discussed in previous appendices have been omitted from this appendix. The following processes are included in this appendix:

- Hydrogen
- Nitric Acid
- Nitrobenzene
- Aniline
- Formaldehyde
- Phosgene
- Methylene diphenylene diisocyanate (PMDI/MDI)

Crude oil production, refining of petroleum products (distillation, desalting and hydrotreating), natural gas production, and natural gas processing (extraction) are discussed in Appendix B. Carbon monoxide production, and methanol production are discussed in Appendix F. Benzene production and pygas production are discussed in Appendix G. Salt mining and sodium hydroxide/chlorine production are discussed in Appendix I. Ammonia production is discussed in Appendix J. Although carbon monoxide data is not shown in this appendix due to confidentiality issues, the transport data is specific to MDI and is represented as 0.0324 ton-miles by natural gas pipeline in Table M-4.

#### Hydrogen Production

Hydrogen and carbon dioxide are coproducts in the production of synthesis gas. Synthesis gas is primarily produced from natural gas by steam-methane reforming. Natural gases, or other light hydrocarbons, and steam are fed into a primary reformer over a nickel catalyst to produce hydrogen and carbon oxides, generally referred to as synthesis gas. About 70 percent of the hydrocarbon feed is converted to synthesis gas in the primary reformer.

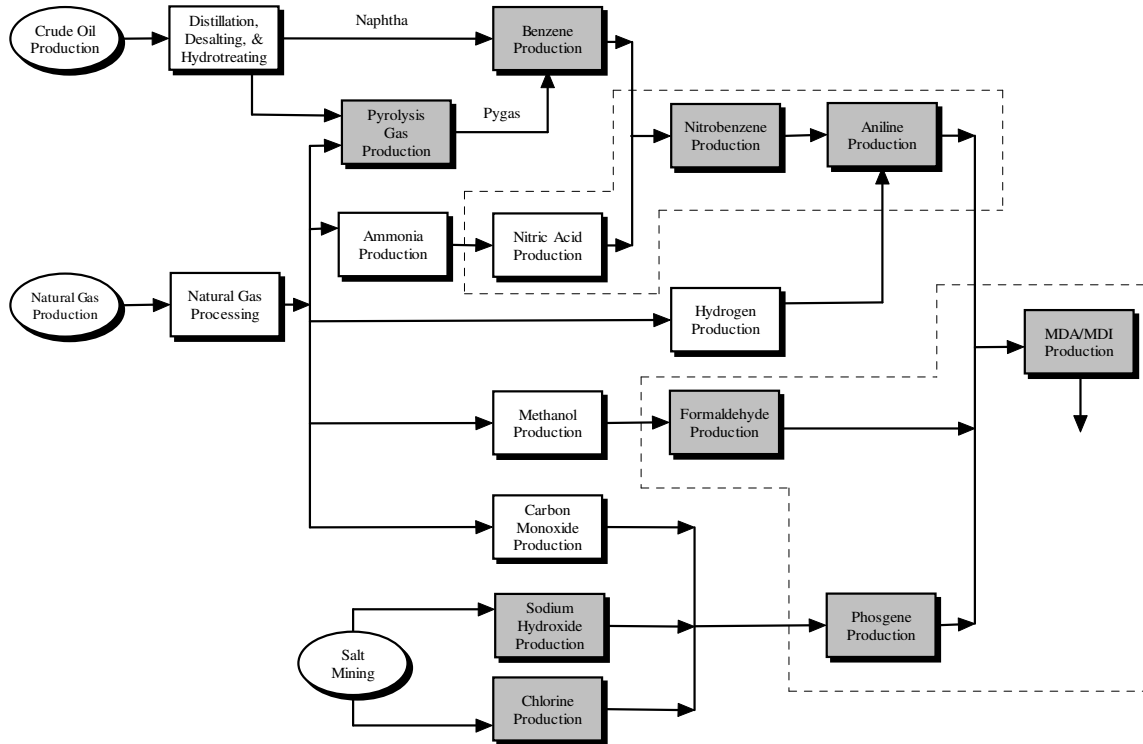


Figure M-1. Flow diagram for the manufacture of methylene diphenylene diisocyanate (MDI). Shaded boxes represent partial or complete data provided by manufacturers specifically for this analysis. Boxes within the dotted lines are included in an aggregated dataset.

The effluent from the reformers is fed into carbon monoxide shift converters where the carbon monoxide reacts with water to form carbon dioxide and hydrogen. The effluent from the shift converters is cooled, and condensed water is removed. The carbon dioxide and some excess hydrogen are also removed from the synthesis gas as coproducts (Reference M-2).

The ratio of carbon monoxide to hydrogen in the synthesis gas differs depending on the specifications for the synthesis gas, and therefore the amounts of hydrogen and carbon dioxide coproducts differ also. Synthesis gas is a raw material for many different processes, each with specific requirements. Because of this difference in requirements, it is difficult to show a generic or widely applicable material balance for this process.

**Table M-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF METHYLENE DIPHENYLENE DIISOCYANATE (MDI)**  
**(Cradle-to-MDI)**  
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<b>Raw Materials</b>	<b>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</b>	<b>Per 1,000 kg</b>		
Crude oil	335 lb		335 kg	
Natural Gas	363 lb		363 kg	
Salt	386 lb		386 kg	
Oxygen from air	360 lb		360 kg	
Water	257 gal		2,144 liter	
Nitrogen from air	40.7 lb		40.7 kg	
		<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>
<b>Energy Usage</b>		<b>Energy</b>		<b>Energy</b>
		<b>Thousand Btu</b>		<b>GigaJoules</b>
Energy of Material Resource				
Natural Gas		7,766		18.1
Petroleum		6,280		14.6
Total Resource		<u>14,046</u>		<u>32.7</u>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	293 kwh	3,112	645 kwh	7.25
Electricity (cogeneration)	843 cu ft (2)	867	53 cu meters	2.02
Natural gas	5,411 cu ft	6,060	338 cu meters	14.1
LPG	0.048 gal	5.23	0.40 liter	0.012
Bit./Sbit. Coal	15.4 lb	173	15.4 kg	0.40
Distillate oil	0.74 gal	118	6.19 liter	0.27
Residual oil	2.84 gal	487	23.7 liter	1.13
Gasoline	0.063 gal	8.95	0.53 liter	0.021
Diesel	2.6E-04 gal	0.042	2.2E-03 liter	9.7E-05
Internal Offgas use (1)				
From Oil	16.8 lb	453	16.8 kg	1.05
From Natural Gas	23.2 lb	626	23.2 kg	1.46
Recovered Energy	956 th Btu	956	2,224 MJ	2.23
Total Process		<u>10,955</u>		<u>25.5</u>
Transportation Energy				
Combination truck	6.62 ton-miles		21.3 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.069 gal	11.0	0.58 liter	0.026
Rail	33.3 ton-miles		107 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.083 gal	13.1	0.69 liter	0.030
Barge	59.4 ton-miles		191 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.048 gal	7.54	0.40 liter	0.018
Residual oil	0.16 gal	27.1	1.32 liter	0.063
Ocean freighter	518 ton-miles		1,666 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.10 gal	15.6	0.82 liter	0.036
Residual	0.89 gal	152	7.39 liter	0.35
Pipeline-natural gas	192 ton-miles		618 tonne-km	
Natural gas	133 cu ft	149	8.27 cu meter	0.35
Pipeline-petroleum products	151 ton-miles		485 tonne-km	
Electricity	3.29 kwh	33.7	7.25 kwh	0.078
Total Transportation		<u>408</u>		<u>0.95</u>

- (1) A portion of the material feed combusts within the hydrocracker and produces an offgas, which provides an internal energy source.
- (2) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency. If offgas was used within the cogen plant, the energy amount is shown within the Internal Offgas use.

