

Greenhouse Gas Management Resources for Small Businesses

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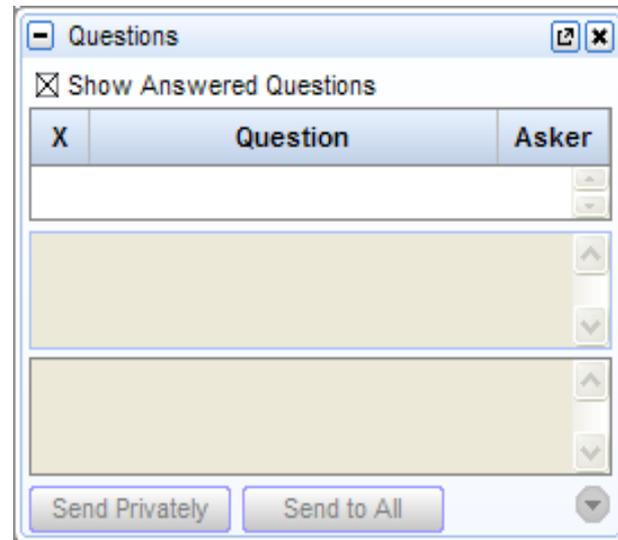


Webinar Agenda

- Introduction and webinar logistics
- To support small businesses and other low emitters in calculating their carbon footprint, this webinar will cover the fundamentals of developing an organization-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and how to ensure GHG data consistency over time to help track progress towards reaching emissions reduction goals.
- Speakers:
 - John Sottong, U.S. EPA
 - Shane Reilly, Rivanna Natural Designs
 - Steve Wright, High Point Furniture Industries, Inc.
- Q&A
- Post-webinar survey

Webinar Logistics

- Attendees are muted to reduce background noise.
- Submit questions and comments in writing via the online control panel. →→ →
- To minimize or maximize the control panel, click on the button at the top left of the tool bar.
- Post-webinar survey on this webinar and topics for future webinars.
- Today's presentation will be available at: <http://www.epa.gov/climateleadership/events>





About the Center

- A resource launched in 2012 to support organizations of all sizes in measuring and managing GHG emissions.
- Provide technical tools, ground-tested guidance, educational resources, and opportunities for information sharing (e.g., Webinars) and a platform for peer exchange.
- Promote practices and innovative approaches drawing upon the successes of Climate Leadership Award recipients and former Climate Leaders partners.
- Support the implementation of E.O. 13514.

Climate Leadership Awards

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- Co-sponsor Awards with the Association of Climate Change Officers, the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES), and The Climate Registry.
- Awards recognize exemplary corporate, organizational, and individual leadership in addressing climate change.
- EPA is also the headline sponsor for the Climate Leadership Conference.



Basics of Developing a GHG Inventory

A GHG inventory lists all emissions sources and their associated emissions using standardized quantification methods:

Required Sources

Corporate-wide (all U.S. operations)

6 major GHGs: CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, HFC, PFC, SF₆

Direct emissions (Scope 1)

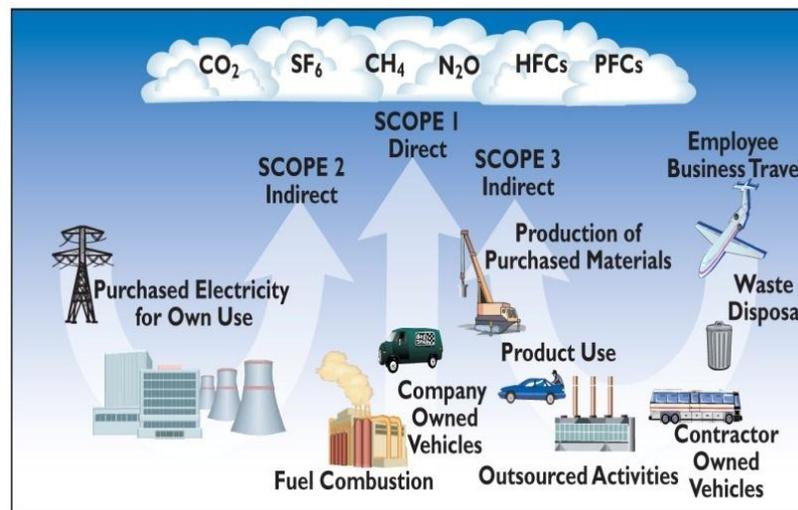
Indirect emissions from electricity, heat, and steam (Scope 2)

Optional Sources (Scope 3)

Employee Business Travel

Product Transport

Outsourced Activities





Developing a GHG Inventory: Define Organizational Boundaries

Which facilities should you include?

