# Demonstration of the New Improved Consolidated Point Sources Criteria, Toxics and GHG Annual Emissions Inventory System based on Device level reporting

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#### ABSTRACT

Under SCAQMD's Annual Emission Reporting (AER) Program, there are approximately 2,000 facilities that are required to report their annual criteria, toxics, and Air Toxics "Hot Spots" (AB 2588) program quadrennial toxics emissions inventory. The reported data provides the basis for the point source emissions inventory for the development of SIPs, control strategies, rules and regulations, public policy, and emission fees. SCAQMD has offered electronic reporting tools to facilities since 1996. Recently, a new improved consolidated AER web reporting tool has been developed by SCAQMD and Ecotek based on a more detailed reporting approach.

The new consolidated AER reporting tool is based on device level reporting and built around the SCAQMD's facilities permit profile structure to enhance data quality, data sharing and accessibility to SCAQMD's engineering, compliance, and planning divisions. The AER reporting tool's user friendly interface, for both reporting facilities and SCAQMD staff, contains easy-to-use screens to define, categorize, and report emission sources, calculation "wizards", built-in defaults for selected sources, reports, data validation, fees calculation, automatic assignment of SCCs, and "Import Last Year" data feature. Additionally, the new AER reporting tool has a separate module for SCAQMD staff to process, audit, generate reports, and export data to the California Air Resource Board's CEIDARS database which is ultimately submitted to EPA. Moreover, to reduce the burden of the new detailed reporting on a device level, a group reporting feature has been developed for combustion sources. This demonstration will illustrate the use of the new consolidated AER.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Under SCAQMD's Annual Emission Reporting (AER) Program, there are approximately 2,000 facilities that are required to report their annual criteria, toxics, and Air Toxics "Hot Spots" (AB 2588) program quadrennial toxics emissions inventory. The reporting thresholds for the facilities subject to the AER program are 4 tons per year (tpy) or more of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Specific Organic Gases (SPOG), Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), Sulfur Oxides (SOx), or Particulate Matter (PM), or 100 tpy or more of Carbon Monoxide (CO). Under SCAQMD Rule 301 facilities are required to report their annual emissions from permitted and non-permitted equipment and processes. Facilities are also required to pay emission fees for total emissions exceeding any of reporting thresholds for both criteria pollutants and 24 toxic air contaminants and ozone depleting compounds. The reported data provides the basis for the point source emissions inventory for the development of SIPs, control strategies, rules and regulations, public policy, and emission fees.

The revenues received through the annual emission fees are about \$ 20 million, which accounts for about 15 percent of SCAQMD's total annual revenues. These revenues are used to fund SCAQMD efforts to ensure compliance with Clean Air regulations, air quality monitoring, permit processing, rule development, technology advancement, business assistance, and air quality planning activities.

Therefore, it is important that the annual emissions reporting program is implemented in a timely, efficient, and accurate manner while adequate data quality and integrity are maintained.

The SCAQMD's AER program is responsible for development of consolidated criteria and toxics annual emissions inventories for stationary point and area sources, auditing of emission reports, assisting in development of Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), and managing special inventory-related projects.

SCAQMD has offered electronic reporting tools to facilities since 1996 which have incorporated a number of upgrades since then. In 2014, a new improved consolidated AER web reporting tool, developed by SCAQMD and Ecotek (contractor), was released based on a more detailed reporting approach in order to provide more streamlined reporting and processing of emissions data to:

- report consolidated toxics and criteria emissions data to CARB and U.S. EPA without the need for data de-aggregation,
- report GHG emissions as an option (add a consolidated GHG calculator), and
- collect data in the new format to enhance data quality, data sharing and data accessibility to SCAQMD's engineering, compliance, and planning divisions.

# SCAQMD CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL EMISSION REPORT TOOL

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The new AER Tool has the following main sections:

- Facility Information: This section contains facility's general information such as business classification, business location, operating schedule and contact information. It also allows the facility to inform SCAQMD of any business operating status changes.
- Build Reporting Structure: This section is for specifying combustion fuels used in the facility as well as identifying and/or adding emission sources for facility to the preloaded facility permit profile. In this section, each operating emission source is classified into at least one of seven emission source categories to facilitate reporting.
- Report Process/Emissions: This section contains specific worksheets designed for each source category for reporting processes, throughput (usage of materials/fuels), emission factors, and other activity data, and calculating emissions for all emissions sources identified in "Build Reporting Structure".

