

City of Aspen / Canary Initiative

Summary

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, year 2007

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Climate Mitigation Services

	Physical Units	Energy Units	GHG Emissions	CO2 Equivalent	Percent of Total
Buildings: electricity					
Million Btu					
Electricity: Aspen Municipal Utility	64,693,191 kWh	659,871 10 ⁶ Btu	19,091 tons CO2	19,091 tons CO2	2.51%
Electricity (MEAN fugitive methane - coal mining)	8 tons CH4	322 10 ⁶ Btu	8 tons CH4	207 tons CO2e	0.03%
Electricity: Holy Cross Energy	159,436,793 kWh	1,626,255 10 ⁶ Btu	134,929 tons CO2	134,929 tons CO2	17.75%
Electricity (Xcel fugitive methane - coal mining)	87 tons CH4	3,365 10 ⁶ Btu	87 tons CH4	2,165 tons CO2e	0.28%
Total electricity	224,129,984 kWh	2,289,812 10⁶ Btu	na	156,392 tons CO2e	20.57%
Buildings: natural gas and propane					
Natural Gas (SourceGas)	1,497,844 Mcf	1,233,025 10 ⁶ Btu	72,064 tons CO2	72,064 tons CO2	9.48%
Natural Gas (SourceGas - fugitive methane)	411 tons CH4	15,988 10 ⁶ Btu	411 tons CH4	10,286 tons CO2e	1.35%
Natural Gas (AM Gas)	385,848 Mcf	317,630 10 ⁶ Btu	18,564 tons CO2	18,564 tons CO2	2.44%
Natural Gas (AM Gas - fugitive methane)	106 tons CH4	4,119 10 ⁶ Btu	106 tons CH4	2,650 tons CO2e	0.35%
Propane (AmeriGas, Ferrellgas, Cross, and Propane Svcs)	375,191 gallons	34,267 10 ⁶ Btu	2,377 tons CO2	2,377 tons CO2	0.31%
Propane (fugitive methane)	5 tons CH4	201 10 ⁶ Btu	5 tons CH4	129 tons CO2e	0.02%
Total natural gas & propane	1,883,692 Mcf	1,605,230 10⁶ Btu	na	106,070 tons CO2e	13.95%
Buildings: other					
AVH Hospital (diesel generator)	1,200 gallons	166 10 ⁶ Btu	13 tons CO2	13 tons CO2	0.002%
Refrigerants, halocarbons, CFCs, etc.	na	na 10 ⁶ Btu	lbs CO2e	na tons CO2e	
Total buildings	376,391 gallons	3,895,209 10⁶ Btu	na lbs CO2e	262,475 tons CO2e	34.52%
Transportation: highway, around town, buses					
Commuting via Hwy 82	11,778,838 gallons	1,473,191 10 ⁶ Btu	117,242 tons CO2	117,242 tons CO2	15.42%
Driving around town	3,804,498 gallons	475,832 10 ⁶ Btu	37,713 tons CO2	37,713 tons CO2	4.96%
Tourist road travel to & from Aspen	4,002,349 gallons	500,578 10 ⁶ Btu	39,211 tons CO2	39,211 tons CO2	5.16%
Transit Buses (RFTA)	439,040 gallons	60,895 10 ⁶ Btu	4,395 tons CO2	4,395 tons CO2	0.58%
School Buses (Aspen School District - diesel)	17,500 gallons	2,427 10 ⁶ Btu	196 tons CO2	196 tons CO2	0.03%
Other School District vehicles - gasoline	12,500 gallons	1,563 10 ⁶ Btu	122 tons CO2	122 tons CO2	0.02%
Out-of-school-district fuel (ExEd trips, away games, gasoline)	5,000 gallons	625 10 ⁶ Btu	52 tons CO2	52 tons CO2	0.01%
Pitkin County Public Works heavy vehicles (diesel)	8,865 gals (*0.2)	1,230 10 ⁶ Btu	99 tons CO2	99 tons CO2	0.01%
Pitkin County Public Works - sheriff etc. (gasoline)	8,812 gals (*0.2)	1,102 10 ⁶ Btu	86 tons CO2	86 tons CO2	0.01%
City of Aspen equipment (diesel fuel)	57,611 gallons	7,991 10 ⁶ Btu	645 tons CO2	645 tons CO2	0.08%
City of Aspen vehicles (gasoline)	37,823 gallons	4,731 10 ⁶ Btu	371 tons CO2	371 tons CO2	0.05%
Aspen Skiing Company (diesel and gasoline consumption)	237,350 gallons	29,686 10 ⁶ Btu	2,263 tons CO2	2,263 tons CO2	0.30%
Off-road fuel (construction, snowmobiles, lawn & snow widgets)	101,633 gallons	12,711 10 ⁶ Btu	1,047 tons CO2	1,047 tons CO2	0.14%
Ambulances	2,588 gallons	324 10 ⁶ Btu	29 tons CO2	29 tons CO2	0.00%
Total highway vehicles, around town, buses, & misc	20,514,406 gallons	2,572,885 10⁶ Btu	203,471 tons CO2	203,471 tons CO2	26.76%
Transportation: commercial and private aviation					
Air Travel - Commercial via Pitkin County Airport	10,022,903 gallons	1,353,092 10 ⁶ Btu	105,681 tons CO2e	105,681 tons CO2e	13.90%
Air Travel - Commercial at other airports	3,953,858 gallons	533,771 10 ⁶ Btu	41,689 tons CO2e	41,689 tons CO2e	5.48%
Air Travel - General Aviation (jets)	11,598,066 gallons	1,565,739 10 ⁶ Btu	122,289 tons CO2e	122,289 tons CO2e	16.09%
Air Travel - General Aviation (turboprops)	582,952 gallons	78,699 10 ⁶ Btu	6,147 tons CO2e	6,147 tons CO2e	0.81%
Air Travel - General Aviation (piston aircraft)	112,489 gallons	13,520 10 ⁶ Btu	1,032 tons CO2	1,032 tons CO2	0.14%
Air Travel - General Aviation (Air Ambulance flights)	6,909 gallons	830 10 ⁶ Btu	69 tons CO2	69 tons CO2	0.01%
Total commercial and private aviation	26,277,176 gallons	3,545,650 10⁶ Btu	276,907 tons CO2	276,907 tons CO2e	36.42%
Total transportation	46,791,582 gallons	6,118,536 10⁶ Btu	480,378 tons CO2	480,378 tons CO2	63.19%
Landfill					
Landfill & Materials Recovery: electricity	153,511 kWh	1,566 10 ⁶ Btu	66 tons CO2	66 tons CO2	0.01%
Landfill & Materials Recovery: diesel & gasoline fuel	6,826 gallons	947 10 ⁶ Btu	38 tons CO2	38 tons CO2	0.00%
Landfill: fugitive methane	679 tons CH4	32,904 10 ⁶ Btu	679 tons CH4	16,969 tons CO2e	2.23%
Total landfill	various	35,416 10⁶ Btu	na	17,072 tons CO2e	2.25%
Nitrous Oxide sources					
Maroon Creek Club	3,458 kg N	na	108 kg N2O	35 tons CO2e	0.005%
Aspen Golf Course	4,051 kg N	na	126 kg N2O	41 tons CO2e	0.005%
City of Aspen parks and greenspaces	1,502 kg N	na	47 kg N2O	15 tons CO2e	0.002%
City of Aspen athletic fields	2,687 kg N	na	84 kg N2O	27 tons CO2e	0.004%
Private greenspace within city limits	15,078 kg N	na	470 kg N2O	153 tons CO2e	0.020%
Private greenspace within Urban Growth Boundary	6,883 kg N	na	215 kg N2O	70 tons CO2e	0.009%
Total nitrous oxide sources	33,659 kg N	na	1,050 kg N2O	343 tons CO2e	0.05%
Total	various units	10,049,161 10⁶ Btu	various units	760,268 tons CO2e	100%
Methane and nitrous oxide of total emissions			1,291 tons CH4	32,619 tons CO2e	4.29%
Carbon dioxide of total emissions				727,649 tons CO2	95.71%
Total emissions 2004 (original estimate)	840,875 tons CO2e	Difference	80,607 tons CO2e	Percent	-9.59%
Total emissions 2004 (revised Feb09 estimate)	828,648 tons CO2e	Difference	68,381 tons CO2e	Percent	-8.25%

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CMS estimates the energy value of fugitive methane, although using Aspen's Btu value of 823.2 Btu per cubic foot rather than the standard value of 1,027 Btu per cf (standard temperature and pressure). See th Natural gas worksheet for details.

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Energy Information Administration (2008) Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States 2007. GWP, methodology, p 12: Methane. In its Fourth Assessment Report, the IPCC developed revised global warming potential factors (GWPs) for selected gases. The GWP for methane was revised from the previous value of 23 in the IPCC's Third Assessment Report to 25 in the Fourth Assessment Report. The revised GWP for methane is used in this report. In addition, this report incorporates an increase in the density of methane from 42.28 to 42.37 pounds per thousand cubic feet, in order to provide consistent temperature and pressure values for methane in all EIA data. Nitrous Oxide. The IPCC also updated the GWP for nitrous oxide in its Fourth Assessment Report, to 298, up from 296 in the IPCC's Third Assessment Report."

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	
1		Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory													
2						2004									
3		Revised Apr09				Last modified: 15 April 2009									
4		Physical Units			Energy Units		GHG Emissions		CO2 Equivalent		Percent of Total		lb CO2e per million Btu		
5					Million		Btu								
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8		Buildings: electricity													
9		Electricity (Aspen Municipal Utility/Aspen Elec Dp	62,872,609	kWh	641,301	10^6 Btu	39,571	tons CO2	39,571	tons CO2	4.8%	123			
10		Electricity (MEAN fugitive methane - coal mines)	8	tons CH4	391	10^6 Btu	8	tons CH4	185	tons CO2e	0.0%	947			
11		Electricity (Holy Cross)	141,283,859	kWh	1,441,095	10^6 Btu	125,036	tons CO2	125,036	tons CO2	15.1%	174			
12		Electricity (Xcel fugitive methane - coal mines)	77	tons CH4	3,727	10^6 Btu	77	tons CH4	1,764	tons CO2e	0.2%	947			
13		Total electricity	204,156,553	kWh	2,086,514	10^6 Btu	na		166,557	tons CO2e	20.1%	160			
14		Buildings: natural gas and propane													
15															
16		Natural Gas (Kinder Morgan)	14,527,438	ccf	1,252,365	10^6 Btu	73,194	tons CO2	73,194	tons CO2	8.8%	117			
17		Natural Gas (Kinder Morgan - fugitive methane)	415	tons CH4	20,170	10^6 Btu	415	tons CH4	9,549	tons CO2e	1.2%	947			
18		Natural Gas (AM Gas)	3,631,860	ccf	313,091	10^6 Btu	18,299	tons CO2	18,299	tons CO2	2.2%	117			
19		Natural Gas (AM Gas - fugitive methane)	104	tons CH4	5,043	10^6 Btu	104	tons CH4	2,387	tons CO2e	0.3%	947			
20		Propane (AmeriGas)	250,137	gallons	22,846	10^6 Btu	1,662	tons CO2	1,662	tons CO2	0.2%	146			
21		Propane (Ferrellgas)	250,137	gallons	22,846	10^6 Btu	1,662	tons CO2	1,662	tons CO2	0.2%	146			
22		Total natural gas & propane	1,815,930	Mcf	1,636,361	10^6 Btu	na		106,754	tons CO2e	12.9%	130			
23		Buildings: other													
24															
25		AVH Hospital (diesel generator)	1,200	gallons	166	10^6 Btu			13	tons CO2	0.0%	161			
26		Refrigerants, halocarbons, CFCs, etc.	na		na	10^6 Btu		lbs CO2-e	na	tons CO2e					
27															
28		Total buildings	501,474	gallons	3,723,041	10^6 Btu	na		273,324	tons CO2e	33.0%	147			
29		Transportation: highway, around town, buses													
30															
31		Highway vehicles, driving Hwy 82	12,635,963	gallons	1,580,393	10^6 Btu	125,714	tons CO2	125,714	tons CO2	15.2%	159			
32		Highway vehicles, around town	3,698,454	gallons	462,569	10^6 Btu	36,720	tons CO2	36,720	tons CO2	4.4%	159			
33		Tourist road travel to & from Aspen	4,117,548	gallons	514,986	10^6 Btu	40,340	tons CO2	40,340	tons CO2	4.9%	157			
34		Transit Buses (RFTA)	291,989	gallons	40,499	10^6 Btu	3,139	tons CO2	3,139	tons CO2	0.4%	155			
35		School Buses (Aspen School District)	17,420	gallons	2,416	10^6 Btu	195	tons CO2	195	tons CO2	0.0%	161			
36		Other School District vehicles	13,380	gallons	1,673	10^6 Btu	131	tons CO2	131	tons CO2	0.0%	157			
37		Out-of-school-district fuel (ExEd trips, away game	5,352	gallons	669	10^6 Btu	56	tons CO2	56	tons CO2	0.0%	168			
38		Pitkin County Public Works - sheriff etc. (gasoline	11,870	gals (*0.2	1,485	10^6 Btu	116	tons CO2	116	tons CO2	0.0%	157			
39		Pitkin County Public Works heavy vehicles (diesel)	7,581	gals (*0.2	1,051	10^6 Btu	85	tons CO2	85	tons CO2	0.0%	161			
40		City of Aspen equipment (diesel fuel)	33,588	gallons	4,659	10^6 Btu	376	tons CO2	376	tons CO2	0.0%	161			
41		City of Aspen vehicles (gasoline)	62,590	gallons	7,828	10^6 Btu	613	tons CO2	613	tons CO2	0.1%	157			
42		Aspen Skiing Company (diesel and gasoline consu	210,468	gallons	26,323	10^6 Btu	2,007	tons CO2	2,007	tons CO2	0.2%	152			
43		Off-road (construction equip., snowmobiles, gas v	150,440	gallons	18,816	10^6 Btu	1,654	tons CO2	1,654	tons CO2	0.2%	176			
44		Ambulances	2,588	gallons	324	10^6 Btu	29	tons CO2	29	tons CO2	0.0%	179			
45		Total highway vehicles, around town, buses, & mi	21,259,230	gallons	2,663,691	10^6 Btu	211,175	tons CO2	211,175	tons CO2	25.5%	159			
46		Transportation: commercial and private aviation													
47															
48		Air Travel - Commercial at Pitkin County Airport	12,983,681	gallons	1,752,797	10^6 Btu	195,637	tons CO2	136,946	tons CO2	16.5%	156			
49		Air Travel - Commercial at other airports	4,710,566	gallons	635,926	10^6 Btu	70,978	tons CO2	49,685	tons CO2	6.0%	156			
50		Air Travel - General Aviation (jets)	13,027,830	gallons	1,758,757	10^6 Btu	196,301	tons CO2	137,411	tons CO2	16.6%	156			
51		Air Travel - General Aviation (turboprops)	662,942	gallons	89,497	10^6 Btu	9,989	tons CO2	6,992	tons CO2	0.8%	156			
52		Air Travel - General Aviation (piston aircraft)	123,648	gallons	14,861	10^6 Btu	1,621	tons CO2	1,135	tons CO2	0.1%	153			
53		Air Travel - General Aviation (Air Ambulance flight	7,413	gallons	891	10^6 Btu	112	tons CO2	78	tons CO2	0.0%	176			
54		Total commercial and private aviation	31,516,080	gallons	4,252,730	10^6 Btu	474,638	tons CO2	332,247	tons CO2	40.1%	156			
55															
56		Total transportation	53,276,784	gallons	6,916,421	10^6 Btu	tons CO2	543,422	tons CO2	65.6%	157				
57		Landfill													
58															
59		Landfill & Materials Recovery: electricity	110,476	kWh	1,127	10^6 Btu	50	tons CO2	50	tons CO2	0.0%	88			
60		Landfill & Materials Recovery: diesel fuel	4,849	gallons	673	10^6 Btu		tons CO2	27	tons CO2	0.0%	81			
61		Landfill: fugitive methane	500	tons CH4	24,291	10^6 Btu	500	tons CH4	11,500	tons CO2e	1.4%	947			
62		Total landfill	various		26,090	10^6 Btu	na		11,577	tons CO2e	1.4%	887			
63		Nitrous Oxide sources													
64															
65		Maroon Creek Club	3,285	kg N	na		102	kg N2O	33	tons CO2e	0.0%				
66		Aspen Golf Course	4,888	kg N	na		153	kg N2O	50	tons CO2e	0.0%				
67		City of Aspen Parks & athletic fields	1,806	kg N	na		56	kg N2O	18	tons CO2e	0.0%				
68		Private greenspace within city limits	15,078	kg N	na		470	kg N2O	153	tons CO2e	0.0%				
69		Private greenspace within Urban Growth Boundary	6,888	kg N	na		215	kg N2O	70	tons CO2e	0.0%				
70		Total nitrous oxide sources	31,945	kg N	na		997	kg N2O	325	tons CO2e	0.0%				
71															
72															
73		Total	various	units	10,665,552	10^6 Btu	various	units	828,648	tons CO2e	100.0%	155			
74															
75		Methane and nitrous oxide of total emissions					1,104	tons CH4	25,711	tons CO2e	3.1%				
76		Carbon dioxide of total emissions							802,937	tons CO2	96.9%				
77															
78		Original total: 840,888 12,240 tons, net revision GA jets													
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80		2004													
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Comparing 2004 and 2007: Fuel & Energy

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Fuel and energy comparisons

Btu comparisons

2004	2007	Change
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2004	2007	Change
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Table 1	title:	Electricity: comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	kWh	kWh	Change
	Aspen Electric	62,872,609	64,693,191	2.90%
	Holy Cross	141,283,859	159,436,793	12.8%
	Total	204,156,553	224,129,984	9.78%

Table 8	title:	Building energy sources: comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	million Btu	million Btu	Change
	Aspen Electric	641,301	659,871	2.90%
	Holy Cross	1,441,095	1,626,255	12.85%
	SourceGas	1,252,365	1,233,025	-1.54%
	AM Gas	313,091	317,630	1.45%
	Propane vendors	45,692	34,267	-25.00%
	Total energy in buildings	3,693,544	3,871,048	4.81%

Table 2	title:	Natural gas: comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	Mcf	Mcf	Change
	SourceGas	1,452,744	1,497,844	3.10%
	AM Gas	363,186	385,848	6.24%
	Total	1,815,930	1,883,692	3.73%

Table 9	title:	Total building energy: comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	million Btu	million Btu	Change
	Electricity	2,082,396	2,286,126	9.78%
	Natural gas	1,565,457	1,550,655	-0.95%
	Propane	45,692	34,267	-25.00%
	Methane: elec, gas, & propane	29,330	23,994	-18.19%
	AVH diesel	166	166	0.00%
	Total buildings	3,723,041	3,895,209	4.62%

Table 3	title:	Propane: comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	gallons	gallons	Change
	Propane vendors	1,815,930	375,191	-79.34%

2004	2007	Change
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Table 4	title:	Ground transportation: comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	gallons	gallons	Change
	Commuting	12,635,963	11,778,838	-6.78%
	Around town	3,698,454	3,804,498	2.87%
	Tourist driving	4,117,548	4,002,349	-2.80%
	RFTA	291,989	439,040	50.36%
	School buses	17,420	17,500	0.46%
	ASD vehicles	13,380	12,500	-6.58%
	Out-of-town ASD	5,352	5,000	-6.58%
	Pitkin County diesel	11,870	8,865	-25.32%
	Pitkin County gasoline	7,581	8,812	16.24%
	City of Aspen diesel	33,588	57,611	71.52%
	City of Aspen gasoline	62,590	37,823	-39.57%
	SkiCo diesel & gasoline	210,468	237,350	12.77%
	Off-road fuel	150,440	101,633	-32.44%
	Ambulances	2,588	2,588	0.00%
	Total ground fuel	21,259,230	20,514,406	-3.50%

Table 10	title:	Ground transportation: comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	million Btu	million Btu	Change
	Commuting	1,580,393	1,473,191	-6.78%
	Around town	462,569	475,832	2.87%
	Tourist driving	514,986	500,578	-2.80%
	RFTA	40,499	60,895	50.36%
	School buses	2,416	2,427	0.46%
	ASD vehicles	1,673	1,563	-6.58%
	Out-of-town ASD	669	625	-6.58%
	Pitkin County diesel	1,485	1,230	-17.18%
	Pitkin County gasoline	1,051	1,102	4.82%
	City of Aspen diesel	4,659	7,991	71.52%
	City of Aspen gasoline	7,828	4,731	-39.57%
	SkiCo diesel & gasoline	26,323	29,686	12.77%
	Off-road fuel	18,816	12,711	-32.44%
	Ambulances	324	324	0.00%
	Total ground fuel	2,663,691	2,572,885	-3.41%

Table 5	title:	Air travel & aviation: comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	gallons	gallons	Change
	Air travel via Aspen	12,983,681	10,022,903	-22.80%
	Air travel via other airports	4,710,566	3,953,858	-16.06%
	GA: jets	13,027,830	11,598,066	-10.97%
	GA: turboprops	662,942	582,952	-12.07%
	GA: piston	123,648	112,489	-9.03%
	GA: air ambulance	7,413	6,909	-6.80%
	Total air travel & aviation	31,516,080	26,277,176	-16.62%
	GA fuel	13,821,833	12,300,415	-11.01%
	Total transportation	53,276,784	46,791,582	-12.17%

Table 11	title:	Air travel & aviation: comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	million Btu	million Btu	Change
	Air travel via Aspen	1,752,797	1,353,092	-22.80%
	Air travel via other airports	635,926	533,771	-16.06%
	GA: jets	1,758,757	1,565,739	-10.97%
	GA: turboprops	89,497	78,699	-12.07%
	GA: piston	14,861	13,520	-9.03%
	GA: air ambulance	891	830	-6.80%
	Total air travel & aviation	4,252,730	3,545,650	-16.63%

Table 6	title:	Landfill energy & methane: comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	various	various	Change
	Electricity	110,476	153,511	38.95%
	Diesel & gasoline	4,849	6,826	40.77%
	Fugitive methane	500	679	35.75%

Total transportation		6,916,421	6,118,536	-11.54%
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Table 12	title:	Landfill energy & methane: comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	million Btu	million Btu	Change
	Electricity	1,127	1,566	38.95%
	Diesel & gasoline	673	947	40.77%
	Fugitive methane	24,291	32,904	35.46%

Table 7	title:	Nitrous oxide: comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	kg N	kg N	Change
	Golf courses	8,173	7,509	-8.13%
	City parks & fields	1,806	4,189	131.94%
	Private greenspaces	21,966	21,961	-0.02%
	Total nitrous oxide	31,945	33,659	5.36%

Table 13	title:	Nitrous oxide: comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	million Btu	million Btu	Change
	Golf courses			
	City parks & fields	not applicable		
	Private greenspaces			
	Total nitrous oxide			

Table 4.2	title:	2004	2007	Change
	Commuting	12,635,963	11,778,838	
	Around town	3,698,454	3,804,498	
	Tourist driving	4,117,548	4,002,349	
	RFTA	291,989	439,040	
	SkiCo diesel & gasoline	210,468	237,350	
	Off-road fuel	150,440	101,633	

Table 14	title:	Total energy (in Btu): comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	million Btu	million Btu	Change
	Total	10,665,552	10,049,161	-5.78%

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2004	2007	Change
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GHG emissions comparisons

2004	2007	Change
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Table 15 title: natural gas, and propane emissions: comparing 2004 to 2007			
x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
Aspen Electric	39,756	19,298	-51.46%
Holy Cross	126,801	137,094	8.12%
SourceGas	82,744	82,350	-0.48%
AM Gas	20,686	21,214	2.55%
Propane vendors	3,325	2,506	-24.63%
Total energy in buildings	273,324	262,475	-3.97%
Total Gas & Propane (& AVI)	106,768	106,083	-0.64%

Table 23 title: Major emissions sources: comparing 2004 to 2007			
x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
Electricity	166,557	156,392	-6.10%
Natural gas	103,430	103,564	0.13%
Commuting	125,714	117,242	-6.74%
Around town	36,720	37,713	2.70%
Tourist driving	40,340	39,211	-2.80%
Air travel via Aspen	136,946	105,681	-22.83%
Air travel via other airports	49,685	41,689	-16.09%
GA: jets	137,411	122,289	-11.00%
Landfill methane	11,500	16,969	47.55%
Subtotal, 9 major sources	808,302	740,749	-8.36%
Major sources, percent of tot	97.54%	97.43%	
Natural Gas (alt adjust NOT ma	103,430	107,429	3,865 tons

Table 16 title: Total building emissions: comparing 2004 to 2007			
x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
Electricity	166,557	156,392	-6.10%
Natural gas	103,430	103,564	0.13%
Propane	3,325	2,506	-24.63%
Methane: elec. gas, & propane	incl above	incl above	
AVH diesel	13	13	0.00%
Total buildings	273,324	262,475	-3.97%
		10,849	tons CO2

Table 24 title: Ground travel, and air travel emissions: comparing 2004 to 2007			
x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
Total buildings	273,324	262,475	-3.97%
Ground transportation	211,175	203,471	-3.65%
Total air travel & aviation	332,247	276,907	-16.66%
Subtotal, 3 major sources	816,746	742,853	-9.05%
Major sources, percent of tot	98.56%	97.71%	

Table 17 title: Ground transportation emissions: comparing 2004 to 2007			
x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
Commuting	125,714	117,242	-6.74%
Around town	36,720	37,713	2.70%
Tourist driving	40,340	39,211	-2.80%
RFTA	3,139	4,395	40.01%
School buses	195	196	0.46%
ASD vehicles	131	122	-6.58%
Out-of-town ASD	56	52	-6.58%
Pitkin County diesel	116	99	-14.69%
Pitkin County gasoline	85	86	1.75%
City of Aspen diesel	376	645	71.52%
City of Aspen gasoline	613	371	-39.57%
SkiCo diesel & gasoline	2,007	2,263	12.75%
Off-road fuel	1,654	1,047	-36.69%
Ambulances	29	29	0.00%
Ground transportation	211,175	203,471	-3.6%
		7,704	tons CO2
		(1,256)	

Table 17.2 title: Major ground transportation: comparing 2004 to 2007			
x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
Commuting	125,714	117,242	-6.74%
Around town	36,720	37,713	2.70%
Tourist driving	40,340	39,211	-2.80%
RFTA	3,139	4,395	40.01%
SkiCo diesel & gasoline	2,007	2,263	12.75%
Off-road fuel	1,654	1,047	-36.69%

Table 18 title: Air Travel & General Aviation: Comparing 2004 to 2007			
x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
Air travel via Aspen	136,946	105,681	-22.83%
Air travel via other airports	49,685	41,689	-16.09%
GA: jets	137,411	122,289	-11.00%
GA: turboprops	6,992	6,147	-12.10%
GA: piston	1,135	1,032	-9.03%
GA: air ambulance	78	69	-12.01%
Total air travel & aviation	332,247	276,907	-16.66%
		55,340	change, tons

Table 25 title: Major sources: comparing 2004 to 2007			
x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
Buildings	273,324	262,475	-3.97%
Transportation	543,422	480,378	-11.60%
Other sources	11,902	17,414	46.31%
Total	828,648	760,268	correct sum

Table 18.2 Total transportation			
	543,422	480,378	-11.60%
		63,044	2,471 Aspen homes @2

Table 26 title: Major sources: comparing 2004 to 2007			
x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
Electricity	166,557	156,392	-6.10%
Natural gas & propane	106,754	106,070	-0.64%
Ground transportation	211,175	203,471	-3.65%
Air travel & aviation	332,247	276,907	-16.66%
Landfill	11,577	17,072	47.46%
Nitrous oxide	325	343	5.36%
Total	828,635	760,254	only excl AVH diesel

Table 19 title: All energy & methane emissions: comparing 2004 to 2007			
x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
Electricity	50	66	32.16%
Diesel & gasoline	27	38	38.53%
Fugitive methane	11,500	16,969	47.55%
Total landfill (5,495)	11,577	17,072	47.46%

Table 27 title: Ground transportation emissions: comparing 2004 to 2007			
x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
Commuting	125,714	117,242	-6.74%
Around town	36,720	37,713	2.70%
Tourist driving	40,340	39,211	-2.80%
Air travel via Aspen	136,946	105,681	-22.83%
Air travel via other airports	49,685	41,689	-16.09%
GA: jets	137,411	122,289	-11.00%

Table 20 title: Nitrous oxide emissions: comparing 2004 to 2007			
x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
Golf courses	83	76	-8.13%
City parks & fields	18	43	131.94%
Private greenspaces	224	224	-0.02%
Total nitrous oxide	325	343	5.36%
	11,902	17,414	46.31%