- Equity Share Approach (by ownership)

OR

- Control Approach (by control)
 - Operational control versus Financial control

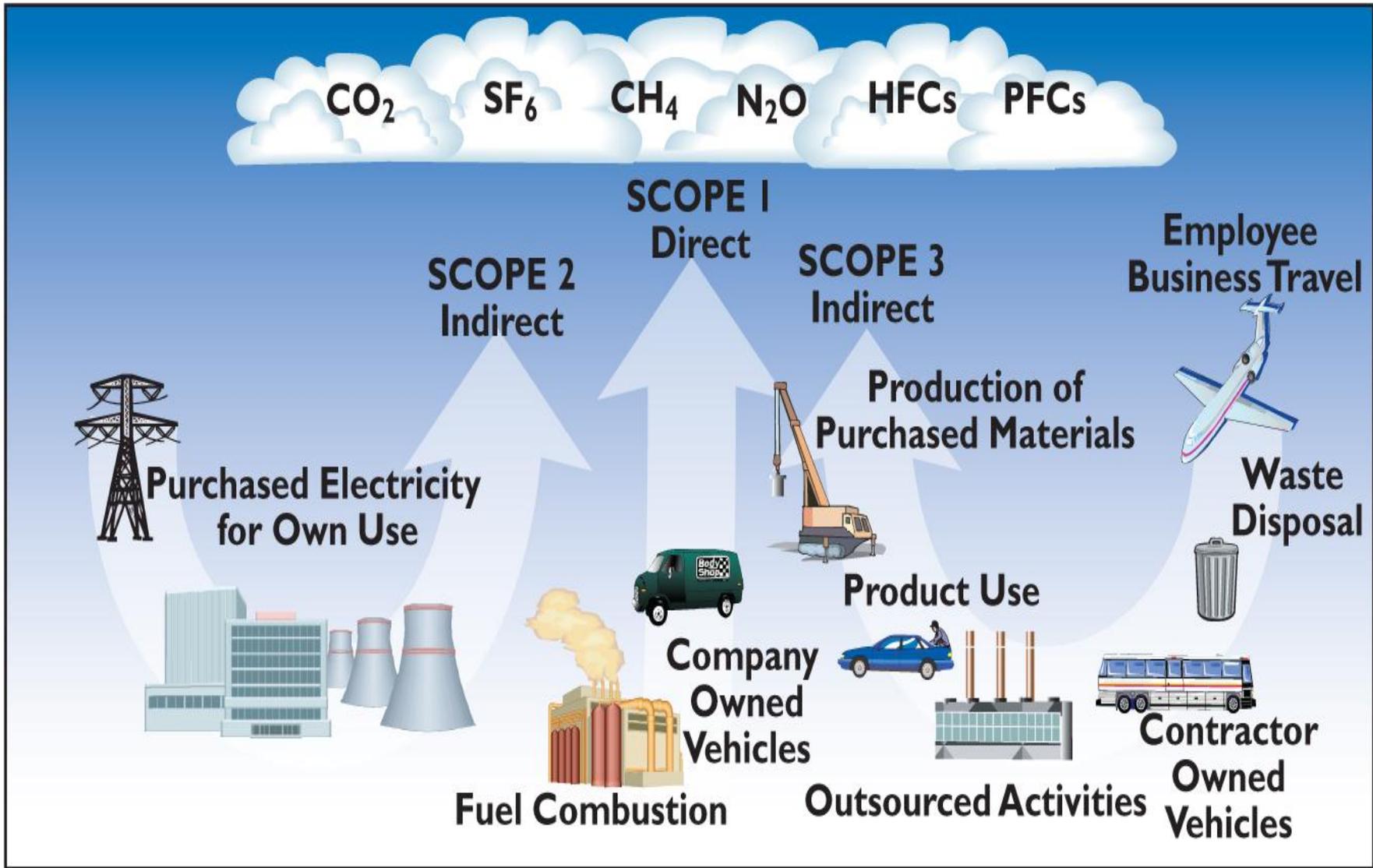
! Answering this question is particularly important for small businesses when determining how to handle leased offices or facilities.



