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SOURCE ACTIVITY: PROCESSES WITH CONTACT  
*Paper-mill Industry (Drying Processes)*

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## 1 ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

The activities described are related to the production of paper in paper mills. In this chapter only the drying process within a paper mill is taken into account. Other process emissions are covered by chapters B462, B463 and B464 respectively. However, in the following if useful for description, also non-combustion emissions are mentioned.

## 2 CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

The contribution of fuel use related emissions released from drying processes in paper mills to total emissions in countries of the CORINAIR90 inventory is given as follows:

**Table 1: Contribution to total emissions of the CORINAIR90 inventory (28 countries)**

Source-activity	SNAP-code	Contribution to total emissions [%]							
		SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NMVOC	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>
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0 = emissions are reported, but the exact value is below the rounding limit (0.1 per cent)

- = no emissions are reported

## 3 GENERAL

### 3.1 Description of activities

After a beating process paper pulp is introduced into the paper mill in concentrations of about 1 %. Mineral pigments or fillers are added to improve the brightness, opacity, and surface smoothness. Substances added are for instance china clay, calcium sulphate, calcium carbonate, or titanium dioxide. The final drying process of the sheets consists in passing the sheets over a series of steamheated cylinders.

Paper mills produce pulp from wood, either by chemical or by mechanical processes. Other paper mills use purchased pulp, non-wood fibres, or recovered paper fibres to manufacture paper. The production of pulp and paper requires considerable amounts of steam and power. Most mills produce their own steam in one or more industrial boilers which burn fossil fuels and/or wood residues. Mills that pulp wood with a chemical process (kraft, sulphite, soda,

semi-chemical) normally combust their spent pulping liquor in a combustion unit, e.g., kraft recovery furnace, to recover pulping chemicals for subsequent reuse. These units are also capable of providing process steam and power for mill operations. /1/ Emissions from the steam generation in boilers have to be allocated to SNAP category 030100.

For the drying of 1 t of chemical pulp, 1,5 t of steam is necessary. /2/

### 3.2 Definitions

### 3.3 Techniques

Drying processes can be divided in the contact drying process, convective drying process and infrared drying process. The most common process used is the contact drying process, where the paper sheet is dried over a drying basket, which is fed by hot air (pressure of 1.5 - 3.5 at). The drying process of paper is influenced by the temperature of the drying basket, the thickness and density of the paper produced, the dehydrateability of the paper, etc. /2/

### 3.4 Emissions

Fuel use related pollutants released are sulphur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>), nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), volatile organic compounds (non-methane VOC and methane (CH<sub>4</sub>)), carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) and ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>). According to CORINAIR90 the main relevant pollutants are SO<sub>2</sub>, and CO<sub>2</sub> (see also table 1).

Emissions from boilers used to generate steam and power account for the majority of emissions from pulp and paper mills, with kraft pulp mill emission sources (recovery furnace, lime kiln, reduced sulphur gas oxidation) accounting for most of the remainder. It should be mentioned that a very recent analysis of SO<sub>2</sub> measurement data for combination boilers (boilers that co-fire coal or oil with wood residues) strongly suggests that a considerable amount of SO<sub>2</sub> capture occurs due to the alkaline nature of the wood ash. /1/ Coal and oil combustion in boilers now accounts for 75 % of the total SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from paper mills. /cf.1/

Emissions from fuel burning in boilers represent the majority of the total NO<sub>x</sub>, while kraft pulping sources accounted for almost all of the remainder. /1/ Total NO<sub>x</sub>-emissions are affected by fuel use practices. Most mills have one or more multi-fuel boilers and fuel choices are often governed by availability and price. /1/ Increased coal and wood use can result in increased NO<sub>x</sub>-emissions, since add-on NO<sub>x</sub>-controls are not obligatory in most areas. /cf 1/

### 3.5 Controls

SO<sub>2</sub> control systems (scrubbers, lime injection) are installed in the mills. NO<sub>x</sub>-controls are not obligatory in most areas. /cf 1/

## 4 SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

The emissions of the paper industry as a whole might be calculated by establishing a relationship with economic statistics.

## 5 DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A detailed methodology is possible if sufficient measurements are available for the situation in the individual plant.

## 6 RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

Production and energy consumption statistics, for instance as produced by the United Nations or IEA are available.

## 7 POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

Paper production plants can be considered as point sources if plant specific data are available.

## 8 EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

Emission factors based on estimations of a mean energy use and information from the emission inventory in The Netherlands have been calculated in a SPIN document. These factors are given in table 2.

**Table 2: Emission factors for the drying process in paper mills**

Substance	Emission factor in g/Mg paper produced.
carbon monoxide	0.05
carbon dioxide	450
nitrogendioxide	0.25
hydrocarbons	0,005

If a calculation is based on known fuel consumption for a given plant the factor is C. If it is only used in a default approach the uncertainty is D.

The following Table 3 contains fuel related emission factors for paper mills based on CORINAIR90 data in [g/GJ]. In the case of using production statistics the specific energy consumption (e.g. GJ/Mg pulp) has to be taken into account, which is process and country specific. At this stage no data for the definition of appropriate conversion factors are available.