Table 28 title: GA Jets & Turboprops: comparing 2004 to 2007			
x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
General Aviation: Jets	137,411	122,289	-11.00%
General Aviation: Turboprop:	6,992	6,147	-12.10%
Total	144,403	128,436	-11.06%
All GA Total	145,616	129,537	-11.04%

Table 21 title: Total Aspen emissions: comparing 2004 to 2007			
x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
Total	828,648	760,268	-8.25%

Table 22 title: Emissions by GHG gas: comparing 2004 to 2007			
x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
Carbon dioxide	802,937	727,649	-9.38%
Methane	25,386	32,276	27.14%
Nitrous Oxide	325	343	5.36%
Total GHG	828,648	760,268	-8.25%
		68,381	2,680.54 homes

Table 29 title: GA Jets & Turboprops: comparing 2004 to 2007			
x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
Air travel via Aspen	136,946	105,681	-22.83%
Air travel via other airports	49,685	41,689	-16.09%
Total commercial Air Travel	186,631	147,370	-21.04%

Comparing 2004 and 2007: Energy Costs, & Miscellaneous

Last modified: 15 April 2009

Emissions, Energy Cost, and electricity EF comparisons

	2004	2007	
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Table 30	title:	Electricity consumption & emissions: comparing 2004 to 2007			
	x-axis legend items:	kWh	kWh	tons CO2e	tons CO2e
	Aspen Electric	62,872,609	64,693,191	39,756	19,298
	Holy Cross	141,283,859	159,436,793	126,801	137,094

linked to "ElectricityCarbon2007.xls"		
	Aspen Muni	Holy Cross Energy
CO2 per kWh generated	0.5509	1.5800
CO2 per kWh delivered	0.5902	1.6926
Methane (as CO2e)	0.0064	0.0272
Total CO2e/kWh	0.5966	1.7197
Compare 2004:	1.2646	1.7950
Percent change:	52.8%	4.2%

Table 31	title:	Highway 82 & commuting emissions: comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
	Passenger cars (sedans, cabriolets, etc)	24,542	24,491	-0.21%
	Small SUVs and small pick-up trucks	13,841	26,446	91.07%
	Medium/Large SUVs and large "light" trucks	66,513	46,463	-30.14%

Table 34	title:	Electricity emission factors: comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	lb CO2/kWh	lb CO2/kWh	Change
	Aspen Electric Dept	1.2646	0.5966	52.8%
	Holy Cross Energy	1.7950	1.7197	4.2%
	Sales weighted average		1.3955	

Table 32	title:	Vehicle type survey, August 2008		
	x-axis legend items:	# of vehicles	Percent	
	RFTA	3,139	4,395	

Table 35	title:	Travel & General Aviation: Comparing 2004 to 2007		
	x-axis legend items:	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	Change
	Total Air Travel	186,631	147,370	-21.04%
	Total General Aviation	145,616	129,537	-11.04%
	Total	332,247	276,907	-16.66%

Vehicle type survey, August 2008			
	# of vehicles	Percent	
Passenger cars	1,844	26.8%	
Light trucks & SUVs	1,820	26.5%	
Med&Hvy trucks/SUVs	2,691	39.1%	
Large 2-axle trucks	176	2.6%	
Large 3-axle trucks	168	2.4%	
Semis	50	0.7%	
Buses (RFTA)	88	1.3%	
Motor cycles * 0.5	44	0.6%	
Total	6,881	100.0%	

Air Travel change	39,260	1,539	home
GA change	16,079	630	home

Table 33	title:	2004 Cost of energy: comparing 2004 to 2007			
	x-axis legend items:	commodity	units	cost per unit	cost
Aspen Electric	62,872,609	kWh	\$ 0.08	\$ 4,715,446	
Holy Cross	141,283,859	kWh	\$ 0.08	\$ 11,302,709	
SourceGas	1,452,744	Mcf	\$ 10.75	\$ 15,616,996	
AM Gas	363,186	Mcf	\$ 9.43	\$ 3,424,844	
Propane vendors	1,815,930	gallons	\$ 1.31	\$ 2,373,420	
Commuting	12,635,963	gallons	\$ 1.42	\$ 17,980,975	
Around town	3,698,454	gallons	\$ 1.43	\$ 5,288,789	
Tourist driving	4,117,548	gallons	\$ 1.43	\$ 5,888,093	
RFTA	291,989	gallons	\$ 1.32	\$ 384,257	
School buses	17,420	gallons	\$ 1.32	\$ 22,925	
ASD vehicles	13,380	gallons	\$ 1.32	\$ 17,608	
Out-of-town ASD	5,352	gallons	\$ 1.32	\$ 7,043	
Pitkin County diesel	11,870	gallons	\$ 1.32	\$ 15,621	
Pitkin County gasoline	7,581	gallons	\$ 1.32	\$ 9,977	
City of Aspen diesel	33,588	gallons	\$ 1.32	\$ 44,202	
City of Aspen gasoline	62,590	gallons	\$ 1.32	\$ 82,368	
SkiCo diesel & gasoline	210,468	gallons	\$ 1.32	\$ 276,976	
Off-road fuel	150,440	gallons	\$ 1.32	\$ 197,979	
Ambulances	2,588	gallons	\$ 1.32	\$ 3,406	
Air travel via Aspen	12,983,681	gallons	\$ 1.21	\$ 15,671,303	
Air travel via other airports	4,710,566	gallons	\$ 1.21	\$ 5,685,653	
GA: jets	13,027,830	gallons	\$ 2.83	\$ 36,874,166	
GA: turboprops	662,942	gallons	\$ 2.83	\$ 1,876,401	
GA: piston	123,648	gallons	\$ 2.83	\$ 349,975	
GA: air ambulance	7,413	gallons	\$ 2.83	\$ 20,982	
Total 2004				\$ 128,132,114	

2007 Cost of energy: comparing 2004 to 2007				
	commodity	units	cost per unit	cost
	64,693,191	kWh	\$ 0.09	\$ 5,822,387
	159,436,793	kWh	\$ 0.08	\$ 13,233,254
	1,497,844	Mcf	\$ 13.06	\$ 19,561,838
	385,848	Mcf	\$ 11.32	\$ 4,367,802
	375,191	gallons	\$ 1.89	\$ 709,110
	11,778,838	gallons	\$ 2.34	\$ 27,527,144
	3,804,498	gallons	\$ 2.34	\$ 8,891,112
	4,002,349	gallons	\$ 2.34	\$ 9,353,489
	439,040	gallons	\$ 2.35	\$ 1,030,865
	17,500	gallons	\$ 2.35	\$ 41,090
	12,500	gallons	\$ 2.35	\$ 29,350
	5,000	gallons	\$ 2.35	\$ 11,740
	8,865	gallons	\$ 2.35	\$ 20,814
	8,812	gallons	\$ 2.35	\$ 20,691
	57,611	gallons	\$ 2.35	\$ 135,271
	37,823	gallons	\$ 2.35	\$ 88,808
	237,350	gallons	\$ 2.35	\$ 557,298
	101,633	gallons	\$ 2.35	\$ 238,634
	2,588	gallons	\$ 2.35	\$ 6,077
	10,022,903	gallons	\$ 2.00	\$ 20,045,806
	3,953,858	gallons	\$ 2.00	\$ 7,907,715
	11,598,066	gallons	\$ 4.69	\$ 54,394,928
	582,952	gallons	\$ 4.69	\$ 2,734,045
	112,489	gallons	\$ 4.69	\$ 527,572
	6,909	gallons	\$ 4.69	\$ 32,403
Total 2007				\$ 177,289,243

Table 33.2	title:	2004 Cost of energy: comparing 2004 to 2007			
	x-axis legend items:	commodity	units	cost per unit	cost
Electricity	204,156,468	kWh		\$ 16,018,154	
Natural gas	1,815,930	Mcf		\$ 19,041,840	
Propane	1,815,930	gallons		\$ 2,373,420	
Ground transportation	21,259,230	gallons		\$ 30,220,220	
Aviation	31,516,080	gallons		\$ 60,478,480	
Total 2004				\$ 128,132,114	

2007 Cost of energy: comparing 2004 to 2007					
	commodity	units	cost per unit	cost	Change
	224,129,984	kWh		\$ 19,055,641	19.0%
	1,883,692	Mcf		\$ 23,929,640	25.7%
	375,191	gallons		\$ 709,110	-70.1%
	20,514,406	gallons		\$ 47,952,382	58.7%
	26,277,176	gallons		\$ 85,642,469	41.6%
Total 2007				\$ 177,289,243	38.4%

Compare 2004 & 2007

Cell: BE38

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS reduces the number of motorcycles in the survey (done in Aug08) by half to better reflect annual averages.

Cell: BM44

Comment: Rick Heede:

Cost for residential customers. Coml customers paid 14.5 cents per kWh; not reflected in costs.

Cell: BH46

Comment: Rick Heede:

EIA natural gas, 2004, resl & coml.

Cell: BM46

Comment: Rick Heede:

EIA, Natural Gas Prices, 2007, Residential \$13.06 and commercial \$11.32.

http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/dnav/ng/ng_pri_sum_dcu_nus_a.htm

Cell: BH48

Comment: Rick Heede:

EIA (2008) AER 2007, Table 5.23: Sales Prices to End Users (for motor gasoline, diesel fuel, and propane).

Cell: BH63

Comment: Rick Heede:

EIA (2005) AER 2004, Table 5.22: Sales prices to end users; lists Jet fuel, motor gasoline, diesel, and propane prices.

Cell: BH65

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS uses the 2007 multiple for Jet Fuel (air carrier) in AER to BC&A nationwide average Jet Fuel costs for private and business aviation for 2004.

Cell: BM65

Comment: Rick Heede:

Business & Commercial Aviation 2007 Operations Planning Guide, Aug07, p. 84: \$4.69 average nationwide.

Cell: J78

Comment: Rick Heede:

The original 2004 summary worksheet missed adding in the 13 tons of diesel emissions from AVH. The 2004 total should therefore have been 840,888 tons CO2.

Electricity

Aspen Emissions Inventory: Electricity, 2007

Future inventors need to update electricity sales by each utility and to check the carbon dioxide and methane emissions factors for each utility's sources of purchased electricity. Note: this is calculated at the "ElectricityCarbon.xls" worksheet. All calculations are linked and automatically updated all the way to the AspenSum2007.xls worksheet and its derived charts.

Richard Heede
Climate Mitigation Services
Snowmass, Colorado
File Started: 2 October 2008
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Emissions of carbon dioxide from the combustion of fossil fuels at power plants supplying electricity to Xcel Energy (via Holy Cross Energy) and to Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN, via Aspen Electric Dept). Zero-carbon renewable sources are accounted for (see note under "Emission factor"). Methane emissions from coal mines supplying power plant fuel are also included (see note under "Methane" below and the "ElectricityCarbon.xls" worksheet).

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City of Aspen Electric Dept if 2004 factors		
2004 EF:	1.2646	lb CO2/kWh
tons CO2	Methane, tons CO2e	Total, tons
40,907	443	41,350
Savings w. 2007 EF		22,053

2007	Electricity		Carbon dioxide	Emissions				
	Consumption kWh	Consumption MWh	Emission factor CO2/kWh	Carbon Dioxide tons CO2	Methane tons CH4	Methane tons CO2e	Total tons CO2+CH4	Total tonnes C-eq
City of Aspen Electric Dept.			lb CO2/kWh (delivered) 0.5902		lb CH4/MWh 0.2558	25xCO2 25	lb CO2-equiv/kWh 0.5966	kg C-eq/kWh 0.074
Residential: single-family households	17,401,131	17,401		5,135	2.2	56	5,191	1,285
Residential: multi-family 2-4 households	1,812,227	1,812		535	0.2	6	541	134
Residential: multi-family 5+ households	5,079,241	5,079		1,499	0.6	16	1,515	375
Residential: Total	24,292,599	24,293		7,169	3.1	78	7,246	1,794
Commercial	36,063,009	36,063		10,642	4.6	115	10,757	2,663
Industrial	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Municipal	4,249,339	4,249		1,254	0.5	14	1,268	314
Other (irrigation pumps)	88,244	88		26	0.0	0	26	7
Total, Aspen Electric Dept.	64,693,191	64,693		19,091	8.3	207	19,298	4,778

City Electric + Holy Cross Energy, sectors		Residential usage	113,201,055 kWh	Commercial usage	106,587,946 kWh	Irrigation	91,644
		Municipal usage	4,249,339 kWh	Total	224,129,984		

Holy Cross Energy	Consumption kWh	Consumption MWh	Emission factor CO2/kWh	Carbon Dioxide tons CO2	Methane tons CH4	Methane tons CO2e	Total tons CO2+CH4	Total tonnes C-eq
				lb CO2/kWh (delivered) 1.6926		lb CH4/MWh 1.086	25xCO2 25	lb CO2-equiv/kWh 1.7197
Residential	88,908,456	88,908		75,242	48.3	1,207	76,449	18,929
Commercial	70,524,937	70,525		59,684	38.3	958	60,642	15,015
Irrigation	3,400	3		3	0.0	0	3	1
Municipal	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Total, Holy Cross Energy	159,436,793	159,437		134,929	87	2,165	137,094	33,944

Residential emissions	83,696 tons CO2e	Commercial emissions	71,399 tons CO2e	Municipal & Other	1,297
				Total	156,392

Total, Aspen Electric + Holy Cross Energy	Consumption kWh	Weighted factor CO2/kWh	Weighted factor CO2e/kWh	Carbon Dioxide tons CO2	Methane tons CH4	Methane tons CO2e	Total tons CO2+CH4	Total tonnes C-eq
	224,129,984	1.374	1.396	154,020	95	2,372	156,392	38,722

Electricity

Cell: E19

Comment: Rick Heede (Feb09):

Aspen's own generation at Ruedi increased from 11 to 17 million kWh (2004 vs 2007), new wind resources, and other low-carbon initiatives lowered Aspen's estimated carbon factor from 1.26 lb CO₂ per kWh delivered in 2004 to 0.588 lb CO₂ per kWh delivered in 2007. See "ElectricityCarbon2007.xls" for details.

Rick Heede (2005):

The carbon factors -- the amount of carbon dioxide per average kWh delivered to customers -- varies depending on the fuel mix of each of the electricity providers serving Aspen. *

Aspen Electric Dept purchased two-thirds of its power from the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP) in Lincoln, Nebraska in 2004. Data from NMPP on the amount of fossil generation by type (coal- or gas-fired) are used to calculate the average emission of carbon dioxide per kWh generated. NMPP's own renewable generation (~4 percent) is factored in, as was a factor for the electricity lost in the transmission grid from Nebraska to Aspen (4.6 percent).

Holy Cross Energy estimated the carbon factor for its electricity based on data from Xcel Energy (from which Holy Cross buys most its power). A small grid-loss factor is also applied in order to estimate the amount of carbon dioxide associated with the CONSUMPTION of an average kWh of electricity, and, conversely, how much CO₂ is avoided per kWh saved. The Holy Cross/Xcel datum of 1.67 lb CO₂/kWh x 1.06 = 1.77 lb CO₂/kWh consumed. **

* This simplified version excludes the complexities of power generation and delivery in the United States, such as the time of day, electricity "wheeled in" from other generators, peak power times, base loads, availability of hydro and wind power, maintenance schedules, and so forth. Nonetheless, an average carbon factor can be estimated for each utility. For carbon reduction purposes, the argument can be made that a kWh of electricity saved at night, when coal-fired power plants are providing base load capacity, keeps more carbon in the ground than during peak times (which is roughly breakfast and dinner time in Aspen), when more of the natural gas plants are supplying a larger proportion of the power generated.

** The Energy Information Administration estimates average US T&D losses "between the point of generation and delivery to the customer" at nine percent of gross generation EIA 2005, Annual Energy Review 2004, p. 223. We have reduced this factor to six percent (1.06) to account for the relative proximity of Xcel's power plants to Holy Cross's service area. Losses also occur in local grids, powerlines, and transformers.

Cell: G20

Comment: Rick Heede (Dec08):

Prelim: If we take "MEAN's resource mix (of own generation plus WAPA power purchases) was 82.9 percent coal-fired in 2004, this means a methane factor of 0.3086 lb CH₄/MWh x 0.829 = 0.25583 lb CH₄/MWh, or 0.25583 x 25 = 6.39574 lb CO₂-equivalent per MWh, or 0.00639574 lb CO_{2e}/kWh" and apply it to 2007.

Rick Heede (2005):

We develop a fugitive methane emissions factors for Holy Cross and MEAN-supplied electricity (each utility uses coal from different regions with varying methane emissions factors).

MEAN purchases and/or generates most of its power from plants burning coal from the Great Northern Plains coal basin. These are typically surface mines with methane emissions factors of 14 ft³ per short ton produced. Since the net generation of electricity requires -- on average (power plants have widely different heat rates or conversion efficiencies) -- 1.04 lbs of coal per kWh (or 0.96 kWh per lb), then one ton of coal generates 1.92 MWh, or 0.521 tons of coal required per MWh. Great Northern Plains coal emits 14 ft³ of methane per ton mined, thus for each MWh of electricity supplied by MEAN 0.521 x 14 ft³ CH₄ = 7.3 ft³ of methane for its coal-based generation. To convert to lb of methane: 7.3 ft³ methane x 0.04228 lb/ft³ = 0.3086 lb methane per MWh.

A similar calculation for Holy Cross electricity -- supplied by Xcel Energy, which uses Piceance Basin coals. These are primarily surface mines generating 77 ft³ of methane per ton of coal (if underground mines, then 196 ft³ per ton in situ), which equals 40.15 ft³ per MWh of coal-based electricity supplied. To convert to lb of methane: 40.15 ft³ methane x 0.04228 lb/ft³ = 1.698 lb methane per MWh.

Note 1: we dilute the above factors by gas-fired generation in the resource mix of both MEAN and Xcel.

In the case of Xcel, 63.97 percent of its generation is by coal, hence we multiply 1.698 lb CH₄/MWh x 0.6397 = 1.0862 lb CH₄ per MWh of total Xcel generation. Since methane is 25 times as powerful a greenhouse gas as carbon dioxide, this equals 27.155 lb CO₂-equivalent per MWh, or 0.027155 lb CO₂-equiv per kWh.

MEAN's resource mix (of own generation plus WAPA power purchases) was 82.9 percent coal-fired in 2004, this means a methane factor of 0.3086 lb CH₄/MWh x 0.829 = 0.25583 lb CH₄/MWh, or 0.25583 x 25 = 6.3957 lb CO₂-equivalent per MWh, or 0.0063957 lb CO_{2e}/kWh (updated to 25xCO₂ in Feb09).

Principal sources (2005):

US Dept of Energy (2005) Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases (1605b Program: Draft Technical Guidelines, DOE Office of Policy and International Affairs, section 1.E.4.2.1. Coal mining, p. 105-106. The above source reports (on p. 105) an erroneous conversion factor for lb methane per cubic foot (now corrected in this comment and all fugitive methane calculations from 0.418 to 0.04228 lb/cf). This error was confirmed with DOE VRGG technical staff, personal communication, 26Sep05.

Personal communication with MEAN and WAPA staff.

EPA eGRID web-accessible database on utility carbon/MWh; www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/egrid

Note 2: Calculation of Methane emissions per ton of coal consumed (national average method, not used)

Electricity

Methane emitted from surface mining plus underground mining plus post-mining activities plus CH4 vented less CH4 recovered in 2003 equals 2.87 million tonnes CH4 = 6,327 million lb CH4 (EIA Emissions 2003, p. 43);

Coal production in 2003 totaled 1,071.8 million tons (AER 2003, p. 205);

US national average methane emissions: 5.77879 lb CH4 per ton produced.

This method is not used, since the emissions from the coal mining regions of MEAN and Xcel production is more relevant to our emissions survey and affords greater opportunities for credits and savings than does a national average.

Cell: H20

Comment: Rick Heede:

Fugitive methane emissions of coals mined for each utility's coal-fired power plants diluted by coal-fired percentage of total generation and specific to each utility's coal-mining regions. This column converts tons of methane into tons of CO2-equivalent by multiplying by methane's conversion factor of 25xCO2 (100 hundred year horizon, mole basis), per IPCC Fourth Assessment Report.

Cell: E22

Comment: Rick Heede (27Feb09):

CMS finalized Aspen's total resource, including MEAN's (and WAPA's Upper Great Plains gas-fired spot market purchases of 48 percent gas-fired power & 52 percent hydro from federal dams). See "ElectricityCarbon2007.xls" for details.

Marta Darby:

14Nov08: Aspen Electric's carbon factor "verified via letter dated 4/1/08 from Phil Overeynder, City of Aspen Public Works Director."

Cell: I22

Comment: Rick Heede:

This value calculates the CO2-equivalent factor for each utility's carbon dioxide and methane emissions per average kWh and accounts for all carbon and non-carbon inputs to its resource mix. This factor also accounts for T&D losses from generation to delivery. While the factor has accounted for coal and natural gas fuel inputs (chiefly coal with respect to Aspen's non-renewable sources) as well as fugitive methane from coal mining, this estimate stops at the mine and power plant gates and does not include the energy and emissions arising from transportation of coal, nor the manufacture of loaders and draglines nor the diesel fuel to run the mining and transportation modes. See the Boundary definition in the final report for details.

Cell: B23

Comment: Rick Heede:

2004 summary of sales by sector and purchased electricity (WAPA, MEAN) plus generation sources from Phil Overeynder, Director City of Aspen Electric Dept, 15Aug05.

Cell: B42

Comment: Rick Heede:

HCE electricity sales within the inventory geographic area in 2004 provided by Bob Gardner and Steve Casey of Holy Cross Energy. Holy Cross supplies electricity within City Limits (outside the City Electric Dept's service territory) as well as buildings and facilities outside City Limits yet within our defined geographic areas-- chiefly contiguous to city limits.

Holy Cross intends to develop a data acquisition protocol based upon the regions within the utility's Township and Range maps. The relevant sectors were identified in a meeting between Bob Gardner and Steve Casey of HCE and Rick Heede of Climate Mitigation Services in Aug05.

Holy Cross Energy supplied data for residential and commercial sales only. We have assumed that "commercial" includes sales to the City of Aspen's buildings, pumps, and facilities and have deducted the 4.57 million kWh from the HCE provided for this study in order to avoid double-counting. See "Municipal" below.

Cell: E42

Comment: Rick Heede:

Marta Darby:

According to HC letter dated April 17, 2008. HCE carbon factor verified via letter dated 4/17/08 from Stephen Casey, HCE Member Services and Marketing Administrator.

See note under "Carbon factor" above. In sum, we have adjusted Holy Cross/Xcel Energy's estimated carbon factor up from 1.67 lb CO2/kWh generated to 1.77 lb CO2/kWh consumed by accounting for T&D losses of six percent (although averages nine percent in US).

Cell: G42

Comment: Rick Heede:

See discussion of fugitive methane per ton of coal mined in Xcel's service territory (chiefly Piceance Creek Basin) at cell G15 above.

Electricity

Cell: B48

Comment: Rick Heede:

Holy Cross Energy did not disaggregate electricity sales to the City of Aspen's buildings, facilities, street lights, and miscellaneous. HCE did supply Lee Cassin of the City Env Health Dept for a separate accounting, in which a total of 4.57 million kWh supplied by Holy Cross Energy for the City's buildings and facilities outside its own utility's service territory such as Truscott Place, the ARC (1.74 million kWh), the golf course pumps and buildings (404,600 kWh).

Thus, in our account, we DEDUCT the 4.57 million kWh listed under municipal uses herein from the HCE data supplied for this study listed under "Commercial" above so as to avoid double-counting these sales.

Our purpose is simply to more fully account for all municipal energy uses.

Aspen Emissions Inventory: Electricity carbon factors, 2007

MEAN's resource mix must be updated for future inventories; average emissions rates per MWh from coal and natural gas power plants should be updated with EIA data; Aspen Electric Dept's electricity supply by source must also be updated. Aspen's Phil Overeynder calculates carbon emissions from its generation sources, plus total procurement and total sales. Holy Cross also estimates its carbon factor each year.

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Table 1:

Calculation of MEAN carbon factor for electricity sold to Aspen Electric Dept.

2007	MEAN	US power sector	US power sector	US power sector	US power sector	MEAN	MEAN	MEAN
	MEAN GenMix 2007	Emissions by source	Emissions by source	Electric generation	Elec emissions rate	Total emissions	Emissions rate	Generation by source
	MWh	Million tonnes CO2	Million sh tons CO2	Billion kWh	lb CO2/kWh gen	short tons CO2	lb CO2/kWh (gen)	percent
Coal	15,730	1,918	2,115	1,970	2.147	16,887	2.147	58.63%
Wind	529							1.97%
WAPA (2007: 1/2 UGP + 1/2 LAP)	4,341				0.521	1,131	0.521	16.18%
Oil & Natural Gas (50/50 per MEAN)	1,416	196	216	397	1.516	1,073	1.516	5.28%
Nuclear	4,813							17.94%
Total, and average	26,829			3,721		19,091	1.4231	100.00%

Table 1B. WAPA fossil vs hydro, 2007	market purchases (MWh)	total sales (MWh)	Percent market (fossil)	Average
WAPA Upper Great Plains (UGP)			48.0%	40.4%
WAPA Loveland Area Projects (LAP)	829,139	2,527,072	32.8%	50% UGP & 50% LAP

MEAN factor/deliv. kWh	MEAN fossil percentage
1.5245	70.45%

Table 2:

Aspen Electric Dept carbon factor 2007

Sources	Generation sources	Emissions rate	Total emissions	Emissions rate
	kWh (2007)	lb CO2/kWh (gen)	short tons CO2	lb CO2/kWh (del)
MEAN	26,829,000	1.4231	19,091	
WAPA (direct)	4,992,000	near zero	near zero	
Ruedi Hydro	17,145,000	zero	zero	
Maroon Creek	2,262,000	zero	zero	
Windpower	18,074,534	zero	zero	
Total Gen/Gross Purch.	69,302,534			0.55094
Total Sold	64,693,191		19,091	0.59019
T&D losses & unacc	4,609,343			
Percent losses & unacc	6.65%			

Table 3. Aspen Muni: Renewables and non-carbon fractions

2007	Renewables fraction	Non-carbon fraction
Renewables source	Aspen Electric, kWh	Aspen Electric, kWh
MEAN wind, hydro /nuclear	3,116,013	7,929,013
WAPA/CRSP direct hydro	4,992,000	4,992,000
Ruedi hydro	17,145,000	17,145,000
Maroon hydro	2,262,000	2,262,000
Aspen wind contract	18,074,534	18,074,534
Total renewables	45,589,547	50,402,547
Total generation	69,302,534	69,302,534
Percent renew/non-carbon	65.78%	72.73%

Table 4:

US emissions by generating source 2006 (EIA Annual Energy Review)

2006	Emissions	Emissions	Generation	Elec emissions rate
	million tonnes CO2	million tons CO2	billion kWh	lb CO2/kWh gen
Table 12.7a All Sectors	Table 12.7a		Table 8.2a	
Gas	403.0	444.2	813.0	1.093
Coal	1,974.1	2,176.1	1,990.9	2.186
Total fossil	2,444.4	2,694.5	2,884.4	1.868
Nuclear & renewables	15.4	17.0	1,180.3	0.029
Total Generation	2,459.8	2,711.4	4,064.7	1.334
Electric Power Sector	Table 12.7b		Table 8.2b	
Gas	337.9	372.5	734.4	1.014
Coal	1,918.4	2,114.7	1,969.8	2.147
Petroleum	54.8	60.4	59.9	2.017
Total fossil	2,322.9	2,560.5	2,768.1	1.850
Nuclear & renewables	na	na	1,140.0	
Total Generation	2,322.9	2,560.5	3,908.1	1.310
Commercial & Industrial Sectors	Table 12.7c		Table 8.2d	
Gas	65.1	71.8	78.6	1.826
Coal	55.7	61.4	21.2	5.792
Total fossil	137.0	151.0	116.3	2.597
Nuclear & renewables	na	na	40.4	
Total Generation	137.0	151.0	156.7	1.927

Table 5. Emissions factors (CO2e/kWh consumed), 2007

	Aspen Muni	Holy Cross Energy
CO2 per kWh generated	0.5509	1.5800
CO2 per kWh delivered	0.5902	1.6926
Methane (as CO2e)	0.0064	0.0272
Total CO2e/kWh	0.5966	1.7197
Compare 2004:	1.2646	1.7950
Percent change:	52.8%	4.2%

Table 6. Holy Cross carbon emissions (system-wide)

2007	Percent of generation	Tons CO2
Coal	63.97%	728,586
Natural Gas	25.18%	117,338
Renewables	7.51%	-
"Imported - unknown"	3.34%	20,769
Percent renew/non-carbon	100%	866,694

Table 7: US EPA data on utility emissions (generation)

eGRID: US ave, 2005	Colorado average 2005	Xcel Energy 2005
lb CO2/kWh	lb CO2/kWh	lb CO2/kWh
1.329	1.911	1.692

Electricity carbon factor

Cell: B13

Comment: Rick Heede:
Jill Jones sent account of MEAN Overall Mix and Aspen procurement, in MWh, for 2008.