Table M-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF METHYLENE DIPHENYLENE DIISOCYANATE (MDI)  
(Cradle-to-MDI)  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>		
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>		
Aldehydes (unspecified)	2.3E-04 lb	2.3E-04 kg
Ammonia	0.27 lb	0.27 kg
Antimony	7.0E-07 lb	7.0E-07 kg
Arsenic	8.9E-08 lb	8.9E-08 kg
Benzene	0.037 lb	0.037 kg
Carbon Dioxide - Fossil	363 lb	363 kg
Carbon Monoxide	2.11 lb	2.11 kg
Carbon Tetrachloride	8.9E-05 lb	8.9E-05 kg
CFC 13 (Methane, trichlorofluoro-)	7.5E-06 lb	7.5E-06 kg
Chlorine	6.8E-04 lb	6.8E-04 kg
Chromium	2.3E-07 lb	2.3E-07 kg
Copper	4.8E-05 lb	4.8E-05 kg
Dimethyl Ether	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Ethylbenzene	0.0044 lb	0.0044 kg
Ethylene Dibromide	1.5E-06 lb	1.5E-06 kg
HCFC-123	3.7E-05 lb	3.7E-05 kg
HCFC-22	4.8E-04 lb	4.8E-04 kg
HFC-134a	3.7E-05 lb	3.7E-05 kg
Hydrogen	7.5E-04 lb	7.5E-04 kg
Hydrogen Chloride	2.8E-04 lb	2.8E-04 kg
NM VOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified	0.23 lb	0.23 kg
Lead	4.8E-06 lb	4.8E-06 kg
Mercury	7.0E-05 lb	7.0E-05 kg
Methane	3.91 lb	3.91 kg
Methanol	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Nickel	2.0E-06 lb	2.0E-06 kg
Nickel Compounds	4.8E-04 lb	4.8E-04 kg
Nitrogen Oxides	0.58 lb	0.58 kg
Non-Methane Hydrocarbons	0.56 lb	0.56 kg
Other Organics	0.21 lb	0.21 kg
Particulates (PM10)	0.069 lb	0.069 kg
Particulates (PM2.5)	0.018 lb	0.018 kg
Particulates (unspecified)	0.011 lb	0.011 kg
PFCs	0.0048 lb	0.0048 kg
Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (total)	1.9E-05 lb	1.9E-05 kg
Sulfur Dioxide	0.81 lb	0.81 kg
Sulfur Oxides	0.18 lb	0.18 kg
Sulfuric Acid	4.8E-06 lb	4.8E-06 kg
TOC	0.74 lb	0.74 kg
Toluene	0.057 lb	0.057 kg
VOC	0.30 lb	0.30 kg
Xylene	0.033 lb	0.033 kg
<b>Solid Wastes</b>		
Landfilled	23.4 lb	23.4 kg
Burned	3.26 lb	3.26 kg
Waste-to-Energy	0.75 lb	0.75 kg
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>		
m-Xylene	5.1E-06 lb	5.1E-06 kg
1-Methylfluorene	9.5E-09 lb	9.5E-09 kg
2,4-Dimethylphenol	4.9E-06 lb	4.9E-06 kg
2-Hexanone	1.2E-06 lb	1.2E-06 kg
2-Methylnaphthalene	2.7E-06 lb	2.7E-06 kg
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	3.5E-07 lb	3.5E-07 kg
Acetone	8.4E-07 lb	8.4E-07 kg
Acid (benzoic)	1.8E-04 lb	1.8E-04 kg
Acid (hexanoic)	3.7E-05 lb	3.7E-05 kg
Alkylated benzenes	3.3E-05 lb	3.3E-05 kg
Alkylated fluorenes	1.9E-06 lb	1.9E-06 kg
Alkylated naphthalenes	5.5E-07 lb	5.5E-07 kg
Alkylated phenanthrenes	2.3E-07 lb	2.3E-07 kg
Aluminum	0.016 lb	0.016 kg
Ammonia	0.029 lb	0.029 kg

**Table M-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF METHYLENE DIPHENYLENE DIISOCYANATE (MDI)**  
**(Cradle-to-MDI)**  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
Antimony	1.0E-05 lb	1.0E-05 kg
Arsenic	3.4E-05 lb	3.4E-05 kg
Barium	0.22 lb	0.22 kg
Benzene	1.9E-04 lb	1.9E-04 kg
Beryllium	2.2E-06 lb	2.2E-06 kg
BOD	0.34 lb	0.34 kg
Boron	5.5E-04 lb	5.5E-04 kg
Bromide	0.023 lb	0.023 kg
Cadmium	5.3E-06 lb	5.3E-06 kg
Calcium	0.37 lb	0.37 kg
Chlorides	4.57 lb	4.57 kg
Chloroform	1.0E-06 lb	1.0E-06 kg
Chromium (unspecified)	4.4E-04 lb	4.4E-04 kg
Cobalt	3.9E-06 lb	3.9E-06 kg
COD	0.58 lb	0.58 kg
Copper	4.9E-05 lb	4.9E-05 kg
Cyanide	1.0E-06 lb	1.0E-06 kg
Dibenzofuran	1.6E-08 lb	1.6E-08 kg
Dibenzothiophene	1.3E-08 lb	1.3E-08 kg
Dissolved Solids	32.6 lb	32.6 kg
Ethylbenzene	1.2E-05 lb	1.2E-05 kg
Fluorene	9.0E-07 lb	9.0E-07 kg
Iron	0.030 lb	0.030 kg
Lead	9.1E-05 lb	9.1E-05 kg
Lead 210	1.8E-14 lb	1.8E-14 kg
Lithium	0.058 lb	0.058 kg
Magnesium	0.074 lb	0.074 kg
Manganese	1.1E-04 lb	1.1E-04 kg
Mercury	4.2E-07 lb	4.2E-07 kg
Methyl Chloride	3.4E-09 lb	3.4E-09 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	6.7E-09 lb	6.7E-09 kg
Molybdenum	4.0E-06 lb	4.0E-06 kg
Naphthalene	3.2E-06 lb	3.2E-06 kg
n-Decane	5.1E-06 lb	5.1E-06 kg
n-Docosane	9.0E-08 lb	9.0E-08 kg
n-Dodecane	9.7E-06 lb	9.7E-06 kg
n-Eicosane	2.7E-06 lb	2.7E-06 kg
n-Hexacosane	5.6E-08 lb	5.6E-08 kg
n-Hexadecane	1.1E-05 lb	1.1E-05 kg
Nickel	5.2E-05 lb	5.2E-05 kg
Nitrates	1.0E-08 lb	1.0E-08 kg
n-Octadecane	2.6E-06 lb	2.6E-06 kg
p -Xylene	1.9E-06 lb	1.9E-06 kg
o -Xylene	1.9E-06 lb	1.9E-06 kg
o-Cresol	5.1E-06 lb	5.1E-06 kg
Oil	0.029 lb	0.029 kg
p-Cresol	5.5E-06 lb	5.5E-06 kg

Table M-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF METHYLENE DIPHENYLENE DIISOCYANATE (MDI)  
(Cradle-to-MDI)  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
p-Cymene	8.4E-09 lb	8.4E-09 kg
Pentamethylbenzene	6.3E-09 lb	6.3E-09 kg
Phenanthrene	1.4E-07 lb	1.4E-07 kg
Phenol/ Phenolic Compounds	3.7E-04 lb	3.7E-04 kg
Phosphates	0.0071 lb	0.0071 kg
Tetradecane	4.1E-06 lb	4.1E-06 kg
Radium 226	6.4E-12 lb	6.4E-12 kg
Radium 228	3.3E-14 lb	3.3E-14 kg
Selenium	2.5E-06 lb	2.5E-06 kg
Silver	2.3E-04 lb	2.3E-04 kg
Sodium	1.07 lb	1.07 kg
Strontium	0.0096 lb	0.0096 kg
Styrene	1.4E-07 lb	1.4E-07 kg
Sulfates	0.0077 lb	0.0077 kg
Sulfides	4.9E-04 lb	4.9E-04 kg
Sulfur	4.4E-04 lb	4.4E-04 kg
Surfactants	9.0E-05 lb	9.0E-05 kg
Suspended Solids	1.87 lb	1.87 kg
Thallium	2.2E-06 lb	2.2E-06 kg
Tin	4.1E-05 lb	4.1E-05 kg
Titanium	1.6E-04 lb	1.6E-04 kg
TOC	0.025 lb	0.025 kg
Toluene	1.9E-04 lb	1.9E-04 kg
Total biphenyls	2.2E-06 lb	2.2E-06 kg
Total dibenzothiophenes	6.7E-09 lb	6.7E-09 kg
Vanadium	2.3E-05 lb	2.3E-05 kg
Xylene, unspecified	8.4E-05 lb	8.4E-05 kg
Yttrium	1.2E-06 lb	1.2E-06 kg
Zinc	3.7E-04 lb	3.7E-04 kg

References: Tables B-2 through B-5, F-2, G-2, G-3, I-2, I-3b, J-2, and M-2 through M-4.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG models

Table M-2 provides the energy and emissions data for the production of hydrogen. The data for hydrogen production are estimates of the synthesis gas production. Raw material inputs for hydrogen are based on the conversion of methane to carbon monoxide and hydrogen.

### Nitric Acid Production

The raw materials necessary for nitric acid production are ammonia, air, and a platinum-rhodium catalyst. Gaseous ammonia is mixed with air and passed over the catalyst to produce nitric oxides. Reaction water is removed as 2% nitric acid condensate. Secondary air containing recycled nitrogen dioxide is added to the nitrous gas, which is compressed and fed into an absorption column, where acid is formed. Nitrogen dioxide remaining in the gas is absorbed in the nitric acid and must be stripped from the acid by secondary air, which is recycled.

The energy and emissions data for nitric acid production is from a primary European source from 1990. This dataset has been included with the aniline/nitrobenzene average dataset in Table M-3 to conceal the confidential data of the provider company.

**Table M-2**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF HYDROGEN**  
**VIA NATURAL GAS STEAM REFORMING AND SHIFT REACTION**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Processed Natural Gas	2,908 lb		2,908 kg	
Water	576 gal		4,804 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	143 kwh	1,525	316 kwh	3.55
Natural gas	1,126 cu ft	1,261	70.3 cu meters	2.93
Total Process		2,785		6.48
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
Pipeline-natural gas	1.20 ton-miles		3.86 tonne-km	
Natural gas	0.83 cu ft	0.93	2.66 cu meters	2.98
Total Transportation		0.93		2.98
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
Total Organic Compounds	3.60 lb		3.60 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	6.90 lb		6.90 kg	
Sulfur oxides	0.029 lb		0.029 kg	
Carbon Dioxide (fossil)	7,996 lb		7,996 kg	

References: M-2, M-3, M-4, M-11, and M-12.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

## Nitrobenzene Production

Nitrobenzene and other nitroaromatics, such as nitrochlorobenzene and dinitrotoluene, are formed by nitrating the appropriate aromatic hydrocarbon with a mixed acid containing nitric and sulfuric acid. The nitrated aromatic is separated from the acid mixture in a centrifugal separator, neutralized and washed, and finally dried in a drying column. The recovered acid mixture containing nitric acid and nitro compounds is recycled.