**Table 3: Emission factors for paper mills<sup>3)</sup>**

			Emission factors								
	Type of fuel		NAPFU E code	SO <sub>2</sub> [g/GJ]	NO <sub>x</sub> [g/GJ]	NMVOC [g/GJ]	CH <sub>4</sub> [g/GJ]	CO [g/GJ]	CO <sub>2</sub> [kg/GJ]	N <sub>2</sub> O [g/GJ]	NH <sub>3</sub> [g/GJ]
s	coal	hc steam	102	992 <sup>1)</sup>	150 <sup>1)</sup>	15 <sup>1)</sup> , 5 <sup>2)</sup>	15 <sup>1)</sup> , 1 <sup>2)</sup>	70 <sup>1)</sup> , 20 <sup>2)</sup>	98 <sup>1)</sup> , 91 <sup>2)</sup>	14 <sup>1)</sup> , 75 <sup>2)</sup>	2 <sup>2)</sup>
s	coal	hc sub-bituminous	103	992 <sup>1)</sup>	150 <sup>1)</sup>	15 <sup>1)</sup>	15 <sup>1)</sup>		99 <sup>1)</sup>	14 <sup>1)</sup>	
s	coal	hc/b patent fuels c	104	701 <sup>1)</sup>	150 <sup>1)</sup>	15 <sup>1)</sup>	15 <sup>1)</sup>	70 <sup>1)</sup>	94 <sup>1)</sup>	14 <sup>1)</sup>	
s	biomass	wood	111	5.2 <sup>1)</sup> 343 <sup>2)</sup>	115-200 <sup>1)</sup> 972 <sup>2)</sup>	50 <sup>1)</sup>	30 <sup>1)</sup>	10 <sup>1)</sup>	92 <sup>1)2)</sup>	4-14 <sup>1)</sup>	
s	waste	wood	116	5.2 <sup>1)</sup> 0.8-20 <sup>2)</sup>	115 <sup>1)</sup> 100-117 <sup>2)</sup>	50 <sup>1)</sup> 3-10 <sup>2)</sup>	30 <sup>1)</sup> 1 <sup>2)</sup>	30 <sup>2)</sup>	83 <sup>1)</sup>	4 <sup>1)</sup> 4-25 <sup>2)</sup>	2 <sup>2)</sup>
s	sludge	sewage	118			10 <sup>2)</sup>	1 <sup>2)</sup>	30 <sup>2)</sup>		4 <sup>2)</sup>	2 <sup>2)</sup>
l	oil	residual	203	28-149 <sup>1)</sup> 168-190 <sup>2)</sup>	123-180 <sup>1)</sup>	3-7.4 <sup>1)</sup> 3 <sup>2)</sup>	1-3 <sup>1)</sup> , 1 <sup>2)</sup>	5-15 <sup>1)</sup> 10 <sup>2)</sup>	76-79 <sup>1)</sup> 76 <sup>2)</sup>	2.5-14 <sup>1)</sup> 5 <sup>2)</sup>	2 <sup>2)</sup>
l	oil	gas	204	139-305 <sup>1)</sup>	80 <sup>1)</sup>	1.5-2 <sup>1)</sup>	1-1.5 <sup>1)</sup>	12 <sup>1)</sup>	73 <sup>1)</sup>	14 <sup>1)</sup>	
l	kerosene		206	69 <sup>1)</sup>	80 <sup>1)</sup>	2 <sup>1)</sup>	1 <sup>1)</sup>	12 <sup>1)</sup>	71 <sup>1)</sup>	14 <sup>1)</sup>	
l	gasoline	motor	208	45 <sup>1)</sup>	80 <sup>1)</sup>	2 <sup>1)</sup>	1 <sup>1)</sup>	12 <sup>1)</sup>	71 <sup>1)</sup>	14 <sup>1)</sup>	
g	gas	natural	301	0.5-8 <sup>1)</sup>	60-100 <sup>1)</sup>	4 <sup>1)</sup>	4 <sup>1)</sup>	13 <sup>1)</sup>	55-57 <sup>1)</sup>	2.5-3 <sup>1)</sup>	
g	gas	liquified petroleum gas	303	2 <sup>1)</sup>	20-100 <sup>2)</sup>	1 <sup>3)</sup> , 2 <sup>2)</sup>	1-4 <sup>1)</sup> , 1 <sup>2)</sup>	13 <sup>1)</sup> , 10 <sup>2)</sup>	60-65 <sup>1)</sup> , 56 <sup>2)</sup>	3 <sup>1)</sup> , 2 <sup>2)</sup>	

<sup>1)</sup> CORINAIR90 data, area sources    <sup>2)</sup> CORINAIR90 data, point sources

<sup>3)</sup> It is assumed, that emission factors cited within the table are related to combustion sources in paper mills; other process emissions are not covered.

## 9 SPECIES PROFILES

The species profile is dependent on the fuel used for heat generation. The emission factors given above are based on a fuel profile of natural gas and oil.

## 10 UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

## 11 WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

The weakest aspects discussed here are related to emission factors from CORINAIR90.

The fuel specific emission factors provided in table 3 are related to point sources and area sources without specification. CORINAIR90 data can only be used in order to give a range of emission factors with respect to point and area sources. Further work should be invested to

develop emission factors, which include technical or fuel dependent explanations concerning emission factor ranges.

## 12 SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

National emission estimates can be disaggregated on the basis of plant capacity, employment or population statistics if plant specific data are not used/available.

## 13 TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

Paper production is usually a continuous process.

## 14 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

## 15 SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

Environmental protection agency Compilation of air pollutant emission factors AP-42 and standard literature about aluminium production.

Samenwerkingsproject procesbeschrijvingen industrie Nederland (SPIN) Papier en Kartonindustrie. RIVM report 736301135 (1991)(in dutch)

## 16 VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

Verification may be done by comparing the calculated emissions with measurements at an individual plant.

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