Cell: C13

Comment: :
KP sent email to Jill Jones on 9/10/08 asking for data

Cell: C14

Comment: Rick Heede:
MEAN's resource mix by fuel type for 2004 from Jill Jones, MEAN Planning Analyst, 22Aug05. Jones data column in kWh -- which is an error and must mean MWh.

Overall, MEAN data suggest a renewable fract on 3.79 to 4.22 percent for its three Service Schedules. In FY 2004/05, 56.50 GWh were classified as renewable ("includes WAPA hydro, Kimball Wind, and NPPD Wind") of total sales of 1,337.54 GWh. This agrees with our finding that WAPA is far less than 100 percent hydro generation, or the cited mix would be WAPA 169 GWh of 1,981 GWh total, or 8.6 percent, plus the 31.6 GWh wind line item = 1.6 percent.

Cell: D14

Comment: Rick Heede:
U.S. emissions from the electric power sector in EIA (2005) Annual Energy Review 2004, Table 12.7b. Emissions from commercial or industrial CHP units are not included.

Cell: F14

Comment: Rick Heede:
EIA (2005) Annual Energy Review 2004, Table 8.2b Electricity Net Generation: Electric Power Sector, p. 229. Utility-owned plants only (no industrial or commercial CHPs). Data for 2003.

Cell: B18

Comment: Rick Heede (2Mar09):
Randy Wilkerson (WAPA Loveland Area Projects) provided hydro generation by WAPA (BuRec dams) and market power from steam generators to cover shortage of own generation. CMS assumes that the market purchases from LAP have Xcel Energy's emission factor (1.692 lb CO₂/kWh [gen]), and that LAP and UGP each contribute 50 percent of MEAN's total WAPA procurement in 2007. UGP (see note below) 52% hydro + 48% gas-fired. For LAP the percent market purchase was 32.8 percent in 2007 (829,139 MWh / 2,527,072 MWh).

Wilkerson provided Loveland Area Projects data for WAPA via MEAN to Aspen for 2007 inventory:
FY 2004 Total Energy Sales - 2,717,357 MWh Total Purchased Power - 1,212,754 MWh;
FY 2007 Total Energy Sales - 2,527,072 MWh Total Purchased Power - 829,139 MWh.

3March09 note: CMS formula is "0.5*(F53*E24)+0.5*(J64*E25)", which accounts (a) for WAPA being mostly hydro from federal dams, (b) the CMS assumption that WAPA buys its purchased power half from LAP and half from UGP, and (c) that LAP's 32.8 percent purchased power has an emission factor equal to Xcel Energy's EF (1,692 lb CO₂/MWh) and UGP's 48 percent purchased power has an emission factor equal to gas-fired generation (see Table 4 below) of 1,014 lb CO₂/MWh.

Rick Heede (Feb09):

Jill Jones: "MEAN's overall mix of WAPA is a combination of LAP, SLCA and UGP. LAP is Loveland Area Projects (also referred to as RMR-Rocky Mountain Region), and SLCA is Salt Lake Area City Area Projects (also referred to as CRSP-Colorado River Storage Projects)." CMS called WAPA Upper Great Plains (UGP: Radecki & Stonebarger) and RMR in Montrose (Otto) for resource mix. As Radecki confirmed, "we know it isn't zero" carbon, but don't know what it is. Stonebarger for UGP: 52% hydro + 48% gas-fired in 2007. Need RMR data, since UGP only provides some or none of power wired to Aspen.

Tentatively (27Feb): CMS calculates MEAN's WAPA component as 52 percent hydro (zero carbon) and 48 percent gas-fired generation. May be revised with RMR resource mix. The result (0.487 lb CO₂/kWh) compares to BuRec's own generation in 2005 (eGRID PRC005: 0.222 lb CO₂/kWh), and WAPA UGP (eGRID PCAL05: 1.840 lb CO₂/kWh), and WAPA Lower Colorado (eGRID PCAL05: 0.883 lb CO₂/kWh).

Rick Heede (2005):

Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) is typically hydro-power, but WAPA Upper Great Plains (eastern) region is ~70 percent coal and ~30 percent gas; zero hydro is shown. This power has a carbon content of 1,594.96 lb CO₂/MWh generated.

Note 1: WAPA carbon content varies by region: Upper Great Plains (west) is all hydro, hence no carbon/kWh. WAPA Rocky Mountain region emitted 1,884.23 lb CO₂/MWh generated.

Source: EPA eGRID emissions database; www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/egrid/index.html (See Owner-Based Power Control Area file, worksheet "EGRDPCAO00".)

Note 2: a telephone conversation with John Stonebarger, WAPA Energy Mgmt and Marketing official, tel 605-882-7560 (ref from Sam Miller, WAPA in Billings, 406-247-7466, csmler@wapa.gov): WAPA owns hydro generation assets along the Missouri River (with zero carbon), but does market power generated by several privately-owned steam plants. We estimate MEAN's emissions (and thus Aspen Electric Dept's) on the basis of carbon-content of purchased power, which in this case includes the fossil plants not owned but marketed with WAPA's own generation, i.e., 1.595 lb CO₂/kWh.

Electricity carbon factor

Cell: B19

Comment: Rick Heede:

Jones, 24Feb09: "Assumes market purchases are 50% natural gas, 50% coal." CMS therefore averages the Electric Power Sector emission factors of natural gas and petroleum generation, US 2006.

Cell: B23

Comment: Rick Heede (2Mar09):

CMS gathered this data for 2007 from MEAN/NMPP (Jill Jones), Stonebarger and Radecki at WAPA UGP and Wilkerson at WAPA LAP in order to trace fossil-fueled carbon emissions back to WAPA market power purchases. See WAPA note above for details and sources.

Wilkerson sent details on the sources of LAP 2007 power purchases, e.g., total of 828 GWh, of which 204 GWh from Cargill-Alliant LLC, 144 GWh from Platte River Power Authority (mostly coal-fired gen), 119 GWh from Xcel Energy (also coal and gas, ave 1.692 lb CO₂/kWh), Aquila Inc, etc. While CMS has not reviewed the portfolios of every power source, CMS' assumption that LAP purchased power averages Xcel Energy's gas and coal-fired generation seems reasonable. See note above, under MEAN's WAPA, for details.

Cell: I29

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS estimates the Aspen Electric Dept renewables fraction as follows:

MEAN is 4 percent renewable (ie, 4 percent of 44.141 GWh). Source: Jill Jones, MEAN, Aug05, to CMS via Phil Overeynder; this renewables fraction combines MEAN's Service Schedules J, K, and M (individual breakdowns were not listed; Aspen gets class M).

Aspen Muni purchases power from Colorado River Storage Project via WAPA and/or US Bureau of Recreation's mostly hydropower facilities on the Colorado and the Colorado Plateau, e.g., Flaming Gorge on the Green River. "WAPA direct" is 0.986 lb CO₂/kWh CRSP emissions divided by coal generation emissions (US average) of 2.15 lb CO₂/kWh = 45.86 percent "non-fossil". This equivalence assigns (100. percent - 45.86 percent) 54.14 percent of "WAPA direct" to Aspen Muni's renewable power column, or 5.08 GWh times 0.5414 = 2.751 GWh renewable. This formula may be followed in future years in which Aspen Muni may opt in to additional (non-hydro) power purchases. Correction, 16Dec05: CMS has determined that WAPA's CRSP delivered only hydropower to Aspen Muni in 2004; Muni opted out of additional power purchases from coal-fired plants in 2004 that were made available via WAPA/CSRP to make up for hydropower shortfalls in drought years.

Ruedi, Maroon Creek, and Windpower are, of course, all renewable.

MEAN's nuclear generation is not entered in this renewable electricity column, even though some proponents and government agencies do preposterously consider nuclear to be a renewable electricity source. The column on the right estimates "non-carbon fraction," and does include MEAN's nuclear generation.

Cell: J29

Comment: Rick Heede:

This is the same calculation as the "renewable fraction" column, but adds MEAN's nuclear generation as follows:

MEAN's nuclear generation is factored into this column, as nuclear is typically considered a zero-carbon source of electricity.** MEAN's nuclear component can be considered non-fossil but not renewable. Then Aspen could add 12.63 percent of MEAN's power supply, or 44.141 GWh times 0.1263 = 5.575 GWh, which would bump Aspen's "non-fossil" from 32.15 percent to 40.61 percent. The nuclear generation does, of course, reduce Aspen's emissions through nuclear's dilution of fossil generation by MEAN, and thus reduces Aspen's average carbon emissions per kWh sold to its customers.

** Zero-carbon electric generation only if one ignores the relatively small but non-zero emissions from uranium mining, coal-fired enrichment services, plant construction, decommissioning, waste storage, transportation, and ultimate waste disposal: Nuclear Energy Agency (2002) estimates 2.5 to 5.7 gC-e/kWh.

Heede (2004) "Black Hydrogen: An Assessment of the U.S. Department of Energy's Plans for Nuclear Hydrogen Production," p. 24.

Cell: B31

Comment: Rick Heede:

MEAN's 2004 generation mix is listed in Table 1.

Cell: H31

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS calculates MEAN's resource mix in Table 1. MEAN's net renewable (accounting for MEAN's WAPA UGP and LAP purchased power fossil-fuel generation in Table 1B) plus wind. MEAN's Non-Carbon fraction adds nuclear to its renewable portfolio.

Cell: B32

Comment: Heede (Feb09):

CMS again adopts the 2004 decision to not count WAPA's CRSP emission rate (eGRID suggests 883.5 lb CO₂/MWh for Lower Colorado; no data for CRSP only) in lieu of the City of Aspen's non-participation in optional power purchases.

Rick Heede:

Electricity carbon factor

16Dec05 note: Phil Overeynder to Rick Heede, CMS: "It is true that in aggregate, WAPA purchased coal fired energy to make up part of the difference between their contract obligations and available hydropower. These purchases were at the request of individual CRSP customers and are tracked and billed separately. Each quarter we are given the choice of whether or not to participate in these additional purchases and generally we decline in favor of making up the difference in the contract by purchasing MEAN's available resources. I can quantify this by looking back at the records if you wish to pursue. At any rate, I would argue that close to 100% of our WAPA-CRSP resources are hydroelectric power since Aspen does not generally participate in these optional purchases." CMS has thus eliminated carbon emissions from Aspen Muni's direct power contract with WAPA; that is, from 0.9857 lb CO2/kWh (gen) to 0.0 lb, reducing emissions for the Muni's procurement of 5.08 GWh from 2,504 tons CO2 to zero tons.

Pre-Dec05 comments:

CMS initially considered Aspen Muni's direct WAPA contract to be with WAPA's Rocky Mountain Region (1,884.23 lb CO2/MWh) or with WAPA's Phoenix PCA (690.427 lb/MWh). Phil Overeynder says the Aspen contract is with WAPA's Colorado River Storage Project, NOT the Rocky Mountain region.

CSRP is either US Bureau of Reclamation (BuRec) Upper Colorado or Lower Colorado Region. The latter is most likely: BuRec Upper Colorado is primarily hydro through its many large and medium-sized dams and powerplants such as Glen Canyon, Flaming Gorge, Blue Mesa, Collbran, etc. However, according to the EPA power plant emissions database, EGRID lists BuRec's Upper Colorado as 985.653 lb CO2 per MWh. Source: EPA eGRID2000 EGRDECO worksheet line #1795, parent name = BuRec, power control area = WAPA - Rocky Mtn Region. www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/egrid/index.html

Cell: F43

Comment: Rick Heede:

This analysis uses US average carbon emissions per kWh generated by source (gas and coal, re: MEAN's two fossil sources). We calculate emissions for three classes of power plants (utility-owned "power sector", CHP owned by commercial and industrial sectors), and combined power sector + CHP). Since MEAN procures power from utility-owned power plants, we use the utility only carbon factor for each gas and coal-fired plants, which are highlighted in red on the worksheet. These factors are then used in Table 1 to estimate MEAN's total carbon emissions.

Cell: C44

Comment: Rick Heede:

Energy information Administration (2008) Annual Energy Review 2007. Tables as cited below.

Cell: J44

Comment: Rick Heede (13Feb09):

Steve Casey provided the 2007 carbon intensity: 1.58 lb CO2 per kWh.

Rick Heede (2005):

Holy Cross Energy's carbon coefficient is taken from HCE published data ("New Carbon Report Card," Consumer Connection, Sep04. That datum -- 1.67 lb CO2/kWh -- is adjusted upwards by 6 percent to account for transmission and distribution losses. This US average T&D factor is 9 percent, which CMS arbitrarily reduced to 6 percent in view of Xcel's generation assets being located in Colorado and not requiring long transmissions distances.

Cell: J53

Comment: Rick Heede:

Holy Cross data for system-wide power procurement, chiefly from Xcel Energy, in 2004. Source: Holy Cross Energy (2004) The Consumer Connection, vol 19(3), September.

Note: CMS has relied on HCE data and has not independently calculated the utility's carbon emissions.

Cell: H54

Comment: Rick Heede:

Four percent of MEAN's total resource mix is renewable. In 2004, Aspen Muni's purchase of 44.1 GWh * 0.04 = 1.77 GWh.

Cell: H57

Comment: Rick Heede:

Holy Cross appears to have used a carbon factor for this unknown generation source at 75 percent of the natural gas emissions rate -- ~0.675 lb CO2/kWh. Estimated from HCA data.

Cell: J61

Comment: Rick Heede:

US EPA eGRID database for 2005 (Jan09), US average emission rate: 1,329.3 lb CO2/MWh. CMS also lists State of Colorado, and Xcel Energy emission rates. Additional emissions from methane and nitrous oxide; see eGRID. www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/egrid/index.html

Cell: J62

Comment: Rick Heede:

EPA eGRID shows Xcel as 1,763 lb CO2/MWh. CMS instead uses Xcel Energy's 2006 emission factor (direct from Xcel staff for CMS' Town of Frisco project) at 1,692 lb CO2/MWh (gen).

Aspen Emissions Inventory for 2007: Natural Gas

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Future inventors must update annual sales from SourceGas. SourceGas data include natural gas transported for AM Gas. SourceGas started reporting "Aspen," "Snowmass Village," and "Woody Creek" separately based on billing address zip code of each jurisdiction. SourceGas also provided a conversion factor based on altitude of each jurisdiction. CMS adopts this local billing pressure adjustment and Btu to volume conversion.

Table 1	Natural Gas		Emissions factor	Emissions				
	Consumption	Consumption		Carbon Dioxide	Methane	Methane	Total	Total
2007	Thousand cf (Mcf)	Billion Btu (10^9)	carbon per btu	short tons CO2	short tons CH4	tons CO2e	tons CO2e	tonnes C-eq
SourceGas	cubic feet/million btu	Btu per cubic foot (adj)	tonnes C/billion Btu	tons CO2/billion Btu	tons CH4/ton CO2	tons CO2e/ton CO2	tons CO2e/billion Btu	tonnes C-e/billion Btu
	1,215	823.20	14.47	58.44	0.00571	0.14274	66.79	16.54
Residential	956,705	788		46,029	262.8	6,570	52,599	13,023
Commercial	541,138	445		26,035	148.7	3,716	29,751	7,366
Municipal (included above)		-			-	-	-	-
Total, SourceGas	1,497,844	1,233		72,064	411	10,286	82,350	20,389
	Consumption	Consumption	Emissions factor	Carbon Dioxide	Methane	Methane	Total	Total
	Mcf	Billion Btu (10^9)	carbon per btu	short tons CO2	short tons CH4	tons CO2-eq	tons CO2-e	tonnes C-eq
AM Gas, Inc.	1,215							
Residential		-			-	-	-	-
Commercial & Institutional	385,848	318		18,564	106.0	2,650	21,214	5,252
Total, AM Gas	385,848	318		18,564	106	2,650	21,214	5,252

Table 2	Consumption	Consumption	Emissions factor	Carbon Dioxide	Methane	Methane	Total	Total
2007	Mcf	Billion Btu (10^9)	carbon per btu	short tons CO2	short tons CH4	tons CO2-eq	tons CO2-e	tonnes C-eq
SourceGas + AM Gas	1,883,692	1,551		90,628	517	12,936	103,564	25,641

Residential emissions 52,599 tons CO2e
50.79%

Commercial & Institution 50,965 tons CO2e
49.21%

Table 2		Calculation of methane emissions rate for the natural gas industry	
Methane from natural gas industry:	7.1	million tonnes CH4	
CO2 from natural gas consumption:	1,237	million tonnes CO2	
Methane emissions rate as CH4	0.00571	kg CH4/kg CO2	EIA 2008, methane GWP
Methane emissions rate as CO2e	0.14274	kg CO2e/kg CO2	25xCO2
CO2 plus methane emissions rate (short tons)	66.787	tons CO2e/billion Btu	
Carbon plus methane emissions rate (metric)	16.535	tonnes C-e/billion Btu	

Table 3	Table 4
Carbon factors (Aspen)	Carbon factors (Standard sea level)
116.89 lb CO2/million Btu	117.08 lb CO2/million Btu (sea level)
133.57 lb CO2e/million Btu	
0.0962 lb CO2/cf	0.121 lb CO2/cf (sea level)
0.1100 lb CO2e/cf	
9.622 lb CO2/ccf	120.59 lb CO2/Mcf (sea level)
10.996 lb CO2e/ccf	
96.22 lb CO2/Mcf	973.7 cubic feet/million Btu (sea level)
109.96 lb CO2e/Mcf	1,027.0 Btu/cubic foot
1,215 cubic feet/million Btu	58.44 tons CO2/billion Btu
823.2 Btu/cubic foot	
58.44 tons CO2/billion Btu	

Natural Gas

Cell: J7

Comment: Rick Heede:

Jeff Grebe reviewed our pressure altitude adjustments, informed our research on Kinder Morgan's PUC filings, and provided helpful background the natural gas measurement protocols at altitude.

Cell: E14

Comment: Rick Heede:

Kinder Morgan supplied natural gas sales data in million Btus per month. Emissions from the combustion of natural gas varies slightly (+/- 3 percent) by its heating value. We use the national average heating value of 14.47 milligrams/Btu or, as it is usually reported, Tg/QBtu (teragrams/quadrillion Btu); in normal parlance this factor equals 14.47 kg of carbon per million Btu, which, at average heating value, equals ~974 cubic feet of gas. Our calculation sidesteps the issue of how many ccf Kinder Morgan sold in 2004 since the data is reported in units of million Btu. Low-heating value natural gas (say below 950 Btu/cf) is typically due to high CO2 content in the supplied gas.

Factors reported in this column include:

14.47 kg C per million Btu.

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2005) Inventory of U.S. Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2003, Annex B: Methodology for Estimating the Carbon Content of Fossil Fuels, <http://yosemite.epa.gov/oar/globalwarming.nsf/content/ResourceCenterPublicationsGHGEmissionsUSEmissionsInventory2003.html>

Tonnes CO2 per billion Btu simply multiplies C by 3.664191 -- the isotopically accurate conversion factor -- to convert carbon to CO2, assuming full combustion of the natural gas.

* While the energy content of a cubic foot of natural gas is highly dependent on the pressure altitude at which it is delivered, the carbon content per million Btu, which is the method we employ here, only varies slightly, as mentioned above. At normal sea level pressure and energy value, one cubic foot of natural gas has a heating value of 1,027 Btu (but can vary from 950 - 1,100 Btu/cf).

At sea level, one hundred cubic feet (ccf) emits 12.0953 lb CO2 upon combustion. At altitude, both the energy content and the carbon emissions will far less per ccf. A controversy over the tariffs charged Aspen customers has arisen between the City of Aspen and Kinder Morgan: the City contends that the altitude adjustment made by the gas suppliers over-charges local customers for the lowered energy content of the gas supplied. The argument is over a fair price for the energy rather than the volume of gas delivered: it's as if popcorn buyers are being charged extra for the inflated air in the bag rather than the weight of popcorn, or electric customers are charged for a kilowatt-hour but only get 930 watt-hours.

See the cell comment at C15 for our calculation of conversion factor (1,160 cubic feet per million Btu, = 862 Btu per cubic foot). This also means: 14.47 kg of C per million Btu = 116.89 lb CO2 per million Btu also equals (per my calculation) 1,160 cf, then 100 cf = 116.89/11.6 = 10.077 lb CO2 per 100 cf, or 16.44 percent less CO2/cf than at sea level.

Also, the Btu content varies by contract and even by season. Kinder Morgan is required by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to deliver gas with a minimum Btu content of 950 Btu/cf (national average is 1,027 Bt/cf).

Cell: F15

Comment: Rick Heede:

Carbon dioxide emissions are a product of natural gas sales in billion Btu times the carbon emissions factor in column "E."

Cell: G15

Comment: Rick Heede:

See notes in Table 2 below for methodology used to estimate fugitive methane emissions rate applied to Aspen's consumption of natural gas.

Cell: C17

Comment: John Eisler (Sep08) & Heede (Dec08): Jerrad Hammer (Source Gas Manager of Regulatory Affairs, 303-243-3496, jerrad.hammer@sourcegas.com), the Pressure Base for the volumes supplied are at 14.73 psia. The gas averaged 1,070 Btu/cf for the period of time.

SourceGas calculated a thermal conversion factor in its 2008 Rate Case of 823.2 Btu per cf, or 1,215 cf per million Btu, in Aspen. Woody Creek: 1,198 cf/million Btu, adn Snowmass Village: 1,232 cf/million Btu.

Rick Heede:

At sea level 1 cubic foot (cf) of natural gas contains, on average, 1,027 Btu. Kinder Morgan's gas averaged 1,070 Btu/cf in 2004.(*). Kinder Morgan's "local billing pressure" (LBP) is 11.87 psi (vs 14.73 at sea level); 11.87/14.73 = 0.80584 altitude adjustment factor. Therefore, 1 cf at 1,070 Btu*0.80584 = 862.3 Btu; conversely, 1 million Btu = 1,160 cf. This is the conversion factor used here.

However, the City of Aspen has pointed out that Aspen's pressure altitude is 11.04 psi, not KMI's LBP of 11.87 psi. If so, then 11.04/14.73 = 0.7495, or: 1 cf at 1,070 Btu*0.7495 = 802 Btu; conversely, 1 million Btu = 1,247 cf. The City of Aspen argues that Aspen consumers are paying for 862.3 Btu when the actual Btu content of 1 cubic foot is 802 Btu, which means an excess charge of 862.3/802 = 1.0752, or 7.52 percent.

Regardless of the merits of this argument vs KMI's zonal pressure adjustments, we apply Kinder Morgan's altitude cubic foot (ACF) factor: 1 million Btu = 1,160 ACF, and 1 ACF = 862.3 Btu.

(*) Brad Van Dyke, KMI, personal communication, 4Oct05.

Natural Gas

Cell: B18

Comment: John: Information on the worksheet "2007 Natural Gas Volume Totals for Aspen.xls" seperated gas flows by Aspen, Snowmass and Woody Creek. Therefore all numbers here reflect only the values provided for Aspen and surrounding areas, not Woody Creek or Snowmass. 9/16/08

Rick Heede:

Data from Brad Van Dyke and Scott Emerson of Kinder Morgan, 29Sep05.

Van Dyke: "Attached is a file that provides the total amount of gas that flowed through the Aspen/Snowmass and Woody Creek town border stations in 2004. As noted in the file the estimated portion of the gas related to the Aspen area that flows through the Aspen/Snowmass town border station is about two-thirds. The estimated portion of gas related to residential and commercial in the Aspen area is approximately 50/50. There are no customers classified as industrial."

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Brad_VanDyke@kindermorgan.com

Note 1: CMS apportioned KMI sales to Aspen plus Snowmass Village at the Woody Creek TBS on the relative populations of each area rather than on KMI's estimated "about two-thirds." Our methodology is as follows: Aspen population plus Urban Growth Boundary population plus ToSV plus ToSV UGB factor: Aspen 6,455 pop plus 1,186 UGB = 7,641 total Aspen area population with the emissions boundary as a fractoin of ToSV 2,317 pop plus ToSV UGB pop of 426: Aspen / Aspen plus ToSV = $7,641 / (7,641 + 2,743) = 7,641/10,384 = 73.6$ percent. This percentage is applied to KM's total sales (excluding Woody Creek itself) as measured at the Woody Creek TBS, namely 2,127 billion Btu x 0.736 = 1,565 billion Btu, of which 80 percent is estimated as KM sales (1,251 billion Btu) and 20 percent as transported AM Gas (313 billion Btu).

Note 2: KMI could not provide specific data on natural gas transported for AM Gas, and we use AM Gas' estimated 20 percent datum. We did confirm that KMI data includes AM Gas.

Cell: D19

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS reviewed the SourceGas worksheet but found no Bcf to billion Btu conversion, nor an allocation of residential and commercial. Hammer does specify percentage allocations. Check all this work carefully.

johne:

see worksheet 2007 Natural Gas Volume Totals for Aspen.xls for formula. Pretty sure I didn't do it right.

Cell: B27

Comment: Rick Heede:

AM Gas supplies natural gas transmitted through KinderMorgan pipelines to several large commercial customers in Aspen. According to AM president Bart Levine, AM delivers ~20 percent of the natural gas consumed in Aspen.

1Oct05: CMS confirmed that Kinder Morgan gas data includes gas transmitted for AM Gas; KMI did not respond to request for specific transported gas quantities or fractional data.

Cell: D29

Comment: johnei:

See comment in box D17

Cell: D43

Comment: Rick Heede (Jan09, updated from 2005):

We estimate the upstream fugitive emissions of methane from the natural gas system from production through delivery. In 2007, U.S. methane emissions from natural gas systems totaled 7.063 million (metric) tonnes; in the same year, natural gas consumption was 23.055 trillion cubic feet (Tcf; US dry gas production totaled 19.278 Tcf), which equals 0.6754 lb of methane per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) of gas consumed. Thus, $(0.6754 \text{ lb CH}_4/\text{Mcf}) / 42.37 \text{ lb/Mcf}$ (standard conversion factor, revised by EIA in 2008) = 15.94 cf of methane lost per Mcf of delivered natural gas = 1.594 percent fugitive emission rate; that is, a system loss rate relative to delivered natural gas. This is prior to accounting for the GWP value of methane, done below and in Table 2. *

We are NOT attributing this additional emissions source to SourceGas or AM Gas. We are, however, allocating such additional systemic emissions to consumers for whom the production occurs.

The result is that an amount equivalent to 14.27 percent of the CO2 emitted by burning natural gas is emitted as fugitive methane by the natural gas industry. That is, a 0.571 percent fugitive methane rate times methane as $25 \times \text{CO}_2 = 14.27$ percent as CO2e.

* Production (2.03 million tonnes CH4), Gas Processing (0.66 million tonnes), Transmission and Storage (2.41 million tonnes), Distribution (1.97 million tonnes CH4), Total (7.06 million tonnes CH4). We are not including the small quantities of methane released from end-use equipment in the residential and commercial sectors (0.01 million tonnes CH4). EIA 2008.

Sources: Energy Information Administration (2008) Annual Energy Review 2007; Energy Information Administration (2008) Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States 2007. Note: EIA has adopted the IPCC FAR GWP value of methane = $25 \times \text{CO}_2$, EIA 2008, page 12: "Methane. In its Fourth Assessment Report, the IPCC developed revised global warming potential factors (GWPs) for selected gases. The GWP for methane was revised from the previously published value of 23 in the IPCC's Third Assessment Report to 25 in the Fourth Assessment Report. The revised GWP for methane is used in this report. In addition, this report incorporates an increase in the density of methane from 42.28 to

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42.37 pounds per thousand cubic feet, in order to provide consistent temperature and pressure values for methane in all EIA data.”

See also Kirchgessner, David A., Robert A. Lott, R. Michael Cowgill, Matthew R. Harrison, & Theresa M. Shires (~2000) Estimate Of Methane Emissions From The U.S. Natural Gas Industry, US EPA: AP 42, Fifth Edition, vol. 1 chapter 14, www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/ap42/index.h

Cell: G43

Comment: Rick Heede:

These factors are for easy visibility and are derived from the factors calculated in the main worksheet.

