

Appendix E1.3

Calculation Methodology for GHG

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E1.3.1 Stationary Source Combustion

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E1.3.1.1 Description

5 Stationary combustion includes the following sources operated at the project location.

6 Category Assumptions:

- 7 ■ Cargo handling equipment (CHE) and construction equipment within terminal
8 boundaries.¹
- 9 ■ The fuel used for this equipment will be diesel liquefied propane gas (LPG), or
10 liquefied natural gas (LNG).

11 Diesel and LPG emission factors for CO₂ were provided directly by the OFFROAD2007
12 emission factor program in units of grams per horsepower-hour (g/hp-hr). Diesel and
13 LPG CH₄ emission factors were derived from the total organic gas (TOG)
14 OFFROAD2007 emission rates per CARB's staff direction. Emission factors from the
15 California Climate Action Registry's *General Reporting Protocol* (GRP) were used for
16 N₂O and LNG CO₂. Originally in units of kilograms GHG per gallon fuel (kg/gal), the
17 N₂O and CO₂ emission factors were converted to units of g/hp-hr to simplify the emission
18 calculations. This conversion used default values of brake-specific fuel consumption
19 (BSFC) by equipment horsepower category, from OFFROAD2007, and a fuel density
20 value from the GRP. The emission factor conversion from kg/gal to g/hp-hr is shown in
21 Table E1.3-7.

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E1.3.1.2 Equations

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E1.3.1.2.1 Mass Emissions Estimates

24 General Equation:

25 $Total\ Emissions = Emission\ Factor\ (g\ GHG/hp-hr)$
26 $\quad \times\ Work\ Produced\ (hp-hr)$
27 $\quad \times\ 0.000001\ (metric\ tons\ per\ gram)$

28 Example:

29 *Given: Equipment power output of 140,000 hp-hr per year*

30 $Total\ Emissions\ CO_2 = 568.3\ (g\ CO_2/hp-hr)\ [from\ Table\ E1.3-7]$
31 $\quad \times\ 140,000\ (hp-hr/year)$
32 $\quad \times\ 0.000001\ (metric\ tons\ per\ gram)$

33 $Total\ Emissions\ CO_2 = 79.6\ metric\ tons$

¹ Although most CHE sources are mobile, they are classified as stationary for the purposes of GHG reporting because they remain onsite.

1 **E1.3.1.2.2 Converting Mass Estimates to Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (CO₂e)**

2 General Equation:

$$3 \text{ Metric Tons of CO}_2\text{e} = \text{Metric Tons of GHG} \times \text{GWP}$$

4 *Global warming potentials (GWPs) are listed in Table E1.3-1.*

5 Example:

6 *Given: GHG Emission Rate = 0.014 metric tons of CH₄;*

7 *GWP = 21 (from Table E1.3-1)*

$$8 \text{ Metric Tons of CO}_2\text{e} = \text{Metric Tons of GHG} \times \text{GWP}$$

$$9 \text{ Metric Tons of CO}_2\text{e} = 0.014 \text{ Metric Tons of Methane} \times 21$$

$$10 \text{ Metric Tons of CO}_2\text{e} = 0.29$$

11 **E1.3.1.3 Data Requirements – Cargo Handling and Construction Equipment**

12 Fuel Usage:

14 Propane _____ gallons²

15 Diesel _____ gallons

16 OR

17 Propane _____ hp-hr

18 Diesel _____ hp-hr

19 **E1.3.1.4 Emission Factors**

20 OFFROAD2007 for Diesel and LPG CO₂ emission factors (g/hp-hr)

21 Table E1.3-2 for original CH₄ and N₂O and LNG CO₂ emission factors (kg/gal)

22 Table E1.3-7 for converted CH₄ and N₂O and LNG CO₂ emission factors (g/hp-hr)

23 **E1.3.2 Mobile Source Combustion**

24 **E1.3.2.1 Description**

25 This source category includes mobile sources that travel both on- and off-site.

26 Category Assumptions:

- 27 ■ Primarily consists of locomotives, trucks, worker commute vehicles, ships, and
- 28 tugboats.
- 29 ■ The fuel used will be diesel/distillate/residual fuel, gasoline, or liquefied natural gas
- 30 (LNG).

