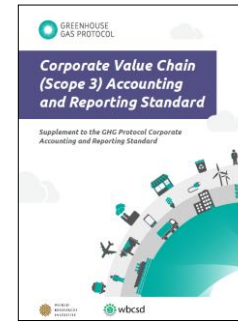


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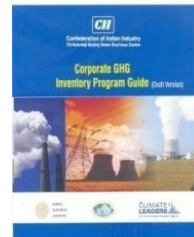
Updates on Power Accounting Guidelines development

September 25, 2012

CRS Renewable Energy Markets conference

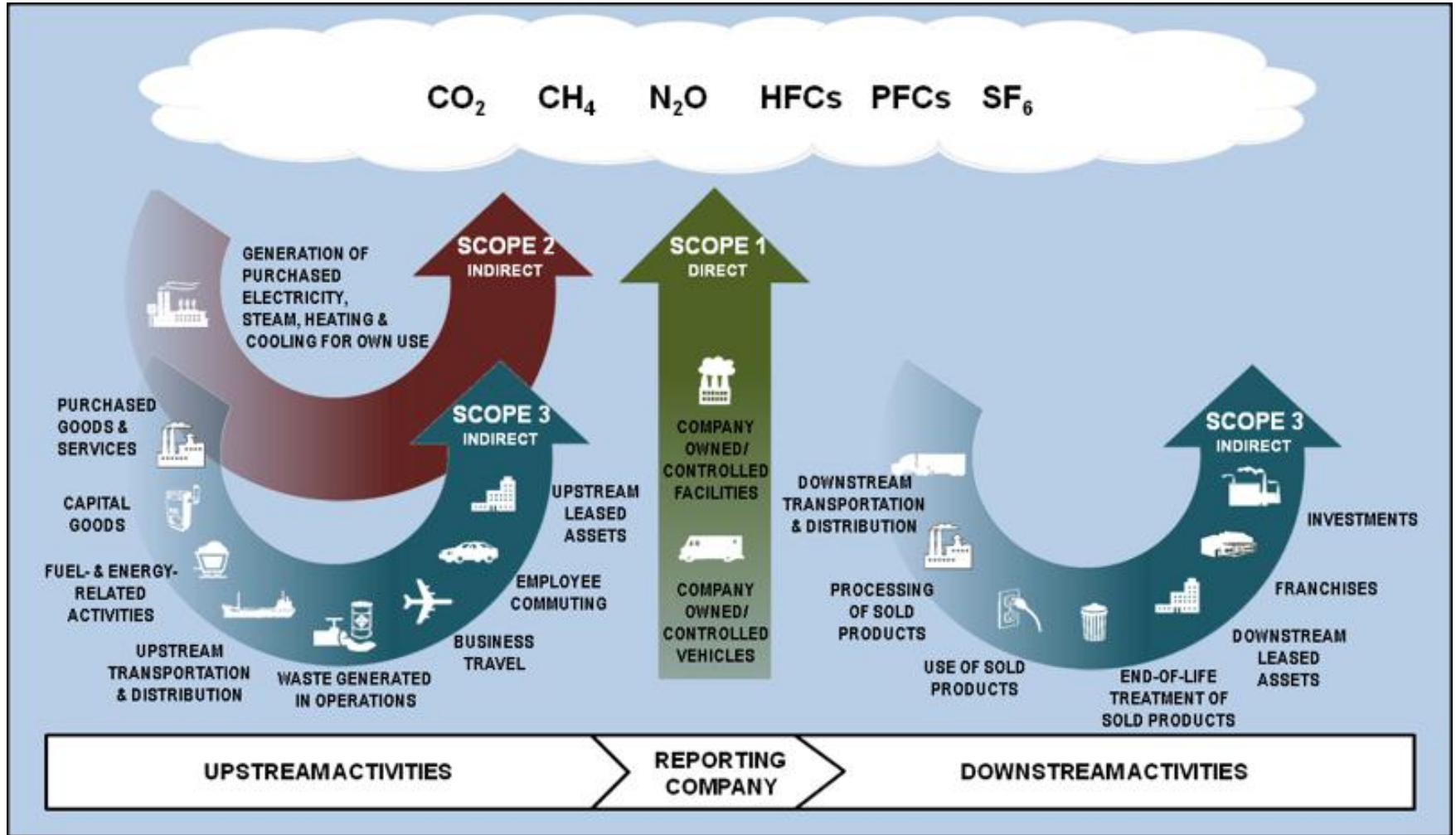


GHG Protocol Standards



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$$\text{Scope 2 Total} = \text{Consumption MWh} \times \text{Emission Factor}$$



Purchase and apply an offset credit to reduce any scope's emissions

Efficiency

Conservation

**Install Onsite RE to
reduce grid purchase
(any emissions from
owned/operated
become scope 1)**

What emission factor should companies use?

Grid average

eGRID sub-region

IEA country-level defaults

Contractual instruments

REC's

Utility green power labels

Power purchase agreements

Company's performance based on 4 different emission factors:

0.45
tons/
MWh

**Production-
based**
*locational grid
average*

0.63
tons/
MWh

Supplier- based
contractual

0.39
tons/
MWh

**Consumption-
based**
*locational grid
average*

**0 tons/
MWh**

**Certificate-
based**
contractual

Basic rationale for grid average

Practical

- ✓ Widely available publications on geographic EF's
- ✓ Easier for reporting programs to standardize
- ✓ Easier to compare performance

Reflection of Reality

- ✓ Shared resource that individuals cannot direct, so shared responsibility for the composition of the grid generation
- ✓ Liability and costs may be more aligned with overall grid trends

Incentive

- ✓ Goal is reductions in electricity sector: grid average shows when there is still more to reduce
- ✓ Shared responsibility is a better incentive for efficiency and on-site efforts

Basic rationale for contractual methods

Practical

- ✓ Contractual information can be more reliable in some places than the grid figures

Reflection of Reality

- ✓ Most liberalized grids are managed through contracts between parties, separate from physical electricity flows
- ✓ Consumers DO have differentiated responsibility for the mix of resources on the grid, and contracts can reflect that