The main factors are 19.7 percent lower than at sea level, eg, 96.22 lb CO2/Mcf vs 120.593 lb CO2/Mcf at sea level.

Cell: I44

Comment: Rick Heede:

lb CO2 per million Btu should be the same in Aspen as at sea level at STP. The minor difference derives from the factors supplied by SourceGas. This factor is from the DOE.

Cell: E45

Comment: Rick Heede:

Energy Information Administration (2008) Annual Energy Review 2007; Energy Information Administration (2008) Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States 2007. Note: EIA has adopted the IPCC FAR GWP value of methane = 25xCO2, EIA 2008, page 12: “Methane. In its Fourth Assessment Report, the IPCC developed revised global warming potential factors (GWPs) for selected gases. The GWP for methane was revised from the previously published value of 23 in the IPCC’s Third Assessment Report to 25 in the Fourth Assessment Report. The revised GWP for methane is used in this report. In addition, this report incorporates an increase in the density of methane from 42.28 to 42.37 pounds per thousand cubic feet, in order to provide consistent temperature and pressure values for methane in all EIA data.”

Aspen Emissions Inventory for 2007: Propane

Future inventoirsts must request updated propane sales figures from AmeriGas, Ferrellgas, Cross Propane, and Propane Services (and any new propane vendors serving Aspen).

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Climate Mitigation Services
Snowmass, Colorado
File Started 7 August 2008
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2007 Propane vendor	Propane Sales	Approximate consumption	Carbon Factor	Carbon Dioxide	Methane	Total Emissions	Total Emissions
	gallons	Million Btu	lb CO2/gallon	tons CO2	tons CO2e tons CO2e/ton CO2 0.0544	tons CO2e	tonnes C-e
AmeriGas	220,000	20,093	12.669	1,394	76	1,469	364
Ferrellgas	36,233	3,309		230	12	242	60
Cross Propane & Supply (residential sales)	51,226	4,679		324	18	342	85
Cross Propane & Supply (commercial sales)	17,732	1,620		112	6	118	29
Propane Services, Basalt	50,000	4,567		317	17	334	83
Total propane sold in the Aspen area	375,191	34,267		2,377	129	2,506	620

Methane, tons, @25xCO2	5.17 tons CH4
Methane, percent of total	5.16%

AmeriGas estimate	Gallons Sold	Percent	Percent Aspen & TOSV
Aspen Area	220,000	64.7%	78.0%
Woody Creek Area	58,000	17.1%	
Snowmass Village Area	62,000	18.2%	22.0%
Total	340,000	100.0%	

Conversions	
1 gallon propane	91,333 Btu
1 bbl of propane	3.84 million Btu
1 million Btu	10.95 gallons
1 million Btu	138.71 lb CO2
1 million Btu	146.25 lb CO2e
1 gallon propane	12.669 lb CO2
1 gallon propane	0.028 lb CH4
1 gallon propane	13.358 lb CO2e

Propane

Cell: E17

Comment: Marta Darby:

2007 factor from CCX - 0.006 metric tons CO2/gallon (conversion to lbs. : 1 metric ton = 2204.6 pounds). CMS corrected this calculation (12Dec08) -- converting from 0.006 tonnes CO2 to lb per gallon is far too inaccurate. CMS uses standard EF of 12.669 lb CO2 per gallon from DOE, EPA, etc.

Rick Heede:

Carbon factor from Environmental Protection Agency (2005) Inventory of U.S. Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2001 Annex B: Methodology for Estimating the Carbon Content of Fossil Fuels, <http://yosemite.epa.gov/oar/globalwarming.nsf/content/ResourceCenterPublicationsGHGEmissionsUSEmissionsInventory2003.html>

Cell: F17

Comment: Rick Heede:

Propane sales times carbon factor of 12.669 lb CO2 per gallon at full combustion / 2000 lb per ton.

Cell: G17

Comment: Rick Heede:

A fugitive methane rate is applied to the propane production and processing infrastructure. See "methane" comments on the "Natural Gas" worksheet, in which production through delivery methane emissions are allocated to Aspen's consumption of natural gas. In the case of propane, we allocate the US national fugitive emissions rate for natural gas (from which most propane is processed) in the production and gas processing stages: 2.03 million tonnes CH4 plus 0.66 million tonnes CH4 of total natural gas system methane emissions of 7.06 million tonnes CH4, or 2.69 of 7.06 million tonnes CH4 = 38.102 percent of the natural gas rate -- which is 0.14274 tons CO2e per ton CO2 (see Natural Gas worksheet, table 2) -- from the propane's combustion. * Hence, the propane fugitive methane rate is $0.14274 \times 0.38102 = 0.05439$ tons CO2e per ton of propane delivered to and combusted by Aspen customers.

* Production (2.03 million tonnes CH4), Gas Processing (0.66 million tonnes), Transmission and Storage (2.41 million tonnes), Distribution (1.97 million tonnes CH4), Total (7.06 million tonnes CH4). We are not including the small quantities of methane released from end-use equipment in the residential and commercial sectors (0.01 million tonnes CH4). EIA 2008.

Sources: Energy Information Administration (2008) Annual Energy Review 2007; Energy Information Administration (2008) Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States 2007.

Cell: B22

Comment: Rick Heede (Nov08):

Peed provided revised data (220,000 gallons in Aspen in 2007); see AmeriGas table below.

Marta Darby:

AmeriGas provides 500k to 625k gallons to Aspen, Woody Creek and Snowmass area.

-- Tadd Peed was unable to provide a more precise value. (per email 9/29/08)

Rick Heede:

2004 propane sales data for the Aspen area (by Township) from Tadd Peed, Manager (Carbondale office), 970-963-3113, peedt@amerigas.com; personal communication, 7Sep05.

Cell: B24

Comment: Rick Heede

9Oct08, Rick contacted Scott Brockelmeyer at Ferrellgas HQ in Kansas (scottbrockelmeyer@ferrellgas.com, 913-661-1830) for assistance in acquiring propane sales data for Aspen, by zip code. 17Nov08 update: Ferrellgas' Brian Mater will get 2007 propane sales for zipcodes 81611 and 81612. Data received 25Nov08, sorted by delivery zip codes 81611 and 81612 or calendar year 2007. Largest delivery totaled 3,960 gallons, smallest 156 gallons, 33 of 67 customers took delivery in 2007, average delivery for all 67 customers was 541 gallons (1,097 gallons for 33 deliveries in 2007).

Marta

8/19/08: FerrellGas declined to provide data. {Spoke with Karen Kraft on the phone who said her boss told her to not work with us on this.}

Rick Heede:

Several requests for data have yielded unmet promises to provide Aspen area propane sales for 2004 (most easily by sorting for zip code).

Contact Karen Kraft, 970-945-8611, karenkraft@ferrellgas.com.

Cell: B26

Comment: Rick Heede:

Tom McBrayer, mngr., provided estimates of total propane sales to Aspen-area residential customers based on delivery zip code 81611 and 81612. While this is not an exact match to the Aspen inventory physical boundary, the modified UGB, since it might include some customers up Independence Pass and Castle Creek Road, it is very close and probably exceeds the accuracy of SourceGas estimates for natural gas delivery to Aspen.

Cell: B28

Comment: Rick Heede:

Propane

Tom McBrayer, mngr., provided estimates of total propane sales to Aspen-area commercial customers based on delivery zip code 81611 and 81612. The deliveries are chiefly of construction cylinders to job sites, including the Aspen recreation Center, the Aspen Skiing Company, ACES, and private builders.

Cell: B30

Comment: Rick Heede (Oct08):

Bob, owner, estimated a small portion of his RFV sales of 600,000 gallons per year is delivered to Aspen and UGB, and most of this as "construction cylinders" to heat homes during construction. Total estimated Aspen-area sales in 2007 of ~50,000 gallons.

Cell: B39

Comment: Rick Heede:

Tadd Peed provided a revised estimate for Aspen, Snowmass, and Woody Creek regions, 24Nov08. Total of 340,000 gallons (of which 220,000 gallons to Aspen) is significantly lower than the 562,500 gallons estimated in Oct08.

Marta Darby:

Rough estimate:

30% Aspen

50% Snowmass

20% Woody Creek

email from T. Peed 9/30/08

Rick Heede:

2004 propane sales data for the Aspen area (by Township) from Tadd Peed, Manager (Carbondale office), 970-963-3113, peedt@amerigas.com; personal communication, 7Sep05.

Cell: H39

Comment: Rick Heede:

Basic data from EIA Emission Coefficients (1605b Program), e.g., 532.085 lb CO2 per bbl, 139.178 lb CO2 per million Btu, and 3.836 million Btu per bbl (AER 1995).

Aspen Emissions Inventory for 2007: Commuting, Driving Around Town, and Tourist Driving

The principal variables that need to be updated in future fuel and emissions inventories are: (a) traffic count at Castle Creek Bridge, (b) update future VMT within Aspen, and (c) fuel consumption for each vehicle type (if needed).

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Table 1

Commuting and Hwy 82, 2007		Vehicle by type	Average daily traffic, 2007	Annual traffic, 2007	Miles per trip	Miles driven (VMT)	Fuel economy	Fuel consumed	Carbon factor	Carbon dioxide	Carbon
		28-Aug-08	(both directions)	(both directions)		miles	mpg	gallons/yr	CO2/gallon	tons CO2/yr	tonnes carbon
Valley traffic across Castle Creek Bridge		7 am - 1 pm 6,793	22,320	8,146,800	(22,180 and 8.096 million vehicles in Krueger's DailyCount.xls)						
Passenger cars (sedans, cabriolets, etc)	27.1%	6,059	2,211,660	25	55,291,495	22.1	2,501,878	19.59	24,511	6,068	
Small SUVs and small pick-up trucks	26.8%	5,980	2,182,875	25	54,571,866	20.2	2,701,578	19.59	26,467	6,553	
Medium/Large SUVs and large "light" trucks	39.6%	8,843	3,227,536	25	80,688,402	17.0	4,746,377	19.59	46,500	11,513	
2-axle medium-duty trucks, RVs	2.6%	578	211,091	25	5,277,279	10.4	507,431	19.59	4,971	1,231	
3-axle trucks, dump trucks, etc	2.5%	552	201,496	25	5,037,403	7.4	680,730	22.38	7,619	1,886	
Semis, combination trucks	0.7%	164	59,969	60	3,598,145	5.6	642,526	22.38	7,191	1,780	
Motorcycles	0.6%	143	52,173	7.5	391,298	50.0	7,826	19.59	77	19	
Total	100%	22,320	8,146,800	na	204,855,889	17.4	11,788,344	19.91	117,336	29,051	

Table 2

Tourist travel to & from Aspen		Vehicle by type	Average daily visitor traffic	Average annual visitor traffic	Miles per visitor trip	Miles driven (VMT)	Fuel economy	Fuel consumed	Carbon factor	Carbon dioxide	Carbon
			arrivals	arrivals	round trip	miles	mpg	gallons/yr	CO2/gallon	tons CO2/yr	tonnes carbon
Visitor vehicle arrivals and departures	composite	350	127,750	600	76,650,000	19.15	4,002,349	19.59	39,211	9,708	
Total	composite	350	127,750	600	76,650,000	19.2	4,002,349	19.59	39,211	9,708	

Composite fuel economy of passenger cars, small, medium, and large SUVs and pick-ups: 19.151

Table 3

Driving around town, 2007		Vehicle by type	In-town driving VMT	Arterial roads VMT	Local roads VMT	Total Aspen VMT	Fuel economy	Fuel consumed	Carbon factor	Carbon dioxide	Carbon
		percent	miles	miles	miles	miles	mpg	gallons/yr	CO2/gallon	tons CO2/yr	tonnes carbon
Daily VMT in 1997, Aspen Area, by road type			117,706	23,157	14,617	155,480					
Estimated compound growth rate per year			2.57%	2.57%	2.57%						
2004 daily VMT, estimated			140,586	27,658	17,458	185,702					
2004 Annual Aspen VMT, estimated			51,313,774	10,095,263	6,372,262	67,781,299					
Passenger cars (sedans, cabriolets, etc)	27.1%	13,930,453	2,740,621	1,729,915	18,400,989	22.1	832,624	19.59	8,157	2,020	
Small SUVs and light trucks	26.8%	13,749,145	2,704,951	1,707,400	18,161,496	20.2	899,084	19.59	8,808	2,181	
Large SUVs and "light" trucks	39.6%	20,329,093	3,999,463	2,524,513	26,853,069	17.0	1,579,592	19.59	15,475	3,831	
2-axle medium-duty trucks, RVs	2.6%	1,329,588	261,578	165,111	1,756,277	10.4	168,873	19.59	1,654	410	
3-axle trucks, dump trucks, etc	2.5%	1,269,152	249,688	157,606	1,676,446	7.4	226,547	22.38	2,536	628	
Semis, combination trucks	0.7%	377,724	74,312	46,907	498,942	5.6	89,097	22.38	997	247	
Motorcycles	0.6%	328,620	64,651	40,809	434,080	50.0	8,682	19.59	85	21	
Total	100%	51,313,774	10,095,263	6,372,262	67,781,299	17.8	3,804,498	19.83	37,713	9,337	

Table 4

All commuting, tourist travel, & driving		Total Aspen VMT	Fuel economy	Fuel consumed	Carbon factor	Carbon dioxide	Carbon
		miles	mpg	gallons/yr	CO2/gallon	short tons CO2/yr	tonnes carbon
Total of Commuting on Hwy 82, Tourist Travel, & Driving Around Town		349,287,187	17.8	19,595,191	19.83	194,260	48,096

Road Vehicles

Cell: B11

Comment: Rick Heede(Mar09):

CMS updated the calculation chiefly through a revised vehicle type survey done by City staff in Aug08 that re-distributed the proportion of vehicles entering town at the Entrance to Aspen. The largest shift was in lowering the percentage of "Medium and Large SUVs and light trucks" from 53.8 percent in 2004 to 39.6 percent in 2007 -- and a concomitant increase in

Cell: C11

Comment: Rick Heede:

Kim Petersen and Marta Darba and John Eisler of the City of Aspen Canary Initiative plus several staffers of the Env Health Dept and John Krueger of the City Transportation Dept surveyed vehicle types on 28 August 2008 from 7 am to 1 pm. Vehicle numbers for the two locations -- at Truscott Place and Hwy 82, inbound lane, and Cemetery Lane and Powerplant Road -- were totaled and averaged for this commuting fuel and emissions computation for 2007.

The survey counted 6,793 vehicles, for which the distribution by type is shown below. (We exclude 88 RFTA and school buses from this survey, since fuel consumption by RFTA and school buses is estimated elsewhere.) Finally, CMS annualized the motorcycle percentage by halving the number of motorcycles since bike riding drops to near zero during the winter.

Cell: D11

Comment: Rick Heede:

Final AADT data from Krueger shows 22,320 vehicles per day, Mar09.

Krueger, John D. (2008) Traffic Counts on SH 82 at the Castle Creek Bridge (memo to Mayor and City Council), dated 20 March 2008, 8 pages.

Rick called Krueger to confirm that AADT for 2007 remains 23,013 vehicles per day (JK: yes). Also asked Krueger to reconcile his other data from TrafficDailyCounts2007.xls, which shows AADT of 22,180 vehicles per day (and 8,095,716 vehicles crossing Castle Creek Bridge) in 2007. Krueger will review and respond.

Update 19Nov08: "Rick, It looks like 22,302 is the number. I have not been able to totally reconcile everything but, I am very close. John D. Krueger Director of Transportation." CMS updated AADT from 23,013 vehicles per day to JK's 22,302 vehicles per day. This change reduced fial commuting emissions from 120,979 tons CO2 to 117,242 tons CO2, or by 3,737 tons CO2. The 2004 emissions estimate was 125,714 tons CO2.

Cell: E11

Comment: Rick Heede:

"Average Daily Traffic" times 365 days/yr.

Cell: F11

Comment: Rick Heede:

The typical commute to work is assumed to be 25 miles each direction. # We assume that 2-axle trucks (such as FedEx, UPS,* and other working vehicles) travel 20 miles per trip. Heavier 3-axle trucks are also assumed to travel 25 miles per trip (e.g., an average of originating in El Jebel, Carbondale, or on waste-collection trips between the City and the County Landfill).

Nov08 update: CMS considered reducing the average typical commuting distance from 25 to 20 miles (to better agree with the average RFTA passenger trip length of 16 miles (Dan Blankenship)), but rejected the change in order to preserve comparability between 2004 and subsequent years.

Cell: H11

Comment: Rick Heede:

New vehicle fuel economy data are used in combination with average fleet fuel economy data. This leads to two conservatisms: 1. older vehicles may get poorer fuel economy, and 2. actual driving experience suggests that fuel economy is ~10 percent worse than EPA's fuel economy tests. Furthermore, snowy roads increase fuel consumption. Data from ORNL and Federal Highway Administration (see below).

Passenger cars in use average 22.1 mpg. TEDB Table 4.1 (average fuel economy of passenger automobiles in use, 2002 datum from US DOT/Federal Highway Administration (2002) Highway Statistics 2002, Table VM-1; www.fhwa.dot.gov). New passenger cars average 28.7 mpg (TEDB, Table 4.7).

New small SUVs (25.4 mpg) and small pick up trucks (21.7 mpg) averaged to 23.55 mpg. (Table 4.8); in order to reflect actual vehicle stock mpg and the average in-use fuel economy, the new vehicle average of 23.55 is factored by the average new truck mpg of 20.5 (table 4.8) divided by average in-use truck of 17.6 mpg: $17.6/20.5 = 0.8585$. Thus the Aspen vehicle population of small SUVs/light trucks is 23.55 mpg times 0.8585 = 20.22.

New large and medium SUVs (17.6 mpg and 21.3) and new large pick up trucks (18.3 mpg) and new small and large vans (23.5 and 18.3 mmpg) are averaged to 19.8 mpg. As above, this new SUV/truck fuel economy is adjusted to reflect the lower mpg of the average vehicle population in use: $19.8 \text{ mpg} * 0.8585 = 17.0 \text{ mpg}$. Note: probably conservative, considering the weight driven around by the typical SUV and pick-up truck and work van in Aspen. This category also contains Hummers (10-13 mpg, practical experience is closer to 8 mpg), Suburbans, Ford 350s, and similar brontomobiles.

2-axle medium-duty trucks (10-14,000 lb) average 10.4 mpg (Table 5.4).

3-axle trucks single-unit trucks (dump trucks, garbage trucks, etc) average 7.4 mpg (TEDB Table 5.1).

Road Vehicles

Semis or combination trucks (33,000 lb +) average 6.1 mpg (Table 5.4), 5.2 mpg in Table 5.2, and 5.5 mpg (Table 5.5); we use 5.6 mpg as the average.

Davis & Diegel (2004) Transportation Energy Data Book 2004, Tables 4.1, 4.8, and 5.4, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USDOE.

Motorcycles: EIA uses 50 mpg (Energy Information Administration/2001 National Household Travel Survey, p. K-37).

Cell: I11

Comment: Rick Heede:

Miles driven / fuel economy. Conservative estimates.

Cell: B14

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS uses vehicle counts from this site since it counts nearly all traffic entering Aspen from downvalley, Highlands, and Cemetery Lane. Some traffic circumvents the congested Hwy 82 entrance to Aspen by taking McLain Flats Road/Cemetery Lane and Powerplant Road under Castle Creek Bridge. There is no traffic counter on this access road, which fairly heavily used during congested times on Hwy 82, and CMS is thus underestimating total average traffic flow in and out of Aspen by an unknown quantity (but probably less than 10 percent?).

Cell: H23

Comment: Rick Heede:

Average of all vehicle types: VMT / estimated fuel consumption.

Cell: D27

Comment: Rick Heede:

Visitors arriving in private vehicles varies greatly by season. Of Aspen's 7,000 tourist "pillows," average occupancy in the summer is ~70 percent, or 4,900 visitors per night. Average occupancy per room is ~2.0 (to account for visitors who arrived in the same vehicle), and average length of stay varies (in summer) from 1.9 in May to 2.7 nights in July. Assuming 2.3 nights per visit and 2 persons per room and 4,900 occupied pillows and 67 percent arrivals by car means, on average, that 710 tourist vehicles arrive per summer day. (Of course, visitors may do a lot of driving whilst here; we are merely estimating new arrivals per day. Their daily driving is reflected in "Hwy 82" and/or "Driving around town".)

Off-season and winter season arrivals by car are lower than in summer: approximately 2/3 of summer visitors vs 20 percent of winter visitors arrive in personal vehicles. Winter visitors also stay longer: on average about 4.4 days (ranging from 3.2 in Nov to 4.9 in Dec). While occupancy is somewhat higher in winter, the stays are longer and the driving population is smaller. Finally, the 20 percent of winter arrivals by car are typically from the front range or elsewhere in Colorado, thus tending to reduce the average distance driven.

All in all, this estimate assumes that 350 personal vehicles arrive in Aspen every day, on average, throughout the year.

Most of this data was kindly provided by Bill Tomcich of Stay Aspen Snowmass, 920-7120. The derived fuel consumption estimates are the author's.

Note: there is little hard data on which to base a more accurate estimate. The ACRA summer visitor study does not elucidate mode of travel by visitors (nor does it mention any international visitorship). An accurate estimate would estimate visitors by month and with a better sense of the home state or country of visitors who arrive by personal vehicle. Note also that we have not included visitors who drive to Aspen as part of their camping trips to the area, nor drivers who are visiting friends and relatives, nor second home owners who drive here.

Cell: F27

Comment: Rick Heede:

32 percent of Aspen summer visitors are from Colorado -- chiefly the Front range, which is 400 miles round-trip. Californians comprise 8 percent, Texans 6 percent, Floridians (5 percent, Illini 4 percent, and New Yorkers 3 percent. THE ACRA data does not, unfortunately, give the number of summer visitors (percentages are shown instead). However, ACRA data show "four in ten lodging visitors indicate that they flew to get to Aspen."

ACRA (2004) Summer Survey: Understanding the Aspen Summer Visitor, slide #8.

It is probably conservative to use an average distance driven of 600 miles (round-trip) considering the longer distances driven by the substantial number of out-of-state visitors.

Note: we have not diluted the distances driven by tourists arriving in Aspen by allocating a portion of their driving emissions to other destinations also visited en route. Whether Aspen is or is not the principal reason for the visitors' itineraries, it is our purpose to estimate fuel consumption and emissions for visitors arriving in Aspen, regardless of where else they may have visited on their way here.

Cell: H27

Comment: Rick Heede:

We use the composite fuel economy developed for personal vehicle types driven around Aspen. See below (cell K35) for details.

Cell: K32

Comment: Rick Heede:

Road Vehicles

This is a composite average of fuel consumed and miles driven by passenger cars plus small SUVs/pick-up trucks plus large SUVs/pick-up trucks. This number is also used to estimate saved fuel from RFTA bus services (a calculation that uses 1.63 persons per vehicle).

Note: this number is driven by data and does not have to be revised. Its revision depends on fuel economy by individual mpg data in the body of the worksheet. The result for 2007 (19.15 mpg) is a substantial improvement over the 2004 result (18.6 mpg), due to the shifting vehicle type survey conducted in each year.

Cell: C35

Comment: Rick Heede:

The traffic counters do register vehicle classes at both the Castle Creek and Mill & Main Streets:

Class 1: Less than 18 feet,

Class 2: 18-25 feet in length,

Class 3: greater than 25 feet.

However, these sizes are not detailed enough for our fuel consumption purposes. We engaged Lee Cassin and the Env Health Dept staff, plus John Krueger of the City Transportation Dept, to survey vehicle types during several mornings during mid-August 2005. The main data set we use was taken on 25Aug05, from 7 am to 1 pm. (Thanks, everybody.) The survey counted 8,003 vehicles, for which the distribution by type is shown below. (We exclude 104 RFTA buses and 20 school buses from this survey; fuel consumption by RFTA and school buses is estimated elsewhere.)

Note: A high fraction of the semis serving Aspen's markets, hardware stores, lumber yards, etc arrive at night and depart before dawn. Our survey may, therefore, have underestimated the number of semis, since the principal vehicle type survey was done from 7am to 1 pm.

Cell: H35

Comment: Rick Heede:

See cell note in Table 1 above.

Cell: B38

Comment: Rick Heede:

VMT estimates for 1997 from Colorado Department of Public Health (2000) Technical Support Document for the PM10 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Aspen Area, Air Pollution Control Division, Denver, p. 6.

Cell: B39

Comment: Rick Heede:

Estimated annual compound VMT growth rate from Technical Support Document (cited above, p. 2). Original source: CDOT Entrance to Aspen Environmental Impact Statement. The factor was used to estimate Aspen-area PM10 emissions in 2015; we apply the same growth rate to estimate VMT in 2004.

Cell: B41

Comment: Rick Heede:

Daily VMT times 365.

Cell: H50

Comment: Rick Heede:

Average of all vehicle types: VMT / estimated fuel consumption.

Cell: H54

Comment: Rick Heede:

See cell note in Table 1 above.

Cell: H57

Comment: Rick Heede:

Average of all vehicle types: VMT / estimated fuel consumption.

Aspen emissions inventory for 2007: Roaring Fork Transit Authority (RFTA)

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Future inventories must update: (a) fuel consumption by RFTA route served (or total RFTA fuel consumption), (b) check future Aspen ridership as a percentage of total "on/offers", (c) update biodiesel percentage (13.4 percent in 2007), and update average fuel economy by route served.

RFTA fuel consumption and emissions, 2007

Table 1	Allocated to Aspen inventory	Vehicle miles per route, 2007	Fuel economy	Fuel consumed per route	Fuel allocated to Aspen inventory	Emission factor	Carbon dioxide	Carbon
	percent		mpg	gallons	gallons	CO2/gallon	tons CO2/yr	tonnes carbon
$22.384 \text{ lb CO}_2/\text{gallon} * (1.0 - (0.134 * 0.7845)) = 22.384 * 0.8949 = 20.031 \text{ lb CO}_2/\text{gallon}$						22.384 lb CO2/gal 1-(0.134*0.7845) biodiesel credit		
Roaring Fork Transit Agency (excluding I-70 corridor, Woody Creek)								
City shuttles	100.0%	360,815	5.17	69,790	69,790	20.031	699	173
Galena Street shuttle	100.0%	29,659	6.40	4,634	4,634	19.594	45	11
Crosstown shuttle	100.0%	28,499	7.20	3,958	3,958	19.594	39	10
Burlingame ABC	100.0%	19,640	5.10	3,851	3,851	20.031	39	10
Valley routes	71.6%	2,223,772	5.25	423,576	303,280	20.031	3,037	752
Burlingame	100.0%	13,018	5.10	2,553	2,553	20.031	26	6
Maroon Bells	50.0%	34,989	5.07	6,901	3,451	20.031	35	9
Aspen Skiing Company contract	66.7%	271,678	5.18	52,447	34,967	20.031	350	87
Music Festival contract	100.0%	21,192	5.10	4,155	4,155	20.031	42	10
Maroon Creek Road	100.0%	38,783	5.20	7,458	7,458	20.031	75	18
Senior Van	50.0%	15,080	8.00	1,885	943	19.594	9	2
Total	na	3,057,125	5.26	581,209	439,040	20.021	4,395	1,088

1 metric tonne = 1.1023 short ton; CO2/C = 3.664

2004 (revised)

417,212

5.2%

4,486

(90) tons CO2e

-2.0%

RFTA: Saved Fuel and Emissions

Table 2	Allocated to Aspen inventory	Total Ridership	Avoided trips allocated to RFTA	Miles per avoided trip	Passenger-miles saved by RFTA	Vehicle-miles saved by RFTA	Fuel saved	Carbon dioxide	Carbon
	percent	riders	riders	miles	miles	miles	gallons	sh tons CO2/yr	tonnes carbon
Roaring Fork Transit Agency (excl. I-70, Woody Creek, GWS, TOSV)						occupancy of: 1.63 persons/vehicle			
City shuttles									
Cemetery Lane	100%	102,096	102,096	2	204,192	125,271	6,541	64	16
Hunter Creek	100%	277,752	277,752	1	277,752	170,400	8,898	87	22
Castle/Maroon	100%	478,275	478,275	2	956,550	586,840	30,642	300	74
Burlingame ABC	100%	11,767	11,767	3	35,301	21,657	1,131	11	3
East End Dial-A-Ride	100%	48,537	48,537	2	97,074	59,555	3,110	30	8
Seasonal shuttles									
Galena Street shuttle	100%	53,718	53,718	1	53,718	32,956	1,721	17	4
Crosstown shuttle	100%	34,393	34,393	1	34,393	21,100	1,102	11	3
Maroon Creek Road	100%	77,268	77,268	2	154,536	94,807	4,950	48	12
Valley routes	71.6%	1,629,234	1,166,532	20	23,330,631	14,313,270	747,380	7,322	1,813
Burlingame	100%	49,998	49,998	5	249,990	153,368	8,008	78	19
Maroon Bells	50%	67,950	33,975	10	339,750	208,436	10,884	107	26
Aspen Skiing Company contract	66.7%	553,571	369,066	10	3,690,658	2,264,207	118,228	1,158	287
MAA campus	100%	55,759	55,759	5	278,795	171,040	8,931	87	22
RFTA charters	50%	58,506	29,253	10	292,530	179,466	9,371	92	23
Senior Van	50%	3,647	1,824	4	7,294	4,475	234	2	1
Total	na	3,502,471	2,790,212	11	30,003,164	18,406,849	961,130	9,416	2,331

Average passengers per vehicle-mile in 2007 (D53/D27)

1.15

(average of all routes)

2,565,462

ridership 2004

Percent change
8.8%

2004 gallons
924,660

2004 tons CO2
9,045

Composite fuel economy of passenger cars, small, medium, and large SUVs and pick-ups: 19.15

Cell: H11

Comment: Rick Heede:

In this worksheet we estimate those of RFTA's emissions attributable to Aspen's emissions boundary: i.e., RFTA riders in town routes, riders originating or arriving in Aspen (Ruby Park to Airport/AABC/North Forty or stops between) on the Valley Routes, and special service routes (Aspen Skiing Company, Music Festival, etc).

