

Summary

CANADA'S 2003 GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY

2003 GHG Emission Trends

- Total GHG emissions in Canada in 2003, expressed as "CO₂ equivalent," (CO₂ eq) were 740 Mt. This represents a 3.0 percent increase over the 2002 total of 719 Mt and a 24 percent increase over the 1990 total of 596 Mt. The increase from 2002 to 2003 was primarily due to a colder than average winter, coupled with increases in electricity production, vehicle transport and mining activity. From 2002 to 2003 Canada's GDP grew 1.7 percent.
- Canada's overall GHG emissions intensity – the amount of GHG's emitted per unit of economic activity – was 1.2 percent higher in 2003 than 2002. Since 1990 the economy has grown by more than 42.8 percent (based on GDP), compared to a 24 percent increase in GHG emissions resulting in an average decrease in Canada's GHG emissions intensity of 1 percent per year (see Table 1). The recent positive year-over-year change in GHG intensity is a result of total GHG's growing more than total GDP over the same period.

Major changes from the previous National Inventory Report

Owing to changes in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) reporting guidelines, carbon dioxide emissions from agricultural soils and non-CO₂ emissions from forest fires are now reported within the Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) sector (previously known as Land-use Change and Forestry). Since the national inventory totals exclude the greenhouse gas emissions and removals from the (LULUCF) sector, these categories, previously included in the national totals, are now excluded. In addition, estimates for emissions from the aluminum production industry, which appear under Industrial Processes - Metal Production, have been revised, as well as the method of allocating emissions between domestic and international aviation. Taken together, these changes are the primary contributors to the revised national GHG estimates.

As a result, total GHG emissions previously reported for 1990 have been revised downward from 609¹ Mt to 596 Mt while emission estimates previously reported for 2002 have been revised downward from 731 Mt to 719 Mt. The overall impact of these changes is that emission growth over the period 1990-2002, previously reported to be 20.1%, is now estimated to be 20.7%.

Table 1 Annual Growth in Canada's GHG Emissions, Economy and GHG Intensity

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
GHG	-1.2%	2.9%	0.4%	3.5%	2.7%	2.6%	1.8%	1.0%	2.0%	3.5%	-1.1%	1.0%	3.0%
GDP	-2.1%	0.9%	2.3%	4.8%	2.8%	1.6%	4.2%	4.1%	5.5%	5.3%	1.9%	3.3%	1.7%
GHG Intensity	0.9%	2.0%	-1.9%	-1.2%	-0.1%	1.0%	-2.3%	-3.0%	-3.4%	-1.7%	-3.0%	-2.2%	1.2%