The energy and emissions data for nitrobenzene production are from two provider companies and are aggregated with the aniline/nitric acid dataset in Table M-3 to protect the data's confidentiality.

As of 2002 there were 4 nitrobenzene producers and 5 nitrobenzene plants in the U.S. (Reference M-6). The nitrobenzene data collected represents a majority of the total North American nitrobenzene production amount. The nitrobenzene producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American nitrobenzene production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by all nitrobenzene data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for nitrobenzene, the collection methods, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for nitrobenzene include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records and engineering estimates. All data submitted for nitrobenzene ranges from 2003-2004 and represents U.S. production.

### **Aniline Production**

Aniline is formed by the hydrogenation of nitrobenzene in the presence of a copper-chromium or copper-silica catalyst, or by vapor phase ammonolysis of phenol and ammonia.

For hydrogenation of nitrobenzene, preheated hydrogen and nitrobenzene are fed into an evaporator, and aniline is formed by vapor phase catalytic reduction. The aniline is dehydrated to remove the water produced during the reaction.

In the ammonolysis process, phenol and ammonia are preheated and fed into an adiabatic, fixed bed reactor and passed over a catalyst to produce aniline and water. The effluent gas is partially condensed, and the liquid and vapor phases separated. The vapor phase containing unreacted ammonia is recycled. Ammonia is stripped from the liquid fraction, and the aniline is dried and distilled. Unreacted phenol is recovered and recycled.

Table M-3 presents the data for the production of nitric acid, nitrobenzene, and aniline. Data for the production of nitrobenzene and aniline were provided by two leading producers (2 plants) in North America to Franklin Associates. Steam/heat is produced as a coproduct during this process. The energy amount for this coproduct is reported separately as recovered energy.

**Table M-3**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF ANILINE**  
**(including nitric acid and nitrobenzene production)**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Benzene	848 lb		848 kg	
Hydrogen	63.0 lb		63.0 kg	
Ammonia	203 lb		203 kg	
Oxygen (from air)	559 lb		559 kg	
<b>Water Consumption</b>	141 gal		1,177 liter	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>
		<b>Energy</b>		<b>Energy</b>
		<b>Thousand Btu</b>		<b>GigaJoules</b>
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	75.4 kwh	776	166 kwh	1.81
Electricity (cogeneration)	239 cu ft (1)	268	14.9 cu meters	0.62
Natural gas	451 cu ft	505	28.2 cu meters	1.18
Recovered Energy	1,308 thousand Btu	1,308	3,045 MJ	3.05
<b>Total Process</b>		<b>241</b>		<b>0.56</b>
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
Barge	14.8 ton-miles		47.6 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.012 gal	1.88	0.099 liter	0.0044
Residual oil	0.039 gal	6.76	0.33 liter	0.016
Pipeline-petroleum products	0.15 ton-miles		0.48 tonne-km	
Electricity	0.0033 kwh	0.033	0.0072 kwh	7.8E-05
<b>Total Transportation</b>		<b>8.67</b>		<b>0.020</b>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
Sulfuric Acid	1.0E-05 lb (2)		1.0E-05 kg	
Ammonia	0.0033 lb		0.0033 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	0.011 lb		0.011 kg	
Chlorine	9.7E-05 lb		9.7E-05 kg	
Copper	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
HCFC-22	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Hydrogen Chloride	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Lead	1.0E-05 lb (2)		1.0E-05 kg	
Nickel Compounds	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Metal Ion	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.84 lb		0.84 kg	
NM Hydrocarbons	0.0072 lb		0.0072 kg	
Other Organics	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
PFCs	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
PM2.5	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
PM10	0.045 lb		0.045 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	1.0E-05 lb (2)		1.0E-05 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Burned	0.50 lb		0.50 kg	
Waste-to-Energy	1.56 lb		1.56 kg	
<b>Waterborne Wastes (3)</b>				
Total Organic Carbon	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	

(1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

(2) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.

(3) Waterborne emissions collected for nitrobenzene and aniline included those sent to deepwell disposal. Emissions sent to deepwell disposal are not included in the table as they are not released to a water source. The following emissions were reported as being sent to deepwell disposal: toluene, phenol, 2-DNP, aniline, and nitrobenzene.

References: M-5 and M-7

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

As of 2002 there were 6 aniline producers and 7 aniline plants in the U.S. (Reference M-6). The aniline data collected represents approximately half of the total North American aniline production amount. The aniline producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American aniline production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by all aniline data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for aniline, the collection methods, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for aniline include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and engineering estimates. All data submitted for aniline ranges from 2003-2004 and represents U.S. production.

### **Formaldehyde Production**

Formaldehyde is most commonly produced by oxidation of methanol, in the presence of either a silver or ferric molybdate catalyst. Along with the silver catalyst, methanol, air, and water are preheated and fed into the reactor vessel. The heat from the reaction gas is recovered by generating steam, and the gases are then sent to an absorption tower.

The process for the metal oxide catalyst differs from the silver catalyst process in that the metal oxide reaction occurs at lower temperatures and requires a much greater excess of air in the feed. Heat recovered from the reaction gases is used to preheat the feed, and the excess steam is exported.

The formaldehyde is stripped from the reaction gases with water and then distilled. A solution containing 60 percent urea can also be used during the stripping process.

Data for the production of formaldehyde was collected from one confidential source in the United States. This data was aggregated with phosgene, MDA, and PMDI/MDI and is included in Table M-4.

As of 2001 there were 16 formaldehyde producers and 43 formaldehyde plants in the U.S. (Reference M-6). Although the formaldehyde data collected represents only a small portion of the total North American formaldehyde production amount, the formaldehyde producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American formaldehyde production.

To assess the quality of the data collected for formaldehyde, the collection methods, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for formaldehyde include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and engineering estimates. All data submitted for formaldehyde represents 2007 U.S. production.

### **Phosgene Production**

Phosgene (also called carbonyl chloride, carbon oxychloride, or chloroformyl chloride) is produced by the reaction of carbon monoxide and chlorine in the presence of an activated charcoal catalyst. Careful production, handling, and trace recovery must be maintained because of phosgene's toxicity. Chlorine gas and carefully purified carbon monoxide are mixed with a slight excess of carbon monoxide to insure complete conversion of chlorine. The reaction is exothermic and is carried out in relatively simple tubular heat exchangers. The product gas is condensed and the phosgene removed in an absorption column. Any non-condensed phosgene is removed in a caustic scrubber.

Phosgene data was collected with the formaldehyde, MDA and PMDI/MDI energy and emissions and is included in Table M-4.

### **Methylene Diphenylene Diisocyanate (PMDI/MDI) Production**

Methylene diphenylene isocyanate (MDI) formation consists of two steps. In the first, 4,4-methylenedianiline (MDA) is created as an intermediate by the condensation of aniline and formaldehyde in the presence of an acid. In the final step, MDA is phosgenated to produce MDI. A mixture of MDI, its dimer and trimer is formed, and referred to as polymeric MDI (PMDI). Pure MDI is distilled from the reaction mixture. The market split is approximately 80 percent polymeric MDI and 20 percent pure MDI (Reference M-6). Polyurethanes commonly utilize the PMDI for rigid foams, while the pure MDI is more commonly used in thermoplastic and cast elastomer applications (Reference M-8).

Table M-4 presents the data for the production of formaldehyde, phosgene, MDA, and PMDI/MDI. Data for the production of phosgene, MDA, PMDI/MDI were provided by four leading producers (4 plants) in North America to Franklin Associates. Within this process, an offgas is produced from the raw materials entering. A portion of this offgas is used within the process to produce steam. This portion is shown in Table M-4 as “Recovered Energy.” A large amount of hydrogen chloride is produced as a coproduct during this process. A mass basis was used to partition the credit for each product. The coproduct amount is not shown due to confidentiality issues. Once collected, the data for each plant is reviewed individually. At that time, coproduct allocation is performed for the individual plant. After coproduct allocation is complete, the data of all plants are averaged using yearly production amounts. Confidentiality issues prohibit the revealing of each plant’s individual HCl coproduct amount. An average of the coproduct could be provided, but this would not allow for precise reproduction of the dataset.

As of 2003 there were 4 PMDI/MDI producers and 5 PMDI/MDI plants in the U.S. (Reference M-6). The PMDI/MDI data collected represents a majority of the total North American PMDI/MDI production amount. The PMDI/MDI producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American PMDI/MDI production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by all PMDI/MDI data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for PMDI/MDI, the collection methods, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for PMDI/MDI include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and engineering estimates. All data submitted for PMDI/MDI represents the year 2003 and represents U.S. production.