Energy and emissions from electricity and natural gas consumption used at RFTA's main bus barn across from the Airport is not specifically estimated here, but is included in the Electricity and Natural Gas worksheets. Energy used in downvalley facilities is not included.

Cell: C12

Comment: Rick Heede:

Update Sep08: Asked Kenny and Dan for update to the Boarding and Alighting Survey, and whether 35.8 percent is reasonable.

Rick Heede:

Most of these routes are fully allocated to the City of Aspen emissions boundary. We ascribe one-half of the fuel consumed on the Maroon Bells and the senior van routes to Aspen. Two-thirds of the ASC fuel consumption is allocated to Aspen (since these routes service Buttermilk, Highlands, and Snowmass Ski Areas, and only Snowmass is outside the boundary).

The 2003 Boarding and Alighting Survey asked 45 thousand RFTA riders where they got on and got off. 35.81 percent (8,062 of 22,511) indicated Aspen.

Note: "Aspen", in RFTA's survey, includes Ruby Park terminal to the Truscott bus stop. The fuel and emissions inventory boundary includes riders to Country Inn, AABC, and the Airport. We thus add one-half of the riders from Country Inn through Brush Creek (that is, half of 1,502 surveyed riders, or an additional 751). Thus, 8,062 plus 751 = 8,813 of 22,511 equals 39.15 percent of all RFTA's riders are attributable to Aspen and its immediate community.

Even though every RFTA bus serving the Hwy 82 corridor drive into or out of Aspen, we allocate 39.15 percent of the fuel used by RFTA on Valley routes to serving Aspen. Estimated "on/off's" for RFTA's Valley routes in 2003 total 3,109,148, of which 1,217,222 represents Aspen's share.

Cell: D12

Comment: Rick Heede:

Vehicle miles data updated to 2007 by Kenny Osier, RFTA Director of Maintenance, 9Sep08.

Cell: E12

Comment: Rick Heede:

Revised from data supplied by Kenny Osier, RFTA Director of Maintenance, personal communication, Sep08.

Cell: F12

Comment: Rick Heede:

Fuel consumption per route is computed from vehicle miles per route divided by each route's average fuel economy (both updated by Kenny Osier, Sep08).

Cell: G12

Comment: Rick Heede:

Fuel consumed per RFTA route multiplied by the percent allocated to Aspen and its emissions boundary.

Cell: H12

Comment: Rick Heede:

Updated by Osier Sep08 to B20 fuel during most of the year. Averaged over the year, the biodiesel factor is 13.4 percent of total diesel fuel. Heede updated the calculations in the "Emission Factor" column.

Rick Heede:

Carbon emissions per gallon of diesel and gasoline from EIA data. Diesel emissions are reduced by the fuel's biodiesel component. In RFTA's case (2004), B5 is used, which is 5 percent biodiesel mixed with conventional diesel.

While life-cycle net carbon savings estimates vary widely (see below), we use a net savings of 78.45 percent based on the NREL report cited below. The emissions benefit of using B5 fuel is thus petroleum diesel times 0.95 plus an adjustment for the net carbon savings of biodiesel fuel: the carbon coefficient is $22.384 \text{ lb CO}_2 \text{ per gallon} * (1.0 - (0.05 * 0.7845)) = 22.384 * 0.9608 = 21.506 \text{ lb CO}_2 \text{ per gallon}$.

The upstream carbon emissions from biodiesel production are not analyzed here. Such an analysis would include fuel inputs to growing, fertilizing, harvesting, transporting soy or other organic feedstocks, processing electricity and fuels, and storage and delivery fuel inputs. The net carbon savings from biodiesel is certainly less than the carbon absorbed from the atmosphere in the carbon fixation phase of the feedstock. Note that upstream emissions from conventional fuels are not attributed to diesel and gasoline consumption by RFTA or other consumers in Aspen. Estimates of "wells-to-tank" energy inputs range from 20 to 30+ percent above the emissions from the fuels' combustion, depending on the boundary definitions used. See Wang (2001).

Net carbon savings estimates vary widely: from zero to 80+ percent; some organizations assume 100 percent carbon neutrality. National Renewable Energy Laboratory (1998) "Life Cycle Inventory of Biodiesel and Petroleum Diesel for Use in an Urban Bus," May1998, 314 pp., which concluded that biodiesel reduces net emissions of CO₂ by 78.45% compared to petroleum diesel. Mark Delucchi of Institute for Transportation Studies University of California, Davis suggests that the use of biofuels would increase greenhouse gas emissions as land is converted from forests, wetland and conservation reserve acres to grow more corn and soybeans. European research suggests a range of 40 to 56 percent carbon savings.

13aug07 Note: US DOE (2006) Technical Guidelines: Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases (1605(b)) Program, p. 64. CMS has not reviewed DOE's net carbon calculations in detail, but DOE's calculations presumably use a lower net carbon savings factor, as illustrated by their datum of 21.04 lb CO₂ per gallon of B20 vs CMS' 21.506 lb CO₂ per gallon (DOE does not appear to account for carbon inputs to the biodiesel cycle, as CMS does by using NREL's estimates).

DOE's 1605 factors: B100: zero carbon, B20: 17.71 lb CO₂, B10: 19.93, B5: 21.04.

E100: zero carbon, E85: 2.9 lb CO₂ per gallon, E10 (Gasohol): 17.41 lb CO₂.

Cell: I12

Comment: Rick Heede:

Gallons per route times CO₂ per gallon / 2000 lb per ton.

Cell: B21

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS discussed Boarding & Alighting Survey results and its interpretation for the Aspen emissions inventory. Valley Routes are now attributed 71.6 percent to Aspen (up from 36.15 percent in 2004).

Dan's approval of changing from 36 to 71.6 percent of total Valley Route miles and fuel and emissions to the Aspen emissions inventory, 8Oct08: "Rick: I think your methodology is sound. Also think that dropping the average miles per trip to 20 is a good idea. I think our calculation was something closer to 16, although it is difficult to get a precise bead on the average passenger trip length because we track boardings and alightings by jurisdictions and not by specific bus stops. Dan"

CMS, 7Oct08: "Thanks, that helps. It seems to me that I misinterpreted the data in 2004. Since we are measuring energy use and emissions for commuters and tourists on a round trip basis -- just as we do for air travel and driving -- it would behoove us to count both sides of a bus ride and the energy used in between, not simply riders crossing Castle Creek Bridge as a percentage of total boarding and alightings. This way we would be estimating emissions for RFTA's comings and goings for all bus travel that transects Aspen's emissions boundary. To be clear: I'd use $35.8 * 2 = 71.6$ percent of Valley Route fuel and emissions."

Dan's explanation, 6Oct08: "I believe the reason why the Aspen percentage of boarding and alightings is only 36% whereas your estimate indicates that 72% of valley riders cross the Castle Creek Bridge is that boardings and alightings take into account where someone is getting on and off the bus, and there is one boarding and one alighting for each passenger. So, when a passenger is on a bus crossing the Castle Creek Bridge he/she may be included in the 72% of total valley passengers who are doing that on any given day. However, in terms of boardings and alightings, on the day the survey is conducted, half of that individual's boarding and alighting was ascribed to the community in which he/she boarded the bus and half was ascribed to the community in which they alighted from the bus.

Let's say 5,000 commuters crossed the Castle Creek Bridge on valley buses, either inbound or outbound on a given day, and that number represented 72% of the 6,944 total valley bus riders for that day. However, those 5,000 commuters crossing the Castle Creek Bridge translate into 10,000 boardings and alightings, out of a total of 13,888 valley bus boarding alightings, with only half of the 10,000 (or 5,000) ascribed to getting on or off in Aspen. So 5,000 divided by 13,888 = 36% of the total valley bus boardings and alightings for that day which were ascribed to Aspen and the other 36% was ascribed to the down valley communities where the passengers either got on or off a bus that had a trip beginning or ending in Aspen."

Cell: C33

Comment: Rick Heede:

Most of these routes are fully allocated to the City of Aspen emissions boundary. We attribute one-half of the fuel consumed on the Maroon Bells and the senior van routes to Aspen. Two-thirds of the ASC fuel consumption is allocated to Aspen (since these routes service Buttermilk, Highlands, and Snowmass Ski Areas, and only Snowmass is outside the boundary).

Cell: D33

Comment: Rick Heede:

Ridership data updated to 2007 by Kenny Osier, Sep08.

Rick Heede:

Ridership data for 2004 from Phil Schultz, RFTA's Information Technologist and data-hound, personal communication, 29Aug05. We exclude Glenwood Springs "Ride" (151,212 riders), I-70 corridor service to Silt, New Castle, and Rifle (49,349 riders), and ADA in Aspen and GWS (294 riders). Total RFTA 2004 ridership: 3.51 million.

In-town shuttles, Burlingame, and MAA shuttles are fully allocated to within the inventory boundary. The Valley routes are allocated 39.1 percent to within the boundary, based on "on/off's" from Ruby Park to AABC (see RFTA fuel consumption comment for detail). Two-thirds of Ski Co ridership is allocated to Aspen (since Aspen Mtn, Highlands, and Buttermilk bases are both within the boundary, and the buses serving Snowmass Mountain are transporting Aspen locals and visitors to Snowmass more than the other way around).

Cell: E33

Comment: Rick Heede:

"Avoided trips" estimates the ridership carried by RFTA's transit services on a route-by-route basis. Most routes are fully allocated to Aspen, such as the City and Seasonal shuttles. The Valley routes carried 1.629 million riders, of which 39.1 percent is attributed to Aspen and its emissions boundary (out to Airport/AABC/North Forty). Note that we use a vehicle occupancy of 1.63 persons per vehicle in the fuel savings estimate in this table and do NOT assume that each rider would drive a single-occupancy vehicle.

Cell: F33

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS changed the "miles avoided per trip" of Valley route riders from 25 miles to 20 miles, Oct08. Blankenship concurs, 8Oct08: "Rick: I think your methodology is sound. Also think that dropping the average miles per trip to 20 is a good idea. I think our calculation was something closer to 16, although it is difficult to get a precise bead on the average passenger trip length because we track boardings and alightings by jurisdictions and not by specific bus stops. Dan."

Rick Heede:

This column assumes average distance ridden per route based on interviews with RFTA staff and this report's reviewers. The Valley routes comprise the main component. Aspen to Snowmass Village is ~14 route miles, Basalt is ~20 route miles, El Jebel is 24 route miles, Carbondale is 32 route miles, and Glenwood Springs ~44 route miles, with relatively minor ridership to Aspen from the I-70 corridor. No definitive estimate can be made with respect to average distance ridden over several valley routes, and CMS assumes that 20 miles is a reasonable estimate of average distance travelled by riders to and from Aspen.

RFTA provided transportation to 3.1 million riders on the Hwy 82 corridor in 2003, based on a series of ridership surveys conducted in 2003. The same survey also estimated average miles traveled on Valley routes at 15.0 miles per passenger (15.7 miles if Snowmass Village is included, and 28.7 miles if the I-70 riders are included). These averages include the larger proportions (60.9 percent) of Valley route riders who travel between major stops outside of the Aspen emissions boundary. Thus, of the 39.1 percent of Valley passengers that boarded or alighted in Aspen (or out to the Airport), we estimate saved fuel from 25 miles of avoided driving attributable to RFTA's bus service. This savings estimate also factors in occupancy per vehicle of 1.63. See note below.

Shorter route miles and average distance ridden are estimated and checked with RFTA staff, 21Nov05.

Cell: G33

Comment: Rick Heede:

"Passenger-miles" is "avoided trips" times estimated average miles per trip/route.

Cell: H33

Comment: Rick Heede:

The fuel and emissions savings estimate factors in occupancy per vehicle of 1.63; meaning that we estimate the fuel consumed on the basis of 1.63 RFTA riders would drive one vehicle to or from Aspen in the absence of RFTA services.

Occupancy data from Mt. Sopris Project Team (1993) Origin and Destination Summer Survey, Mt. Sopris Transportation Project Final Report, p. 65. The Survey logged 15,180 person-trips in 9,303 vehicle-trips (Aspen, eastbound, workday). Recreational trips

logged a higher occupancy of 2.43 persons/vehicle, whereas work trips logged 1.22 persons/vehicle.

Cell: I33

Comment: Rick Heede:

Fuel saved is a function of vehicle-miles saved times the fuel economy of the average vehicle presumptively used to get people where they want to go in the absence of RFTA bus service. Some riders would hitchhike, or carpool, or bicycle, or move closer to work, or not go. This study assumes none of these alternatives, and estimates fuel savings as if all riders would need access to a car, or a shared car (hence the 1.63 occupancy rate). The calculation is based on the same composite fuel economy of vehicles entering Aspen in August 2004 (see worksheet on "Road Vehicles").

Cell: B38

Comment: Rick Heede:

RFTA's Year Round City Service includes (for 2004): Cemetery Lane (82,217), Hunter Creek (249,139), Castle/Maroon (427,622), and East End Dial-a-ride (50,016); total 812,994 riders.

RFTA 2004 Ridership data from Phil Schultz, RFTA Dir IT, 29Aug05.

Cell: B48

Comment: Rick Heede:

Total Valley Service (1,597,038 riders) less Woody Creek (9,184 riders) and Town of Snowmass Village (59,300 riders). Valley Service to Snowmass Village is included, since that proportion of total ridership has been accounted for in the percentage allocation to Aspen (39.1 percent of total riders).

Cell: F58

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS reviewed the Valley Route ridership allocation with Dan Blankenship in Oct08 (see cell note in Table 1).

For the purposes of comparing ridership and avoided gasoline and emissions between 2004 and 2007, CMS enters the revised 2004 ridership allocated to Aspen here.

Cell: J60

Comment: Rick Heede:

Composite fuel economy for the vehicle types assumed to be used for commuting -- passenger cars, small SUVs/small pick-up trucks, and large SUVs/large pick-up trucks -- is derived in the "Road Vehicles" worksheet. Note that we also apply a commuter occupancy of 1.63 persons per vehicle.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L			
1	Aspen Emissions Inventory, fuel use: Aspen Schools, City, County, SkiCo, & misc.														
2				Richard Heede Climate Mitigation Services Snowmass, Colorado File Started 14 August 2008 Last Modified: 6 February 2009			Data provided by: Fred Brooks, ASD Bus Fleet Mngr [925-3760, x4010] Dylan Hoffman, County Energy Manager [920-5393] Landon Dean [970-925-4614] T-Lazy-Seven Ranch [970-925-4614]						Ellie Nieslanik, Valley Co-op [970-704-4210] Matt Hamilton, Aspen Skiing Co [970-300-7153] National Vehicle & Fuel Emissions Lab., EP [970-300-7153] Craig Harvey [harvey.craig@epa.gov]		
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15	Aspen School District														
16	School buses		122,457	17,500		7.0	22.38	100%	196	48					
17	Other School District vehicles		124,857		12,500	10.0	19.59	100%	122	30					
18	Out-of-district fuel (ExEd trips, away games)				5,000	-	20.99	100%	52	13					
19	Total School vehicles			17,500	17,500				371	92					
20															
21															
22	Pitkin County Public Works Dept.														
23	Trucks, plows, etc. (diesel fuel)			44,323			22.38	20%	99	25					
24	Sheriff and other vehicles (gasoline)				44,061		19.59	20%	86	21					
25	Total Pitkin County vehicles			44,323	44,061				186	46					
26															
27															
28	City of Aspen														
29	Trucks, plows, etc. (diesel fuel)			57,611			22.38	100%	645	160					
30	Sheriff and other vehicles (gasoline)				37,823		19.59	100%	371	92					
31	Total Pitkin County vehicles			57,611	37,823				1,015	251					
32															
33															
34	Construction and off-road equipment														
35	Fuel deliveries by Roaring Fork Coop		na	36,841			22.38	100%	412	102					
36	Snowmobiles (T-Lazy-Seven Ranch only)		na		7,355		19.59		72	18					
37	Misc off-road equip. (mowers, blowers, etc)		na		57,437		19.59		563	139					
38	Total off-road vehicles			36,841	64,792				1,047	259					
39															
40															
41	Aspen Skiing Company (Aspen, Highlands, & Buttermilk)														
42	Snow groomers, other diesel vehicles (B20 biodiesel)			173,807			18.87	100%	1,640	406	Aspen, Buttermilk, and Highlands (Snowmass excl)				
43	Snowmobiles, misc vehicles (gasoline)				63,543		19.59	100%	623	154					
44	Total Aspen Skiing Company fuel use			173,807	63,543				2,263	560					
45															
46															
47	Total School District, City, County, ASC, & misc.		na	330,082	227,719	na	na	na	4,881	1,209					
48															

Cell: D13

Comment: Rick Heede:

Fuel consumption data sources are listed for each entity included.

Cell: F13

Comment: Rick Heede:

Fuel economy is derivd from VMT and fuel consumption data provided by Aspen School District fleet manager. Newer school buses use less fuel per mile.

Cell: B15

Comment: Marta:

12/4/08: Spoke with Fred Brooks re: fuel consumption

2007-08 school year (July-July): Diesel: 17,500 gallons; Unleaded: 12,500 gallons

2006-2007: Diesel: 17,600 gallons; Unleaded: 12,400 gallons

**Five of the 18 school bus routes are within the City limits. The district extends from Independence Pass to roughly 40 yards west of Watson Divide Road.

**Of the unleaded fuel usage, Fred estimated that roughly 12,000 gallons were used for "activity" and "away" trips, outside the City of Aspen. The roughly 500 gallons used within the City were primarily consumed by a maintenance truck and two snowplows.

Marta:

9/16/08: Spoke with Fred Brooks re: mileage of buses and other small vehicles. He did not have fuel consumption data. The data period runs from "July-July of 2007-2008"

School Buses:

Bus mileage: 122,457 miles

Route mileage: 74,315 miles

Activity mileage (sports games, etc., on a bus): 46,367 miles

Fleet of 20 small vehicles: 124,367 miles.

Cell: B16

Comment: Rick Heede:

The Aspen School District operated 18 buses in the 2004/2005 school year on 14 routes. The fleet drives 73,222 miles in the 176-day school year. The average bus route (though it varies greatly) is 29.7 miles and the fleet drives an average of 416 miles per school day.

Cell: B17

Comment: Rick Heede:

The District also operates 25 other vehicles -- such as Suburbans for field trips, maintenance vehicles, and snowplows that were driven 43,385 miles in 2004 and consumed 13,380 gallons of (chiefly) gasoline.

Cell: B18

Comment: Rick Heede:

The fuel consumed by "other school district vehicles" above do not include fuel purchased on the road for the two dozen long-distance Experiential Education outings (as far as South Dakota, for example, or to Moab in a fleet of Navigators and the like); nor are the several trips by the Varsity and other sports teams beyond range of the fuel in the vehicles' tanks.

In lieu of having an accounting of these fuel purchases we assume such out-of-district fuel consumption at 40 percent of the consumption by "other school district vehicles."

Note: the fuel economy is the average of diesel fuel and gasoline.

Cell: B22

Comment: Marta (data updated 14Aug08):

Rego no longer w/PitCo. Data from Dylan Hoffman, PitCo Energy Manager.

Rick Heede:

Fuel data for 2004 from Rego Omerigic, Pitkin County Public Works Fleet Manager, 8Aug05. Tel 970-920-5393; rego@co.pitkin.co.us

Cell: B28

Comment: Rick Heede:

Fuel data for 2004 from Chicago Climate Exchange "City of Aspen - CCX Preliminary Emissions Analysis," based on data supplied by Lee Cassin, City Env Health Dept.

Data for fuel purchased for City-owned vehicles in 2004. We assign 100 percent of such fuel use to the emissions inventory (unlike County fuel purchases, of which we assign twenty percent to Aspen).

Cell: D29

Comment: martad:
Updated from CCX

Cell: E30

Comment: martad:
Updated from CCX

Cell: B35

Comment: Marta:
Email from Ellie 9/17/08: I ran my reports again for 2007 and added them up and I did miss one person, but it doesn't make a huge difference so total gallons=36841 and \$=110,393 and then Rafta was the same gallons=706,445 and \$=1,902,696.

Then curiosity got me because there is really only one way to get this info quickly so I went back to 2004 and added that up again and I did come up with about the same figure (within 500 gallons), but I can tell you that there were about 7 regular accounts that we used to deliver to that we didn't in 2007 in Aspen due to selling, retirement, or they just don't buy from us anymore. I went next to our transport business and found the huge difference and that is that there were 2 construction companies buying diesel from us that were working, I believe on Hwy 82 project and of course they are gone now also. They were big consumers.

Also, Rafta started buying biodiesel from us in November 2004 but before that, they did buy some clear diesel from us. I cannot be specific with the date because they used to be right here behind us and so they would fill up here at our station and not purchase fuel by the tanker, and I go back to 2002 with that and it's possible to be even before that. I just don't have the time to research anymore today.

The one biggest consumer on the hwy project used alone about 90,000 gallons in 2004.

9/17/08: Spoke with Ellie at the Coop.
Within Aspen billing addresses with 81611 & 81612 ZIP codes
Total Diesel sales = 32,841 gallons
RFTA sales = 706,445 gallons (mainly biodiesel)
Total diesel sales = 738,748 gallons

In 2004, RFTA purchased 300 gallons of diesel, which Ellie believes were included in the 2004 values.

Rick Heede:
Fuel data of diesel fuel sales to Aspen zip codes in 2004 from Ellie Nieslanik, accounting, and Bill Bransman, fuel sales, Roaring Fork Valley Coop, personal communication, 9Aug05. Tel 970-704-4210.

While such deliveries are chiefly fuel for construction equipment, a variety of other end-users also receive diesel fuel for off-road equipment such as tractors and backhoes.

A complete assessment of such uses has not been made, however, and we use the Coop fuel deliveries as a proxy for construction and off-road equipment. It is likely a conservative estimate considering that many contractors and excavators purchase their own fuel..

Cell: B36

Comment: Heede (Feb09):
T Lazy Seven contact (Landon Dean, 925-4614) estimated total fuel consumption for snowmobile rental fleet of 7,355 gallons of unleaded gasoline in 2007.

Rick Heede (Dec08):
National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory US Environmental Protection Agency. CMS data from Craig Harvey, harvey.craig@epa.gov: 1.571 million snowmobiles used 395.7 million gallons in 89.5 million hrs (2000). CMS calc: 395.7/89.5 = 4.42 gallons per hour; assuming gasoline EF of 19.594 lb CO2 = 86.63 lb CO2 per hour.

CMS will call T-Lazy-Seven forestimated snowmachine rental hours in 2007. Preliminary assumption of 20 hrs per day * 140 days (20-week season) = 2,800 hrs; times 4.42 gallons/hr = 12,376 gallons.

Rick Heede (2005):
We have not estimated fuel purchased for snowmobiles. 2,000 gallons is probably conservative for T-Lazy-7 Ranch at Maroon Creek. Snowmobile use by the Aspen Skiing Company is not included here, but such fuel use (as well as for groomers) is estimated in SkiCo's emissions inventory.

Cell: B37

Comment: Rick Heede (Dec08):
ORNL's (2007) Transportation Energy Data Book, 26th edition, Table 2.10, shows US fuel consumption for mowing equipment (1.261 billion gallons), Soil & Turf equipment (0.799 billion gallons), Wood cutting equipment (0.270 billion gallons), Leaf blowers (0.220 billion gallons), Snowblowers (0.047 billion gallons), and Trimming equipment (0.134 billion gallons). Total equals 2.731 billion gallons, and includes both commercial and residential uses. The average annual fuel

consumption in the US is thus (mid-2006 population of 299 million) 2,731 million gallons / 299 = 9.13 gallons per capita.

CMS uses the ORNL datum of 9.13 gallons per household per year. Aspen households totaled 6,291 hh in the 2004 inventory, which CMS assumes has not changed significantly to 2007: 6,291 hh * 9.13 gallons/hh = 57,437 gallons of fuel for gas-powered widgets in 2007.

Rick Heede:

There is no accurate way to estimate fuel used by mowers, trimmers, blowers, snow-removal equipment and generators and fuel-burning widgets around Aspen. We assume 4 gallons per household for lawn mowers and similar noise-generators per year as a minimal estimate of widget fuel consumption. Aspen housing units is estimated at 6,439 population in 2002 / Pitkin County's persons per household of 1.325 = 4,860 housing units. 4,860 hh x 4 gallons/hh-yr = 19,440 gallons per year. The real number, if professional gardening or contract snowplowing services are included, could easily be ten times higher.

Housing data from Venturoni (2004) 2004 Pitkin County Community Survey, slide #4, NW Colorado Council of Govts.

Cell: B41

Comment: Heede, 15Nov08:

Marta sent and CMS verified original data: diesel (B20) consumption CY2007 at Highlands, Buttermilk, and Aspen Mtn: 44,499, 63,215, and 66,093 gallons, respectively. Gasoline: 4,249, 50,396, and 8,898 gallons, respectively. Snowmass is not included (325,007 gallons of diesel and 105,167 gallons of gasoline), nor "SMC" (Snowmass Center?): 2,699 and 21,210 gallons.

Marta:

8/14/08: Data from Matt Hamilton @ SkiCo.

Rick Heede:

Fuel data from Aspen Skiing Company, Auden Schendler, 23Nov05. Diesel and gasoline consumption is reported by ski area; we include Aspen Mtn, Highlands, and Buttermilk, and exclude Snowmass Ski Area.

Cell: G41

Comment: Rick Heede, 17Nov08:

As noted in the cell below, CMS applies the emission factor based on NREL's study, which accounts for fossil carbon inputs to biodiesel, and ignores EIA's 1605b factor.

Marta:

In 2007, "pretty much all of the diesel" was B20 [from email correspondence with Matt Hamilton on 8/14/08]. Factor from www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/1605/excelFuel%20Emission%20Factors.xls

Auden Schendler, 14Aug08: "We're scrapping biodiesel this year b/c of new federal diesel standards that, as far as we can tell, obviate the value of the bio."

Rick Heede:

20 percent of SkiCo's diesel consumption is 100 percent biodiesel. While life-cycle net carbon savings estimates vary widely (see below), we use a net savings of 78.45 percent based on the NREL report cited below. The emissions benefit of using B5 fuel is thus petroleum diesel times 0.95 plus an adjustment for the net carbon savings of biodiesel fuel: the carbon coefficient is 22.384 lb CO2 per gallon * (1.0 - (0.20 * 0.7845)) = 22.384 * 0.8431 = 18.872 lb CO2 per gallon.

Also see the notes under RFTA's biodiesel calculation.

National Renewable Energy Laboratory (1998) "Life Cycle Inventory of Biodiesel and Petroleum Diesel for Use in an Urban Bus," May1998, 314 pp., which concluded that biodiesel reduces net emissions of CO2 by 78.45% compared to petroleum diesel.

Cell: G42

Comment: Rick Heede, 15Nov08:

Marta ignored the net carbon calculation of B20 emission factor in the above cell note and simply used the DOE factor that does not account for carbon inputs to biodiesel production, processing, and transportation. CMS applies the corrected factor for B20 fuel cited in the cell note above based on NREL's study and that accounts for carbon inputs and other biodiesel emission sources such as fertilizer inputs.

Marta Darby, 13Nov08:

From EIA DOE spreadsheet regarding factors. Carbon factor is for B20. The spreadsheet is located in the 2007 Inventory Worksheet folder.