Developing a GHG Inventory: Define Operational Boundaries

Establish the sources of GHGs within your boundaries:

- Stationary Combustion of fossil fuel
- Process emissions (if applicable)
- Mobile Sources
- Refrigeration/AC
- Purchased electricity and steam
- Other Sources: backup generators, fuel for heating, corporate aircraft, anaerobic wastewater treatment
- Optional Sources (e.g., business travel)





Developing a GHG Inventory: Choose a Base Year

- The Base Year is the reference point for measuring, tracking, and reporting your GHG inventory data.
- It is typically the most recent calendar year for which you have reliable data to build your GHG inventory.
- A base year is fundamental if you plan on setting a meaningful reduction goal and reporting your progress over time in a transparent and consistent manner.
- Can you adjust your base year?
 - Adjust your base year data when significant changes such as acquisitions/divestitures occur.
 - Do not adjust your base year data for organic growth/decline.

Developing a GHG Inventory: Access EPA tools

<http://www.epa.gov/climateleadership>



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EPA's Center for Corporate Climate Leadership serves as a resource center for all organizations looking to expand their work in the area of greenhouse gas (GHG) measurement and management. The Center was launched in 2012 to establish norms of climate leadership by encouraging organizations with emerging climate objectives to identify and achieve cost-effective GHG emission reductions, while helping more advanced organizations drive innovations in reducing their greenhouse gas impacts in their supply chains and beyond.

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Tools for GHG Measurement and Management

GHG IMP Checklist

Emission Factors Hub

Inventory & Goal Tracking Form

Carbon Footprinting for Low Emitters

Emissions Calculator

Goal Evaluation Model

Engage Suppliers

The GHG Inventory Management Plan (IMP) Checklist (DOC) (4 pp, 31K) outlines what components should be included when creating a comprehensive IMP.

Highlights

- Registration Open for Feb. 13 Webinar: GHG Management Resources for Small Businesses
- Save the Date - 2014 Climate Leadership Awards and Conference, February 24-26, 2014, San Diego, CA
- Catch up on past webinars hosted by the Center for Corporate Climate Leadership
- Congratulations to the 2013 Climate Leadership Award winners!
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Developing a GHG Inventory: Calculating Emissions

How to calculate emissions:

Businesses can use EPA's *Simplified GHG Emissions Calculator*.

- Excel-based
- Free download
- Automatically calculates overall carbon footprint from most GHG emissions sources
- Accompanied by built-in help tools as well as stand-alone guidance documents tailored specifically for small businesses

The screenshot shows the 'Summary of Company Emissions' section of the spreadsheet. The data is organized into several categories: Direct Emissions, Indirect Emissions, Optional Emissions, Total Company Emissions, Reductions, and Required Supplemental Information. Each category lists specific emission sources with their corresponding values in CO₂-e (metric tons).

Category	Source	Value (CO ₂ -e metric tons)
Direct Emissions	Stationary Combustion	0
	Mobile Sources	0
	Refrigeration / AC Equipment Use	0
	Fire Suppression	0
	Purchased Gases	0
Indirect Emissions	Purchased and Consumed Electricity	0
	Purchased and Consumed Steam	0
Optional Emissions	Employee Business Travel	0
	Employee Commuting	0
	Product Transport	0
Total Company Emissions	Total GHG Emissions (Not Including Optional Emissions)	0
	Total Optional Emissions	0
	Total GHG Emissions	0
Reductions	RECs and Green Power Purchases	0
	Offsets	0
	Net GHG Emissions	0
Required Supplemental Information	Biomass CO ₂ Emissions from Stationary Sources	0
	Biomass CO ₂ Emissions from Mobile Sources	0