31 For locomotives, emission factors from the GRP (kg/gal) were used for all GHGs.

32 Originally in units of kg/gal, these emission factors were converted to units of g/hp-hr to

² Often, offroad equipment usage is provided in hp-hr rather than gallons of fuel consumed. In this case, the gallons of fuel consumed must be derived from the hp-hr by using a brake-specific fuel consumption (BSFC) value (in lb fuel per bhp-hr), which depends on the type of equipment. Offroad 2007 provides typical BSFC values by equipment horsepower category.

1 simplify the emission calculations. This conversion used a manufacturer-provided BSFC
2 value and a fuel density value from the GRP.

3 For diesel trucks, CO₂ emission factors in units of grams per mile (g/mi) were obtained
4 directly from the EMFAC2007 emission factor program. Emission factors from the GRP
5 (g/mi) were used for CH₄ and N₂O. For LNG trucks, emission factors from the GRP
6 (kg/gal) were used for CO₂ and (g/mi) for N₂O and CH₄. GRP CO₂ emission factor,
7 originally in units of kg/gal, were converted to units of g/hp-hr to simplify the emission
8 calculations. This conversion used a manufacturer-provided BSFC value and a fuel
9 density value from the GRP.

10 For worker commute vehicles, CO₂ emissions were obtained from URBEMIS. Details
11 and assumptions regarding the URBEMIS parameters are discussed in Section 3.2.4.4.
12 The CO₂ emission factor, originally in units of kg/gal, was converted to units of g/mi by
13 using average fuel economy data by model year category from the U.S. Department of
14 Transportation, *Summary of Fuel Economy Performance* (October 2006). The total miles
15 traveled were calculated using the CO₂ emission factor in terms of g/mi and the CO₂
16 yearly emissions from URBEMIS. The CH₄ and N₂O emission factors were obtained
17 from the GRP in units of g/mi. The vehicle years with the most conservative CH₄ and
18 N₂O emission factors were used.

19 For main and auxiliary engines on ships and tugboats, CO₂ emission factors in units of
20 grams per kilowatt-hour (g/kWh) were obtained directly from Entec (2002) Tables 2.8,
21 2.9, and 2.10. Emission factors from the GRP (kg/gal) were used for CH₄ and N₂O.
22 These emission factors were converted to units of g/kWh to simplify the emission
23 calculations. This conversion used specific fuel consumption (SFC) values provided by
24 Entec (2002) and fuel density values from the GRP. Emissions from ship boilers were
25 calculated using emission factors from the GRP.

26 E1.3.2.2 Equations

27 E1.3.2.2.1 Mass Emissions Estimates

28 General Equations:

29 *GHGs of Source Category CO₂, CH₄, N₂O*

$$\begin{aligned} 30 \text{ Total Emissions} &= \text{Emission Factor (g GHG/hp-hr)} \\ 31 &\quad \times \text{Work Produced (hp-hr)} \\ 32 &\quad \times 0.000001 \text{ (metric tons per gram)} \end{aligned}$$

33 OR

$$\begin{aligned} 34 \text{ Total Emissions} &= \text{Emission Factor (g GHG/kWh)} \\ 35 &\quad \times \text{Power Output (kWh)} \\ 36 &\quad \times 0.000001 \text{ (metric tons per gram)} \end{aligned}$$

37 OR

$$\begin{aligned} 38 \text{ Total Emissions} &= \text{Emission Factor (g GHG/mile)} \\ 39 &\quad \times \text{Vehicle-Miles Traveled (VMT) (miles)} \\ 40 &\quad \times 0.000001 \text{ (metric tons per gram)} \end{aligned}$$

1 Example:
 2 *Given: 1,000 truck trips and an average trip length of 20 miles.*
 3 *Total VMT = 1,000 trips x 20 miles/trip = 20,000 mi*
 4 *Total Emissions N₂O = 0.05 (g/mile) [from Table E1.3-4]*
 5 *× 20,000 miles*
 6 *× 0.000001 (metric tons per gram)*
 7 *Total Emissions N₂O = 0.001 metric tons*

8 **E1.3.2.3 Data Requirements – Locomotives**

9 Fuel Usage:

10 LNG _____ gallons
 11 Propane _____ gallons
 12 Diesel _____ gallons
 13 Gasoline _____ gallons
 14 OR
 15 LNG _____ hp-hr
 16 Propane _____ hp-hr
 17 Diesel _____ hp-hr
 18 Gasoline _____ hp-hr

