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# Handbook for quantifying direct methane and NMVOC emissions

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

There are new reporting requirements for direct methane and NMVOC emissions with effect from the 2017 emission year.

This handbook summarises proposed models for calculating direct methane and NMVOC emissions from facilities on the Norwegian continental shelf (NCS).

It is intended as an aid to the operator companies in their work of making provision for reporting emissions.

This appendix provides a description of the calculation methods which must/can/should be used for the individual sources of direct methane and NMVOC emissions to be reported in connection with the annual emission report to the NEA.

## 2 EMISSION SOURCES

Pursuant to the new reporting format, 32 emission sources have been defined as potentially present on a facility. In addition there are a number of small sources which are added as a percentage supplement. For practical reasons, these sources are divided into main **sources** and **sub-sources**.

**Table 1 Overview of emission sources.**

Source ID	Main Source	Sub source
1.1	Measured emissions	Measured common vent
10.1	Triethyleneglycol (TEG) regeneration	TEG degassing tank
10.2	Triethyleneglycol (TEG) regeneration	TEG regenerator
10.3	Triethyleneglycol (TEG) regeneration	Stripping gas
20.1	Monoethyleneglycol (MEG) regeneration	MEG degassing tank
20.2	Monoethyleneglycol (MEG) regeneration	MEG regenerator
20.3	Monoethyleneglycol (MEG) regeneration	Stripping gas
30.1	Amine regeneration	Amine degassing tank
30.2	Amine regeneration	Amine regenerator
40.1	Produced water handling	Produced water degassing tank
40.2	Produced water handling	Flotation tank / CFU
40.3	Produced water handling	Flotation gas
40.4	Produced water handling	Discharge caisson
50.1	Centrifugal compressor sealant oil	Degassing pots
50.2	Centrifugal compressor sealant oil	Sealing oil retention tank
50.3	Centrifugal compressor sealant oil	Sealing oil storage tank

Source ID	Main Source	Sub source
60.1	Piston compressor	Separator chamber
60.2	Piston compressor	Crank shaft housing
70.1	Dry compressor seals	Primary seal gas
70.2	Dry compressor seals	Secondary seal gas
70.3	Dry compressor seals	Leakage of primary seal gas to secondary vent
80.1	Flare gas that does not burn	Extinguished flare and ignition of flare
80.2	Flare gas that does not burn	Non-flammable flare gas
80.3	Flare gas that does not burn	Inert gas flushed open flare
90.1	Leaks in the process	Larger gas leaks
90.2	Leaks in the process	Small gas leaks
100.1	Purge and blanket gas	Purge and blanket gas
110.1	Gas analysers and test stations	Gas analysers and test stations
120.1	Drilling	Drilling
130.1	Storage tanks for crude oil at FPSOs	Gas freeing in connection with tank inspection
130.2	Storage tanks for crude oil at FPSOs	Abnormal operating situation
140.1	Gas freeing of process systems	Gas freeing of process systems
150.1	Ventilation of CO <sub>2</sub> from CCS	Ventilation of CO <sub>2</sub> from CCS
900.1	General addition	FPSO
910.1	General addition	Fixed facilities

### 3 METHODS FOR CALCULATING EMISSIONS

#### 3.1 General

Emissions are calculated for the individual sources and sub-sources. Recommended calculation methods vary from sub-source to sub-source. Where most sources are concerned, waste gas can be emitted to the atmosphere, sent to flaring or recovered. Only waste gases emitted are to be reported. The method used to calculate the emission for each source shall be specified in Footprint. The predefined calculation methods that are possible to select in Footprint are given in Table 2.

**Table 2 Pre-defined calculation methods.**

Calculation methods
Direct measurements
Indirect measurements
Mass balance
Not on installation
GRI-GLYCalc (only for 10 and 20 series)
MultiProScale (only for 10 and 20 series)
Emission factor
1% general addition (only for 910.1)
3% general addition (only for 900.1)
Data from supplier
Henry's law (only for 40 serie)*
Sent to flare
Recycling
Included in measured common vent
Other ISM
Flowrate of stripping gas
Calculated from upstream pressure and amount of water
Registration of time with unignited flare
OGI leak/no leak
Calculation of flowrate
Annual vented storage tank volume
Volume of vented process plant

\*Not relevant method

#### 3.2 Measured emissions from common vent - sub-source 1.1

##### General quantification method

Where facilities have flow meters on vent headers, these measurements can be used as the basis for reporting instead of quantifying the individual contributory sources/subsources, and providing this yields equally accurate or more accurate emission data (should be documentable). If the gas emitted through the vent header

contains large volumes of inert gases, their proportion should be calculated/measured and deducted.