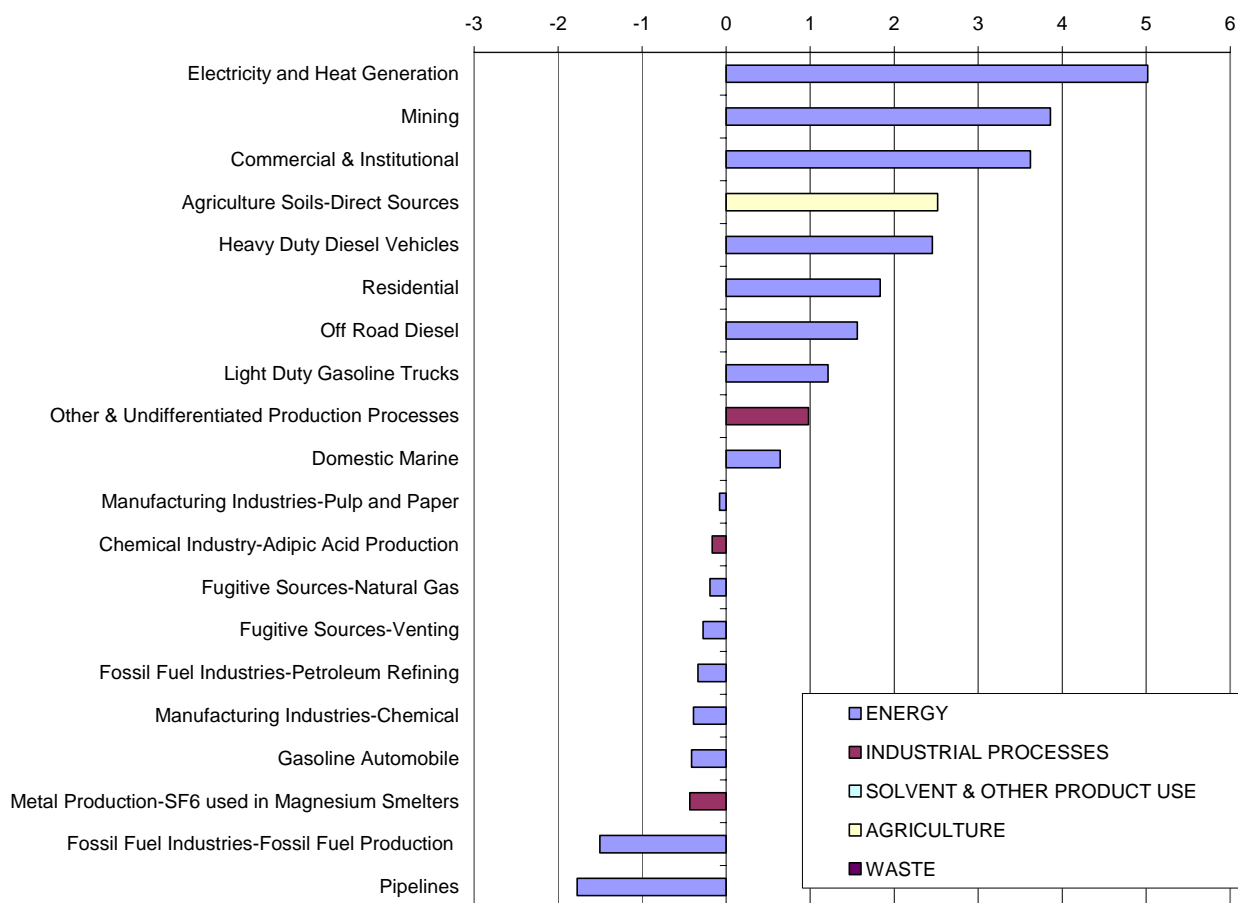
- Between 2002 and 2003, emissions from almost all sectors were up. Energy, Industrial Process, Solvent, Agriculture and Waste were up by 2.9 percent, 2.0 percent, 0.9 percent, 4.7 percent and 2.2 percent, respectively.
- Between 1990 and 2003, significant growth in exports of natural gas to the United States resulted in a dramatic increase in the emissions associated with the production and transportation of natural gas. In 2003, these emissions were 25.6 Mt, a 101 percent increase over the 1990 level of 12.7 Mt.

Short Term Comparisons: 2002-2003 (figure 1)

Although year-to-year comparisons do not necessarily indicate a long-term trend, there are some short-term comparisons worth noting:

- On average, Canadian homes and businesses required more energy for space heating in the winter of 2003 than in the winter of 2002 due to either colder temperatures or prolonged cold spells or both. In 2003, Heating Degree Days, an indicator of the necessity for space heating due to the severity of cold weather, were up 5.2 percent when compared to 2002. This fact almost certainly had a large impact on fossil fuel consumption, including the commercial/institutional and residential sectors, where emissions rose by a sum of almost 5.5 Mt from 2002. Overall, activities related to energy production and consumption were responsible for the vast majority of the total year-to-year increase in emissions, accounting for 16.9 Mt of the 21.3 Mt increase.
- The short term growth in emissions from 2002 can be attributed to a 3.9% increase in the combustion emissions from Electricity and Heat Generation, a 33% increase from the combustion emission from Mining, a 10% and 4.2% increase in the commercial/institutional and residential sectors respectively.
- Road transportation as a whole showed a modest increase in greenhouse gas emissions of 2.4 percent, with a 0.8% decrease in emissions from light duty gasoline cars offsetting a 3.0% increase in those from light duty gasoline trucks including pickup trucks, SUVs and some vans. Heavy duty diesel On-Road vehicles increased 6.2% while Off-Road emissions for both gasoline and diesel fueled sources each increased 12%.

Figure 1- Short Term (2002-2003) Changes in Selected Sectors (Mt CO₂ eq)



Long Term Comparisons: 1990-2003 (figure 2)

Sector Trends

Between 1990 and 2003, the net increase in Canada's annual GHG emissions totaled about 144 Mt. Over the same period, emissions from the Energy Industries and Transportation sector increased by 123 Mt, accounting for most of the overall increase.