19 **E1.3.2.4 Data Requirements – Trucks and Worker Commute** 20 **Vehicles**

21 Miles traveled by fuel type:

22 LNG _____ miles
 23 Propane _____ miles
 24 Diesel _____ miles
 25 Gasoline _____ miles

26 Fleet Est. Average miles per gallon by Fuel type

27 LNG _____ miles/gallon
 28 Propane _____ miles/gallon
 29 Diesel _____ miles/gallon
 30 Gasoline _____ miles/gallon

31 (Note: EMFAC2007 output tables provide estimates of mpg)

32 **E1.3.2.5 Data Requirements – Ships and Tugboats**

33 Main and Auxiliary Engines:

34 Residual Fuel _____ kWh engine output
 35 Distillate Fuel _____ kWh engine output

36 Boilers:

37 Residual Fuel _____ gal fuel
 38 Distillate Fuel _____ gal fuel

1 **E1.3.2.6 Emission Factors**

2 Locomotives:

3 Table E1.3-2 for original emission factors (kg/gal)
4 Table E1.3-8 for converted emission factors (g/hp-hr)

5 Trucks:

6 EMFAC2007 for CO₂ emission factors (g/mile); summarized in Table E1.3-4
7 Table E1.3-4 for CH₄ and N₂O emission factors (g/mile)

8 Worker Commute Vehicles:

9 Table E1.3-2 for original CO₂ emission factors (kg/gal)
10 Table E1.3-4 for original CH₄ and N₂O emission factors (g/mile)

11 Marine Vessel Main and Auxiliary Engines:

12 Table E1.3-2 for original CH₄ and N₂O emission factors (kg/gal)
13 Table E1.3-5 for CO₂ and converted CH₄ and N₂O emission factors (g/kWh)

14 Ship Boilers:

15 Table E1.3-2 for original emission factors (kg/gal)
16 Table E1.3-6 for converted emission factors (g/Metric Tons of Fuel)

17 **E1.3.3 Electricity Usage**

18 **E1.3.3.1 Description**

19 Electrical usage directly related to terminal operations.

20 Category Summary:

- 21 ■ Includes alternative maritime power (AMP) usage during ship hoteling, and on-
22 terminal electricity consumption for lighting, electric gantry cranes, etc.
- 23 ■ Assumes on-grid consumption

24 Emission factors for electricity usage were obtained from the GRP.

25 **E1.3.3.2 Equations**

26 **E1.3.3.2.1 Mass Emissions Estimates**

27 General Equation:

28 *GHGs of Source Category CO₂, CH₄, N₂O*

29 *Total Emissions = Emission Factor (lbs GHG/Megawatt-hour [MWh])*

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\times \textit{Electricity Used (kWh)} \\
 &\times 0.001 \textit{ MWh per kWh} \\
 &\div 2,204.62 \textit{ lbs/metric ton}
 \end{aligned}$$

1 Example:
 2 *Given: Electricity Usage = 1,000,000 kWh*
 3 *Total Emissions CO₂ = 804.54 (lbs CO₂/MWh) [from Table E1.3-3]*
 4 *× 1,000,000 kWh*
 5 *× 0.001 MWh per kWh*
 6 *÷ 2,204.62 lbs/metric ton*
 7 *Total Emissions CO₂ = 364.9 metric tons*

8 **E1.3.3.3 Data Requirements – Electricity Usage**

9 Electricity Usage _____ kilowatt- hours (kWh)

10 **E1.3.3.4 Emission Factors**

11 Table E1.3-3 for emission factors

12 **E1.3.4 Refrigeration**

13 **E1.3.4.1 Description**

14 Fugitive emissions of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) from refrigerant leakage in refrigerated
 15 containers (reefers) while inside California borders.

16 Category Summary:

- 17 ■ Primarily consist of refrigerated container operation
- 18 ■ Does not include combustion or electrical sources to power refrigeration (calculated
 19 elsewhere)

20 Refrigeration losses were calculated using a mass balance approach. The GRP
 21 (Table III.11.1) recommends using an upper bound annual loss rate of 35 percent for
 22 commercial air conditioning systems.³ An average reefer dwell time inside California
 23 boundaries was assumed to be 3 days per one-way trip. This estimate assumes an
 24 on-terminal reefer dwell time of 2 days, and 1 additional day for transport in and out of
 25 the terminal.