Developing a GHG Inventory: Tracking Progress and Reporting

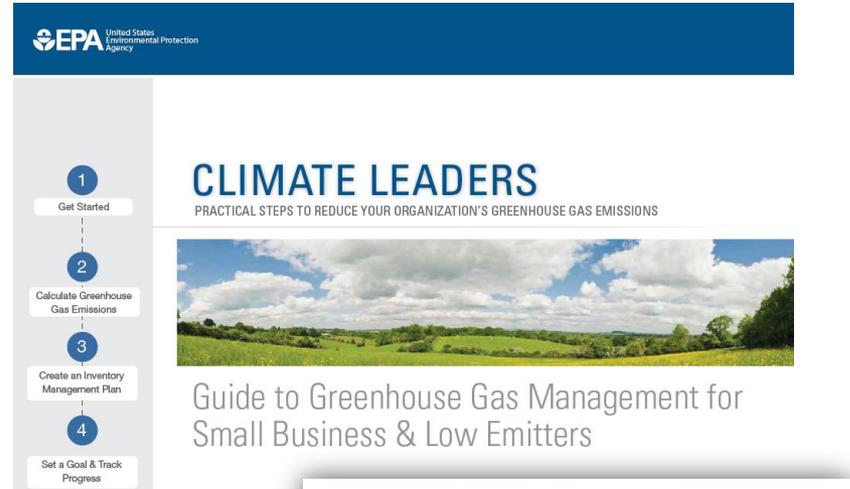
Consult EPA's tools:

- *Guide to GHG Management for Small Businesses & Low Emitters*
- *Simplified Inventory Management Plan* template

An Inventory Management Plan:

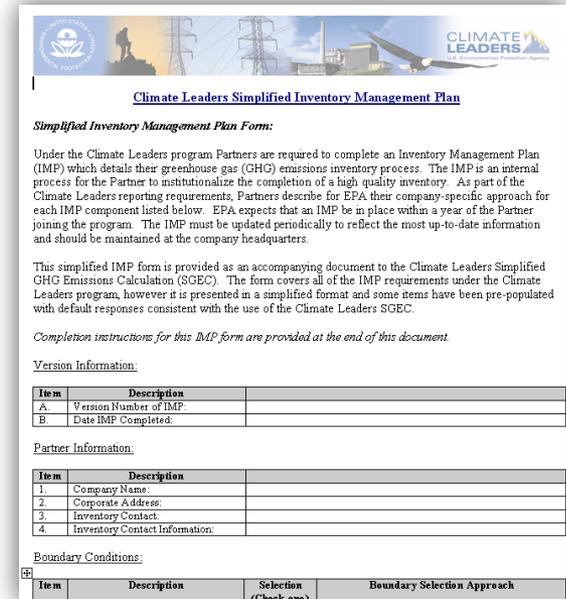
- Institutionalizes inventory process
- Serves as a "User's Manual"
- Increases accuracy and transparency
- Captures continuous improvement

www.epa.gov/climateleadership/inventory/footprint.html



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Guide to Greenhouse Gas Management for Small Business & Low Emitters



Climate Leaders Simplified Inventory Management Plan

Simplified Inventory Management Plan Form:

Under the Climate Leaders program Partners are required to complete an Inventory Management Plan (IMP) which details their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory process. The IMP is an internal process for the Partner to institutionalize the completion of a high quality inventory. As part of the Climate Leaders reporting requirements, Partners describe for EPA their company-specific approach for each IMP component listed below. EPA expects that an IMP be in place within a year of the Partner joining the program. The IMP must be updated periodically to reflect the most up-to-date information and should be maintained at the company headquarters.

This simplified IMP form is provided as an accompanying document to the Climate Leaders Simplified GHG Emissions Calculation (SGEC). The form covers all of the IMP requirements under the Climate Leaders program, however it is presented in a simplified format and some items have been pre-populated with default responses consistent with the use of the Climate Leaders SGEC.

Completion instructions for this IMP form are provided at the end of this document.