Table M-4  
 DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PURE AND POLYMERIC  
 METHYLENE DIPHENYLENE DIISOCYANATE (MDI)  
 (including formaldehyde, phosgene and MDA production)

Material Inputs	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
Aniline	480 lb		480 kg	
Methanol	104 lb		104.1 kg	
Chlorine	378 lb		378 kg	
Caustic	58.2 lb		58.2 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	150 lb		150 kg	
Oxygen from air	52.0 lb		52.0 kg	
		<b>Total Energy</b>	<b>Total Energy</b>	
		<b>Thousand Btu</b>	<b>GigaJoules</b>	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	51.8 kwh	533	114 kwh	1.24
Electricity (cogeneration)	246 cu ft (1)	275	15.3 cu meters	0.64
Natural gas	1,856 cu ft	2,079	116 cu meters	4.84
Recovered Energy	328 thousand Btu	328	763 MJ	0.76
Total Process		2,559		5.96
Transportation Energy				
Combination truck	0.40 ton-miles		1.30 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.0042 gal	0.67	0.035 liter	0.0016
Rail	3.25 ton-miles		10.5 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.0081 gal	1.28	0.067 liter	0.0030
Pipeline-petroleum products	0.045 ton-miles		0.15 tonne-km	
Electricity	9.9E-04 kwh	0.010	0.0022 kwh	2.3E-05
Total Transportation		1.97		0.0046
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Aldehydes	2.3E-04 lb		2.3E-04 kg	
Ammonia	0.0024 lb		0.0024 kg	
Carbon Dioxide	10.0 lb (2)		10.0 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	0.60 lb		0.60 kg	
Carbon Tetrachloride	1.0E-05 lb		1.0E-05 kg	
Chlorine	1.0E-04 lb		1.0E-04 kg	
Dimethyl ether	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Hydrochloric Acid	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Methanol	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
NM Hydrocarbons	0.014 lb		0.014 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Other Organics	0.11 lb		0.11 kg	
Particulates (unknown)	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
PM2.5	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
PM10	0.014 lb		0.014 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	1.0E-06 lb (2)		1.0E-06 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	1.38 lb		1.38 kg	
Burned	1.45 lb		1.45 kg	
Waterborne Wastes (3)				
Ammonia	0.0011 lb		0.0011 kg	
BOD	0.0045 lb		0.0045 kg	
Chloroform	1.0E-06 lb (2)		1.0E-06 kg	
COD	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Copper	1.0E-06 lb (2)		1.0E-06 kg	
Cyanide	1.0E-06 lb (2)		1.0E-06 kg	
Dissolved Solids	10.0 lb (2)		10.0 kg	
Lead	1.0E-07 lb (2)		1.0E-07 kg	
Nickel	1.0E-05 lb (2)		1.0E-05 kg	
Nitrates	1.0E-08 lb (2)		1.0E-08 kg	
Oil	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Phenol	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Phosphates	0.0071 lb		0.0071 kg	
Suspended Solids	0.0083 lb		0.0083 kg	
TOC	0.020 lb		0.020 kg	

(1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

(2) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.

(3) Waterborne emissions collected for phosgene/MDA/MDI included those sent to deepwell disposal. Emissions sent to deepwell disposal are not included in the table as they are not released to a readily accessible aquifer. The following emissions were reported as being sent to deepwell disposal: MDA, aniline, and caustic.

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## APPENDIX N

### TOLUENE DIISOCYANATE (TDI)

#### INTRODUCTION

This appendix discusses the manufacture of toluene diisocyanate (TDI), which is a precursor for a variety of polyurethanes, mostly flexible foams. Examples of uses of polyurethanes that have TDI as a precursor are furniture, automotive, and carpet underlayment. Over 1.1 billion pounds of TDI were produced in the U.S. and Canada in 2002 (Reference N-1). The material flow for TDI is shown in Figure N-1. The total unit process energy and emissions data (cradle-to-TDI) for TDI are displayed in Table N-1. Individual process tables on the bases of 1,000 pounds and 1,000 kilograms are also shown within this appendix. Processes that have been discussed in previous appendices have been omitted from this appendix. The following processes are included in this appendix:

- Toluene
- Sulfur
- Sulfuric Acid
- Soda Ash
- Dinitrotoluene
- Toluene diamine (TDA)
- Toluene diisocyanate (TDI)

Crude oil production, refining of petroleum products (distillation, desalting, and hydrotreating), natural gas production, and natural gas processing (extraction) are discussed in Appendix B. Carbon monoxide production is discussed in Appendix F. Salt mining and sodium hydroxide/chlorine production are discussed in Appendix I. Ammonia production is discussed in Appendix J. Nitric acid production and phosgene production are discussed in Appendix M. Although carbon monoxide data is not shown in this appendix due to confidentiality issues, the transport data is specific to TDI and is represented as 0.560 ton-miles by natural gas pipeline in Table N-6.

#### Toluene Production

Approximately 95 percent of toluene is produced by the catalytic reforming of light petroleum distillate (naphtha). The remainder is produced either from pyrolysis gas or as a coproduct of styrene from ethylbenzene (Reference N-2). Data for toluene in this analysis represents only the reforming process.

In the reforming process, naphtha is fed through a catalyst bed at elevated temperatures and pressures. The most common type of reforming process is platforming, in which a platinum-containing catalyst is used. Products obtained from the platforming process include aromatic compounds (benzene, toluene, xylene), chemical hydrogen,



light gas, and liquefied petroleum gas. The aromatics content of the reformate varies and is normally less than 45 percent.

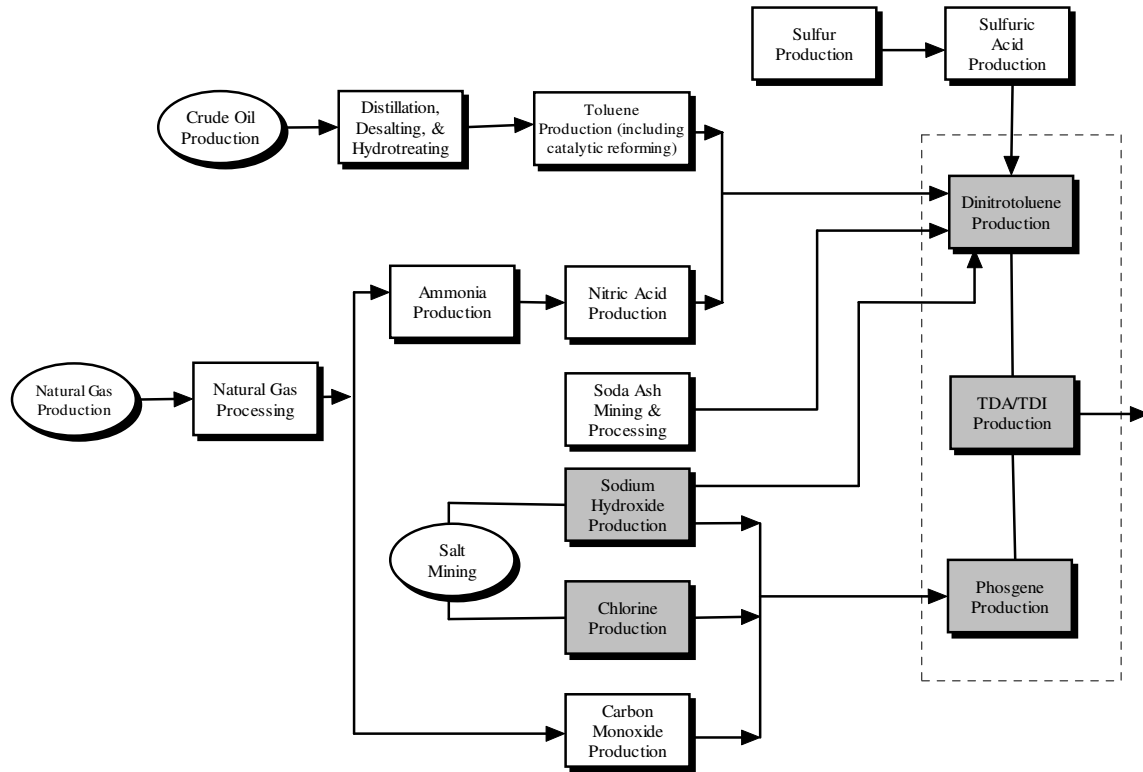


Figure N-1. Flow diagram for the manufacture of toluene diisocyanate (TDI). Shaded boxes represent partial or complete data provided by manufacturers specifically for this analysis. Boxes within the dotted rectangle are included in an aggregate dataset.

The reformate from the platforming process undergoes solvent extraction and fractional distillation to produce pure benzene, toluene and other coproducts.

The energy requirements and environmental emissions for the production of toluene are shown in Table N-2. These data are calculated from a straight average of two catalytic reformer datasets from Europe in the early 1990s.

### Sulfur Production

Sulfur exists in nature as elemental sulfur and is also found in ores such as pyrite (FeS<sub>2</sub>). Sulfur is also recovered from hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S), a component of petroleum and natural gas. The Frasch process (sulfur obtained from limestone) is no longer used in the United States (Reference N-11). The U.S. now produces its sulfur using the Claus process (from natural gas and petroleum). A description of the Claus sulfur production process follows. Sulfur production data are shown in Table N-3.