26 **E1.3.4.2 Equations**

27 **E1.3.4.2.1 Mass Emissions Estimates**

28 General Equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{HFC Emissions from Refrigeration Leakage (kg)} = \\
 & \quad \text{Total Annual Refrigerant Charge (kg)} \\
 & \quad \times \text{Dwell time (days)} / 365 \\
 & \quad \times \text{Assumed Annual Leakage (\%)}
 \end{aligned}$$

³ The 35% annual loss rate is a conservative assumption intended for use in *de minimis* determinations. Actual loss rates are expected to be much lower (roughly 2% per year), as presented in Table 3.9 of the *Guidance to the California Climate Action Registry: General Reporting Protocol* (California Energy Commission, June 2002).

1 **Attachment 1**
 2 **Global Warming Potentials**

3 **Table E1.3-1. Global Warming Potentials**

Greenhouse Gas	GWP (SAR, 1996)
CO ₂	1
CH ₄	21
N ₂ O	310
HFC-123	11,700
HFC-125	2,800
HFC-134a	1,300
HFC-143a	3,800
HFC-152a	140
HFC-227ea	2,900
HFC-236fa	6,300
HFC-43-10mee	1,300
CF ₄	6,500
C ₂ F ₆	9,200
C ₃ F ₈	7,000
C ₄ F ₁₀	7,000
C ₅ F ₁₂	7,500
C ₆ F ₁₄	7,400
SF ₆	23,900
Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2000 (April 2002).	
Note: This information is found in Table III.6.1 of the CCAR protocol.	

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1 **Attachment 2**
 2 **Emission Factors**

3 **Table E1.3-2.** GHG Emission Factors for Liquid Fuels

Fuel	Fuel Density	Emission Factor		
		CO ₂	CH ₄	N ₂ O
Propane (LPG)	4.24 lb/gal ^a	5.67 kg/gal	0.000091 kg/gal	0.00041 kg/gal
CA Low Sulfur Diesel	7.46 bbl/metric ton	9.96 kg/gal	0.0014 kg/gal	0.0001 kg/gal
Non-CA Diesel/ Diesel No. 2	7.46 bbl/metric ton	10.05 kg/gal	0.0014 kg/gal	0.0001 kg/gal
Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)	11.6 bbl/metric ton	4.37 kg/gal	0.0059 kg/MMBtu	0.0001 kg/MMBtu
Distillate Fuel Oil [#1, 2, 4, Diesel]	7.46 bbl/metric ton	10.15 kg/gal	0.0014 kg/gal	0.0001 kg/gal
Residual Fuel Oil [#5, 6]	6.66 bbl/metric ton	11.79 kg/gal	0.0015 kg/gal	0.0001 kg/gal
CA Reformulated Gasoline	8.53 bbl/metric ton	8.55 kg/gal	(see Table E1.3-4)	(see Table E1.3-4)

Source: California Climate Action Registry, *General Reporting Protocol* v2.2, March 2007. Tables C.3, C.5, and C.6 (unless otherwise noted).
^a Source: *AP-42* Appendix A (January 1995).

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6 **Table E1.3-3.** GHG Indirect Emission Factors for Electricity Consumption

Region	Emission Factor (lb/MWh)		
	CO ₂	CH ₄	N ₂ O
Los Angeles	804.54	0.0067	0.0037

Source: California Climate Action Registry, *General Reporting Protocol* v2.2, March 2007.

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1 **Table E1.3-4.** CH₄ and N₂O Emission Factors for Mobile Sources

Vehicle Type/Model Years	Emission Factor (g/mile)	
	CH ₄	N ₂ O
Passenger Cars – Gasoline		
Model Year 1966-1972	0.22	0.02
Model Year 1973-1974	0.19	0.02
Model Year 1975-1979	0.11	0.05
Model Year 1980-1983	0.07	0.08
Model Year 1984-1991	0.06	0.08
Model Year 1992	0.06	0.07
Model Year 1993	0.05	0.05
Model Year 1994-1999	0.05	0.04
Model Year 2000-present	0.04	0.04
Light Duty Trucks – Gasoline		
Model Year 1966-1972	0.22	0.02
Model Year 1973-1974	0.23	0.02
Model Year 1975-1979	0.14	0.07
Model Year 1980-1983	0.12	0.13
Model Year 1984-1991	0.11	0.14
Model Year 1992	0.09	0.11
Model Year 1993	0.07	0.08
Model Year 1994-1999	0.06	0.06
Model Year 2000-present	0.05	0.06
Heavy Duty Trucks		
Model Year 1966-1982 (Diesel)	0.10	0.05
Model Year 1983-1995 (Diesel)	0.08	0.05
Model Year 1996-present (Diesel)	0.06	0.05
CNG, LNG (all model years)	3.48	0.05
Source: California Climate Action Registry, General Reporting Protocol v2.2, March 2007. Table C.4.		