In cases where the contribution from some of the contributory sources can be well-quantified with the methods specified in this handbook, they could be subtracted from the emissions via the vent header and reported under the relevant emission source(s).

Emissions can be calculated in a two-stage operation.

### Stage 1. Calculating the quantity of waste gas

$$V_{NG} = V_{Measured} - (V_{N_2} + V_{H_2O} + V_{CO_2}) - (V_{HC\_Source1} + V_{HC\_Source2} + .. V_{HC\_SourceN})$$

**Table 3 – Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating emissions when metering a vent header.**

Term	Unit	Explanation
$V_{NG}$	Sm <sup>3</sup>	Volume of natural gas as basis for calculating methane and NMVOC emissions
$V_{Measured}$	Sm <sup>3</sup>	Accumulated measured emissions in the reporting period
$V_{N_2}$	Sm <sup>3</sup>	Quantified volume of N <sub>2</sub> in the waste gas
$V_{H_2O}$	Sm <sup>3</sup>	Quantified volume of H <sub>2</sub> O (water vapour) in the waste gas
$V_{CO_2}$	Sm <sup>3</sup>	Quantified volume of CO <sub>2</sub> in the waste gas
$V_{HC\_Source1}$	Sm <sup>3</sup>	Volume waste gas from source quantified by source quantification
$V_{HC\_Source2}$	Sm <sup>3</sup>	Volume waste gas from source quantified by source quantification
$V_{HC\_SourceN}$	Sm <sup>3</sup>	Volume waste gas from source quantified by source quantification

If quantifying the amount of inert gas (such as N<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>) in the waste gas is difficult, a conservative (low) estimate is better than no deduction. It must be possible to defend the estimate. This deduction can be ignored when inert gas quantities are small.

### Stage 2. Calculating methane and NMVOC emissions

$$\text{Methane emissions: } U_{CH_4} = V_{NG} * Mol\%_{CH_4} * \rho_{CH_4} * 10^{-5}$$

$$\text{NMVOC emissions: } U_{NMVOC} = V_{NG} * Mol\%_{NMVOC} * \rho_{NMVOC} * 10^{-5}$$

**Table 4 – Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating emissions from vent header.**

Term	Unit	Explanation
$U_{CH_4}$	tonnes	Methane emissions in the reporting period
$U_{NMVOC}$	tonnes	NMVOC emissions in the reporting period
$V_{NG}$	Sm <sup>3</sup>	Volume of natural gas as basis for calculating methane and NMVOC emissions
$Mol\%_{CH_4}$	%	Mol% or volume% methane in the seal gas
$Mol\%_{NMVOC}$	%	Mol% or volume% NMVOC in the seal gas
$\rho_{CH_4}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	Methane density. This is about 0.68 kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>
$\rho_{NMVOC}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	NMVOC density. Can be set as equal to two kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>

### 3.3 Calculating emissions from TEG regeneration – sub-source 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3

Three sub-sources from TEG regeneration yield waste gases which could be emitted:

- waste gas from the TEG degassing tank
- waste gas from the TEG regenerator
- HC stripping gas (used gas is blended with waste gas from the TEG regenerator before possible emission).

#### 3.3.1 TEG degassing tank - sub-source 10.1

##### **General quantification method**

In the event of possible emissions from the sub-source, the quantity emitted is calculated as for the TEG regenerator (see chapter 3.3.2).

#### 3.3.2 TEG regenerator - sub-source 10.2

##### **General quantification method**

Two alternatives are available for quantifying waste gas (boil-off) from a TEG regenerator.

##### *Alternative 1*

Use of the GRI-GLYCalc Windows-based calculation programme, which has been specially developed in the USA for calculating the quantity and composition of waste gases from the various waste-gas sources in glycol systems. This is accepted and used by the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA).

The necessary facility-specific input parameters are:

- volume flow of natural gas through the absorption column
- gas composition of the natural gas
- pressure and temperature in the absorption column
- pressure and temperature in the degassing tank
- pressure and temperature in the regenerator (boiler)
- TEG circulation rate.

The software calculates emissions of methane and the individual hydrocarbon components in NMVOC (these are summed to arrive at total NMVOC emissions).

##### *Alternative 2*

Since GRI-GLYCalc is a commercial programme, alternative methods can also be used. The methane and NMVOC (C<sub>2</sub>+) content in the TEG solution, measured as mass per unit volume of TEG solution, is determined by sampling and analysis of the TEG downstream from the degassing tank.