**Table N-1**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF TOLUENE DIISOCYANATE (TDI)**  
**(Cradle-to-TDI)**  
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<b>Raw Materials</b>	<b>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</b>		<b>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</b>	
Crude oil	314 lb		314 kg	
Natural Gas	166 lb		166 kg	
Salt	428 lb		428 kg	
Soda Ash	4.03 lb		4.03 kg	
Sulfur	2.73 lb		2.73 kg	
Process water	354 gal		2,956 liter	
Oxygen from air	4.06 lb		4.06 kg	
Nitrogen from air	53.8 lb		53.8 kg	
		<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>
<b>Energy Usage</b>		<b>Energy</b>		<b>Energy</b>
		<b>Thousand Btu</b>		<b>GigaJoules</b>
Energy of Material Resource				
Natural Gas		3,551		8.27
Petroleum		5,885		13.7
Total Resource		<u>9,436</u>		<u>22.0</u>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	262 kwh	2,790	578 kwh	6.49
Electricity (cogeneration)	1,272 cu ft (1)	1,424	79.4 cu meters	3.32
Natural gas	6,688 cu ft	7,491	418 cu meters	17.4
LPG	0,044 gal	4.70	0.36 liter	0.011
Bit./Sbit. Coal	17.6 lb	197	17.6 kg	0.46
Distillate oil	0.78 gal	123	6.48 liter	0.29
Residual oil	2.92 gal	501	24.4 liter	1.17
Gasoline	0,041 gal	5.76	0.34 liter	0.013
Recovered Energy	351 thousand Btu	351	817 MJ	0.82
Total Process		<u>12,186</u>		<u>28.4</u>
Transportation Energy				
Combination truck	6.34 ton-miles		20.4 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.067 gal	10.6	0.56 liter	0.025
Rail	23.6 ton-miles		76.1 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.059 gal	9.31	0.49 liter	0.022
Barge	25.9 ton-miles		83.3 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.021 gal	3.29	0.17 liter	0.0076
Residual oil	0.069 gal	11.8	0.57 liter	0.027
Ocean freighter	927 ton-miles		2,982 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.18 gal	28.0	1.47 liter	0.065
Residual	1.58 gal	272	13.2 liter	0.63
Pipeline-natural gas	83.4 ton-miles		269 tonne-km	
Natural gas	57.6 cu ft	64.5	3.59 cu meter	0.15
Pipeline-petroleum products	146 ton-miles		470 tonne-km	
Electricity	3.18 kwh	32.6	7.02 kwh	0.076
Total Transportation		<u>432</u>		<u>1.00</u>

(1) The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

Table N-1

DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF TOLUENE DIISOCYANATE (TDI)  
(Cradle-to-TDI)  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>		
Atmospheric Emissions		
Aldehydes (unspecified)	2.4E-04 lb	2.4E-04 kg
Ammonia	0.39 lb	0.39 kg
Antimony	6.3E-07 lb	6.3E-07 kg
Arsenic	8.0E-08 lb	8.0E-08 kg
Benzene	0.016 lb	0.016 kg
Carbon Dioxide - Fossil	41.1 lb	41.1 kg
Carbon Monoxide	1.61 lb	1.61 kg
Carbon Tetrachloride	8.8E-05 lb	8.8E-05 kg
CFC 13 (Methane, trichlorofluoro-)	6.8E-06 lb	6.8E-06 kg
Chlorine	8.1E-04 lb	8.1E-04 kg
Chromium	2.1E-07 lb	2.1E-07 kg
Ethylbenzene	0.0019 lb	0.0019 kg
Ethylene Dibromide	1.3E-06 lb	1.3E-06 kg
HCFC-123	4.1E-05 lb	4.1E-05 kg
HCFC-22	0.010 lb	0.010 kg
HFC-134a	4.1E-05 lb	4.1E-05 kg
Hydrogen Chloride	0.0011 lb	0.0011 kg
NM VOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin	0.21 lb	0.21 kg
Lead	1.0E-07 lb	1.0E-07 kg
Mercury	7.8E-05 lb	7.8E-05 kg
Methane	2.57 lb	2.57 kg
Nickel	1.8E-06 lb	1.8E-06 kg
Nitrogen Oxides	0.60 lb	0.60 kg
Non-Methane Hydrocarbons	0.024 lb	0.024 kg
o-Dichlorobenzene	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Other Organics	0.13 lb	0.13 kg
Particulates (PM10)	0.030 lb	0.030 kg
Particulates (PM2.5)	0.0082 lb	0.0082 kg
Particulates (unspecified)	0.41 lb	0.41 kg
Phosgene	1.0E-05 lb	1.0E-05 kg
Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (total)	1.7E-05 lb	1.7E-05 kg
Sulfur Dioxide	0.39 lb	0.39 kg
Sulfur Oxides	0.16 lb	0.16 kg
TDA	1.0E-05 lb	1.0E-05 kg
TDI	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
TOC	0.81 lb	0.81 kg
Toluene	0.025 lb	0.025 kg
VOC	0.13 lb	0.13 kg
Xylene	0.014 lb	0.014 kg
Solid Wastes		
Landfilled	15.1 lb	15.1 kg
Burned	1.34 lb	1.34 kg
Waste-to-Energy	34.3 lb	34.3 kg
Waterborne Wastes		
m-Xylene	3.2E-06 lb	3.2E-06 kg
1-Methylfluorene	5.0E-09 lb	5.0E-09 kg
2,4-Dimethylphenol	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
2-Hexanone	7.3E-07 lb	7.3E-07 kg
2-Methylnaphthalene	1.7E-06 lb	1.7E-06 kg
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	1.8E-07 lb	1.8E-07 kg
Acetone	4.4E-07 lb	4.4E-07 kg
Acid (benzoic)	1.1E-04 lb	1.1E-04 kg
Acid (hexanoic)	2.4E-05 lb	2.4E-05 kg
Acid (unspecified)	0.0025 lb	0.0025 kg
Alkylated benzenes	2.1E-05 lb	2.1E-05 kg
Alkylated fluorenes	1.2E-06 lb	1.2E-06 kg
Alkylated naphthalenes	3.5E-07 lb	3.5E-07 kg
Alkylated phenanthrenes	1.5E-07 lb	1.5E-07 kg
Aluminum	0.010 lb	0.010 kg
Ammonia	0.034 lb	0.034 kg
Antimony	6.6E-06 lb	6.6E-06 kg
Arsenic	2.3E-05 lb	2.3E-05 kg
Barium	0.14 lb	0.14 kg
Benzene	1.3E-04 lb	1.3E-04 kg
Beryllium	1.4E-06 lb	1.4E-06 kg
BOD	0.42 lb	0.42 kg
Boron	3.5E-04 lb	3.5E-04 kg
Bromide	0.015 lb	0.015 kg
Cadmium	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
Calcium	0.24 lb	0.24 kg
Chlorides	2.97 lb	2.97 kg
Chloroform	1.0E-06 lb	1.0E-06 kg

Table N-1

**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF TOLUENE DIISOCYANATE (TDI)  
(Cradle-to-TDI)  
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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
Chromium (unspecified)	2.8E-04 lb	2.8E-04 kg
Cobalt	2.5E-06 lb	2.5E-06 kg
COD	0.62 lb	0.62 kg
Copper	3.2E-05 lb	3.2E-05 kg
Cyanide	3.0E-05 lb	3.0E-05 kg
Dibenzofuran	8.3E-09 lb	8.3E-09 kg
Dibenzothiophene	6.7E-09 lb	6.7E-09 kg
Dissolved Solids	24.0 lb	24.0 kg
Ethylbenzene	7.0E-06 lb	7.0E-06 kg
Fluorene	5.8E-07 lb	5.8E-07 kg
Iron	0.020 lb	0.020 kg
Lead	5.9E-05 lb	5.9E-05 kg
Lead 210	1.2E-14 lb	1.2E-14 kg
Lithium	0.025 lb	0.025 kg
Magnesium	0.048 lb	0.048 kg
Manganese	7.0E-05 lb	7.0E-05 kg
Mercury	3.8E-07 lb	3.8E-07 kg
Methyl Chloride	1.8E-09 lb	1.8E-09 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	3.5E-09 lb	3.5E-09 kg
Molybdenum	2.6E-06 lb	2.6E-06 kg
Naphthalene	2.0E-06 lb	2.0E-06 kg
n-Decane	3.3E-06 lb	3.3E-06 kg
n-Docosane	4.7E-08 lb	4.7E-08 kg
n-Dodecane	6.2E-06 lb	6.2E-06 kg
n-Eicosane	1.7E-06 lb	1.7E-06 kg
n-Hexacosane	2.9E-08 lb	2.9E-08 kg
n-Hexadecane	6.7E-06 lb	6.7E-06 kg
Nickel	2.8E-05 lb	2.8E-05 kg
Nitrates	0.027 lb	0.027 kg
n-Octadecane	1.7E-06 lb	1.7E-06 kg
p-Xylene	1.2E-06 lb	1.2E-06 kg
o-Xylene	1.2E-06 lb	1.2E-06 kg
o-Cresol	3.2E-06 lb	3.2E-06 kg
o-Dichlorobenzene	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
Oil	0.017 lb	0.017 kg
p-Cresol	3.5E-06 lb	3.5E-06 kg
p-Cymene	4.4E-09 lb	4.4E-09 kg
Pentamethylbenzene	3.3E-09 lb	3.3E-09 kg
Phenanthrene	9.0E-08 lb	9.0E-08 kg
Phenol/ Phenolic Compounds	1.1E-04 lb	1.1E-04 kg
Phosphates	0.0010 lb	0.0010 kg
Tetradecane	2.6E-06 lb	2.6E-06 kg
Radium 226	4.1E-12 lb	4.1E-12 kg
Radium 228	2.1E-14 lb	2.1E-14 kg
Selenium	1.8E-06 lb	1.8E-06 kg
Silver	1.5E-04 lb	1.5E-04 kg
Sodium	0.70 lb	0.70 kg
Sodium Hydroxide	1.00 lb	1.00 kg
Strontium	0.0061 lb	0.0061 kg
Sulfates	0.0050 lb	0.0050 kg
Sulfides	0.0011 lb	0.0011 kg
Sulfur	2.7E-04 lb	2.7E-04 kg
Surfactants	5.9E-05 lb	5.9E-05 kg
Suspended Solids	1.25 lb	1.25 kg
Thallium	1.4E-06 lb	1.4E-06 kg
Tin	2.6E-05 lb	2.6E-05 kg
Titanium	1.0E-04 lb	1.0E-04 kg
TOC	0.010 lb	0.010 kg
Toluene	1.2E-04 lb	1.2E-04 kg
Total biphenyls	1.4E-06 lb	1.4E-06 kg
Total dibenzothiophenes	4.3E-09 lb	4.3E-09 kg
Vanadium	2.0E-05 lb	2.0E-05 kg
Xylene, unspecified	5.5E-05 lb	5.5E-05 kg
Yttrium	7.5E-07 lb	7.5E-07 kg
Zinc	2.4E-04 lb	2.4E-04 kg