- ✓ Better risk reflection

Incentive

- ✓ Consumer choices should have differentiated choices, and be able to drive more low-carbon energy
- ✓ Without this method, no incentive for procurement shifts

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- Attributes Ownership Double counting Geographic/Temporal

2. SHOULD? Define assumptions and intent of both methods, and how they align with GHG Protocol standard principles and goals

- Relevance Completeness Consistency Accuracy Transparency

3. HOW? Determine how other concerns and consumer expectations about the contractual method should be addressed

- Additionality? Regulatory surplus? Public subsidy? Technology type?

Option #1:

Recommend a **physical consumption** basis for quantifying scope 2

Option #2: Recommend that a **contractual method** for quantifying scope 2

Option #3: Redefine parameters of scope 2, possibly as a required **dual-reporting category** that necessitates two emissions totals: one based on a physical quantification method, and a one based on contractual quantification

Potential hierarchy of preference for emission factors:

#1. Contractual information, including certificates, contracts or supplier-specific information that meets criteria



#2. Adjusted grid-average figures at local, regional, or national level



#3. Un-adjusted grid-average figures at local, regional, or national level

What if contractual instruments do not meet the requirements today?

How do we recommend reporting in the transition to a “more ideal” contractual tracking and allocation system?

Scoping Workshops

Washington D.C., US - **Dec 2010**
London, U.K. – **Jan 2011**
Mexico City, Mexico – **May 2011**

Technical Working Group Drafts and Discussion

Summer 2011-present

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Materials to date and summaries of scoping workshops available
on project website

<http://www.ghgprotocol.org/feature/ghg-protocol-power-accounting-guidelines>

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