Methane emissions:  $U_{CH_4} = V_{TEG} * k_{CH_4} * t$

NMVOC emissions:  $U_{NMVOC} = V_{TEG} * k_{NMVOC} * t$

**Table 5 – Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating emissions from the TEG regenerator.**



Term	Unit	Explanation
$U_{CH_4}$	tonnes	Methane emissions from the TEG regenerator in the reporting period
$U_{NMVOC}$	tonnes	NMVOC emissions from the TEG regenerator in the reporting period
$k_{CH_4}$	tonnes CH <sub>4</sub> /m <sup>3</sup> TEG	Concentration of CH <sub>4</sub> in the TEG solution
$K_{NMVOC}$	tonnes NMVOC/m <sup>3</sup> TEG	Concentration of NMVOC in the TEG solution
$V_{TEG}$	m <sup>3</sup> /h	Circulation rate of the TEG solution
$t$	hours	Number of operating hours in the reporting period

### 3.3.3 Stripping gas - sub-source 10.3

#### General quantification method

Some plants use HG stripping gas to speed up dewatering of the TEG solution. Measurement or other reliable quantification of stripping gas quantity in the regenerator will be needed to quantify emissions. Waste gas composition is the same as the composition of stripping gas in the plant.

Emissions can be calculated in a simplified form as follows.

Methane emissions:  $U_{CH_4} = V_{NG} * Mol\%_{CH_4} * \rho_{CH_4} * t * 10^{-5}$

NMVOC emissions:  $U_{NMVOC} = V_{NG} * Mol\%_{NMVOC} * \rho_{NMVOC} * t * 10^{-5}$

**Table 6 – Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating emissions from the TEG regenerator.**

Term	Unit	Explanation
$U_{CH_4}$	tonnes	Methane emissions from the TEG regenerator in the reporting period
$U_{NMVOC}$	tonnes	NMVOC emissions from the TEG regenerator in the reporting period
$V_{NG}$	Sm <sup>3</sup> /h	Flow rate of natural gas into the regenerator
$Mol\%_{CH_4}$	%	Mol% or volume% methane in the seal gas
$Mol\%_{NMVOC}$	%	Mol% or volume% NMVOC in the seal gas
$\rho_{CH_4}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	Methane density (= 0.68 kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> )
$\rho_{NMVOC}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	NMVOC density (can be set as 2 kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> if the NMVOC composition is unknown, or it can otherwise be calculated on the basis of lab analyses of the fuel gas)
$t$	hours	Number of operating hours in the reporting period

### 3.4 Calculating emissions from MEG regeneration - sub-source 20.1, 20.2, 20.3

#### General quantification method

Specially developed calculation tools are used to quantify the emissions. The alternatives are:

- **GRI-GLYCalc:** calculation programme described in more detail under the section on TEG regeneration
- **MultiProScale:** process simulation programme specially developed to simulate the chemistry, thermodynamics and equilibrium in oil-gas-water and MEG systems.

Methane and NMVOC emissions from possible stripping gas is calculated in the same way as for stripping gas in TEG regeneration (see section 3.3.3).

### 3.5 Calculating emissions from amine regeneration - sub-source 30.1, 30.2

#### Facility-specific quantification method

Is established by the operator for the facility. It must be possible to document the accuracy of the method.

### 3.6 Calculating emissions from produced water – sub-source 40.1, 40.2, 40.3 and 40.4

Emissions could normally occur if waste gas from the following sources is emitted:

- produced water degassing tank
- flotation tank/CFU<sup>1</sup> (for facilities which have such equipment)
- added flotation gas (if HC gas is used)
- discharge caisson

#### 3.6.1 Degassing tank, flotation tank and discharge caisson - sub-source 40.1, 40.2, 40.4

#### General quantification method

The amount of waste gas is a result of depressurising produced water and can be calculated with the aid of the following general quantification method.