References: Tables B-2 through B-5, F-3, I-2, I-3b, J-2, and N-2 through N-6.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG models

**Table N-2**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF TOLUENE**

<b>Material Inputs</b>	<b>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</b>		<b>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</b>	
Naphtha (from refinery)	1,000 lb		1,000 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>		<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	10.8 kwh	111	23.9 kwh	0.26
Natural gas	394 cu ft	441	24.6 cu meters	1.03
Distillate oil	0.60 gal	95.2	5.00 liter	0.22
Residual oil	5.80 gal	995	48.4 liter	2.32
Total Process		1,643		3.83
Transportation Energy				
Barge	7.50 ton-miles		24.1 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.0060 gal	0.95	0.050 liter	0.0022
Residual oil	0.020 gal	3.42	0.17 liter	0.0080
Total Transportation		4.38		0.010
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Carbon Dioxide (fossil)	45.2 lb		45.2 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	0.0051 lb		0.0051 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.062 lb		0.062 kg	
Particulates	0.020 lb		0.020 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	0.44 lb		0.44 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	0.022 lb		0.022 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
BOD	0.70 lb		0.70 kg	
COD	1.08 lb		1.08 kg	
Dissolved solids	0.11 lb		0.11 kg	
Oil	0.018 lb		0.018 kg	
Sulfides	0.0033 lb		0.0033 kg	

References: N-3 through N-6.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

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Energy Usage	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
		Total Energy Thousand Btu		Total Energy GigaJoules
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	144 kwh	1,483	318 kwh	3.45
Natural Gas	2,123 cu ft	2,378	133 cu meters	5.54
LPG	0.15 gal	16.0	1.24 liter	0.037
Distillate Oil	0.20 gal	31.8	1.67 liter	0.074
Residual Oil	3.63 gal	623	30.3 liter	1.45
Gasoline	0.11 gal	15.2	0.89 liter	0.035
Recovered Energy	2,578 thousand Btu	2,578	5,996 MJ	6.00
Total Process		1,969		16.6
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
Combination Truck	25.0 ton-miles		80.3 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.26 gal	41.6	2.19 liter	0.097
Rail	10.3 ton-miles		33.2 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.026 gal	4.06	0.21 liter	0.0095
Barge	79.8 ton-miles		257 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.064 gal	10.1	0.53 liter	0.024
Residual Oil	0.21 gal	36.4	1.77 liter	0.085
Ocean Freighter	1,612 ton-miles		5,186 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.31 gal	48.6	2.55 liter	0.11
Residual	2.76 gal	473	23.0 liter	1.10
Pipeline-Natural Gas	94.8 ton-miles		305 tonne-km	
Natural Gas	65.4 cu ft	73.3	4.08 cu meter	0.17
Pipeline-Petroleum Products	330 ton-miles		1,062 tonne-km	
Electricity	7.19 kwh	73.6	15.9 kwh	0.17
Total Transportation		761		1.77
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
Aldehydes	0.089 lb		0.089 kg	
Ammonia	0.0038 lb		0.0038 kg	
Antimony	2.2E-06 lb		2.2E-06 kg	
Arsenic	2.8E-07 lb		2.8E-07 kg	
Benzene	0.019 lb		0.019 kg	
Carbon dioxide, fossil	217 lb		217 kg	
Carbon monoxide	3.70 lb		3.70 kg	
Carbon tetrachloride	1.3E-08 lb		1.3E-08 kg	
Methane, chlorotrifluoro-, CFC	2.3E-05 lb		2.3E-05 kg	
Chromium	7.3E-07 lb		7.3E-07 kg	
Ethylbenzene	0.0023 lb		0.0023 kg	
Ethylene dibromide	4.6E-06 lb		4.6E-06 kg	
NM VOC, non-methane volatile	0.73 lb		0.73 kg	
Methane, fossil	6.82 lb		6.82 kg	
Nitrogen oxides	0.46 lb		0.46 kg	
Particulates, < 10 um	0.034 lb		0.034 kg	
Particulates, < 2.5 um	0.025 lb		0.025 kg	
Polycyclic organic matter, uns	6.0E-05 lb		6.0E-05 kg	
SO2 (original was SOx, unspeci)	0.63 lb		0.63 kg	
Toluene	0.028 lb		0.028 kg	
VOC	0.15 lb		0.15 kg	
Xylene	0.017 lb		0.017 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Landfilled	39.6 lb		39.6 kg	
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>				
2-Hexanone	1.9E-06 lb		1.9E-06 kg	
4-Methyl-2-Pentanone	3.5E-07 lb		3.5E-07 kg	
Acetone	8.3E-07 lb		8.3E-07 kg	
Aluminum	0.027 lb		0.027 kg	
Ammonia	0.020 lb		0.020 kg	
Antimony	1.7E-05 lb		1.7E-05 kg	
Arsenic, ion	6.0E-05 lb		6.0E-05 kg	
Barium	0.37 lb		0.37 kg	
Benzene	3.4E-04 lb		3.4E-04 kg	
Benzene, 1-methyl-4-(1-methyl)	8.3E-09 lb		8.3E-09 kg	
Benzene, ethyl-	1.9E-05 lb		1.9E-05 kg	
Benzene, pentamethyl-	6.2E-09 lb		6.2E-09 kg	
Benzenes, alkylated, unspecifi	5.6E-05 lb		5.6E-05 kg	
Benzoic acid	3.0E-04 lb		3.0E-04 kg	
Beryllium	3.7E-06 lb		3.7E-06 kg	
Biphenyl	3.6E-06 lb		3.6E-06 kg	
BOD5, Biological Oxygen Dem	0.069 lb		0.069 kg	
Boron	9.1E-04 lb		9.1E-04 kg	
Bromide	0.040 lb		0.040 kg	
Cadmium, ion	9.2E-06 lb		9.2E-06 kg	
Calcium, ion	0.64 lb		0.64 kg	