Aspen Emissions Inventory: Commercial Air Travel, 2007

This worksheet estimates gallons of jet fuel consumed and carbon dioxide emissions attributable to revenue-passengers flying into and out of Aspen in 2007. Future emissions inventors need to update enplanement & deplanement data from the Aspen Pitkin Airport staff.

CMS has updated the emission factors for short haul (DEN-ASE), other domestic flights, and international flights based on 2006 or 2007 data. These factors change only slightly from year to year, and future inventors may elect to not update these factors (see worksheet "US Fuel and Emissions 2006").

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MIT Global Airline Industry Program Airline Data Project
web.mit.edu/airlinedata/www/Revenue&Related.html

red data require updating in future inventories Fuel factor: **21.09** lb CO2e per gallon of jet fuel (Table 2c)

Table 1a Fuel and Emissions from passengers flying to and/or out of Aspen Pitkin Airport (ASE), 2007

65.5 % use ASE	Aspen enplanements	US origin	Aspen/Denver leg				US domestic legs				International origin	International legs			
			Miles flown per leg	Total miles	Fuel	Emissions	Miles flown per leg	Total miles	Fuel	Emissions		Miles flown per leg	Total miles	Fuel	Emissions
	passengers	passengers	miles	passenger-miles	gallons	tons CO2e	miles	passenger-miles	gallons	tons CO2e	passengers	miles	passenger-miles	gallons	tons CO2e
		82%	short haul fuel rate:		0.0462	gallons/pax-mile	US domestic fuel rate:		0.0242	gallons/pax-mile	18%	international fuel rate:		0.0178	gallons/pax-mile
			short haul emission factor:		0.9735	lb CO2/pax-mile	US domestic emission factor:		0.5094	lb CO2/pax-mile		international emission factor:		0.3747	lb CO2/pax-mile
Deplanements	177,630	145,657	125	18,207,075	840,532	8,863	975	142,015,185	3,430,421	36,170	31,973	4,875	155,870,325	2,769,320	29,200
Enplanements	183,632	150,578	125	18,822,280	868,933	9,162	975	146,813,784	3,546,333	37,392	33,054	4,875	161,137,080	2,862,893	30,186
Totals	361,262	296,235	na	37,029,355	1,709,466	18,025	na	288,828,969	6,976,754	73,562	65,027	na	317,007,405	5,632,213	59,386

Table 1b Fuel and emissions for commercial air travel via ASE: all travelers

All air travelers using the Aspen Pitkin County Airport

	Total miles	Fuel	Emissions
	passenger-miles	gallons	tons CO2e
Inbound	316,092,585	7,040,273	74,232
Outbound	326,773,144	7,278,160	76,740
Totals	642,865,729	14,318,433	150,973

Table 1c Fuel and emissions for coml air travel via ASE: allocated to Aspen Inventory

All air travelers using the Aspen Pitkin County Airport: allocated to Aspen inventory

70 percent of Table 1b

	Total miles	Fuel	Emissions
	passenger-miles	gallons	tons CO2e
Inbound	221,264,810	4,928,191	51,963
Outbound	228,741,201	5,094,712	53,718
Totals	450,006,010	10,022,903	105,681

allocation factor 70%

Table 2a Fuel and emissions for Aspen residents & visitors using other regional airports, 2007

34.5 % use other airports	DIA , EGE, GJT	US origin	no Aspen/Denver legs				Domestic legs to Denver, Eagle, Grand Junction				International legs to Denver, Eagle, Grand Junction				
			Miles flown per leg	Total miles	Fuel	Emissions	Miles flown per leg	Total miles	Fuel	Emissions	International origin	Miles flown per leg	Total miles	Fuel	Emissions
	passengers	passengers	miles	passenger-miles	gallons	tons CO2e	miles	passenger-miles	gallons	tons CO2e	passengers	miles	passenger-miles	gallons	tons CO2e
		95%	US domestic fuel rate:		0.0242	gallons/pax-mile	US domestic emission factor:		0.5094	lb CO2/pax-mile	5%	international fuel rate:		0.0178	gallons/pax-mile
			US domestic emission factor:		0.5094	lb CO2/pax-mile	international emission factor:		0.3747	lb CO2/pax-mile		international emission factor:		0.3747	lb CO2/pax-mile
Deplanements	93,561	88,883					1,100	97,771,160	2,361,693	24,902	4,678	5,000	23,390,230	415,570	4,382
Enplanements	96,722	91,886					1,100	101,074,782	2,441,493	25,743	4,836	5,000	24,180,570	429,612	4,530
Totals	190,283	180,769					na	198,845,942	4,803,186	50,645	9,514	na	47,570,800	845,182	8,912

Table 2b Fuel and emissions for commercial air travel via regional airports: all travelers

All air travelers using the Aspen Pitkin County Airport

	Total miles	Fuel	Emissions
	passenger-miles	gallons	tons CO2e
Inbound	121,161,389	2,777,263	29,283
Outbound	125,255,352	2,871,105	30,273
Totals	246,416,742	5,648,368	59,556

Table 2c Fuel and emissions for coml air travel via regional airports: allocated to Aspen Inventory

All air travelers using the Aspen Pitkin County Airport: allocated to Aspen inventory

70 percent of Table 1b

	Total miles	Fuel	Emissions
	passenger-miles	gallons	tons CO2e
Inbound	84,812,972	1,944,084	20,498
Outbound	87,678,747	2,009,773	21,191
Totals	172,491,719	3,953,858	41,689

allocation factor 70%

Note 1: we have not included the related global warming impacts of high-altitude aircraft operations such as vapor trail formation, N₂O, particulates, etc.
www.aspenzgreen.com/offsets_calculator_air.cfm

Cell: C16

Comment: Rick Heede (2Mar09):

Ulane: website PDF data is incorrect. CMS corrects 2007 entries to: 183,632 enplanements & 177,630 deplanements.

Rick Heede (27Feb09):

Revised data from Ulane (via 11Feb09 ASE Passenger Report as PDF from website) shows increase in 2007 enplanements (192,917 pax) and deplanements (187,072, total 379,989. (Previous data totals 361,262 pax.)

FY: 2008 enplanements (185,711 pax) and deplanements (179,315), total 365,026 pax.

Rick Heede (23Dec08):

Passengers deplaning and enplaning at Aspen are nearly identical in 2004 vs 2007 (respective totals are 362,105 vs 361,262 passengers). However, 2006 was substantially higher at 401,303 passengers, and 2008 is also ahead of 2007 at 387,799 passengers through October; if Nov08 & Dec08 equal same months in 2007, total 2008 would reach 440,252.

ASE data from www.aspenairport.com/pdf/passenger_report.pdf

Cell: D16

Comment: Rick Heede:

(2005): The 80/20 split between domestic and international originations is based on winter visitors flying into Aspen. Data from Aspen Skiing Company.

Jan09 update with ASC (Bob Bayless, 970-300-7040): international origins slightly up to estimated 82 percent domestic and 18 percent international.

Cell: E16

Comment: Rick Heede:

The direct air distance between Aspen and Denver is 125 miles (great circle distance as calculated by the Canary air travel calculator at www.aspenzgreen.com/offsets_calculator_air.cfm). In practice, the actual flight path over Red Table VOR en route to ASE is closer to 140 miles. CMS uses the direct distance.

Cell: F16

Comment: Rick Heede:

Passengers in both direction times miles flown for the Denver to Aspen leg equals total passenger-miles.

Cell: G16

Comment: Rick Heede:

Fuel rate is calculated for each type of flight. See the worksheet "US Coml Ave 2006" for details.

The calculation is total passenger-miles for enplanements and deplanements times the fuel rate for each type of flight (in gallons per passenger-mile flown) divided by 2000 lb/ton.

Cell: H16

Comment: Rick Heede:

CO2 emissions are calculated for each type of flight -- ASE-DEN, other US domestic flights, and international flights. See the worksheet "US Coml Ave 2006" for details.

The calculation is total passenger-miles for enplanements and deplanements times the emission factor for each type of flight (in lb CO2 per passenger-mile flown) divided by 2000 lb/ton.

Cell: I16

Comment: Rick Heede:

2005: The average "passenger trip" in 2002 was 850 miles. Davis, Stacy C. (2004) Transportation Energy Data Book 2004, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN, Table 9.2. We assume 1,100 miles per trip in lieu of the longer distance traveled by domestic visitors to Aspen.

LAX to Aspen (via DEN, 730 + 130 miles) 860 miles, LGA to ASE is 1,770 miles, MIA to ASE is 1,800 miles, Chicago ORD to ASE is 1,010 miles, Houston is 914 miles, Washington DC is 1,570 miles. Since NY/NJ/PA, Chicago, and LA are the three most important originations for winter visitors, we use 1,100 miles as a reasonable average flying distance for year-round travel distances.

Based on a conversation with Kris McKinnon, ASC Mng Dir Worldwide Marketing. Air travel distances from www.webflyer.com

Jan09 update: MIT data * shows average stage length for US domestic commercial aircraft was 1,095 miles in 2007. While this does equal average trip distance flown -- which is presumably longer than stage distance -- it does support CMS use of 1,100 miles to estimate average domestic air travel distance for Aspen in 2007.

* Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Global Airline Industry Program, Airline Data Project, web.mit.edu/airlinedata/www/Revenue&Related.html

Cell: M16

Comment: Rick Heede:

Jan09: International visitors comprise roughly 18 percent of winter visitors, according to Aspen Skiing Company data (personal communication, 2Jan09). The precise fraction is proprietary to ASC. This does NOT equal year-round average of visitors to Aspen or Valley resident travel, hence this percentage may be adjusted. This is a slight change from the 2004 estimated value of 20 percent international.

Cell: N16

Comment: Rick Heede:

We estimate that the average international visitor (and international travel by outbound residents) is ~5,000 miles, which is likely conservative. This is equivalent to a flight from London to Aspen (4,770 miles) or Paris (4,980 miles). Rio de Janeiro is 5,930 miles, Sydney is 8,220 miles, and Tokyo is 5,720 miles. Of course, a number of visitors fly in from Canada, Mexico, Venezuela, and other closer countries to average out the number of visitors from Australia and elsewhere in Asia.

The three most important international markets for the Aspen Skiing Company (personal communication 17Aug05) are the UK, Australia, and Brazil.

Cell: N38

Comment: Rick Heede (Jan09):

CMS analyzed the Pitkin County air travel results. First, when business owners, voters, and assessors list of homeowners were asked "What airport do you use most often to fly in and out of this area?" the respondents often selected more than one airport, and thus the sum totaled more than 100 percent. CMS harmonized the responses to 100 percent to calculate the relative values of the responses for each group as follows:

On average, Aspen Pitkin Airport was used by 56.76 percent of respondents, 28.72 percent used Denver International, and 14.51 percent used GJT or EGE or other regional airports.

CMS note, Jan09: We do not change the proportion between Aspen and other airports in the 2007 emissions inventory so as to keep the basic metrics comparable; that is, CMS uses the 2004 percentage of 65.5 percent ASE and 34.5 percent non-ASE. If future inventors determine that a larger proportion of Aspen visitors use non-ASE airports, perhaps based on a future travel survey, this proportion should be revised.

Rick Heede:

2005: An average of 65.5 percent of visitors and residents of Aspen who do fly do so in and out of the Aspen Airport, according to the Pitkin County Survey. 31.8 percent travel to DIA for flights, although GJT, EGE, and other airports are also used.

In other words, we estimate that an additional amount of travelers and miles flown depart from other airports. The number of travellers using other airports is thus $(1-0.655)/0.655$ times = 0.526718 times the respective deplanements and enplanements at Aspen Pitkin Airport.

This datum averages respondents from the business surveys, voter surveys, and assessor surveys collected by Linda Venturoni (2004) 2004 Pitkin County Community Survey, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments, slide 21; www.nwc.cog.co.us

Cell: D41

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS assumes that the proportion between US and international origins shifts for non-Aspen airports. CMS assumes that 95 percent of non-Aspen visitors originate in the U.S., and 5 percent originate internationally.

Cell: B61

Comment: Rick Heede:

Such impacts have been estimated to range between two to 3.5 times the impact of converting jet fuel to carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

IPCC (1999) Aviation and the Global Atmosphere - Summary for Policymakers.

CMS investigated the state of the art of non-CO2 radiative forcing (RF), and concluded -- chiefly on the basis of Wuebbles (2006) and Sausen et al (2007) -- that RF contributes 1.83 times the RF of CO2 alone. Aspen's canary Initiative air travel calculator (see www.aspengreen.com/offsets_calculator_air.cfm) makes RF calculations and offset costs voluntary.

Aspen Emissions Inventory: General Aviation, 2007

The Aspen Pitkin Airport handled 32,848 general aviation & military arrivals and departures in 2007. This worksheet develops a profile of the typical aircraft and missions flown, ie, size, performance, fuel flow, distance flown, and total carbon dioxide emissions for the flights into and out of Aspen in 2007. See comment at B4. Air line operations totalled 9,500 arrivals and departures (see Commercial Aviation worksheet for details).

See comment E4

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Future emissions inventories may simply update operational data from (available from the Airport staff) and Air Ambulance operations (available from Pitkin County Emergency Services). Future inventories may also change fuel consumption rates, aircraft performance, and other factors.

Average 1,000 nm flight: **6.94 tons CO2e**

Table 1

Jet Turbine Aircraft Operations

	Total GA Operations	Jet aircraft (percent)	Jet operations	Fuel consumption 1,000 nm trip (gal)	Total jet fuel (gallons)	Fuel emission factor lb per gallon	CO2e emissions tons CO2e	Allocated to Aspen percent	CO2e emissions tons CO2e	Carbon metric tonnes C
Total general aviation operations:	22,039	75%	16,529	658	10,875,012	21.088	114,665	70%	80,266	21,905
Total Air Taxi operations:	9,578	90%	8,620	658	5,671,448	21.088	59,799	70%	41,860	11,424
Total military operations	45	75%	34	658	22,205	21.088	234	70%	164	45
Total GA plus Air Taxi operations:	31,662	na	25,183	na	16,568,665	21.088	174,699		122,289	33,374
Total jet fuel & CO2e emissions					16,568,665	21.088	174,699		122,289	33,374

Table 2

Turbo Prop Aircraft Operations

	Total GA Operations	Turboprops (percent)	Turboprop operations	Fuel consumption 600 nm trip (gal)	Total jet fuel (gallons)	Fuel emission factor lb per gallon	CO2e emissions tons CO2e	Allocated to Aspen percent	CO2e emissions tons CO2e	Carbon metric tonnes C
Total GA operations:	22,039	15%	3,306	195	644,009	21.088	6,790	70%	4,753	1,297
Total Air Taxi ops:	9,578	10%	958	195	186,588	21.088	1,967	70%	1,377	376
Total military operations	45	25%	11	195	2,192	21.088	23	70%	16	4
Total GA plus AT ops:	31,662	na	4,275	na	832,789	21.088	8,781		6,147	1,677
Total jet fuel & CO2e emissions					832,789	21.088	8,781		6,147	1,677

Table 3

Air Ambulance Flights (helicopters & fixed-wing)

	Total Operations	Trip distance Roundtrip (hrs)	Fuel rate (gallons/hr)	Fuel consumption gallons	Fuel emission factor lb per gallon	CO2e emissions tons CO2e	Allocated to Aspen percent	CO2e emissions tons CO2e	Carbon metric tonnes C	
Air ambi fixed-wing flights:	47	1.50	60	4,230	18.355	39	70%	27	7	
Air ambi helicopter flights:	47	1.50	80	5,640	21.088	59	70%	42	11	
Total Air Amulance operations:	94	na	140	9,870		98		69	19	
Total avgas & jet fuel & emissions					9,870		98		69	19

Table 4

Civil, Local, & Itinerant Flights (piston aircraft)

	Total Operations	Trip distance (hrs)	Fuel rate (gallons/hr)	Fuel consumption gallons	Fuel emission factor lb per gallon	CO2e emissions tons CO2e	Allocated to Aspen percent	CO2e emissions tons CO2e	Carbon metric tonnes C	
Gen'l Aviation - piston aircraft	2,204	3.00	20	132,234	18.355	1,214	70%	850	232	
Local sightseeing, T&Gs, training	1,186	1.50	16	28,464	18.355	261	70%	183	50	
Total GA piston + "Civil" ops:	3,390	na	na	160,698		1,475		1,032	282	
Total AvGas & emissions					160,698		1,475		1,032	282

Table 5

Total fuel and emissions from General Aviation using Aspen Pitkin County Airport and attributed to Aspen inventory

	Fuel consumption gallons	CO2e emissions tons CO2e	Carbon metric tonnes C
Total fuel and emissions by GA aircraft using the Aspen Pitkin Airpor	12,300,415	129,537	35,352

Table 6

Allocation of total fuel and emissions to communities in the Roaring Fork Valley

	Fuel consumption gallons	CO2e emissions tons CO2e	Carbon metric tonnes C
Roaring Fork Valley community			
City of Aspen emission boundary (modified UGB)	70%	12,300,415	129,537
Town of Snowmass Village & Brush Creek & Wildcat	20%	3,514,404	37,011
Rest of Pitkin County	6%	1,054,321	11,103
Garfield and Eagle County	4%	702,881	7,402
Total fuel and emissions by GA aircraft using the Aspen Pitkin Airpor	17,572,022	185,053	50,503

Average private jet

B&CA average jet:	3.40	tons CO2/hr
CMS calculation, ave je	2.98	tons CO2/hr

Cell: E4**Comment:** Rick Heede (Jan09):

CMS has revised the average fuel performance by relying on the average fuel flow for all 141 production and in-service but out-of-production aircraft published in Business & Commercial Aviation's Operations Planning Guide (see cell note at G 14). The average 1,000 nm mission consumes 658 gallons of jet fuel.

Rick Heede (2005):

A survey of jet turbine aircraft parked at Aspen Base Operations and Airport ramps totaled 38 on 30Jul05 in size ranging from light Cessna Citations and LearJets to large Gulfstream and Challenger aircraft with ramp weights from 10,800 to 91,400 lb.

The preponderance of aircraft were of the heavier, longer-range, larger-capacity variety of personal or corporate jets. We averaged the fuel consumption for a basket of business jets from the Citation Bravo up to the Gulfstream 550.* The eleven jets sampled average 674 gallons (4,517 lb) of jet fuel for a 1,000 nautical mile trip, which is a standard operational and cost estimation mission in the jet fleet management business. This also equals the performance of a Bombardier Challenger 604 and 1.11 times the fuel consumption of a Raytheon Hawker 800 XP -- both typical of the variety of aircraft flying into Aspen. **

It is likely that the selected baseline trip of 1,000 nm is conservative relative to the origins and destinations of the "average" flight to Aspen. It is, however, a standard industry measure, and fuel consumption data will be published annually for a variety of production aircraft.

Another conservatism in the 2004 fuel and carbon emissions estimate is that we have used the fuel performance of mostly new production models, and the fleet average is somewhat lower fuel performance than the new aircraft. Specific fuel consumption for each type of aircraft has (and will continue to) improve.

Finally, we have not accounted for the other atmospheric impacts of burning jet fuel at high altitudes, namely vapor trail formation, particulates such as sulfur dioxide, NOx, and other impacts on the radiative balance of the atmosphere. Some researchers estimate such impacts are approximately 1.5 to 3.5 times the direct impact of the carbon emissions. See IPCC 1999.

* Citation Bravo (371 gallons) up to the Gulfstream III (1,069 gallons). Other aircraft performance in our review (all fuel consumption per 1,000 nm mission): Lear 45 (433 gallons); Lera 60 (477 gallons); Hawker 800XP (604 gallons); Citation X (576 gallons); Falcon 2000 (540 gallons); Challenger 604 (674 gallons); Gulfstream 550 (834 gallons), Gulfstream G-III (1,069 gallons); Gulfstream G-IV (972 gallons); and Gulfstream G-V (865 gallons). See Business & Commercial Aviation (2004) Operations Planning Guide, pp. 56-85. A "mission" includes fuel consumed for a typical sequence from start, taxi, clearance, take-off, climb, cruise, descent, landing, and taxi to stop.

** The Hawker 800XP specification sheet (www.raytheonaircraft.com/hawker/) lists trip fuel used for a 1,000 nm trip (with 4 passengers) as 4,069 lb. The flight time is 2 hrs 25 minutes, or 4,069 lb / 6.7 lb/gallon = 607 gallons; 607 gallons / 145 minutes = 4.19 gallons per minute. This means an average fuel rate 1.90 "miles per gallon" for the whole trip, with better cruise performance once the aircraft is at altitude. With six passengers, this equates to 1.85 lb CO2 per passenger-mile (compare to air carriers' average of 0.574 lb CO2 per passenger-mile).

A Gulfstream G-IV will use ~0.97 gallons fuel per nm, or 1.18 statute mpg, and a 1,000 nm trip would emit 10.25 tons of carbon dioxide (2.54 tonnes carbon). With eight passengers this means an emissions rate of 2.23 lb CO2 per passenger mile. This "Hummer of the Sky" is outperformed (in terms of fuel, not time efficiency) by a street Hummer H2 at ~9 mpg and four on-board: 0.54 lb CO2 per pax-mile. Or roughly equivalent if the Hummer is transporting only the driver (2.17 lb CO2/pax-mile).

However, "the larger the aircraft the fewer the passengers" seems to hold true at Aspen's GA operations. Gulfstream aircraft -- often configured for eight or nine passengers -- typically carry one or two passengers. With two passengers, a 1,000 nm trip in a G-II would consume about 1,220 gallons of fuel and emit 12.84 tons of CO2 or 11.2 lb CO2 per passenger-mile (25,680 lb CO2 / 1,151 miles / 2 pax).

The G-IV will use an average of 7.1 gallons per minute, or 7.6 ounces per second. On take-off, however, the older G-II will consume 12,000 lb/hr at full thrust (three times cruise fuel consumption of 4,000 lb/hr). 12,000 lb/hr = 200 lb/min = 3.33 lb/sec = 0.5 gallons/sec = 10.5 lb CO2/sec = 1.3 kgC/sec.

Cell: E14**Comment:** Rick Heede:

As in 2004, CMS estimates that 75 percent of GA LTO operations at Aspen are by jet aircraft. While this may be conservative (see Brad Rolf's work for the Airport inventory that suggests 65 percent are jets (if single and twin internal combustion engine [ICE] aircraft are included), and as high as 89.7 percent of jets + turboprops (11,361 jets of 12,659 jet + turbo-prop total). However, Rolf's data has not been verified (e.g., allegedly from FAA data, but only documents 17,487 LTOs in an undocumented year, and ASE logs ~34,000 LTOs in recent years. See worksheet "GA Chart 2007" for Aspen LTO data.

Cell: G14**Comment:** Rick Heede:

CMS modified the fuel rate calculation as follows (fuel rate is linked to the worksheet on "GA fuel performance data" in this workbook) but uses the same average flight distance of 1,000 nautical miles for aircraft arriving and departing from Aspen in 2007 as in the 2004 inventory:

The 2004 rate (see comment Cell B4 in the 2004 worksheet) was 674 gallons for a 1,000 nm trip by the average jet operating out of Aspen based on a CSM aircraft type survey of Aspen aircraft;

The CMS worksheet (JetCalculatorAspen2008.xls) on all production and operating out-of-production jet aircraft averaged 658 gallons for a 1,000 nm mission; this is based on mission fuel consumption rates for 112 in-service private jets (thus not including performance data for 35 turbo-prop aircraft in the section below) based in turn on 2007 fuel data in the Aug07 issue of Business & Commercial Aviation magazine;

Brad Rolf's background work on the Aspen Pitkin Airport emissions inventory detailed LTOs by aircraft type (collected by the FAA Control Tower at Aspen). CMS did a weighted calculation of average fuel consumption weighted for LTO by aircraft type (by using BC&A data on fuel consumption by AC type) that estimated average fuel consumption for jets only of 0.556 gallons per statute mile, 1.797 mpg, and 640 gallons per 1,000 nm flight. However, Rolf did not respond to requests for confirmation of data source, year, FAA's alleged categorization of aircraft types (all single engine ICE ac were called Cessna 182 or Beech Baron 58). Hence CMS does not rely on the data.

CMS applies the CMS / B&CA mission fuel consumption data for all jets for a 1,000 nm flight: 658 gallons per 1,000 nm mission. Note: "mission" includes start-up, taxi and ground operations, take-off and climb, cruise, descent, and

landing. Note: CMS has calculated fuel performance for light to extended range jet aircraft, categories 2-6 in the attached worksheet "GA fuel performance data."

Cell: I14

Comment: Rick Heede:

Jet fuel factor is typically cited (e.g., by EPA and EIA) as 21.095 lb CO₂ per gallon (based on 19.33 kg carbon per million Btu). CMS -- in the attached worksheet "US Coml Ave 2006" -- accounts for 1 percent of liquid fuel not combusted to CO₂ (per EPA and IPCC) and also accounts for associated methane and nitrous oxide emissions (EIA fuel factors for Jet fuel). The net result is 21.088 lb CO₂e per gallon of jet fuel.

Cell: M15

Comment: Rick Heede:

We convert short tons (2000 lb) of carbon dioxide to metric tonnes of carbon at CO₂/C = 3.664191. From Kevin Baumert, World Resources Institute, May05: "CO₂ conversion is, precisely: C=12.0107 + O=15.9994 x 2 = 44.0095/12.0107 = 3.664191"

Cell: G25

Comment: Rick Heede (Jan09):

CMS uses the same average flight distance of 600 nm for turboprop aircraft as in the 2004 inventory.

Rick Heede (2004):

A 600 n-mile mission in a turboprop averages ~2.5 hours at a fuel burn of ~80 gallons per hour (range for production aircraft is on the order of 58 gallons per hour for a Cessna Grand caravan to Beech King Air 350 at 112 gallons per hour).

Source: Business & Commercial Aviation (2004) "2004 Operations Planning Guide," pp. 60 & 78.

Cell: I25

Comment: Rick Heede:

Turboprop aircraft use jet fuel. See note above.

Cell: E36

Comment: Rick Heede:

John Eisler: Info from Ellen Anderson, Pitkin County Emergency Management Coordinator 920-5234 on 5Aug08. Most of fixed were props.

Cell: I36

Comment: Rick Heede:

Turboprop aircraft use jet fuel. See note above.

Cell: C39

Comment: Rick Heede:

Flight for Life data from Pitkin County Emergency Services (Rich Walker, Director), 20July2005.

Total helicopter flights in 2004: 47;

Total fixed-wing flights in 2004: 55.

We assume that each flight is 120 miles each way, 240 miles roundtrip (and represent an average of a flight to Grand Junction and a flight to the Front Range; in 2004, flights to each area were roughly fifty-fifty).

We use the Eurocopter BK-117 helicopter to estimate fuel consumption rate for emergency choppers (the BK-117 is frequently used in such service). It is an 8 passenger helicopter originally designed in 1977. In the EMS configuration it is capable of carrying a pilot, patient and 5 other passengers or a pilot, two patients and three other passengers. It is powered by two 700 horsepower Lycoming LTS 101-750-B1 engines. The craft uses 80 gallons of jet fuel per hour of operation, max speed in 150 knots (173 mph). www.flightforlife.net/aircraft.htm

Thus, a typical flight from Grand Junction or the Front Range of 120 miles takes approximately 45 minutes each way and would consume an estimated 120 gallons round trip.

Cell: E46

Comment: Rick Heede:

The FAA data on Landing and TakeOffs (LTOs) lacks detail about type of aircraft using Aspen. The majority are itinerant (non-local), and CMS has allocated 10 percent of all itinerant LTOs as piston-powered single and twin aircraft using Aviation Gasoline (AvGas). Plus CMS adds all local civilian aircraft LTOs as piston-powered. In 2007, this equals 2,204 LTO plus 1,186 LTO = 3,390 LTO.

Cell: I46

Comment: Rick Heede:

Aviation gasoline (AvGas) has an emission factor of 18.355 lb CO₂ per gallon; source EIA 1605 program.

Cell: C48

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS allocates 10 percent of total GA operations in 2007 to single-engine and twin piston aircraft. Note: same fraction as in the 2004 inventory.

Cell: C49

General Aviation 2007

Comment: Rick Heede:

Data for total Civil operations ("C") is from the FAA via David Ulane of the Aspen Pitkin Airport and tracked yearly by airport operations staff.

The FAA-designated and recorded "Civil" flights are typically locally-based aircraft and Flights for Life (EMS). The locally-based flights are air training, sightseeing, touch-and-goes (TGs), and similar flights that originate and return to Aspen.