Methane emissions:  $U_{CH_4} = f_{CH_4} * V_{pw} * \Delta p * 10^{-6}$

NmVOC emissions:  $U_{NMVOC} = f_{NMVOC} * V_{pw} * \Delta p * 10^{-6}$

**Table 7 – Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating direct emissions from produced water.**

Term	Unit	Explanation
$U_{CH_4}$	tonnes	Methane emissions from produced water in the reporting period
$U_{NMVOC}$	tonnes	NMVOC emissions from produced water in the reporting period
$f_{CH_4}$	14 g/m <sup>3</sup> /bar	Emission factor for CH <sub>4</sub> . Grams methane per m <sup>3</sup> produced water through the degassing point and per bar pressure drop from nearest upstream degassing point
$f_{NMVOC}$	3.5 g/m <sup>3</sup> /bar	Emission factor for NMVOC. Grams NMVOC per m <sup>3</sup> produced water through the degassing point and per bar pressure drop from nearest upstream degassing point*
$V_{pw}$	m <sup>3</sup>	Accumulated quantity of produced water through the degassification point during the reporting period
$\Delta p$	bar	Operating pressure difference between degassing point and closest upstream degassing point
$t$	hours	Number of operating hours in the reporting period

\*If the pressure and the temperature of the produced water indicate the use of other factors according to [Ref. 1], the operator is free to choose this if relevant documentation is available.

<sup>1</sup> CFU = compact flotation unit.

If the produced water plant has more than one degassing point – from both the CFU and the discharge caisson, for example – the waste gas quantity is calculated for each point and summed.

The produced water quantity  $V_{PW}$  is the quantity which passes the degassing point. Where emissions from the discharge caisson are concerned, this will be the quantity discharged to the sea. Emissions from the degassing tank and flotation unit can also include produced water for reinjection.

### 3.6.2 HC gas as flotation gas in flotation tank/CFU - sub-source 40.3

#### General quantification method

Emissions of flotation gas are determined by measuring the quantity of such gas in the plant or quantifying it in another reliable way. The operator should be able to document how the flotation gas quantity is established.

Methane emissions:  $U_{CH_4} = V_{NG} * Mol\%_{CH_4} * \rho_{CH_4} * t * 10^{-5}$

NMVOC emissions:  $U_{NMVOC} = V_{NG} * Mol\%_{NMVOC} * \rho_{NMVOC} * t * 10^{-5}$

**Table 8 – Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating emissions from the flotation tank/CFU.**

Term	Unit	Explanation
$U_{CH_4}$	tonnes	Methane emissions from flotation tank/CFU in the reporting period
$U_{NMVOC}$	tonnes	NMVOC emissions from flotation tank/CFU in the reporting period
$V_{NG}$	Sm <sup>3</sup> /h	Flow rate of natural gas (flotation gas) into flotation tank/CFU
$Mol\%_{CH_4}$	%	Mol% or volume% methane in the seal gas
$Mol\%_{NMVOC}$	%	Mol% or volume% NMVOC in the seal gas
$\rho_{CH_4}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	Methane density (= 0.68 kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> )
$\rho_{NMVOC}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	NMVOC density (can be set as two kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> if the NMVOC composition is unknown, or it can otherwise be calculated on the basis of lab analyses of the fuel gas)
$t$	hours	Number of operating hours in the reporting period

### 3.7 Calculating emissions from oil seals on centrifugal compressors - sub-source 50.1, 50.2, 50.3

#### Facility-specific method

Seal oil used in centrifugal compressors absorbs gas from the compressor. This is freed as waste gas from up to three sub-sources:

- degassing pots (also called sour pots) – normally one-two per compressor stage
- seal oil holding tank, which can be common to all the compressors
- seal oil storage tank, common to all the compressors.

Holding and storage tanks are combined as a single tank on some facilities. Emissions are determined using a facility-specific method(s) established by the operator company. It should be possible to document the method's relevance and accuracy.

### 3.8 Calculating emissions from reciprocating compressors - sub-source 60.1, 60.2

#### Facility-specific method

The number of facilities with reciprocating compressors is small, and these use various seal systems. Emissions are determined using facility-specific methods established by the operator company. It should be possible to document their relevance and accuracy.

### 3.9 Calculating emissions from dry compressor seals – sub-source 70.1, 70.2 and 70.3

#### Facility-specific method

Centrifugal compressors with dry seals can give rise to emissions if seal gas containing HC is not recovered or flared. Three potential sub-sources can yield emissions:

- used primary seal gas
- used secondary seal gas (if HC gas is used).
- leakage of primary seal gas to secondary vent.

Emissions are estimated for each compressor stage (two seals per stage) and summed.

#### 3.9.1 Primary seal gas - sub-source 70.1

#### General quantification method

Three general quantification methods are recommended, depending on available information.

##### Primary method

Measuring the quantity of seal (barrier) gas out of the primary vent. Certain compressors are fitted with a flow meter for gas out of the primary vent. Emissions from each of the two seals per compressor are calculated using the following formulae.