Within these two sectors, the greatest contributors to the overall increase were the 41 percent increase in emissions from the Electricity and Steam Generation sector (38.9 Mt), and a 25 percent increase from Vehicles (33.1 Mt). Petroleum Industries also contributed significantly, with a total increase in GHG emissions of almost 50 percent between 1990 and 2003. Almost all of the increase in the Petroleum Industries sector is attributable to the rapid growth in crude oil and natural gas exports to the United States over the period.

Some of the growth in these sectors was mitigated by reduced emissions from the Industrial Process sector.

Energy Industries

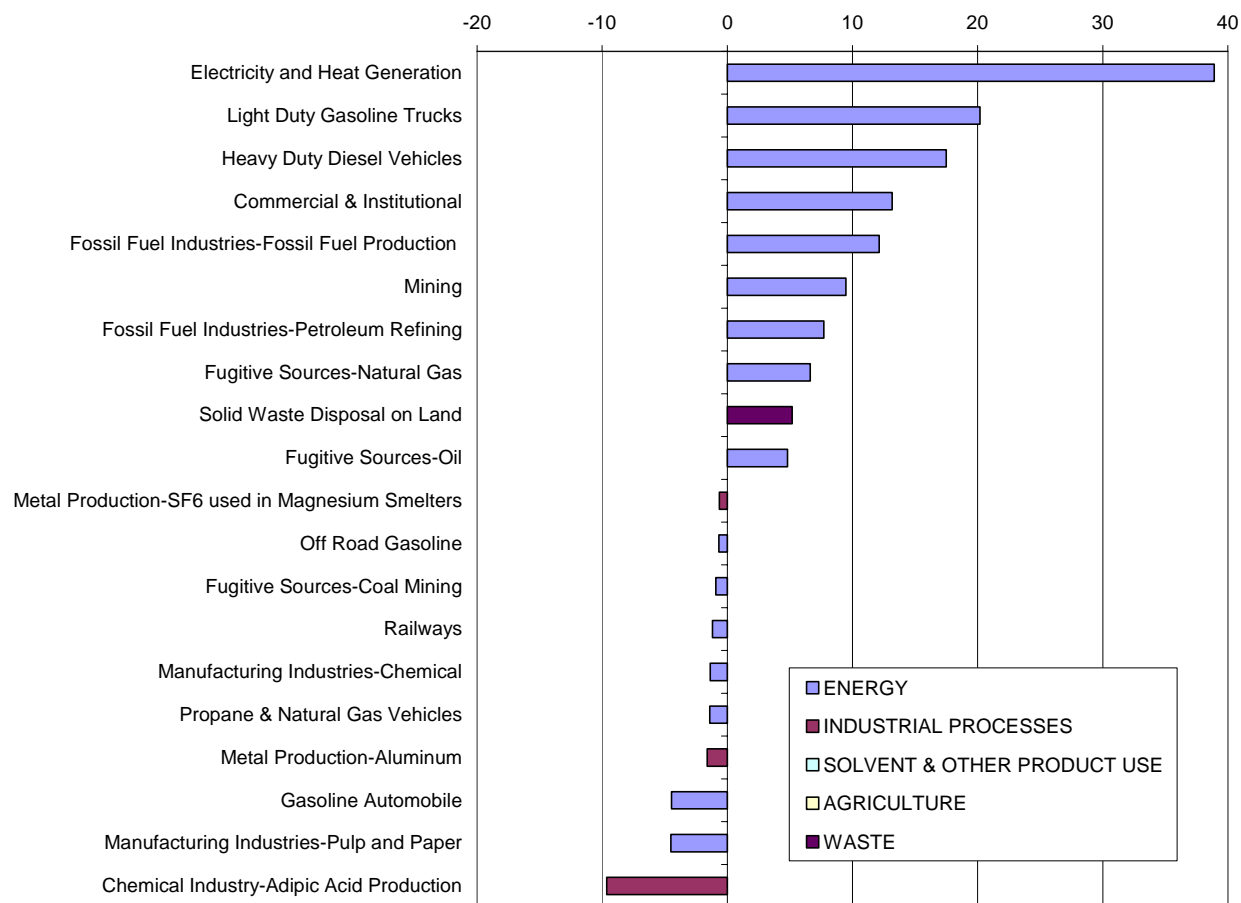
Emissions from Energy Industries (including Fossil Fuel Industries, Electricity and Steam Generation, Mining, Fugitive releases and Combustion emissions from pipelines) rose by about 86.5 Mt between 1990 and 2003. Forty-five percent of that increase (38.9 Mt) was in Electricity and Steam Generation, a result of greater electricity demand coupled with continuing increases in the use of coal-fired generation over the period.