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	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)	SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)
Chlorides	7.85 lb	7.85 kg
Chromium	7.4E-04 lb	7.4E-04 kg
Cobalt	6.4E-06 lb	6.4E-06 kg
COD, Chemical Oxygen Demar	0.30 lb	0.30 kg
Copper, ion	8.0E-05 lb	8.0E-05 kg
Cyanide	6.0E-09 lb	6.0E-09 kg
Decane	8.4E-06 lb	8.4E-06 kg
Dibenzofuran	1.6E-08 lb	1.6E-08 kg
Dibenzothiophene	1.3E-08 lb	1.3E-08 kg
Dissolved solids	8.28 lb	8.28 kg
Docosane	8.9E-08 lb	8.9E-08 kg
Dodecane	1.6E-05 lb	1.6E-05 kg
Eicosane	4.4E-06 lb	4.4E-06 kg
Florene, 1-methyl-	9.5E-09 lb	9.5E-09 kg
Florenes, alkylated, unspecif	3.2E-06 lb	3.2E-06 kg
Fluorine	1.5E-06 lb	1.5E-06 kg
Hexadecane	1.7E-05 lb	1.7E-05 kg
Hexanoic acid	6.1E-05 lb	6.1E-05 kg
Iron	0.051 lb	0.051 kg
Lead	1.5E-04 lb	1.5E-04 kg
Lead-210/kg	3.0E-14 lb	3.0E-14 kg
Lithium, ion	0.029 lb	0.029 kg
Magnesium	0.13 lb	0.13 kg
Manganese	1.9E-04 lb	1.9E-04 kg
Mercury	3.7E-07 lb	3.7E-07 kg
Methane, monochloro-, R-40	3.4E-09 lb	3.4E-09 kg
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	6.7E-09 lb	6.7E-09 kg
Molybdenum	6.7E-06 lb	6.7E-06 kg
m-Xylene	8.3E-06 lb	8.3E-06 kg
Naphthalene	5.2E-06 lb	5.2E-06 kg
Naphthalenes, alkylated, unsp	9.2E-07 lb	9.2E-07 kg
Naphthalene, 2-methyl-	4.4E-06 lb	4.4E-06 kg
n-Hexacosane	5.6E-08 lb	5.6E-08 kg
Nickel	7.0E-05 lb	7.0E-05 kg
o-Cresol	8.4E-06 lb	8.4E-06 kg
Octadecane	4.3E-06 lb	4.3E-06 kg
Oils, unspecified	0.017 lb	0.017 kg
o-xylene	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
p-Cresol	9.0E-06 lb	9.0E-06 kg
Phenanthrene	2.3E-07 lb	2.3E-07 kg
Phenanthrenes, alkylated, unsp	3.8E-07 lb	3.8E-07 kg
Phenol, 2,4-dimethyl-	8.2E-06 lb	8.2E-06 kg
Phenols, unspecified	3.4E-04 lb	3.4E-04 kg
p-xylene	3.1E-06 lb	3.1E-06 kg
Radium-226/kg	1.1E-11 lb	1.1E-11 kg
Radium-228/kg	5.4E-14 lb	5.4E-14 kg
Selenium	5.0E-06 lb	5.0E-06 kg
Silver	4.0E-04 lb	4.0E-04 kg
Sodium, ion	1.89 lb	1.89 kg
Strontium	0.016 lb	0.016 kg
Sulfate	0.014 lb	0.014 kg
Sulfides	2.0E-04 lb	2.0E-04 kg
Sulfur	7.0E-04 lb	7.0E-04 kg
Surfactants, unspecified	1.6E-04 lb	1.6E-04 kg
Suspended solids, unspecified	3.06 lb	3.06 kg
Tetradecane	6.7E-06 lb	6.7E-06 kg
Thallium	3.6E-06 lb	3.6E-06 kg
Tin	6.8E-05 lb	6.8E-05 kg
Titanium, ion	2.6E-04 lb	2.6E-04 kg
Toluene	3.1E-04 lb	3.1E-04 kg
Vanadium	6.5E-05 lb	6.5E-05 kg
Xylene	1.5E-04 lb	1.5E-04 kg
Yttrium	1.9E-06 lb	1.9E-06 kg
Zinc	6.2E-04 lb	6.2E-04 kg

References: N-15 through N-17.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

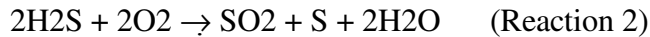
Recovery of sulfur from sour natural gas and crude oil via the Claus process accounts for the total amount of the sulfur produced in the United States. Approximately 79 percent of the sulfur produced via Claus recovery is obtained from hydrogen sulfide recovered from petroleum refining, and the remaining 21 percent is recovered from natural gas sweetening (Reference N-11). The following data includes data for the production of sulfur from petroleum refining only.

Hydrogen sulfide is recovered from refinery gases by absorption in a solvent or by regenerative chemical absorption (Reference N-12). Hydrogen sulfide concentrations in the gas from the absorption unit vary. For this analysis, an industry average H<sub>2</sub>S gas concentration of 85 percent is used (References N-13 and N-12). This concentrated hydrogen sulfide stream is treated by the Claus process to recover the sulfur. The Claus process is based upon the reaction of hydrogen sulfide with sulfur dioxide according to the exothermic reaction (Reference N-12):



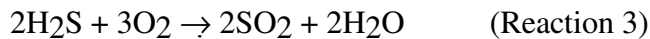
Sulfur dioxide for the reaction is prepared by oxidation of hydrogen sulfide with air or oxygen in a furnace using either the partial combustion process (once-through process) or the split-stream process. The partial combustion method is used when the H<sub>2</sub>S concentration is greater than 50 percent and the hydrocarbon concentration is less than 2 percent. The split stream process is used when there is an H<sub>2</sub>S concentration of 20 to 50 percent and a hydrocarbon concentration of less than 5 percent.

In the partial combustion method, the hydrogen sulfide-rich gas stream is burned with a fuel gas in an oxygen-limited environment to oxidize one-third of the H<sub>2</sub>S to SO<sub>2</sub> according to the reaction (Reference N-14):



Sulfur is removed from the burner and the H<sub>2</sub>S/SO<sub>2</sub> mixture moves to the catalytic converter chambers.

In the split stream process, one-third of the hydrogen sulfide is split off and completely oxidized to SO<sub>2</sub> according to the reaction:



The remaining two-thirds of the H<sub>2</sub>S is mixed with the combustion product and enters the catalytic converter chambers.



The H<sub>2</sub>S and SO<sub>2</sub> mixture from either process is passed through one or more catalyst beds and is converted to sulfur, which is removed by condensers between each bed. For this analysis, an H<sub>2</sub>S concentration of 85 percent has been assumed; therefore, it is also assumed that the partial combustion process is used.

Although efficiencies of 96 to 99 percent sulfur recovery have been demonstrated for the Claus process, recovery is usually not over 96 percent and is limited by thermodynamic considerations (References N-12 and N-14). For this analysis, a sulfur recovery efficiency of 95 percent is assumed.

The energy generated from burning hydrogen sulfide to produce SO<sub>2</sub> is usually recovered and used directly to reheat the process stream in secondary and tertiary condensers, or recovered as steam for use in other processes (Reference N-14). Heat released from cooling the exothermic reaction to form sulfur is also recovered.

### **Sulfuric Acid Production**

All sulfuric acid produced in the U.S. is produced by the contact process (Reference N-20). The sulfur input streams used by contact plants can be of three different forms: (1) elemental sulfur, (2) spent sulfuric acid or hydrogen sulfides, and (3) metal sulfide ores or smelter gas. Contact plants that use elemental sulfur account for 81 percent of sulfuric acid production (Reference N-18).

There are three basic steps in the contact process. The first step oxidizes (burns) sulfur to sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). The second step catalytically oxidizes sulfur dioxide to sulfur trioxide (SO<sub>3</sub>). The third step dissolves the sulfur trioxide into a 98 percent solution of sulfuric acid. The third step can also produce sulfuric acid by adding sulfur trioxide directly to water. However, when sulfur trioxide is added directly to water, the reaction is slow and tends to form a mist.

During sulfuric acid production, the burning of sulfur produces heat, which in turn is used to generate steam. This steam is usually used in adjacent processing plants and supplies energy to the sulfuric acid plant. The exported steam is given a credit and shown as recovered energy.

Process data for sulfuric acid production are shown in Table N-4.

**Table N-4**  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION**  
**OF SULFURIC ACID**

	<u>English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)</u>		<u>SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)</u>	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Sulfur	330 lb		330 kg	
Water	183 lb		183 kg	
Oxygen from air	489 lb		489 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>
		<b>Energy</b>		<b>Energy</b>
		<b>Thousand Btu</b>		<b>GigaJoules</b>
Process Energy				
Electricity (grid)	30.0 kwh	309	66.1 kwh	0.72
Recovered Energy	850 thousand Btu	850	1,977 MJ	1.98
Total Process		<u>-541</u>		<u>-1.26</u>
Transportation Energy				
Combination Truck	7.50 ton-miles		24.1 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.079 gal	12.5	0.66 liter	0.029
Total Transportation		<u>12.5</u>		<u>0.029</u>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
Atmospheric Emissions				
Nitrogen Oxides	0.050 lb		0.050 kg	
Particulates (unspecified)	1.00 lb		1.00 kg	
Sulfur Oxides	2.59 lb		2.59 kg	
Solid Wastes				
Landfilled	0.50 lb		0.50 kg	
Waterborne Wastes				
Acid (unspecified)	0.30 lb		0.30 kg	
BOD	0.10 lb		0.10 kg	
Suspended Solids	0.30 lb		0.30 kg	

References: N-5, N-19, and N-21.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

## Soda Ash Mining & Processing

Soda ash used in the U.S. is naturally occurring and is obtained from trona and alkaline brines in the Green River basin in Wyoming and Searles Lake in California. The soda ash is mined using two different methods, underground trona mining and solution mining. Underground trona mining is similar to coal mining. The most common methods are the room and pillar method and the long wall method. In both of these processes, the material is undercut, drilled, blasted, crushed, and then transported to the surface. Solution mining is currently used by one of the six major soda ash producers in the U.S. (Reference N-23). Soda ash from solution mining is for the most part used for the

manufacture of caustic soda. The data in this module are based on underground trona mining.

After mining, trona is crushed, screened and then calcined in rotary, gas-fired kilns. The mineral is then dissolved in water and filtered. The resulting soda ash solution (sodium carbonate) is evaporated and dried (Reference N-20). Airborne particulates generated from mining and drying operations are reduced by control equipment such as bag filters and wet scrubbers. Airborne carbon dioxide is generated from calcining operations. Solid wastes and water effluents generated during soda ash mining and production are recycled to the soda ash treatment processes, held in on-site evaporation ponds, or are returned to mine-shaft voids. Due to the onsite treatment of solid and waterborne wastes, this module assumes that negligible solid wastes and water emissions are produced from soda ash production and released to the environment (References N-5 and N-20).