Methane emissions:  $U_{CH_4} = V_{PTut} * Mol\%_{CH_4} * \rho_{CH_4} * t * 10^{-5}$

NMVOC emissions:  $U_{NMVOC} = V_{PTut} * Mol\%_{NMVOC} * \rho_{NMVOC} * t * 10^{-5}$

**Table 9 – Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating emissions of primary seal gas.**

Term	Unit	Explanation
$U_{CH_4}$	tonnes	Methane emissions from primary seal gas per seal per compressor in the reporting period
$U_{NMVOC}$	tonnes	NMVOC emissions from primary seal gas per seal per compressor in the reporting period
$V_{PTut}$	Sm <sup>3</sup> /h	Flow rate of primary seal gas out of the primary vent
$Mol\%_{CH_4}$	%	Mol% or volume% methane in the seal gas
$Mol\%_{NMVOC}$	%	Mol% or volume% NMVOC in the seal gas
$\rho_{CH_4}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	Methane density (= 0.68 kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> )
$\rho_{NMVOC}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	NMVOC density (can be set as two kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> if the NMVOC composition is unknown, or it can otherwise be calculated on the basis of lab analyses of the export/fuel gas)
$t$	hours	Number of operating hours in the reporting period

Total emissions of primary seal gas will then be as follows.

$$\text{Methane: } (U^{1CH_4} + U^{2CH_4})_{\text{kompressor1}} + (U^{1CH_4} + U^{2CH_4})_{\text{kompressor2}} + \dots + (U^{1CH_4} + U^{2CH_4})_{\text{kompressor } n}$$

$$\text{NMVOC: } (U^{1NMVOC} + U^{2NMVOC})_{\text{kompressor1}} + (U^{1NMVOC} + U^{2NMVOC})_{\text{kompressor2}} + \dots + (U^{1NMVOC} + U^{2NMVOC})_{\text{kompressor } n}$$

Where:

$U^1$  = emissions from seal 1 on the compressor

$U^2$  = emissions from seal 2 on the compressor

### Secondary method

For compressors where the flow rate of primary seal gas out of the primary vent is not measured. The quantity of seal gas into the primary seal is measured on all compressors with dry seals. The default estimate is that 10 per cent of the seal gas into the seal is emitted as waste gas. The formulae are then as follows.

$$\text{Methane emissions: } U_{CH_4} = k * V_{PTinn} * Mol\%_{CH_4} * \rho_{CH_4} * t * 10^{-7}$$

$$\text{NMVOC emissions: } U_{NMVOC} = k * V_{PTinn} * Mol\%_{NMVOC} * \rho_{NMVOC} * t * 10^{-7}$$

**Table 10 - Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating emissions of primary seal gas.**

Term	Unit	Explanation
$k$	%	Percentage of primary seal gas exiting through the primary vent. The supplier often recommends 10 per cent
$V_{PTinn}$	Sm <sup>3</sup> /h	Flow rate of primary seal gas into the seal
$Mol\%_{CH_4}$	%	Mol% or volume% methane in the seal gas
$Mol\%_{NMVOC}$	%	Mol% or volume% NMVOC in the seal gas
$\rho_{CH_4}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	Methane density (= 0.68 kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> )
$\rho_{NMVOC}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	NMVOC density (can be set as two kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> if the NMVOC composition is unknown, or it can otherwise be calculated on the basis of lab analyses of the export/fuel gas)
$t$	hours	Number of operating hours in the reporting period

Overall emissions from the compressors are summed as with the primary method.

### Tertiary method

If no measurement data into the seals are available, they should be obtained from the seal supplier.

## 3.9.2 Secondary seal gas - sub-source 70.2

This sub-source is only relevant in cases where fuel or other HC gas is used as seal gas.

### General quantification method

Seal gas into the seal is measured (or quantified in another satisfactory way). The quantity in is equal to the quantity out through the secondary vent. Emissions per seal are calculated as follows.

$$\text{Methane emissions: } U_{CH_4} = V_{STinn} * Mol\%_{CH_4} * \rho_{CH_4} * t * 10^{-5}$$

$$\text{NMVOC emissions: } U_{NMVOC} = V_{STinn} * Mol\%_{NMVOC} * \rho_{NMVOC} * t * 10^{-5}$$