1 **Table E1.3-5.** Derivation of GHG Emission Factors for Marine Vessels – Main and Auxiliary Engines

Source	Engine Type	Fuel	Fuel Density ^b (barrels/ metric ton)	Specific Fuel Consumption ^a (g/kWh)	Converted Emission Factors (g/kWh) ^b		
					CO ₂	CH ₄	N ₂ O
Ships – At Sea	Main	Residual	6.66	195	620	0.0818	0.00545
Ships – Maneuvering	Main	Residual	6.66	215	682	0.0902	0.00601
Ships – At Sea	Main	Distillate	7.46	185	588	0.0811	0.00580
Ships – Maneuvering	Main	Distillate	7.46	204	647	0.0895	0.00639
Ships	Aux	Residual	6.66	227	722	0.0952	0.00635
Ships	Aux	Distillate	7.46	217	690	0.0952	0.00680
Tugs	Main	Distillate / MGO	7.46	203	645	0.0890	0.00636
Tugs	Aux	Distillate / MGO	7.46	217	690	0.0952	0.00680

^a Source: Entec 2002, Tables 2.8, 2.9, and 2.10
^b Source: CCAR General Reporting Protocol v. 2.2
MGO = marine gas oil
AUX = Auxiliary Engine

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3 **Table E1.3-6.** Derivation of GHG Emission Factors for Marine Vessels – Boilers

Source	Engine Type	Fuel	Fuel Density ^a (barrels/metric ton)	Converted Emission Factors (kg/Metric Ton) ^c		
				CO ₂	CH ₄	N ₂ O
Ships	Boiler	Distillate	7.46	3,149	0.439	0.0313
Ships	Boiler	Residual	6.66	3,264	0.420	0.0280

^a Source: CCAR General Reporting Protocol v. 2.2

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5 **Table E1.3-7.** Derivation of GHG Emission Factors for Off-Road Equipment

Engine Size (hp)	BSFC (lb/hp-hr) ^a	Diesel Fuel Density (barrels/metric ton) ^b	LNG / LPG Fuel Density (barrels/metric ton)	Converted Emission Factors (g/hp-hr)		
				Diesel N ₂ O	LNG CO ₂	LPG N ₂ O
26-50	0.54	7.46	11.6	7.67E-03	521.49	0.01
51-120	0.49	7.46	11.6	6.96E-03	473.20	0.01
121-175	0.47	7.46	11.6	6.68E-03	453.89	0.01
176-250	0.47	7.46	11.6	6.68E-03	453.89	0.01

^a Source: Off-road 2007 data file "Equip.csv".
^b Source: CCAR General Reporting Protocol v. 2.2.

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1 **Table E1.3-8.** Derivation of GHG Emission Factors for Locomotives (Diesel)

Locomotive Type	BSFC (lb/hp-hr) ^a	Fuel Density (barrels/ metric ton) ^b	Converted Emission Factors		
			CO ₂ (g/hp-hr)	CH ₄ (g/hp-hr)	N ₂ O (g/hp-hr)
Line Haul Locomotive	0.355	7.46	507.1	0.071	0.0050
Switch Locomotive	0.355	7.46	502.5	0.071	0.0050
^a Source: Cat engine 3516B fuel usage factor					
^b Source: CCAR General Reporting Protocol v. 2.2. Appendix B					

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Attachment 3 GHG Descriptions

Water vapor is the most abundant, important, and variable greenhouse gas in the atmosphere. It is not considered a pollutant; in the atmosphere it maintains a climate necessary for life. The main source of water vapor is evaporation from the oceans (approximately 85%). Other sources include evaporation from other water bodies, sublimation (change from solid to gas) from ice and snow, and transpiration from plant leaves. Water vapor is not one of the six GHGs identified by the World Resources Institute (WRI) as a man-made contributor to global climate change.

Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is an odorless, colorless natural greenhouse gas. Natural sources include the following: decomposition of dead organic matter; respiration of bacteria, plants, animals, and fungus; evaporation from oceans; and volcanic outgassing. Anthropogenic (human caused) sources of carbon dioxide are from burning coal, oil, natural gas, and wood. Concentrations are currently around 370 ppm; some say that concentrations may increase to 540 ppm by 2100 as a direct result of anthropogenic sources (IPCC 2001). Some predict that this will result in an average global temperature rise of at least 2° Celsius (IPCC 2001).

Methane is a flammable gas and is the main component of natural gas. When one molecule of methane is burned in the presence of oxygen, one molecule of carbon dioxide and two molecules of water are released. There are no health effects from methane. A natural source of methane is from the anaerobic decay of organic matter. Geological deposits known as natural gas fields contain methane, which is extracted for fuel. Other sources are from landfills, fermentation of manure, and cattle.

Nitrous oxide (N₂O), also known as laughing gas, is a colorless greenhouse gas. Higher concentrations can cause dizziness, euphoria, and sometimes slight hallucinations. Nitrous oxide is produced by microbial processes in soil and water, including those reactions which occur in fertilizer containing nitrogen. In addition to agricultural sources, some industrial processes (fossil fuel-fired power plants, nylon production, nitric acid production, and vehicle emissions) also contribute to its atmospheric load. It is used in rocket engines, as an aerosol spray propellant, and in race cars.

Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) are gases formed synthetically by replacing all hydrogen atoms in methane or ethane with chlorine and/or fluorine atoms. CFCs are nontoxic, nonflammable, insoluble, and chemically unreactive in the troposphere (the level of air at the earth's surface). CFCs were first synthesized in 1928 for use as refrigerants, aerosol propellants, and cleaning solvents. They destroy stratospheric ozone; therefore their production was stopped as required by the Montreal Protocol. CFCs are not one of the six GHGs identified by the World Resources Institute (WRI) as a man-made contributor to global climate change.

Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) are synthetic man-made chemicals that are used as a substitute for CFCs for automobile air conditioners and refrigerants.

Perfluorocarbons (PFCs) have stable molecular structures and do not break down through the chemical processes in the lower atmosphere. High-energy ultraviolet rays about 60 kilometers above Earth's surface are able to destroy the compounds. PFCs have very long lifetimes, between 10,000 and 50,000 years. Two common PFCs are tetrafluoromethane and hexafluoroethane. Concentrations of tetrafluoromethane in the

1 atmosphere are over 70 ppt (EPA 2006d). The two main sources of PFCs are primary
2 aluminum production and semiconductor manufacture.

3 **Sulfur hexafluoride (SF6)** is an inorganic, odorless, colorless, nontoxic, nonflammable
4 gas. It also has the highest GWP of any gas evaluated, 23,900. Concentrations in the
5 1990s were about 4 ppt (EPA 2006d). Sulfur hexafluoride is used for insulation in
6 electric power transmission and distribution equipment, in the magnesium industry, in
7 semiconductor manufacturing, and as a tracer gas for leak detection.

8 **Ozone** is a greenhouse gas; however, unlike the other greenhouse gases, ozone in the
9 troposphere is relatively short-lived and therefore is not global in nature. According to
10 CARB, it is difficult to make an accurate determination of the contribution of ozone
11 precursors (NO_x and VOCs) to global warming (CARB 2004b). Therefore, project
12 emissions of ozone precursors would not significantly contribute to global climate
13 change. Ozone is not one of the six GHGs identified by the World Resources Institute
14 (WRI) as a man-made contributor to global climate change.

15 **Aerosols** are particles emitted into the air through burning biomass (plant material) and
16 fossil fuels. Aerosols can warm the atmosphere by absorbing and emitting heat and can
17 cool the atmosphere by reflecting light. Cloud formation can also be affected by
18 aerosols. Sulfate aerosols are emitted when fuel with sulfur in it is burned. Black carbon
19 (or soot) is emitted during bio mass burning incomplete combustion of fossil fuels.
20 Particulate matter regulation has been lowering aerosol concentrations in the United
21 States; however, global concentrations are likely increasing. Aerosols are not one of the
22 six GHGs identified by the World Resources Institute (WRI) as a man-made contributor
23 to global climate change.

24 Source: AEP, 2007.