We subtract Pitkin Emergency Services "Flight for Life" operations for 2004 (see above) and allocate the remainder to such local flights, which we estimate are of 1.5 hr duration and of an aircraft mix of piston twins and singles burning 16 gallons per hour.

Cell: B66

Comment: Rick Heede:

Bus & Coml Aviation, July 2008, page 34: FSI quoted that simulators use ~0.07 metric tonnes CO₂ per hour compared to the average business aircraft emits ~3.08 tCO₂ per hour. Converts to 3.4 tons CO₂ per hour.

Alternate CMS calculation, based on guesstimate average speed of 1,000 nm and 2h+20m equals 493 mph and 429 kn, then average fuel consumption is 283 gallons per hour, 5,966 lb CO₂/hr, and 2.98 tons CO₂/hr.

**Aspen/Pitkin County Airport
Total Passenger Enplanements**

From David Ulane to Heede/CMS

7-Jan-09

Last modified: 18 April 2009

Enplanement and deplanement data for Aspen Pitkin County Airport, commercial aviation, 2003 - 2009

	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009	
	Enplaned	Deplaned	Enplaned	Deplaned	Enplaned	Deplaned	Enplaned	Deplaned	Enplaned	Deplaned	Enplaned	Deplaned	Enplaned	Deplaned
January	28,646	25,724	25,831	23,385	26,765	24,990	29,096	26,488	26,419	24,238	29,124	26,305		
February	27,898	29,246	25,051	24,505	26,224	24,321	27,294	27,412	25,494	25,132	28,732	28,941		
March	32,940	31,333	29,728	28,332	30,030	28,751	31,657	29,637	29,106	26,509	32,801	30,188		
April*	12,011	7,521	10,574	7,959	10,908	7,020	11,122	7,976	7,372	3,966	12,346	7,847		
May*	6,190	7,165	6,695	6,472	6,540	7,456	7,370	7,678	-	-	9,343	9,605		
June*	11,702	14,101	12,227	14,348	12,590	11,874	12,075	14,071	10,722	13,791	15,772	18,298		
July	16,590	17,728	16,067	16,257	16,259	16,963	18,548	18,467	19,401	18,776	22,726	22,576		
August	17,835	16,564	18,671	14,879	17,987	16,460	20,144	18,504	19,774	18,062	24,343	22,226		
September	10,306	8,537	8,590	7,747	12,824	12,295	13,473	11,672	12,286	10,490	14,416	12,405		
October	6,727	5,424	8,430	7,112	9,377	5,911	9,279	8,006	9,239	8,032	10,456	9,349		
November	5,549	6,017	6,857	7,555	7,170	7,399	7,521	7,871	7,899	8,746	7,637	8,531		
December	18,145	12,458	14,998	20,286	17,679	22,554	15,937	20,005	15,920	19,888	16,144	21,178		
Total Passengers:	194,539	181,818	183,719	178,837	194,353	185,994	203,516	197,787	183,632	177,630	223,840	217,449		

*The Airport was closed from April 9, 2007 through June 7, 2007 for runway rehabilitation
CMS note: 2008 enplanement and deplanement data updated from a file sent by Ulane, 16Jan09.

Historic Revenue Passenger Enplanements & Deplanements, 1998 - 2012

Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Enplanement	248,510	213,903	214,816	187,622	183,704	194,539	183,719	194,353	203,516	183,632	223,840				
Deplanement	na	na	na	na	na	181,818	178,837	185,994	197,787	177,630	217,449				
Total Enp + Depl						376,357	362,556	380,347	401,303	361,262	441,289	-	-	-	-

Analysis of "missing" PAX and "additional" emissions due to runway closure

18-Apr-09

	Apr-Jun06	Apr-Jun07	Apr-Jun08	Ave 06 & 08
Pax Apr-Jun	60,292	35,851	73,211	66,752
Percent of annual total	15.02%	9.92%	16.59%	15.81%
Total annual Pax	401,303	361,262	441,289	421,296
Additional PAX if ASE not closed Apr-Jun07:		30,901		
Total Apr-Jun07		66,752		
Percent adder to 2007 total PAX:		8.55%		
Total 2007 ASE air travel:	105,750	tons CO2e		
"Additional" emissions:	9,045	tons CO2e		

Aspen Pax 1998-2008

Cell: F11

Comment: Rick Heede:

Data from Ulane, 15Aug05 Aspen Passenger report for 2003 & 2004. This data was used in the CMS inventory for Aspen, year 2004.

Cell: N11

Comment: Rick Heede:

Airport passenger data from Ulane's "AirportPassengerRpt2008" for 2006 to 2008, received 16Jan09.

Cell: H38

Comment: Rick Heede:

Airport Total, 2005 deplanements, Ulane Aug2005. His datum for enplanements differs slightly: 194,539 pax.

Aspen Inventory 2007: US commercial fleet average emission factor

Richard Heede
Climate Mitigation Services
Snowmass, Colorado
File Started: 22 December 2008
File last modified: 2 January 2009

IPCC Global Warming Potential (GWP), FAR 2007
GWP factor methane, FAR: 25 x CO2
IPCC FAR: Physical Science Basis, Table 2-14.
GWP factor nitrous, FAR: 298 x CO2

Table 1a Data on fuel, energy, and CO2 emissions for U.S. domestic service, 2006

TEBD 27th edition, data for 2006
Domestic air carriers **1,834** trillion Btu, 2006, Domestic air carriers, TEBD Table 2.5
International air carriers **406** trillion btu, international air carriers, 2006
General aviation **221** trillion btu, general aviation, 2006 (jet fuel only)

TEBD 27, 2008, Table 2-12: certificated route

6,003 vehicle miles (millions)
577,620 passenger-miles (millions)
96,222 load factor (persons/veh)
313,776 Btu per vehicle-mile
3,261 Btu per passenger-mile
1,884 Total energy use (trillion Btu)
135,000 heat content (Btu per gallon)

ORNL Transportation Energy Data Book
<http://cta.ornl.gov/data/index.shtml>

Table 1b

0.0242 gallons per pax-mile, 2006
21.09 lb CO2e per gallon of jet fuel (Table 2c)

CMS, U.S. domestic service, 2006 **0.5094** US average lb CO2e/passenger-mile, 2006

DEFRA, "long-haul" service, 2007 **0.3747** lb CO2/passenger-mile (international)

CMS, ASE-DEN short haul service **0.9735** lb CO2/passenger-mile (DEN-ASE)

Table 3 Airline Fuel Cost and Consumption (All carriers - Scheduled)

	Domestic			International			Total		
	Consumption	Cost	Cost per Gallon	Consumption	Cost	Cost per Gallon	Consumption	Cost	Cost per Gallon
	(million gallons)	(million dollars)	(dollars)	(million gallons)	(million dollars)	(dollars)	(million gallons)	(million dollars)	(dollars)
2000	13,904	\$ 10,811	\$ 0.78	5,123	\$ 4,388	\$ 0.86	19,026	\$ 15,198	\$ 0.80
2001	13,112	\$ 10,025	\$ 0.76	4,956	\$ 3,990	\$ 0.81	18,068	\$ 14,014	\$ 0.78
2002	12,287	\$ 8,603	\$ 0.70	4,572	\$ 3,335	\$ 0.73	16,859	\$ 11,938	\$ 0.71
2003	12,417	\$ 10,315	\$ 0.83	4,451	\$ 3,838	\$ 0.86	16,868	\$ 14,154	\$ 0.84
2004	13,380	\$ 15,141	\$ 1.13	4,765	\$ 5,691	\$ 1.19	18,145	\$ 20,832	\$ 1.15
2005	13,271	\$ 21,658	\$ 1.63	5,040	\$ 8,601	\$ 1.71	18,311	\$ 30,258	\$ 1.65
2006	12,907	\$ 24,881	\$ 1.93	5,221	\$ 10,536	\$ 2.02	18,128	\$ 35,417	\$ 1.95
2007	12,877	\$ 26,628	\$ 2.07	5,428	\$ 11,684	\$ 2.15	18,304	\$ 38,312	\$ 2.09
2008 (Jan-Oct)	10,468	\$ 32,611	\$ 3.12	4,671	\$ 15,759	\$ 3.37	15,138	\$ 48,369	\$ 3.20

Table 4 FAA / Bureau of Transportation Statistics

	Scheduled Service						All Services		
	Revenue Pax Enplanements	Revenue Pax ton-miles	Rev. Freight ton-miles	Over-all avail ton-miles	Over-all rev. load factor	Aircraft Rev. Departures	Revenue Pax ton-miles	Rev. Freight ton-miles	Over-all avail ton-miles
	millions	millions	millions	millions	percent	millions	millions	millions	
2000	666	69,250	21,143	158,878	58.4%	9.0	70,800	30,221	172,574
2004	703	73,368	26,682	171,650	59.0%	11.4	75,207	37,958	171,650
2005	739	77,901	26,841	178,969	59.2%	11.6	79,512	39,292	200,282
2006	744	79,680	28,233	179,454	60.8%	11.3	80,946	39,754	198,937
2007	769	82,849	28,585	184,759	60.8%	11.4	84,098	39,842	204,328

Airline Activity, Oct06-Sep07, National Summary, U.S. Flights: 676 million passengers www.transtats.bts.gov/

Table 2a Calculation of emission coefficients for Jet Fuel

19.33 kgC/million Btu (EPA 2008: Annex 2: Methodology, Table A-30)
70.83 kg CO2/million Btu (CMS result above)
42.61 lb C/million Btu
3.66 CO2/C
156.15 lb CO2 "content"/million Btu
135,000 heat content of Jet Fuel (Btu per gallon)
7.41 gallons per million Btu
21.08 lb CO2 "content"/gallon
0.99 oxydation factor (per IPCC 1997; EPA Annex 2: Methodology)
20.87 lb CO2 emission factor per gallon of Jet Fuel, 2006

Table 2b Methane & nitous oxide emission coefficients (Jet Fuel, per EIA 1605)

70.88 kg CO2/million Btu (EIA 2008 Form 1605 Instructions, App'x H: Fuel Emission Factors)
0.27 g CH4/gallon Jet Fuel
0.01 kg CO2e of methane emissions per gallon Jet
0.31 g N2O /gallon Jet Fuel
0.09 kg CO2e of nitrous emissions per gallon Jet
0.10 kg CO2e (methane + nitrous) per gallon Jet Fuel
70.98 Final total EIA: kg CO2e per gallon

Table 2c Final CMS-calculated jet fuel coefficient w methane & nitrous & oxidation factor

70.93 CMS: kg CO2e per gallon (no methane & nitrous, before oxidation factor)
21.080 lb CO2 "content" per gallon (before oxidation factor)
20.869 lb CO2 emission factor per gallon (with oxidation factor applied)
0.219 lb CO2e (methane + nitrous) per gallon Jet Fuel
21.299 CMS: lb CO2e per gallon before oxidation factor

21.088 Final total CMS: lb CO2e per gallon Jet Fuel with oxidation factor
CMS uses this factor in Aspen GHG aviation emissions, 2006, and includes methane and nitrous oxide emissions & oxidation factor (99 percent)
156.21 lb CO2e per million Btu

Table 2d Average per passenger-mile emission factors, various sources & years

year	lb CO2/pax-mild	notes
Sep06-Dec08	0.5452	CMS field research: 37 US flights average
Sep06-Dec08	0.4279	37 flights: total CO2 / (total miles * ave pax load)
2004 (TEBD)	0.5740	CMS: US domestic average (TEBD-25)
2005 (TEBD)	0.5048	CMS: US domestic average (TEBD-26)
2006 (TEBD)	0.5094	CO2e; CMS: US domestic average (TEBD-27)

Table 2e TEBD 27, 2008, Table 9-2: U.S. domestic & international certificated route

8,220 vehicle miles (millions)
810,098 passenger-miles (millions)
3,266 Btu per passenger-mile
2,646 Total energy use (trillion Btu)
135,000 heat content (Btu per gallon)
0.0242 gallons per pax-mile, 2006
21.09 lb CO2e per gallon of jet fuel (Table 2c)
0.5102 US average lb CO2e/passenger-mile, 2006

ORNL Transportation Energy Data Book
<http://cta.ornl.gov/data/index.shtml>

CMS note: very slight difference btw Table 1 (domestic) and Table 2e (dom & int).

Cell: M12

Comment: Rick Heede:

Jet fuel varies slightly in quality from year to year (19.40 kgC in 1990, but at 19.33 kgC since 1996; EPA (2008) Inventory of US GHG 1990-2006, Annex 2: Methodology, Table A-30)

Cell: D13

Comment: Rick Heede:

Domestic air carriers' domestic consumption only; see below for international air carriers and general aviation.

Cell: D14

Comment: Rick Heede:

"One half of fuel used by domestic carriers in international operation." Fn C.

Cell: E27

Comment: Rick Heede (Jan09):

CMS re-calculated the emission coefficient for jet fuel in Tables 2a, 2b, and 2c, which is based on EIA and EPA factor of 19.33 kg carbon per million Btu and accounts for both associated methane and nitrous oxide emissions (EIA fuel factors) and the fuel oxidation factor (99 percent oxidation to CO₂). The result is 21.088 lb CO₂e per gallon of jet fuel.

The conventional EIA factor is slightly higher, at 21.095 lb CO₂ per gallon, since the methane and nitrous adjustment compensates for EIA's non-consideration of the oxidation factor (although the EPA and IPCC list the oxidation factor as 99 percent, as used here).

Cell: E30

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS adopts DEFRA emission factor for "long haul" (>6,482 km or 4,028 miles), revised in 2007 to 0.1056 kg CO₂ per passenger km, which converts to 0.3747 lb CO₂ per passenger-mile. CMS uses this factor for international flights in the Aspen GHG inventory for 2007.

CMS note: while DEFRA is the oft-cited source (e.g. basis for WRI's air travel factors), CMS considers this factor on the high side for long haul flights. The reason is personal experience and actual fuel consumption data for longer domestic flights taken from Sep06-Dec08 with higher load factors and that trended toward ~0.3 lb CO₂/pax-mile. Some flights with high load factor were lower (e.g. 0.22 lb CO₂/pax-mile). CMS has not taken an international flight in recent years. CMS applies the DEFRA factor but anticipates further research by DEFRA and other institutions will result in lowered emission factors for long haul flights in the near future. Shorter flights, however, are likely to increase toward 1.0 lb CO₂/pax-mile -- up from the current DEFRA datum of 0.561 lb CO₂/pax-mile.

UK DEFRA (2007) Passenger transport emissions factors: Methodology paper, London, 17 pp

Cell: E32

Comment: Rick Heede (Jan09):

CMS has calculated the fuel consumption and emission factor based on CMS acquisition of fuel data and passenger loading for 13 specific flights between Aspen and Denver (ASE & DEN) taken by CMS principal Rick Heede from Sep06 to Dec08.

Emission factors ranged from low of 0.603 lb CO₂ per passenger-mile (DASH-8, 750 lb fuel, 32 of 37 pax, Sep08) to a high of 3.82 lb CO₂ per passenger-mile (CRJ700, 2,452 lb fuel, 16 of 66 pax, Dec08). A simple average of all 13 flights is 1.174 lb CO₂/pax-mile.

A more reasonable calculation is to divide total emissions for all flights (68,412 lb CO₂) by the product of total miles flown (1,704 miles) and average load (41.2 passengers) for an average emission factor of 0.9737 lb CO₂/pax-mile. CMS applies this factor to the Denver to Aspen (and return) portion of each deplaning passenger arriving in Aspen (177,630 pax) or departing Aspen (183,632 pax) in 2007.

Note: CMS will attempt to disaggregate total passenger enplanements heading to Denver vs enplaning on flights with other destinations (e.g., SLC, LAX, CHI, etc).

Cell: N45

Comment: Rick Heede (Jan09):

CMS requested specific fuel consumption data "gate to gate" from the pilot after each of 37 flights taken from Sep06 through Dec08, but excluding 13 legs from Aspen to Denver or vice versa. These flights were chiefly on United Airlines (also Delta and Continental) in Airbus 320s, Boeing 737 and 777 and 767 and 757, Embraer, and CRJ200 and 700 aircraft on distances ranging from 40 to 2900 nmiles and load factors averaging 88.9 percent. Fuel consumption on all 37 flights totaled 430,700 lb, total distance flown was 28,772 miles (24,997 nm), and emissions of 1.34 million lb CO₂. Emissions averaged 0.5452 lb CO₂ per passenger mile for this set of flights. Average load factor of 88.9 percent.

See note below for alternate calculation. CMS field research is presented for comparison purposes only, and are not used to calculate emissions for the Aspen inventory -- except for the short haul between Aspen and Denver for which national or official data is unavailable.

Cell: N46

Comment: Rick Heede:

Instead of averaging the lb CO₂/pax-mile for the 37 flights (as done above), this measure calculates the average differently: total emissions for all flights based on fuel data divided by (total miles flown times average passengers onboard). Which, for the 37 flights Sep-6-Dec08, is 1.34 million lb CO₂ / (28,772 miles times 109 pax) = 0.4279 lb CO₂/pax-mile. This calculation is a reasonable metric, but is made here for comparison purposes only.

Cell: N47

US emission factor 2006

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS calculated average per passenger mile emissions of 0.5740 lb CO₂/pax-mile in 2004 using the same source as the above calculation for 2006: ORNL's TEBD, various tables.

Cell: N48

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS calculated average per passenger mile emissions of 0.5048 lb CO₂/pax-mile in 2005 using the same source as the above calculation for 2006: ORNL's TEBD, various tables.

Cell: N49

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS calculation of ORNL TEBD data for year 2006. Methodology has been revised and improved to account for oxidation factor of 99 percent (ie., non-combustion of 1 percent of the carbon in the fuel) as well as inclusion of methane and nitrous oxide emissions (data from EIA 1605 emission factors). This revision changes the emission factor from 21.095 lb CO₂/pax-mile in 2004 to 21.088 lb CO₂e/pax-mile in 2006.

Performance calculations of private & business aircraft

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 File Started 11 August 2008
 Last Modified: 19 January 2009

The tables below summarize CMS research on aircraft performance of 147 makes and models of private and business jets and turboprops. Not all makes and models use the Aspen Pitkin County Airport (and some large aircraft are too wide and/or cannot safely take off from our high-altitude airport).
 Data from *Business & Commercial Aviation* (2007) "2007 Operations Planning Guide," Aug07.

1 nm = 1.150779 statute mile
 1 sm = 0.868976 nautical mile

Summary & Averages of Production Aircraft

Category	Make	Model	Fuel Expense: \$ per trip					Fuel burn: Gallons per trip					Fuel burn: Gallons per <i>statute</i> mile				
			300 nm	600 nm	1000 nm	3000 nm	6000 nm	300 nm	600 nm	1000 nm	3000 nm	6000 nm	300 nm	600 nm	1000 nm	3000 nm	6000 nm
			<i>equivalent statute miles:</i>					345	690	1,151	3,452	6,905					
Production AC	Average of Category 1 (7 ac)		\$ 463	\$ 844	\$ 1,210			99	180	258			0.286	0.261	0.224		
Out of prod'n	Average of Category 1 (28 ac)		\$ 503	\$ 938	\$ 1,566			107	200	334			0.310	0.290	0.290		
Category average	Average of Category 1 (35 ac)		\$ 493	\$ 914	\$ 1,495			105	195	319			0.304	0.282	0.277		
Production AC	Average of Category 2 (11 ac)		\$ 607	\$ 976	\$ 1,468			129	208	313			0.375	0.301	0.272		
Out of prod'n	Average of Category 2 (22 ac)		\$ 780	\$ 1,324	\$ 2,142			166	282	457			0.481	0.409	0.397		
Category average	Average of Category 2 (33 ac)		\$ 722	\$ 1,208	\$ 1,918			154	258	409			0.446	0.373	0.355		
Production AC	Average of Category 3 (9 ac)		\$ 924	\$ 1,574	\$ 2,507			197	336	535			0.571	0.486	0.465		
Out of prod'n	Average of Category 3 (20 ac)		\$ 939	\$ 1,583	\$ 2,542			200	338	542			0.580	0.489	0.471		
Category average	Average of Category 3 (29 ac)		\$ 934	\$ 1,580	\$ 2,531			199	337	540			0.577	0.488	0.469		
Production AC	Average of Category 4 (4 ac)		\$ 1,136	\$ 1,845	\$ 2,855			242	393	609			0.702	0.570	0.529		
Out of prod'n	Average of Category 4 (5 ac)		\$ 1,183	\$ 2,082	\$ 3,342			252	444	713			0.730	0.643	0.619		
Category average	Average of Category 4 (9 ac)		\$ 1,162	\$ 1,977	\$ 3,126			248	421	666			0.718	0.610	0.579		
Production AC	Average of Category 5 (17 ac)		\$ 1,652	\$ 2,796	\$ 4,332			352	596	924			1.020	0.864	0.803		
Out of prod'n	Average of Category 5 (12 ac)		\$ 1,680	\$ 2,841	\$ 4,510			358	606	962			1.037	0.877	0.836		
Category average	Average of Category 5 (29 ac)		\$ 1,664	\$ 2,815	\$ 4,406			355	600	939			1.027	0.869	0.816		
Production AC	Average of Category 6 (4 ac)				\$ 5,820	\$ 16,589	\$ 35,961			1,241	3,537	7,668		1.078	1.025	1.110	
Out of prod'n	Average of Category 6 (2 ac)				\$ 5,616	\$ 16,152	\$ 32,090			1,197	3,444	6,842		1.041	0.998	0.991	
Category average	Average of Category 6 (6 ac)				\$ 5,752				1,226					1.066	1.016	1.071	
Production AC	Average of Category 1-6 (52 ac)		\$ 1,025	\$ 1,731	\$ 2,991	\$ 16,589	\$ 35,961	218	369	638	3,537	7,668	0.633	0.534	0.510	1.025	1.110
Out of prod'n	Average of Category 1-6 (89 ac)		\$ 870	\$ 1,506	\$ 2,515	\$ 16,152	\$ 32,090	186	321	536	3,444	6,842	0.537	0.465	0.453	0.998	0.991
Category average	Average of Category 1-6 (141 ac)		\$ 927	\$ 1,588	\$ 2,691			198	339	574			0.572	0.490	0.473	1.016	1.071
Category average	Average of Category 2-6 (106 ac)		\$ 1,096	\$ 1,851	\$ 3,086			234	395	658			0.677	0.572	0.572	1.016	1.071

Bus & Coml Aviation, July 2008, page 34: FSI quoted that simulators use ~0.07 metric tonnes CO2 per hour compared to the average business aircraft emits ~3.08 tCO2 per hour.

GA fuel performance data

Cell: U14

Comment: Rick Heede:

CMS bases its calculations on fuel flow per mission length segments published in B&CA Operations Planning Guide. These mission distances are expressed in categories such as 300, 600, 1,000 NAUTICAL miles (nm). Thus, in calculating fuel combustion per statute mile for the Canary/Colorado Governor's Energy Office -- which will use a distance calculator that gives flying distances in statute miles, CMS converts all fuel burn estimates for all makes and models, as well as category averages, into fuel burn per mile. This is accomplished by dividing fuel burn per trip (columns L through P) by, for example, $300 \text{ nm} * 1.1508 \text{ m/nm} = 345.2 \text{ mile}$; ditto for 600 nm, and so forth.

General Aviation, Aspen Pitkin Airport (Sardy Field), 2007

John Eisler
Aspen Canary Initiative
16-Sep-08
Adjustments by Rick Heede
Climate Mitigation Services
20-Jan-09

original FAA data													2007
original FAA data	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Nov	Oct	Dec	2007
Air Taxi	1,124	984	1,355	285	-	1,096	2,063	1,874	1,397	791	725	1,006	12,700
General Aviation	2,336	2,054	2,634	620	-	2,070	3,151	3,145	2,080	1,321	1,243	1,385	22,039
Total												34,739	

adjustment for Dash-8 flights classified by FAA Aspen CT as Air Taxi ops													
Air carrier	910	884	1,026	296	-	517	680	666	246	223	221	709	6,378
Dash-8 adjustment	200	188	248	66	-	306	424	412	460	328	290	200	3,122
Total Air Carrier Ops	1,110	1,072	1,274	362	-	823	1,104	1,078	706	551	511	909	9,500

FAA air carrier data
2xload factor DASH-8

adjusted Air Taxi plus General Aviation results													
Itinerant (non-Carrier)	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Nov	Oct	Dec	2007
Air Taxi (adjusted)	924	796	1,107	219	-	790	1,639	1,462	937	463	435	806	9,578
General Aviation	2,336	2,054	2,634	620	-	2,070	3,151	3,145	2,080	1,321	1,243	1,385	22,039
Military	15	3	-	-	-	10	-	4	7	2	-	4	45
Total itinerant	3,275	2,853	3,741	839	-	2,870	4,790	4,611	3,024	1,786	1,678	2,195	31,662

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Local													
Civilian	52	70	165	42	-	84	114	104	248	84	154	40	1,157
Military	8	2	-	-	-	2	1	10	4	1	1	-	29
Total local	60	72	165	42	-	86	115	114	252	85	155	40	1,186

linked to Table 4

Total air taxi, GA, & local	3,335	2,925	3,906	881	-	2,956	4,905	4,725	3,276	1,871	1,833	2,235	32,848
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Total, all airport operations 2007 42,348

2007	FAA data on "Operations" (landing or takeoff) at Aspen Pitkin Airport													Totals	
	Itinerant								Local						
	Month	Air Carrier	Air Taxi	Air Carrier + Air Taxi	General Aviation	GA Vs. 2006	Military	Total Itinerant	Vs. 2006	Civilian	Military	Total Local	Vs. 2006	2007	Vs. 2006
January	910	1,124	2,034	2,336	15.1%	15	4,385	16.7%	52	8	60	25.0%	4,445	16.8%	
February	884	984	1,868	2,054	-6.8%	3	3,925	-3.2%	70	2	72	-10.0%	3,997	-3.3%	
March	1,026	1,355	2,381	2,634	8.4%	-	5,015	8.8%	165	-	165	166.1%	5,180	10.9%	
April*	296	285	581	620	-58.7%	-	1,201	-52.8%	42	-	42	-19.2%	1,243	-52.1%	
May*	-	-	-	-	-100.0%	-	-	-100.0%	-	-	-	-100.0%	-	-100.0%	
June*	517	1,096	1,613	2,070	-6.6%	10	3,693	-3.5%	84	2	86	-20.4%	3,779	-4.0%	
July	680	2,063	2,743	3,151	4.3%	-	5,894	7.0%	114	1	115	130.0%	6,009	8.1%	
August	666	1,874	2,540	3,145	2.4%	4	5,689	2.1%	104	10	114	442.9%	5,803	3.8%	
September	246	1,397	1,643	2,080	-7.5%	7	3,730	-2.0%	248	4	252	769.0%	3,982	3.8%	
October	223	791	1,014	1,321	9.4%	2	2,337	9.9%	84	1	85	193.1%	2,422	12.3%	
November	221	725	946	1,243	-10.8%	-	2,189	-0.5%	154	1	155	496.2%	2,344	5.3%	
December	709	1,006	1,715	1,385	-36.8%	4	3,104	-22.9%	40	-	40	90.5%	3,144	-22.3%	
Totals	6,378	12,700	19,078	22,039	#DIV/0!	45	41,162	-6.5%	1,157	29	1,186	79.7%	42,348	-5.2%	

Historical Aspen Airport operations data from FAA via David Ulane, Jan09

2008 (Jan-Nov)	7,067	12,141	19,208	18,673		74	37,882		3,512	33	3,540		41,422
2007	6,378	12,700	19,078	22,039		45	41,162		1,157	29	1,186		42,348
2006	5,411	13,847	19,258	24,693		68	44,019		609	51	660		44,679
2005	5,130	12,538	17,668	25,159		65	42,892		1,305	28	1,333		44,225
2004	5,233	12,468	17,701	25,020		72	42,793		1,207	22	1,229		44,022
2003	6,580	10,034	16,614	24,504		116	41,234		1,737	8	1,745		42,979
2002	6,902	10,034	16,936	27,335		92	44,363		2,042	36	2,078		46,441
2001	6,988	9,008	15,996	27,978		75	44,049		1,952	46	1,998		46,047
2000	7,632	7,199	14,831	30,016		167	45,014		3,570	72	3,642		48,656
1999	7,363	3,864	11,227	31,724		217	43,168		3,024	50	3,074		46,242
1998	11,475	4,233	15,708	27,546		66	43,320		2,429	42	2,633		45,953

Cell: K17

Comment: Rick Heede:

David Ulane pointed out that the FAA classifies some air carrier flights as "Air Taxi" (those aircraft carrying fewer than 60 passengers), and that to get an accurate estimate of air taxi operations in 2007 we need to deduct the total number of airline flights that arrive with, in our case, DASH-8 aircraft. This is done using airline load factor data provided by David Ulane for 2007, in which 1,561 DASH-8 landed at ASE. Since the FAA control tower counts both arrivals and landings, we need to count each DASH-8's departure and deduct the sum from FAA data on Air taxi. Thus, in 2007, commercial "air carrier" aircraft total 6,378 plus 3,122 DASH-8s from air taxi equals 9,500 total arriving and departing commercial flights.