**Table 11 - Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating emissions of secondary seal gas.**

Term	Unit	Explanation
$U_{CH_4}$	tonnes	Methane emissions from secondary seal gas per seal per compressor in the reporting period
$U_{NMVOC}$	tonnes	NMVOC emissions from secondary seal gas per seal per compressor in the reporting period
$V_{STinn}$	Sm <sup>3</sup> /h	Flow rate of secondary seal gas into secondary seal
$Mol\%_{CH_4}$	%	Mol% or volume% methane in the seal gas
$Mol\%_{NMVOC}$	%	Mol% or volume% NMVOC in the seal gas
$\rho_{CH_4}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	Methane density (= 0.68 kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> )
$P_{NMVOC}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	NmVOC density (can be set as two kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> if the NMVOC composition is unknown, or it can otherwise be calculated on the basis of lab analyses of the export/fuel gas)
$t$	hours	Number of operating hours in the reporting period

Total emissions of secondary seal gas from the compressors are summed as for primary seal gas.

### 3.9.3 Leakage of primary seal gas to secondary seal vent - sub-source 70.3

Quantifying this is only relevant if

- gas from the primary vent is recovered or sent to flaring and
- the seal does not have a mechanical design which prevents such leakage (such as an internal labyrinth).

#### General quantification method

Emissions are calculated as 10 per cent leakage of waste gas from the primary vent into the secondary vent. That corresponds to one per cent of the quantity of primary seal gas into the primary seal. Emissions per relevant compressor stage are calculated as follows (providing the starting point is the measured quantity of primary seal gas out of the primary vent).

Methane emissions:  $U_{CH_4} = 0,1 * V_{PTut} * Mol\%_{CH_4} * \rho_{CH_4} * t * 10^{-5}$

NMVOC emissions:  $U_{NMVOC} = 0,1 * V_{PTut} * Mol\%_{NMVOC} * \rho_{NMVOC} * t * 10^{-5}$

**Table 12 - Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating emissions of primary seal gas.**

Term	Unit	Explanation
$V_{PTut}$	Sm <sup>3</sup> /h	Flow rate of primary seal gas from each primary vent
$Mol\%_{CH_4}$	%	Mol% or volume% methane in the seal gas
$Mol\%_{NMVOC}$	%	Mol% or volume% NMVOC in the seal gas
$\rho_{CH_4}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	Methane density (= 0.68 kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> )
$P_{NMVOC}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	NMVOC density (can be set as two kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> if the NMVOC composition is unknown, or it can otherwise be calculated on the basis of lab analyses of the export/fuel gas)
$t$	hours	Number of operating hours in the reporting period

If the compressor is not equipped with a meter which registers the quantity of primary seal gas out of the primary vent,  $V_{PTut}$  is replaced with  $V_{PTinn}$  and the factor 0.1 is replaced with 0.01.

Total emissions from the sub-source are found by summing emissions from each of the seals on all relevant compressors, in the same way as with emissions of primary seal gas.

### 3.10 Calculation of direct emissions from flare gas not burnt – sub-source 80.1, 80.2 and 80.3

Direct emissions of unburnt flare gas can occur in the following circumstances.

- If the flare is extinguished and in the period between the admission of flare gas (opens for emission of the flare gas) and its ignition. The latter is particularly relevant for facilities with a closed flare.
- Non-combustible flare gas (in other words, the HC content of the flare gas is too small for combustion to occur).
- Open flare purged with inert gas (cold flare).

#### 3.10.1 Extinguished flare and flare ignition - sub-source 80.1

##### General quantification method

The emissions are quantified by introducing a log for the time between the flare being extinguished or the flare valve opening and ignition of the flare. Emissions can be calculated in a simplified form as follows.

Methane emissions:  $U_{CH_4} = V_{FG} * Mol\%_{CH_4} * \rho_{CH_4} * 10^{-5}$

NMVOC emissions:  $U_{NMVOC} = V_{FG} * Mol\%_{NMVOC} * \rho_{NMVOC} * 10^{-5}$

**Table 13 – Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating emissions from extinguished flare/delayed flare ignition.**

Term	Unit	Explanation
$U_{CH_4}$	tonnes	Methane emissions from extinguished flare/delayed flare ignition in the reporting period
$U_{NMVOC}$	tonnes	NMVOC emissions from extinguished flare/delayed flare ignition in the reporting period
$V_{FG}$	Sm <sup>3</sup>	Volume of directly emitted flare gas not burnt in the reporting period
$Mol\%_{CH_4}$	%	Mol% or volume% methane in the seal gas
$Mol\%_{NMVOC}$	%	Mol% or volume% NMVOC in the seal gas
$\rho_{CH_4}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	Methane density (= 0.68 kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> )
$\rho_{NMVOC}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	NMVOC density (can be set as two kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> if the NMVOC composition is unknown, or it can otherwise be calculated on the basis of lab analyses of the export/fuel gas)

#### 3.10.2 Non-combustible flare gas - sub-source 80.2

##### Facility-specific quantification method

This applies to a small number of flares, which are characterized by the fact that they contain a HC gas content which is too low to burn. The flare therefore works as a cold vent equipped with a flare gas meter. Since the flare gas meter measures all gas, not just HC gas, the challenge is to estimate the fraction of HC gases.