Fugitive releases (e.g. methane leaks from pipelines) contributed just as significantly to GHG emissions. The current estimates show an increase of 16 Mt between 1990 and 2003, a growth of about 42 percent. Most of this increase is the result of greater traffic through energy pipelines, largely due to higher crude oil and natural gas exports to the United States.

Transportation Sector

Emissions in the Transportation sector rose by about 36.7 Mt, or 26 percent from 1990 to 2003. Of particular note in this sector is a 20.2 Mt increase in emissions from light duty gasoline trucks, reflecting the growing popularity of sport utility vehicles. Emissions from heavy-duty diesel vehicles increased 17.5 Mt over the period, indicative of greater heavy truck transport. Offsetting these increases were reductions in emissions attributed to gasoline and alternatively fueled cars of 4.5 Mt and 1.4 Mt respectively.

Figure 2 Long Term (1990-2003) Changes in Selected Sectors (Mt CO₂ eq)



Region CANADA
Year 1990
Table Sectoral Greenhouse Gas Emission Summary

Greenhouse Gas Categories	Greenhouse Gases									
	Global Warming Potential Unit	CO ₂	CH ₄	CH ₄	N ₂ O	N ₂ O	HFCs	PFCs	SF ₆	TOTAL
		kt	kt	21 kt CO ₂ eq	kt	310 kt CO ₂ eq	kt CO ₂ eq	kt CO ₂ eq	kt CO ₂ eq	kt CO ₂ eq
TOTAL	460,000	3,500	73,000	170	52,000		6,300	4,900	596,000	
ENERGY	428,000	2,000	30,000	30	8,000				469,000	
a. Stationary Sources	276,000	200	4,000	7	2,000				282,000	
Electricity and Heat Generation	94,700	1.8	38	2	500				95,300	
Fossil Fuel Industries	50,000	80	2,000	1	400				52,000	
Petroleum Refining	26,000	0.4	9	0.4	100				26,000	
Fossil Fuel Production	23,600	80	2,000	0.7	200				25,000	
Mining	6,160	0.1	3	0.1	40				6,200	
Manufacturing Industries	54,400	3	60	2	500				54,900	
Iron and Steel	6,420	0.2	5	0.2	60				6,490	
Non Ferrous Metals	3,210	0.1	1	0.1	10				3,230	
Chemical	7,060	0.15	3.0	0.1	40				7,100	
Pulp and Paper	13,400	2	40	0.8	200				13,600	
Cement	3,570	0.1	1	0.1	10				3,590	
Other Manufacturing	20,700	0.4	9	0.4	100				20,900	
Construction	1,860	0.03	0.7	0.1	20				1,880	
Commercial & Institutional	25,700	0.5	10	0.5	200				25,800	
Residential	41,300	100	2,000	2	500				44,000	
Agriculture & Forestry	2,400	0.04	0.8	0.1	20				2,420	
b. Transportation	142,000	30	600	20	6,000				150,000	
Domestic Aviation	6,220	0.5	10	0.6	200				6,400	
Road Transportation	103,000	16	350	12	3,600				107,000	
Light Duty Gasoline Vehicles	51,600	9.0	190	6.3	2,000				53,800	