- Summaries: This section allows the facility to review the resulting emissions calculated for the facility's permitted and non-permitted emission sources. This section also includes detailed report on criteria and toxics fees as well as the total fees due.
- Data Validation: This section displays errors (which have to be resolved before submitting) and warnings (reasonableness checks).
- Report Submission: Once all errors are resolved and warnings are checked, the report can be submitted to SCAQMD electronically. The AER tool will then generate a confirmation page which has to be mailed along with other summary forms and any fees due to SCAQMD.

The new tool also contains the following additional features:

- Ability to classify permitted and non-permitted emission sources,
- Option for GHG calculation (for combustion built-in Tier 1 defaults),
- Intuitive in converting and displaying combustion fuel throughputs,
- Displaying all emissions (Criteria, TAC/ODC and GHGs) on the same screen,
- Built-in parameters for unique emission calculation methodologies,
- Importing EPA TANK model results,
- Uploading supporting documentation,
- Data sorting,
- User comment fields,
- Saving of partial data,
- Unit conversion calculator: for conversions commonly used and not built into the worksheets,
- References for summaries,
- Printing,
- Uploading supporting documentation feature,
- Pdf reports for simplified overview and printing,
- Excel reports containing detail information about emissions sources, processes and emissions data, and
- Separate SCAQMD staff processing module including additional automatic QA/QC flags and procedures.

The new AER reporting system provides efficiencies that help reduce staff resources to administer the AER Program. It also improves SCAQMD's customer service by providing a more intuitive and user-friendly web interface for both facilities reporting emissions and internal users.

## DEMO

This demonstration will illustrate the use of the new SCAQMD AER reporting software for consolidated reporting of criteria, toxic emissions and optional GHG emissions.





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# **AER Report Overview**

- 1) To start the reporting process, first provide general Facility Information in "Facility Information" section.
- Next, specify the combustion fuels used at your facility and set-up emission sources in "Build Reporting Structure" section, prior to identifying your processes and reporting your emissions.
- Then, proceed to "Report Process/Emissions" section to enter throughput data and calculate emissions for each device and process.
- 4) Finally, select "Summaries" to view emissions results and associated fees.

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Combustion	Internal Combustion Process List Overview							
Internal Combustion	Add New						Print Preview	
Spray Coating/Spray Booth	AER Device ID Permit Device ID	A/N	Process ID	Status	Equipment		Fuel	
Other Use of Organics Storage Tanks	Open ES35 D21	309722	P1	Work in Progress	Stationary I.C. Engines, 4 Stroke-Rich Burn			
Fugitive Components	Open ES13 D8	555555	P1	Progress	Stationary I.C. Engines, 4 Stroke-Rich Burn	Distillate Fue	el Oil No. 2	
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Facility Information Build Reporting Structure Combustion Fuels Emission Sources (ES) Report Process/Emissions	This reporting screen is for reporting covered in previous reporting screen source. You must select Activity and such sources involves burning fuels, separately. Combined emissions can a double reporting. Detailed instruction	activity data for . Please provide I throughput unit nake sure emissio lso be reported h ns are available by	other process specific inform s before repo ins generated here; however y clicking on H	es used in your nation for every rting emissions from burning fu , it must be sub etp icon in the	facility whi y associated . If the ope uels are rep ostantiated to tool bar.	ch were not emission ration of orted to avoid		info: Click Open to complete
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Use of organics Spray Coating/Spray Booth Other Use of Organics Storage Tanks	Open ES34	nit Device ID D20	A/N 398164	Process ID P1 Click here	Rule #	Activity		info: Click Open to complete
Fugitive Components Other Processes Process Upset	Open	Annual	l Throughput					Step 3)
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Emission Factor Data Source					