Note: commercial air travel fuel and emissions are calculated in the "Commercial Aviation 2007" worksheet and are based on total arriving and departing passengers. This is necessitated by the fact that airlines do not share total fuel consumption for their fleet serving Aspen.

General Aviation & Air Carrier & Air Taxi Operations, Aspen Pitkin Airport, 2004

Richard Heede
Climate Mitigation Services
12-Feb-09

Table 1

Air Carrier operations arriving and departing Aspen, 2004						
2004	Origin & Destination	Aircraft	Passengers	Seats	Arrivals & departures	Load factor
Mesa Airlines	ASE to DEN	Dash-8: 37 seats	25,208	38,443	1,039	65.6%
	ASE to PHX	Dash-8	5,323	9,768	264	54.5%
	DEN to ASE	Dash-8	26,560	38,591	1,043	68.8%
	PHX to ASE	Dash-8	6,105	11,063	299	55.2%
Total Mesa			63,196	97,865	2,645	64.6%
Air Wisconsin		BAE 146: 89 seats	265,829	391,868	4,400	67.8%
Mesaba Airlines		RJ 85: 69 seats	34,204	49,059	711	69.7%
Total Air Carrier Arr & Dep ASE			363,229	538,792	7,756	67.4%

Source: Ulane, from Airports: USA Data Miner

CMS note: why the mismatch between ASE to PHX and PHX to ASE?

Table 3 Original and revised Air Taxi operations, ASE 2004

Air Taxi	Original Air Taxi Ops	Revised Air Taxi Ops
	12,468	9,823



Table 2

Total ASE Operations	
Air Carrier	Operations
Air carrier	5,233
Dash-8 adjustment	2,645
Total Air Carrier Ops	7,878
Itinerant (non-Carrier) 2004	
Air Taxi (adjusted)	9,823
General Aviation	25,020
Military	72
Total Itinerant	34,915
Local	
Civilian	1,207
Military	22
Total local	1,229
Total air taxi, GA, & local	
	36,144
Total, airport operations 2004	
	44,022

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From David Ulane to Heede, CMS
17-Jan-09



Table 4

2004	Itinerant						Local			Totals
	Air Carrier	Air Taxi	Air Carrier+ Air Taxi	General Aviation	Military	Total Itinerant	Civilian	Military	Total Local	2004
January	783	912	1,695	1,960	2	3,657	56	-	56	3,713
February	773	1,089	1,862	2,031	6	3,899	18	4	22	3,921
March	916	1,297	2,213	2,833	9	5,055	87	16	103	5,158
April	277	557	834	985	2	1,821	72	-	72	1,893
May	208	587	795	1,144	4	1,943	24	2	26	1,969
June	349	1,080	1,429	2,216	7	3,652	28	-	28	3,680
July	363	1,763	2,126	3,182	21	5,329	87	-	87	5,416
August	364	1,725	2,089	3,412	7	5,508	132	-	132	5,640
September	263	1,032	1,295	2,399	6	3,700	238	-	238	3,938
October	178	616	794	1,297	-	2,091	162	-	162	2,253
November	188	596	784	1,252	6	2,042	236	-	236	2,278
December	571	1,214	1,785	2,309	2	4,096	67	-	67	4,163
Totals	5,233	12,468	17,701	25,020	72	42,793	1,207	22	1,229	44,022

Source: Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Control Tower/ASE

Cell: G25

Comment: Rick Heede:

Wikipedia:

Avro RJX series The RJX-70, RJX-85 and RJX-100 aircraft represented advanced variants of the Avro RJ Series. The RJX used Honeywell AS977 turbofans for greater efficiency (15% less fuel-burn, 17% increased range), quieter performance and 20% less maintenance costs.

Cell: H25

Comment: Rick Heede:

Wikipedia:

The Bombardier Dash 8 (formerly the de Havilland Canada Dash 8, sometimes abbreviated as DHC-8) is a series of twin-engined, medium range, turboprop airliners. Introduced by de Havilland Canada (DHC) in 1984, they are now produced by Bombardier Aerospace. Since 1996, the aircraft have been known as the Q Series, for "quiet". Over 900 Dash 8s of all models have been built. Bombardier forecasts a total production run of 1,192 units of all Dash8/QSeries variants through the year 2016.

Engines: 2 PW120A/PW121 (Series 100) or 2 PW123C/D (Series 200), Typical Passenger Seating: 37 (Single Class), Maximum fuel capacity: 3,160 liters, Maximum takeoff weight: 36,300 lb (16,470 kg).

Cell: K31

Comment: Rick Heede:

Wikipedia:

The BAe 146 is a medium-sized commercial aircraft which was manufactured in the United Kingdom by British Aerospace (which later became part of BAE Systems). Production ran from 1983 until 2002. Manufacture of the improved version known as the Avro RJ began in 1992. A further-improved version, the Avro RJX – with new engines – was announced in 1997, but only two prototypes and one production aircraft were built before production ceased in late 2001. With 387 aircraft produced, the Avro RJ/BAe 146 program is the second most successful British civil jet to date. The BAe 146/Avro RJ is a high-wing cantilever monoplane with a T-tail, it has four turbofan jet engines engines pylon mounted underneath the wings. It has a retractable tricycle landing gear. The aircraft has STOL capabilities and very quiet operation; it has been marketed under the name Whisperjet.

Specifications (BAe 146-200) General characteristics Crew: 4 with 2 flight attendants Capacity: 85-100 passengers Length: 93 ft 8 in (28.55 m) Wingspan: 86 ft 5 in (26.34 m) Height: 28 ft 3 in (8.61 m) Wing area: 832 ft² (77.30 m²) Empty weight: 73,415 lb (33,300 kg) Max takeoff weight: 93,035 lb (42,200 kg) Powerplant: 4? Honeywell ALF 502R-5 turbofans, 6,970 lbf (31 kN) each Performance Maximum speed: 555 mph (482 knots, 893 km/h) Cruise speed: 465 mph (404 knots, 750 km/h) Range: 1,290 mi (2,075 km) with 25,000 lb (11,000 kg) of payload Service ceiling 31,200 ft (9,500 m)

Cell: F13

Comment: Rick Heede (2005):

See note under Fugitive methane, in which we allocate a fraction of estimated methane generation as emissions through the landfill's topsoil as fugitive methane emitted to the atmosphere.

Jan09 update: CMS adopts the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report's revised GWP factor for methane, up from 23xCO₂ to 25xCO₂ (one hundred year time horizon).

Cell: G13

Comment: Heede (Feb09):

Energy Information Administration (2008) Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States 2007. GWP, methodology, p 12: Methane. In its Fourth Assessment Report, the IPCC developed revised global warming potential factors (GWPs) for selected gases. The GWP for methane was revised from the previous value of 23 in the IPCC's Third Assessment Report to 25 in the Fourth Assessment Report. The revised GWP for methane is used in this report. In addition, this report incorporates an increase in the density of methane from 42.28 to 42.37 pounds per thousand cubic feet, in order to provide consistent temperature and pressure values for methane in all EIA data.

Cell: H13

Comment: Rick Heede:

Approximately 50 percent of the Landfill waste is generated in Aspen. The other 50 percent is from Basalt and upstream from Basalt in Pitkin County. Estimate from Hoofnagle, personal communication, 19Jul05.

Cell: B15

Comment: Rick Heede:

Fuel and electricity consumption in 2004 from Chris Hoofnagle, Solid Waste Manager, personal communication, 17Aug05. Tel. 923-3487, chrisho@co.pitkin.co.us.

Cell: B16

Comment: Heede (Sep08):

Marta Darby updated to 2007 electricity consumption. CMS updated to 2007 electricity carbon factor.

Rick Heede (2005):

Hoofnagle: 110,476 kWh in 2004; 50,700 kWh of which is used in recycling operations (balers, crushers, lighting, etc).

Cell: B17

Comment: Marta Darby (Sep08):

Data from Chris Hoofnagle:

5953 gallons of diesel

873 gallons of unleaded

Chris Hoofnagle referred me to James Gilliam with the county Fleet Department [429-5765].

Rick Heede:

4,849 gallons of diesel fuel consumed in 2004 by the Landfill's compliment of ~dozen loaders, dozers, trucks, graders, and excavators.

Cell: B18

Comment: Marta Darby:

Data from Chris Hoofnagle:

5953 gallons of diesel

873 gallons of unleaded

Chris Hoofnagle referred me to James Gilliam with the county Fleet Department [429-5765].

Rick Heede:

4,849 gallons of diesel fuel consumed in 2004 by the Landfill's compliment of ~dozen loaders, dozers, trucks, graders, and excavators.

Cell: B19

Comment: Heede (Feb09):

CMS adopts the findings of the Golder Associates report (2007), averaging the high and low estimates of total methane emitted (1,023 to 1,440 tonnes CH₄ in 2007), or average of 1,357 (short) tons CH₄. CMS also adopts the IPCC FAR GWP value of methane at 25xCO₂. See cell notes to Tables 1 and 2.

Marta Darby:

Hoofnagle (9/3/08): Methane rate likely has not change appreciably in the three years since the estimate.

Rick Heede:

Methane generation is roughly 150 cubic feet per minute. Hoofnagle, personal communication, 17Aug05: "An estimate of current methane generation rate would be on the order of 150 cubic feet per minute (cfm) for the Pitkin County Landfill. This estimate is based on design capacity of 2.24 million megagrams, and refuse disposed from 1999 through 2002. This is a very rough estimate."

150 cfm times 60 x 24 x 365 = 78.84 million cubic feet (Mcf); 1 cf of methane equals 0.04228 lb; thus 78.84 Mcf x 0.04228 lb/cf = 1.6666776 short tons of methane. We assume that 60 percent (1,000 short tons) of this amount of generated methane is released to the atmosphere annually.

Note: This estimate may be too high for a small landfill in a dry/high altitude climate. Verify with Hoofnagle and other sources.

Methane conversion (lb/cf): U.S. Dept of Energy (2005) Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases (1605b) Program: Draft Technical Guidelines, DOE Office of Policy and International Affairs, p. 105. (Note: this conversion factor was off by a factor of 10 too high (said 0.418 lb/cf instead of 0.04228 lb/cf); called VRGG technical staff at 800-803-5182 to correct their draft guidelines.

Note 2: We have not estimated fugitive methane from the Landfill's receipt of about 10 yards (one truck load) of biosolids from the Aspen Wastewater Treatment Plant every ~3 days. Hoofnagle data: 3.9 million lb of biosolids from the WTF in 2004. This equals 1,771 metric tonnes. If two percent of this mass is converted to methane = 35.42 tonnes of CH₄, times 23 x CO₂ = 814.7 tonnes CO₂-equivalent.

Note 3: Dr Jean Bogner, Landfill +, Inc (Wheaton, IL) points out that the Pitkin methane generation estimate is probably derived with the EPA LandGEM model and estimation software. As such, it probably over-estimates generation rates (does not account for chemical interactions, soil oxidation rates, microbial processes). She cannot refine the Pitkin Landfill estimate without carefully evaluating local conditions, landfill content, additions over several years, decomposition rates, etc. As a precautionary adjustment, CMS reduces the Pitkin estimate by fifty percent (of that allocated to the City of Aspen).

Cell: B24

Comment: Marta Darby (Sep08):

The landfill received a total of 2200 tons of biosolids in 2007. "Aspen Consolidated Sanitation District provides the lions share, although we also receive from Basalt and Mid-Vally Metro. I'd put ACSD at 75% of the total 2200 tons, or 1650" -- Email from Chris Hoofnagle [Aug. 28, 2008]

Rick Heede (2005):

The landfill received a total of 1,953 tons of biosolids from the Aspen Sanitation Wastewater Treatment plant (about 3-4 truck loads per week). We assume in this preliminary estimate that 2 percent is released as methane gas during its storage and curing period prior to being mixed in with composted wastes, chipped wood fiber, and other soils and sold as various grades of topsoil and compost.

Biosolids delivery data from Chirs Hoofnagle, Solid Waste Manager, Aug05.

This calculation does not estimate the methane emissions that would result from anaerobic digestion of the biosolids in the landfill, that is, if buried.

Cell: F29

Comment: Rick Heede:

Golder Associates (2007) Landfill Gas Evaluation of the Pitkin County Solid Waste Center, Lakewood CO, 41 pp., Table 1.

Golder estimates that between 1,907 and 3,356 tonnes of methane is recoverable (2007), rising to 2,562 to 4,161 tonnes per year at peak in 2021. At \$20 per tonne carbon credit, this recovery is worth \$128,000 - \$245,000 (2007), rising to \$171,000 - \$303,000 in 2021.

Cell: C38

Comment: Rick Heede:

Data updated to 2007 by Marta Darby.

Original data from Hoofnagle to Darby, 2Sep08:

Recycling Tons in 2007

cardboard	1,475	= 1,338 tonnes, etc
newsprint	2,002	
office pac	260	
co-mingled containers	2,328	
carpet pad	no data	
mixed paper	no data	
TOTAL	6,065	= 5,502 tonnes.

Cell: D38

Comment: Rick Heede:

Waste, Recycling, and Climate Change Frank Ackerman, Director of the Research and Policy Division of GDAE, Tufts University, Medford MA, USA. See www.tufts.edu/tuftsrecycles/energy.htm

Abstract: Waste management has at least five types of impacts on climate change, attributable to (1) landfill methane emissions, (2) reduction in industrial energy use and emissions due to recycling and waste reduction, (3) energy recovery from waste, (4) carbon sequestration in forests due to decreased demand for virgin paper, and (5) energy used in long-distance transport of waste. A recent U.S. EPA study provides estimates of overall per-ton greenhouse gas reductions due to recycling. Calculations using these estimates suggest that the U.S. could realize substantial greenhouse gas reductions through increased recycling, particularly of paper.

Cell: G38

Comment: Rick Heede:

We allocate 50 percent of the savings from recycled materials to Aspen.

Cell: B44

Comment: Heede (Nov08):

Hoofnagle, Aug08 to Darby, re: breakdown of commingled materials: "I'd say off the top of my head that half the total tonnage is glass. Of the other half, probably half of that is in the aluminum and tin cans. The truth is we don't really know that one." But seemed to agree with the 2004 materials composition in an email 3Sep08: "I think that the recycling breakdown is roughly the same as these numbers." Consequently, CMS uses the 10.5 percent for plastics. 6.5 percent aluminum, 65 percent glass, and 18 percent steel used in 2004.

Rick Heede:

Commingled recycled materials sold in 2004: 1,174.7 metric tonnes (2.590 million lb). Data from Hoofnagle, 17Aug05.

Chris Hoofnagle estimated commingled fractions as follows: "Ratios of the commingle pile are probably more like 65% glass, 18% steel, 8% plastic, and 4% aluminum; by weight." (28Sep05)

Cell: B45

Comment: Rick Heede:

Ackerman (see ref above) estimates savings for HDPE as 1.5 tonne CO2-eq saved per tonne recycled, LDPE as 2.0 tonne CO2-eq saved per tonne recycled, and PET as 2.5 tonne CO2-eq saved per tonne recycled. We average to 2.0 tonne CO2-eq saved per tonne recycled.

Cell: B46

Comment: Rick Heede:

The aluminum recycling rate in Aspen is ~11.2 lb/cap-yr (76 tonnes/yr in commingled recyclables divided by Aspen's population within the UGB of 8,993 = 5.1 kg/cap-yr). This compares favorably to Seattle (4.1 kg/cap-yr), Bergen County 6.8 kg/cap-yr) and the U.S. average (3.5 kg/cap-yr); 1996 data from EPA/Ackerman; www.tufts.edu/tuftsrecycles/energy.htm, Table 2.

Cell: B47

Comment: Rick Heede:

Aspen's glass recycling rate is low compared to Waiheke Island (off Auckland, NZ) whose 8,000 permanent residents recycle 100 tonnes per month vs Aspen's 8,993 residents (residents within city limits plus within Aspen's Urban Growth Boundary) who recycle 763 tonnes in 2004, 60 percent of which is attributed to Aspen UGB. Waiheke Island residents thus recycle 150 kg of glass per capita vs Aspen's residents 51 kg per year.

Aspen's glass recycling rate compares better to Seattle (25 kg/cap-yr), Bergen County (26 kg/cap-yr) and the U.S. average (11 kg/cap-yr); 1996 data from EPA/Ackerman; www.tufts.edu/tuftsrecycles/energy.htm, Table 2.

Aspen Emissions Inventory: Nitrous Oxide Sources

Richard Heede
Climate Mitigation Services
Snowmass, Colorado
File Started 11 August 2005
Last Modified: 29 November 2008

Data provided by

Maroon Creek Club Superintendent
544-1666, Steve

City of Aspen Parks and Golf Depts
Steve Aiken, Aspen Golf Course, 920-5719
Brian Flynn, Aspen Parks Dept.

Update data on fertilizer applications rates at the City and Maroon Creek Clubs, city parks, city athletic fields, and privately-owned greenspace.

Table 1: Nitrous oxide emissions	Nitrogen in fertilizer applied	Direct N2O	Indirect N2O (volatilized)	Indirect N2O (run-off & leaching)	Total Nitrous Oxide	Carbon dioxide-equivalent emissions	Carbon-equivalent emissions
	kg Nitrogen/yr	kg N2O	kg N2O	kg N2O	kg N2O	sh tons CO2-eq 296 x CO2	tonnes C-eq
Maroon Creek Club (organic)	3,458	55.32	11.06	41.49	107.9	35.2	8.7
City of Aspen Golf Course	4,051	64.82	12.96	48.61	126.4	41.2	10.2
City of Aspen Parks	1,502	24.03	4.81	18.02	46.9	15.3	3.8
City of Aspen athletic fields	2,687	42.99	8.60	32.25	83.8	27.4	6.8
Private greenspace within City limits	15,078	241.25	48.25	180.94	470.4	153.5	38.0
Private greenspace within Urban Growth Boundary	6,883	110.13	22.03	82.60	214.7	70.1	17.3
Total Nitrous Oxide Emissions	33,659	539	108	404	1,050	343	85

Table 2: Organic fertilizer application:

	kg N	variable	fixed factor	kg N2O
Direct:	1,000	0.8	0.020	16
Indirect (volat.)	1,000	0.2	0.016	3
Indirect (leach)	1,000	0.3	0.040	12
Total N2O emissions for a 1,000 kg N application (example):				31.2

Table 3: Synthetic fertilizer application:

	kg N	variable	fixed factor	kg N2O
Direct:	1,000	0.9	0.020	18
Indirect (volat.)	1,000	0.1	0.016	2
Indirect (leach)	1,000	0.3	0.040	12
Total N2O emissions for a 1,000 kg N application (example):				31.6

Direct emission calculation:

Direct N2O emissions = N applied (kg N) * fractiondirect * 0.02 kg N2O /kg N

Indirect emission calculation:

Volatilization N2O = N applied (kg N) * fractionvolatilized * 0.016 kg N2O /kg N

Run-off/leaching N2O = N applied (kg N) * fractionrunoff * 0.04 kg N2O /kg N

Table 1.H.16. Fractions by nitrogen source

	fraction-direct	fraction-volatilized	fraction-runoff
Synthetic commercial fertilizers	0.9	0.1	0.3
Organic commercial fertilizers and manure	0.8	0.2	0.3

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Cell: D13

Comment: Rick Heede:

Direct emission calculation: $\text{Direct N}_2\text{O emissions (kg N}_2\text{O)} = \text{N applied (kg N)} * \text{fraction(direct)} * 0.02 \text{ kg N}_2\text{O /kg N}$

U.S. Dept of Energy (2005) Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases (1605b) Program: Draft Technical Guidelines, DOE Office of Policy and International Affairs, pp. 191-92.

Cell: E13

Comment: Rick Heede:

Indirect emission calculation: $\text{Volatilization N}_2\text{O (kg N}_2\text{O)} = \text{N applied (kg N)} * \text{fraction(volatilized)} * 0.016 \text{ kg N}_2\text{O /kg N}$

U.S. Dept of Energy (2005) Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases (1605b) Program: Draft Technical Guidelines, DOE Office of Policy and International Affairs, pp. 191-92.

Cell: F13

Comment: Rick Heede:

Indirect emission calculation: $\text{Run-off/leaching N}_2\text{O (kg N}_2\text{O)} = \text{N applied (kg N)} * \text{fraction(runoff)} * 0.04 \text{ kg N}_2\text{O /kg N}$

U.S. Dept of Energy (2005) Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases (1605b) Program: Draft Technical Guidelines, DOE Office of Policy and International Affairs, pp. 191-92.

Cell: H13

Comment: Rick Heede:

The Global Warming Potential (GWP) of nitrous oxide is 296 times that of carbon dioxide over a 100-year time horizon. IPCC (2001) Climate Change 2001: The Scientific Basis, Table 6.7, p. 388.

Cell: B16

Comment: Rick Heede (17Nov08):

CMS uses the formula $((70*43560*2.5/1000)/2.2046)$ to calculate kg of nitrogen from application of 1 + 1.5 lb N per 1,000 sf per year over 70 acres. We do not have area data on greens and tees (application rate of 2 to 3 lb N per 1,000 sf). and CMS assumes the same 2.5 lb application rate on all 70 acres.

Lauren McDonell (Nov08):

Steve (Maroon Club superintendent) reported that 1.5lbs N/1,000 sq. ft. polybased fertilizer is applied to roughs & fairways in Spring, 1lb N w/ ammonium sulfate/ 1,000 sq. ft in Fall. For greens and tees, approximately 2-3 lbs N is applied annually. For both, combinations of organic and synthetics and slow and quick release fertilizers are used.

Rick Heede (2005):

Maroon Creek Club uses organic fertilizer applied at a rate of 2.25 to 2.5 lb per 1,000 sq.ft. MCC has 70 acres (@43,560 sq.ft/ac), thus 6,861 to 7,623 lb Nitrogen, which converts to an average of 3,285 kg N.

Cell: B17

Comment: Rick Heede (29Nov08):

Lauren McDonell update:

Greens - 700 lbs quick release 13313 analysis fertilizer, ammonium nitrate and sulfate of potash. Two additional applications of 375 lbs of potash on greens.

Greens: 700 lbs of 13-3-13 equals 91 lbs (41.28 kg) of nitrogen

Fairways, roughs, tees - May 22, 2008 5 tons of 4200 analysis fertilizer - 1/2 urea and 1/2 IBDU (slow release). Aug. 7, 2008 9 tons of 29019 analysis fertilizer, 1/2 urea, 1/2 nitroform, sulfate of potash. Fairways roughs and tees: 10,000lbs 42-0-0 equals 4,200 lbs (1905.09 kg) nitrogen PLUS Fairways roughs and tees: 16,000lbs 29-0-19 equals 4,640 lbs(2104.67 kg) nitrogen

Total Nitrogen in kg for Aspen Golf Course = 4051.04 kg N.

Lauren McDonell (Nov08):

Data from Steve Aiken, Aspen Golf Course, Nov., 5, 2008 (extension 5719).

Greens - 700 lbs quick release 13-3-13 analysis fertilizer, ammonium nitrate and sulfate of potash. Two additional applications of 375 lbs of potash on greens.

Fairways, roughs, tees - May 22, 2008 5 tons of 42-0-0 analysis fertilizer - 1/2 urea and 1/2 IBDU (slow release). 7Aug08: 9 tons of 29-0-19 analysis fertilizer, 1/2 urea, 1/2 nitroform, sulfate of potash.

Rick Heede (2005):

Data from Aspen Parks and Golf Depts via Lee Cassin, 4Oct05. Original data for golf course: 359 lb on tees, 9,980 lb on fairways + roughs + clubhouse grounds, and 437 lb on greens = 10,776 lb of nitrogen applied = 4,888 kg N.

Cell: B18

Comment: Rick Heede (29Nov08):

Lauren got acreage: 38 acres of City parks, plus 34 acres of sports fields. Verify that parks get 2 lb Nitrogen per 1,000 sf (rather than per acre [very low]) and playing fields get 4 lb N per 1,000 sf. This calculation for Aspen parks

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is: 38 acres * 43,560 sf/ac * 2 lb N/1,000 sf = 3,311 lb N, divided by 2.2046 lb/kg = 1,502 kg N.

Lauren McDonell (Nov08):

I checked with Brian Flynn and fertilizer data for City of Aspen parks is:

For Aspen Parks: coated, time-release organic fertilizer: 2 lbs N, 0.5 lbs P, 1.25 lbs K, and inert material this year.

For Aspen playing sports fields: time release, organic fertilizer, 4 lbs N, 1 lb P, 3.5 lbs K, and inert material this year.

Rick Heede (2005):

Data from Aspen Parks and Golf Depts via Lee Cassin, 4Oct05. Original data varies by year, but in 2004 1,081lb in neighborhood parks, 2,700 lb on athletic fields, and 200 lb for landscaping and trees = total of 3,981 lb = 1,806 kg N.

City application in 1998 = 2,762 lb, 2000 = 2,962 lb, 2002 = 3,281 lb N.

Note: these estimates are not measured application but recommended application rate by type of area times area.

Cell: B19

Comment: Rick Heede (29Nov08):

See cell note above: 34 acres of sports & playing fields get 4 lb N per 1,000 sf. This calculation for Aspen playing fields is: 34 acres * 43,560 sf/ac * 4 lb N/1,000 sf = 5,924 lb N, divided by 2.2046 lb/kg = 2,687 kg N.

Cell: B20

Comment: Lauren McDonell (Nov08):

I checked with Bridget Kelly and land areas changed slightly in 2007. Greenspace within City of Aspen is now 2,545 acres.

If all else stays the same, the new calculation should be: 2,545 times 0.75 times 0.33 = 630 acres (@43,560 sq. ft.) = 27.4 million sq.ft. with 1.2 lb N per 1,000 sq. ft. = 32,925 lb N = 14,935 kg N.

Rick Heede:

We do not have purchase or application date for private yards and commercial properties by owners or contractors, and we (conservatively) assume the following:

That the City of Aspen's 2,544 acres is 75 percent privately-owned with one-half the application rate of city parks and fields (1.2 rather than ~2.4 lb per 1,000 sq.ft.) on the one-third of privately-owned land that we assume is fertilized greenspace: 2,544 acres times 0.75 times 0.33 = 636 acres (@43,560 sq.ft.) = 27.7 million sq.ft. with 1.2 lb N per 1,000 sq.ft. = 33,242 lb N = 15,078 kg N.

Cell: B21

Comment: Lauren McDonell:

I checked with Bridget Kelly and land areas have changed slightly for 2007. Land within city limits (2,545) minus land within UGB (4,867) equals 2,322.

If all else stays the same, the new calculations: 2,322 acres times 0.75 times 0.1667 = 290.3 acres (@43,560 sq.ft.) = 12.65 million sq.ft with 1.2 lb N per 1,000 sq.ft = 15,174 lb N = 6,883 kg N

Rick Heede:

Land within city limits totals 2,544 acres and land within the Urban Growth Boundary totals 4,868 acres. We apply half the application rate of the low rate used within city limits to the additional UGB acreage of 2,324 acres:

That the UGB area outside city limits of 2,324 acres is 75 percent privately-owned with one-half the application rate of city parks and fields (1.2 rather than ~2.4 lb per 1,000 sq.ft.) on the one-sixth of privately-owned land that we assume is fertilized greenspace: 2,324 acres times 0.75 times 0.1667 = 290.5 acres (@43,560 sq.ft.) = 12.65 million sq.ft. with 1.2 lb N per 1,000 sq.ft. = 15,185 lb N = 6,888 kg N.

UGB area data from Bridgette Kelly, City of Aspen Pitkin County GIS and Mapping Dept., personal communication, 4Oct05.

Cell: E26

Comment: Rick Heede:

These tables are taken from U.S. Dept of Energy (2005) Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases (1605b) Program: Draft Technical Guidelines, DOE Office of Policy and International Affairs, pp. 191-92.

The DOE/EIA methodology is generally consistent with the IPCC Guidelines and the US EPA's Annex 3: Methodological Descriptions for Additional Source or Sink Categories (Annex 3 to EPA's (2005) Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks, 1990-2003), yosemite.epa.gov/oar/globalwarming.nsf/content/ResourceCenterPublicationsGHGEmissionsUSEmissionsInventory2005.html