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If the flare gas is never ignited, emissions are quantified according to the total flare gas multiplied by the fraction of HC gases.

If the flare is ignited for periods, for example if it stands close to a neighbouring flare which is ignited under special conditions, this is compensated for by using a flaring log.

The operator establishes a facility-specific quantification method for the relevant facility based on the information given above.

### 3.10.3 Open flare purged with inert gas - sub-source 80.3

#### **General quantification method**

This applies to a very limited number of flares on the Norwegian continental shelf. These are inert-gas purged flared that do not have emissions under normal operation. These flares are equipped with flare gas meters and are only in operation for short periods in special situations:

- a. In the case of pressure relief of smaller equipment or pipe sections in connection with maintenance or emergency blowout. If the emission occurs without the flare being ignited, everything is reported as emissions of methane and NMVOC. If the flare is ignited there no emissions of methane or NMVOC are reported, except during the ignition period registered in the flare log.
- b. In the case of pressure relief of large volumes, e.g. pipe systems (very rare), the flare usually ignites. Emissions of methane and NMVOC are calculated only for the short period of time when the flare is not ignited, in connection with the start-up of flaring.

Emissions are calculated based on flare gas measurements. The flare gas quantity is stated in Sm<sup>3</sup>. The distribution between methane and NMVOC is given by the flare gas composition determined, for example, by the CMR method.

### 3.11 Calculating emissions from HC gas leaks – sub-source 90.1 and 90.2

These emissions are divided into two groups quantified by different general methods:

- big gas leaks
- small gas leaks/fugitive emissions.

#### 3.11.1 Large gas leaks - sub-source 90.1

##### **General quantification method**

Large emission leaks includes:

- Leaks reported in chapter 8 of the emission report. These are leaks quantified and reported in accordance with the HSE regulations and given priority for averting.
- Any other large single leaks from valves/flanges, couplings etc. where the leakage quantity is quantified separately for each leak

The emissions are calculated as follows.



$$\text{Methane emissions: } U_{CH_4} = U_{UGL} * \text{Vekt}\%_{CH_4} * 10^{-2}$$

$$\text{NMVOC emissions: } U_{NMVOC} = U_{UGL} * \text{Vekt}\%_{NMVOC} * 10^{-2}$$

The gas composition of such leaks will not normally be known. It can then be assumed that the emitted gas comprises 50-50 weight% methane and NMVOC (corresponds to 75 mol% methane and 25 mol% NMVOC, and an NMVOC density of two kg/Sm<sup>3</sup>). In such cases, the formulae above can be used.

If the composition is given in mol%, methane and NMVOC can be calculated as follows.

$$\text{Methane emissions: } U_{CH_4} = U_{UGL} * (\rho_{CH_4} * \text{mol}\%_{CH_4}) / (\rho_{CH_4} * \text{mol}\%_{CH_4} + \rho_{NMVOC} * \text{mol}\%_{NMVOC})$$

$$\text{NmVOC emissions: } U_{NMVOC} = U_{UGL} * (\rho_{nmVOC} * \text{mol}\%_{NMVOC}) / (\rho_{CH_4} * \text{mol}\%_{CH_4} + \rho_{NMVOC} * \text{mol}\%_{NMVOC})$$

(If the composition is given in vol%, replace vol% with mol% in the equations. In other words, the gas is assumed to be virtually ideal.)

In the event of large gas leaks (> 10 tonnes), efforts should be made to calculate/estimate the distribution between methane and nmVOC on the basis of the leak site and the gas composition at that location.