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Facility ID: 999921	Criteria Pollutants Sumn	nary							
acility Information Build Reporting Structure Combustion Fuels	Permitted Emissions Summ	ary							
Emission Sources (ES) eport Process/Emissions		VOC (tons)	SPOG (tons)	NOx (tons)	NOx RECLAIM (tons)	SOx (tons)	SOx RECLAIM (tons)	CO (tons)	PM (tons)
Summaries	External Combustion								
Criteria Delletante	Internal Combustion	<u>1.58</u>			<u>19.70</u>	<u>0.01</u>		4.28	1.41
	Spray Coating / Spray Booth								
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	Storage Taliks								
Fees	Other Process Emissions								
ata Validation rint Facility Report	Shutdown/Startup/Turnaround and Upsets								
xcel Reports	Total Permitted Emissions	1.58	0.00	0.00	19.70	0.01	0.00	4.28	1.41
	Non-Permitted Emissions S	VOC (tons)	SPOG (tons)	NOx (tons)	NOx RECLAIM (tons)	SOx (tons)	SOx RECLAIM (tons)	CO (tons)	PM (tons)
	External Combustion								
	Internal Combustion								
	Spray Coating/ Spray Booth								
	Other Use of Organics								
	Other Use of Organics Storage Tanks								
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Facility ID: 999921	GHG Pollutants Summary	y	Fac	ility ID: 99992	21 · ABC · Reporting p	eriod: 2014
Build Reporting Structure Combustion Fuels		CO2 (excluding biogenic) [metric ton]	CH4 [metric ton]	N2O [metric ton]	CO2e (excluding biogenic) [metric ton]	CO2b (biogenic) [metric ton]
Emission Sources (ES) Report Process/Emissions	External Combustion Internal Combustion	857.4	0.03	0.010	860.2	
Summaries Criteria Pollutants	Spray Coating / Spray Booth Other Use of Organics					
Toxic (TAC/ODC) Pollutants	Storage Tanks Fugitive Components					
Fees	Other Process Emissions Shutdown/Startup/Turnaround and Unsets					
Print Facility Report	Total Emissions	857.4	0.03	0.010	860.2	0.0
xcel Reports						

Facility ID: 999921	Fees							
Facility Information Build Reporting Structure	Total E	missions a	nd Fees					
Emission Sources (ES) Report Process/Emissions		Total Permitted Emissions (tons)	Total Non-Permitted Emissions (tons)	Total RECLAIM Emissions (tons)	Total Emissions (tons)	Total Emissions Subject to Fees (tons)	Emission Fees Due	
Summaries	Organic	1.5	3 0.00	0.00	1.58	0	\$ 0.00	
Criteria Pollutants	Specific	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	\$ 0.00	
GHG Pollutants	Nitrogen	0.0	0.00	19.70	19,70	20	\$ 5.649.95	
Fees	Sulfur	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.01	0	\$ 0.00	
Data Validation Print Facility Report	Oxides Carbon	4.2	0.00	0.00	4.29	0	5 0.00	
Excel Reports	Monoxide Particulate	4.2	0.00	0.00	4.20	0	5 0.00	
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	<ol> <li>Total e</li> <li>Toxic a</li> </ol>	Total emission fees for all criteria pollutants     S 5,649.95     Toxic air contaminants / crone depleter fees     S 241 74						
	3. Total f	ees due					\$ 5,891.69	
	4. Installn	nents Paid For 2014	(if any): All Criteria Po	llutants		S	1,000.00	
	5. Installn	nents Paid For 2014	(if any): Toxic Air Cont	aminants/Ozone De	epleters	S	500.00	
	6. Balano	e Due (Line 3 - Line	e 4 - Line 5)				\$ 4,391.69	
	7. Late P. (enter	the postmark date	to calculate the late pay	/ment surcharge)			6/4/2015	
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Facility	ID: 999915	Data	Validation			•		
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Build Reporting Structure		V03 Fac	ility Error: No emission	Error: No emissions are reported, please return to the Status Update and provide an explanation fo				tion for
Combustion Fuels		V01 EC1	no emissions.	no emissions.				
Emission Sources (ES) Report Process/Emissions		V02 ES1	Error: No emission	Error: No emissions were reported for this Emission Source, report the emissions OR if this source				ource
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## CONCLUSION

The new AER Tool has resulted in a more improved, optimized and integrated emission inventory.

The overall efficiency of the SCAQMD's consolidated Annual Emission Reporting Program has greatly improved through the new AER Tool and automated data processing and auditing procedures. The new AER reporting software reduces errors, improves the data quality and accuracy, and assists the users with the transition to the more detailed device reporting level. The new user-friendly AER Tool was instrumental in providing a simplified reporting option for linking and integrating the criteria and toxic, and optionally GHG, emissions data.

### **KEY WORDS**

Point Source Emission Inventory, Criteria Emissions, Toxic Emissions, GHG Emissions, Consolidated Criteria, Toxic and GHG Reporting, Software Reporting, Data management, Device reporting

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