Light Duty Gasoline Trucks	20,300	4.0	83	4.2	1,300				21,700	
Heavy Duty Gasoline Vehicles	2,990	0.42	8.8	0.44	140				3,140	
Motorcycles	225	0.18	3.8	0.00	1.4				230	
Light Duty Diesel Vehicles	657	0.02	0.4	0.1	10				672	
Light Duty Diesel Trucks	578	0.02	0.3	0.04	10				591	
Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicles	24,300	1	30	0.7	200				24,500	
Propane & Natural Gas Vehicles	2,160	2	40	0.04	10				2,200	
Railways	6,320	0.3	7	3	800				7,000	
Domestic Marine	4,730	0.4	7	1	300				5,000	
Others	22,000	10	300	4	1,000				20,000	
Off Road Gasoline	5,000	6	100	0.1	30				5,000	
Off Road Diesel	10,000	0.5	10	4	1,000				10,000	
Pipelines	6,700	6.7	140	0.2	60				6,900	
c. Fugitives	9,800	1,300	28,000						37,900	
Coal Mining		90	2,000						2,000	
Oil and Natural Gas	9,800	1,200	26,000						36,000	
Oil	26.9	410	8,500						8,600	
Natural Gas	19	820	17,000						17,000	
Venting	4,500								4,500	
Flaring	5,290	23.6	496						5,800	
INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES	31,700			37.1	11,500		6,300	4,900	54,400	
a. Mineral Production	7,800								7,800	
Cement	5,600								5,600	
Lime	2,000								2,000	
Limestone and Soda Ash Use	440								440	
b. Chemical Industry	5,000			37.1	11,500				17,000	
Ammonia Production	5,000								5,000	
Nitric Acid Production				2.5	780				780	
Adipic Acid Production				34.6	10,700				10,700	
c. Metal Production	9,700						6,300	3,110	19,100	
Iron and Steel Production	7,060								7,060	
Aluminum Production	2,600						6,300		8,930	
SF ₆ Used in Magnesium Smelters and Casters								3,110	3,110	
d. Consumption of Halocarbons and SF₆								1,800	1,800	
e. Other & Undifferentiated Production	9,200								9,200	
SOLVENT & OTHER PRODUCT USE				1.3	420				420	
AGRICULTURE		1,040	21,800	98	30,000				52,000	
a. Enteric Fermentation		890	18,700						18,700	
b. Manure Management		150	3,100	11	3,500				6,600	
c. Agriculture Soils				87	27,000				27,000	
Direct Sources				70	22,000				22,000	
Indirect Sources				20	5,000				5,000	
WASTE	250	900	19,000	3	900				20,000	
a. Solid Waste Disposal on Land		880	19,000						19,000	
b. Wastewater Handling		17	360	3	900				1,200	
c. Waste Incineration	250	0.4	9	0.2	50				320	
Land Use, Land-use Change and Forestry¹	-160,000	40	830	2.3	730				-150,000	
a. Forest Land	-190,000	40	830	2.3	730				-190,000	
b. Cropland²	23,000								23,000	
c. Grassland	5,000								5,000	
d. Wetlands										
e. Settlements	6,000								6,000	