Soda ash can also be produced synthetically via the Solvay process. The Solvay process uses salt, coke, limestone, with ammonia as a catalyst. Synthetic soda ash is more expensive to produce than natural soda ash and also has high concentrations of calcium chloride and sodium chloride in the process effluent. This method of soda ash production is not currently used in the U.S.

U.S. production provides nearly all of the soda ash required by U.S. manufacturers. Approximately 45 percent of the total soda ash manufactured is used in glass manufacturing. Soda ash mining and processing data are shown in Table N-5.

### **Dinitrotoluene (DNT) Production**

Nitroaromatics, including nitrobenzene, nitrochlorobenzene, and dinitrotoluene, are formed by nitrating the appropriate aromatic hydrocarbon with a mixed acid containing nitric and sulfuric acid. In the first stage of the nitration process a mixture of the ortho-, meta-, and para-nitrotoluene isomers is formed. The ortho- and para-nitrotoluene isomers are separated from the acid mixture in a centrifugal separator. After the isomers are separated, they are reacted with nitric acid to produce either 2,4-DNT or a mixture of 2,4-DNT and 2,6-DNT. The recovered acid mixture containing nitric acid and nitro compounds is recycled (Reference N-8).

Sulfuric acid is separated and recycled back into the production of nitroaromatics. Since the sulfuric acid does not leave the process as part of the product, it is treated as a catalyst. Only the make-up sulfuric acid is included in the LCI.

Data for the production of DNT was collected from one confidential source in the United States. This data was aggregated with phosgene, TDA, and TDI and is included in Table N-6.

**Table N-5**  
**DATA FOR THE MINING & PROCESSING**  
**OF SODA ASH**

Energy Usage	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
		Total Energy Thousand Btu		Total Energy GigaJoules
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	41.1 kwh	423	90.6 kwh	0.98
Natural gas	797 cu ft	893	49.8 cu meters	2.08
Coal	108 lb	1,213	108 kg	2.82
Distillate oil	0.067 gal	10.6	0.067 liter	0.025
Residual oil	0.19 gal	32.6	1.59 liter	0.076
Total Process		2,572		5.99
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
Combination truck	7.50 ton-miles		24.1 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.079 gal	12.5	0.66 liter	0.029
Total Transportation		12.5		0.029
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
Carbon Dioxide (fossil)	415 lb		415 kg	
Particulates (unspecified)	96.5 lb		96.5 kg	

References: N-5, N-20, and N-22.

Source: Franklin Associates, A Division of ERG

## Toluene Diamine (TDA) Production

Toluene Diamine (TDA) is produced by the hydrogenation of dinitrotoluene. The catalytic hydrogenation of dinitrotoluene to toluene diamine is a standard aromatic synthesis process. The isomer ratio for TDA depends on the DNT isomer ratio used. Water, toluidine, and ortho-TDA can be removed by distillation or will be separated after phosgenation with the TDI residue (Reference N-8).

Because confidential datasets cannot be shown individually, the datasets for DNT, phosgene, TDA, and TDI were combined into one data table. TDA data was collected from two sources and are included with the TDI energy and emissions in Table N-6. The TDA producers verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American TDA production. The average DNT/phosgene/TDA/TDI dataset was reviewed and accepted by all DNT/phosgene/TDA/TDI data providers. The data submitted for TDA represents U.S. production in the year 2003.

## Toluene Diisocyanate (TDI) Production

Toluene diisocyanate (TDI) is made by phosgenation of toluene diamine (TDA). The diamine mixture is dissolved in chlorobenzenes and reacted with excess phosgene to produce the TDI. After phosgenation, the mixture is stripped from the solvent and separated by distillation (Reference N-9). The excess phosgene is recycled. Most of the TDI used in flexible polyurethane foams is a mixture of the 2,4- and 2,6- isomers. The 80:20 mixture of 2,4-TDI and 2,6-TDI is today the most important commercial product, but other mixtures are available.

Table N-6 presents the data for the production of DNT, phosgene, TDA, and TDI. Data for the production of phosgene, TDA, and TDI were provided by three leading producers (3 plants) in North America to Franklin Associates. Heat was exported as a coproduct for some producers. The energy amount for the exported heat was reported separately as recovered energy. A large amount of hydrogen chloride is produced as a coproduct during this process. A mass basis was used to partition the credit for each product. The coproduct amount is not shown due to confidentiality issues. Once collected, the data for each plant is reviewed individually. At that time, coproduct allocation is performed for the individual plant. After coproduct allocation is complete, the data of all plants are averaged using yearly production amounts. Confidentiality issues prohibit the revealing of each plant's individual HCl coproduct amount. An average of the coproduct could be provided, but this would not allow for precise reproduction of the dataset.

As of 2002 there were 5 TDI producers and 6 TDI plants in the U.S. (Reference N-1 and N-2). The TDI data collected represents approximately half of the total North American TDI production amount. The TDI producers who provided data for this module verified that the characteristics of their plants are representative of a majority of North American TDI production. The average dataset was reviewed and accepted by all TDI data providers.

To assess the quality of the data collected for TDI, the collection methods, technology, industry representation, time period, and geography were considered. The data collection methods for TDI include direct measurements, information provided by purchasing and utility records, and engineering estimates. All data submitted for TDI represents the year 2003 and represents U.S. production.

Table N-6  
**DATA FOR THE PRODUCTION  
 OF TOLUENE DIISOCYANATE (TDI)**  
 (Includes Dinitrotoluene, Phosgene and TDA)

	English units (Basis: 1,000 lb)		SI units (Basis: 1,000 kg)	
<b>Material Inputs</b>				
Carbon Monoxide	192 lb		192 kg	
Chlorine	462 lb		462 kg	
Sodium Hydroxide	22.6 lb		22.6 kg	
Toluene	308 lb		308 kg	
Nitric Acid	431 lb		431 kg	
Sulfuric Acid	8.26 lb		8.26 kg	
Soda Ash	4.03 lb		4.03 kg	
<b>Energy Usage</b>				
		<b>Total Energy Thousand Btu</b>	<b>Total Energy GigaJoules</b>	
<b>Process Energy</b>				
Electricity (grid)	29.5 kwh	303	65.0 kwh	0.71
Electricity (cogeneration)	768 cu ft (1)	860	47.9 cu meters	2.00
Natural gas	3,991 cu ft	4,470	249 cu meters	10.4
Recovered Energy	337 thousand Btu	337	784 MJ	0.78
Total Process		5,296		12.3
<b>Transportation Energy</b>				
Ocean freighter	753 ton-miles		2,422 tonne-km	
Diesel	0.14 gal	22.7	1.19 liter	0.053
Residual	1.29 gal	221	10.7 liter	0.51
Pipeline-petroleum products	0.36 ton-miles		1.16 tonne-km	
Electricity	0.0078 kwh	0.080	0.017 kwh	1.9E-04
Total Transportation		244		0.57
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>				
<b>Atmospheric Emissions</b>				
Ammonia	0.049 lb		0.049 kg	
Carbon Monoxide	0.010 lb		0.010 kg	
Chlorine	2.8E-04 lb		2.8E-04 kg	
HFC-22	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Hydrochloric Acid	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Lead	1.0E-07 lb (2)		1.0E-07 kg	
Mercury	1.0E-07 lb (2)		1.0E-07 kg	
NM Hydrocarbons	0.024 lb		0.024 kg	
Nitrogen Oxides	0.12 lb		0.12 kg	
o-Dichlorobenzene	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Other Organics	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Particulates (unknown)	0.0057 lb		0.0057 kg	
PM2.5	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
PM10	0.011 lb		0.011 kg	
Phosgene	1.0E-05 lb (2)		1.0E-05 kg	
TDA	1.0E-05 lb (2)		1.0E-05 kg	
TDI	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
VOC	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
<b>Solid Wastes</b>				
Landfilled	0.14 lb		0.14 kg	
Burned	0.70 lb		0.70 kg	
Waste-to-Energy	34.3 lb		34.3 kg	
<b>Waterborne Wastes</b>				
Ammonia	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
BOD	0.050 lb		0.050 kg	
Chloroform	1.0E-06 lb (2)		1.0E-06 kg	
COD	0.17 lb		0.17 kg	
Copper	1.0E-06 lb (2)		1.0E-06 kg	
Cyanide	3.0E-05 lb		3.0E-05 kg	
Dissolved solids	1.00 lb (2)		1.00 kg	
Nickel	1.0E-06 lb (2)		1.0E-06 kg	
o-Dichlorobenzene	1.0E-04 lb (2)		1.0E-04 kg	
Phosphates	0.0010 lb (2)		0.0010 kg	
Sodium Hydroxide	1.00 lb (2)		1.00 kg	
Suspended Solids	0.037 lb		0.037 kg	
TOC	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	
Nitrate	0.010 lb (2)		0.010 kg	

(1) Fuel use for electricity from cogeneration is shown within the natural gas amount. The electricity amount from cogeneration is assumed to be produced from natural gas at a 50% efficiency.

(2) This emission was reported by fewer than three companies. To indicate known emissions while protecting the confidentiality of individual company responses, the emission is reported only by order of magnitude.

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