Version Information:

Item	Description	
A.	Version Number of IMP:	
B.	Date IMP Completed:	

Partner Information:

Item	Description	
1.	Company Name:	
2.	Corporate Address:	
3.	Inventory Contact:	
4.	Inventory Contact Information:	

Boundary Conditions:

Item	Description	Selection (Check one)	Boundary Selection Approach



EPA GHG and Energy Management Resources

- [ENERGY STAR for Small Business](http://www.energystar.gov/buildings/facility-owners-and-managers/small-biz)
<http://www.energystar.gov/buildings/facility-owners-and-managers/small-biz>
- [ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager](http://www.energystar.gov/buildings/facility-owners-and-managers/existing-buildings/use-portfolio-manager)
<http://www.energystar.gov/buildings/facility-owners-and-managers/existing-buildings/use-portfolio-manager>
- [EPA's Landfill Methane Outreach Program](#)
- [EPA's SmartWay](#)
- [E3: Economy, Energy, Environment](#)
- [The U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Manufacturing Office](#)
provides a variety of programs that identify opportunities for integrating energy-efficiency measures into industrial facilities.
- Some local utility rebate programs provide incentives that allow suppliers to recoup some upfront costs associated with improving energy efficiency and reducing GHG emissions.

Additional Resources

- [LMI's GAIA Sustainable Supply Chain Maturity Model](#) provides companies with a framework to assess the maturity of their own organizations and programs for engaging suppliers on managing their GHG emissions, based on industry research.
- [The Carbon Disclosure Project](#) and its [CDP Supply Chain Project](#) initiative are programs for voluntary, public reporting of corporate GHG emissions inventories. The flagship CDP focuses on emissions disclosure by large corporations; CDP Supply Chain serves its member companies by collecting emissions inventories from their suppliers.
- [World Resources Institute/World Business Council for Sustainable Development Product and Supply Chain Protocol Standards](#). WRI and WBCSD developed the GHG Corporate Protocol Standard, which is widely used to account for corporate-wide GHG emissions.
- [The 2011 Electronics Industry Citizenship Coalition Report: A Practical Approach to Greening the Electronics Supply Chain: Results from the 2011 EICC Carbon and Water Reporting Initiative](#). Insights into how the electronics industry sector is engaging its suppliers on managing their GHG emissions.

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Direct Emissions: Natural Gas
Indirect Emissions: Electricity



GHG Emissions Calculator: What, Why, and Where?

- What is it?
 - A tool that allows you to visualize and track both your company's direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions through the tracking of your different forms of emissions (electricity, natural gas, AC/refrigeration, etc.)
- Why is it helpful?
 - The tool converts your data into metric tons of CO₂ which allows you to easily track your emissions data over a given period of time. By tracking and visualizing your emissions, you will have a much easier time determining where changes and adjustments in your workspace need to be made in order to effectively and efficiently reduce your GHG output.
- Where to start?
 - Operational Boundary: Decide what types of direct and indirect emissions sources your company would like to include.
 - Setup a baseline year.
 - Keep track of data (utility bills, receipts, meter readings).



Emissions Reduction: What Works For Us

- Biggest sources: electricity and natural gas (very easy to track)
 - Monthly utility bills
- Start with the Main GHG Contributors:
 - HVAC system: installed a programmable thermostat to better control the temperature in our office when no one is here.
 - Large machinery: Circuit breakers are turned off at the end of day.
 - Small machinery: unplugged at the end of the day to ensure there is NO current draw overnight.
 - Computers: all office computers are setup with power-saving options to ensure they are placed in a low power state while not in use.
 - More energy efficient task lighting/bulbs.
- Purchase of Renewable Energy Credits:
 - We purchase enough RECs each year to fully reduce our yearly carbon emission to zero.
 - 1 Mega-Watt hour of renewable energy, equal to a single REC, purchased through our providers Green Power program prevents 18,828 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions.



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Challenges



- Small company, limited resources
- Who do you go to for data/information?
 - Accounting (Utility statements)
 - Plant Management (Material efficiency/waste)
 - Purchasing (Waste disposal/recycle)
- Data conversions



Q&A



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