Notes:

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²CO₂ estimates from Cropland include about 16 Mt CO₂ of annual emissions due to land conversion to Cropland

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Region CANADA
Year 2002
Table Sectoral Greenhouse Gas Emission Summary

Greenhouse Gas Categories	Greenhouse Gases									
	Global Warming Potential Unit	CO ₂	CH ₄	CH ₄	N ₂ O	N ₂ O	HFCs	PFCs	SF ₆	TOTAL
		kt	kt	21 kt CO ₂ eq	kt	310 kt CO ₂ eq	kt CO ₂ eq	kt CO ₂ eq	kt CO ₂ eq	kt CO ₂ eq
TOTAL	568,000	4,500	94,000	150	48,000	3,100	2,710	4,000	719,000	
ENERGY	528,000	2,000	40,000	30	10,000				583,000	
a. Stationary Sources	338,000	200	5,000	8	3,000				346,000	
Electricity and Heat Generation	128,000	4.7	99	2	700				129,000	
Fossil Fuel Industries	70,000	100	2,000	2	500				73,000	
Petroleum Refining	34,000	0.5	10	0.5	100				34,000	
Fossil Fuel Production	36,200	100	2,000	1	300				39,000	
Mining	11,700	0.2	5	0.3	90				11,800	
Manufacturing Industries	48,600	3	60	2	500				49,100	
Iron and Steel	6,420	0.2	5	0.2	60				6,490	
Non Ferrous Metals	3,210	0.07	1	0.05	20				3,220	
Chemical	6,090	0.12	2.6	0.1	30				6,130	
Pulp and Paper	8,900	2	40	0.9	300				9,210	
Cement	4,170	0.08	2	0.05	20				4,180	
Other Manufacturing	19,800	0.4	8	0.4	100				19,900	
Construction	1,230	0.02	0.5	0.03	9				1,240	
Commercial & Institutional	35,200	0.6	10	0.7	200				35,400	
Residential	41,000	90	2,000	2	500				44,000	
Agriculture & Forestry	2,090	0.03	0.7	0.06	20				2,110	
b. Transportation	174,000	30	600	30	8,000				180,000	
Domestic Aviation	6,580	0.4	9	0.6	200				6,800	
Road Transportation	131,000	12	260	17	5,300				137,000	
Light Duty Gasoline Vehicles	47,600	4.0	84	6.7	2,100				49,700	
Light Duty Gasoline Trucks	37,900	4.5	95	8.6	2,700				40,700	
Heavy Duty Gasoline Vehicles	3,950	0.55	12	0.59	180				4,140	
Motorcycles	222	0.18	3.7	0.00	1.3				227	
Light Duty Diesel Vehicles	667	0.02	0.4	0.05	20				683	
Light Duty Diesel Trucks	738	0.02	0.4	0.05	20				755	
Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicles	39,200	2	40	1	400				39,600	
Propane & Natural Gas Vehicles	819	1	30	0.02	5				850	
Railways	5,280	0.3	6	2	700				6,000	
Domestic Marine	5,150	0.4	8	1	300				5,500	
Others	26,000	20	300	5	2,000				30,000	
Off Road Gasoline	4,000	4	90	0.08	20				4,000	
Off Road Diesel	12,000	0.6	10	5	2,000				10,000	
Pipelines	10,600	11	220	0.3	90				10,900	
c. Fugitives	16,000	1,900	39,000						54,500	
Coal Mining		50	1,000						1,000	
Oil and Natural Gas	16,000	1,800	38,000						53,500	
Oil	37.4	640	13,000						13,000	
Natural Gas	29	1,100	24,000						24,000	
Venting	8,100								8,100	
Flaring	7,380	31.1	654						8,000	
INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES	39,200			6.65	2,060	3,100	2,710	3,960	51,000	
a. Mineral Production	8,600								8,600	
Cement	6,700								6,700	
Lime	2,000								2,000	
Limestone and Soda Ash Use	230								230	
b. Chemical Industry	6,200			6.65	2,060				8,300	
Ammonia Production	6,200								6,200	
Nitric Acid Production				2.6	810				810	
Adipic Acid Production				4.03	1,250				1,250	
c. Metal Production	12,000						2,690	2,910	17,100	
Iron and Steel Production	7,110								7,110	
Aluminum Production	4,400						2,690		7,110	
SF ₆ Used in Magnesium Smelters and Casters								2,910	2,910	
d. Consumption of Halocarbons and SF₆						3,100	19	1,000	4,200	
e. Other & Undifferentiated Production	13,000								13,000	
SOLVENT & OTHER PRODUCT USE				1.5	470				470	
AGRICULTURE		1,230	25,900	110	33,000				59,000	
a. Enteric Fermentation		1,060	22,200						22,200	
b. Manure Management		170	3,700	13	4,100				7,800	
c. Agriculture Soils				95	29,000				29,000	
Direct Sources				74	23,000				23,000	
Indirect Sources				20	6,000				6,000	
WASTE	290	1,100	24,000	3	1,000				25,000	
a. Solid Waste Disposal on Land		1,100	23,000						23,000	
b. Wastewater Handling		19	400	3	1,000				1,400	
c. Waste Incineration	290	0.3	7	0.2	60				350	
Land Use, Land-use Change and Forestry¹	-37,000	91	1,900	7.1	2,200				-33,000	
a. Forest Land	-62,000	91	1,900	7.1	2,200				-58,000	
b. Cropland²	15,000								15,000	
c. Grassland	5,000								5,000	
d. Wetlands										
e. Settlements	6,000								6,000	

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Year 2003
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TOTAL	586,000	4,500	94,000	160	50,000	3,100	2,760	4,100	740,000	
ENERGY	546,000	2,000	40,000	30	10,000				600,000	
a. Stationary Sources	351,000	200	5,000	9	3,000				358,000	
Electricity and Heat Generation	133,000	5.0	110	2	800				134,000	
Fossil Fuel Industries	69,000	100	2,000	2	500				71,000	
Petroleum Refining	34,000	0.5	10	0.5	100				34,000	
Fossil Fuel Production	34,800	100	2,000	1	300				38,000	
Mining	15,600	0.3	7	0.3	100				15,700	
Manufacturing Industries	48,600	3	60	2	500				49,200	
Iron and Steel	6,360	0.2	5	0.2	60				6,420	
Non Ferrous Metals	3,190	0.07	1	0.05	20				3,200	
Chemical	5,700	0.12	2.5	0.1	30				5,740	
Pulp and Paper	8,820	2	40	0.9	300				9,130	
Cement	4,180	0.08	2	0.05	10				4,200	
Other Manufacturing	20,400	0.4	9	0.4	100				20,500	
Construction	1,290	0.02	0.5	0.03	9				1,300	
Commercial & Institutional	38,800	0.7	10	0.8	200				39,000	
Residential	42,800	90	2,000	2	500				45,000	
Agriculture & Forestry	2,200	0.04	0.8	0.06	20				2,210	
b. Transportation	179,000	30	600	30	8,000				190,000	
Domestic Aviation	7,000	0.4	9	0.7	200				7,200	
Road Transportation	135,000	12	260	17	5,100				140,000	
Light Duty Gasoline Vehicles	47,300	3.7	78	6.3	1,900				49,300	
Light Duty Gasoline Trucks	39,200	4.5	94	8.4	2,600				41,900	
Heavy Duty Gasoline Vehicles	3,950	0.55	12.0	0.59	180				4,140	
Motorcycles	221	0.18	3.7	0.00	1.3				226	
Light Duty Diesel Vehicles	706	0.02	0.4	0.05	20				723	
Light Duty Diesel Trucks	775	0.02	0.4	0.06	20				793	
Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicles	41,600	2	40	1	400				42,000	
Propane & Natural Gas Vehicles	780	1	30	0.02	5				810	
Railways	5,260	0.3	6	2	700				6,000	
Domestic Marine	5,830	0.5	10	1	300				6,100	
Others	26,000	10	300	6	2,000				30,000	
Off Road Gasoline	4,000	5	100	0.09	30				4,000	
Off Road Diesel	13,000	0.7	10	5	2,000				20,000	
Pipelines	8,850	8.8	190	0.2	70				9,110	
c. Fugitives	15,000	1,800	39,000						54,000	
Coal Mining		50	1,000						1,000	
Oil and Natural Gas	15,000	1,800	38,000						53,000	
Oil	47.1	630	13,000						13,000	
Natural Gas	29	1,100	24,000						24,000	
Venting	7,800								7,800	
Flaring	7,380	31.2	654						8,000	
INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES	40,200			6.1	1,890	3,100	2,760	4,070	52,000	
a. Mineral Production	8,700								8,700	
Cement	6,800								6,800	
Lime	2,000								2,000	
Limestone and Soda Ash Use	230								230	
b. Chemical Industry	6,200			6.1	1,890				8,100	
Ammonia Production	6,200								6,200	
Nitric Acid Production				2.6	810				810	
Adipic Acid Production				3.5	1,090				1,090	
c. Metal Production	12,000						2,740	2,480	16,800	
Iron and Steel Production	7,040								7,040	
Aluminum Production	4,600						2,740		7,320	
SF ₆ Used in Magnesium Smelters and Casters								2,480	2,480	
d. Consumption of Halocarbons and SF₆						3,100	19	1,600	4,700	
e. Other & Undifferentiated Production	14,000								14,000	
SOLVENT & OTHER PRODUCT USE				1.5	480				480	
AGRICULTURE		1,240	26,100	120	36,000				62,000	
a. Enteric Fermentation		1,070	22,400						22,400	
b. Manure Management		170	3,700	13	4,100				7,800	
c. Agriculture Soils				100	32,000				32,000	
Direct Sources				82	25,000				25,000	
Indirect Sources				20	7,000				7,000	
WASTE	290	1,100	24,000	3	1,000				25,000	
a. Solid Waste Disposal on Land		1,100	24,000						24,000	
b. Wastewater Handling		19	410	3	1,000				1,400	
c. Waste Incineration	290	0.3	7	0.2	60				360	
Land Use, Land-use Change and Forestry¹	-46,000	43	900	3.2	1,000				-44,000	
a. Forest Land	-71,000	43	900	3.2	1,000				-69,000	
b. Cropland²	14,000								14,000	
c. Grassland	5,000								5,000	
d. Wetlands										
e. Settlements	6,000								6,000	

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