**Table 14 – Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating emissions from large gas leaks.**

Term	Unit	Explanation
$U_{CH_4}$	tonnes	Methane emissions from large gas leaks in the reporting period
$U_{NMVOC}$	tonnes	NMVOC emissions from large gas leaks in the reporting period
$U_{UGL}$	tonnes	Total quantity emitted from large gas leaks in the reporting period (natural gas)
$\text{vekt}\%_{CH_4}$	%	Weight% methane in leak emissions
$\text{Vekt}\%_{NMVOC}$	%	Weight% NMVOC in leak emissions
$\text{Mol}\%_{CH_4}$	%	Mol% or volume% methane in the seal gas
$\text{Mol}\%_{NMVOC}$	%	Mol% or volume% NMVOC in the seal gas
$\rho_{CH_4}$	tonnes/Sm <sup>3</sup>	Methane density (= 0.68 kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> )
$\rho_{NMVOC}$	tonnes/Sm <sup>3</sup>	NMVOC density (can be set as two kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> if the NMVOC composition is unknown, or it can otherwise be calculated on the basis of lab analyses of the export/fuel gas)

Emissions from large gas leaks must also be reported in chapter 8 on unintended discharges. The overall volume of HC gas (methane + NMVOC) emitted is reported.

### 3.11.2 Small gas leaks/fugitive emissions - sub-source 90.2

#### General quantification method

The OGI “leak/no leak” method is used. This is based on the following.

- A database of the facility’s components with leak potential. This should be updated in accordance with updating of the quantitative risk assessment (QRA) if that is found appropriate. However, the first measurement campaign should form the basis for determining when the next review should take place.
- Use of infrared camera to detect leakages from components. The camera should have an established lower detection limit.

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- Statistically determined (by the API) “standard” leakage rates from components with and without detected leaks.

Quantities of natural gas emitted are determined as follows:

$$U = k_{leak} * f_{leak} * 1/A * t_1 / 1\ 000\ 000 + k_{noleak} * f_{noleak} * t_2 / 1\ 000\ 000 \quad (\text{tonnes/year})$$

**Table 15 – Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating emissions from small gas leaks.**

Term	Unit	Explanation
$U_{NG}$	tonnes	Natural gas emissions from small gas leaks in the reporting period
$k_{Vleak}$	number	Number of valves with detected leakage
$k_{Vno-leak}$	number	Number of valves without detected leakage
$k_{Kleak}$	number	Number of connectors with detected leakage
$k_{Kno-leak}$	number	Number of connectors without detected leakage
$k_{Pleak}$	number	Number of pumps with detected leakage
$k_{Pno-leak}$	number	Number of pumps without detected leakage
$K_{leak}$	number	Number of components with detected leakage
$K_{no-leak}$	number	Number of components without detected leakage
$f_{Vleak}$	g/h/component	Emission factor valves with detected leakage
$f_{Vno-leak}$	g/h/component	Emission factor valves without detected leakage
$f_{Kleak}$	g/h/component	Emission factor connectors with detected leakage
$f_{Kno-leak}$	g/h/component	Emission factor connectors without detected leakage
$f_{Pleak}$	g/h/component	Emission factor pumps with detected leakage
$f_{Pno-leak}$	g/h/component	Emission factor pumps without detected leakage
$f_{leak}$	g/h/component	Emission factor components with detected leakage
$f_{no-leak}$	g/h/component	Emission factor components without detected leakage
$t_1$	hours	Number of operating hours in the reporting period
$t_2$	hours	Number of hours in the reporting period (8760 hours)
$A$	-	fraction of hydrocarbon-containing systems covered by the IE scan (eg: if 70% was covered, A is equal to 0.7).

Since the composition of the emitted gas will not be known, assuming 50-50 weight% methane and NMVOC is recommended (this corresponds to 75 mol% methane and 25 mol% NMVOC, which is regarded as satisfactorily representative for this emitted gas).

The emission factors used will depend on the IR camera's detection limit. The factors are presented in Table 16. If the camera's detection limit is not known, emission factors for the highest limit – 60 g/h – can be used. The choice of 60 g/h as the default should also be justified.

**Table 16 – Overview of emission factors used in the OGI leak/no leak method.**

Component type	Emission factor type	Emission factors $f$ (g/h/component)			
		Detection limit 3 g/h	Detection limit 6 g/h	Detection limit 30 g/h	Detection limit 60 g/h
Valves	no-leak	0.019	0.043	0.17	0.27
	leak	55	73	140	200
Connectors (flanges, screwed connections)	no-leak	0.0026	0.0041	0.01	0.014
	leak	29	45	88	120
Pumps	no-leak	0.096	0.13	0.59	0.75
	leak	140	160	310	350
Other/possibly all components	no-leak	0.007	0.0140	0.0510	0.0810
	leak	56	75	150	210

Measurements must be made with an approved IR camera. FLIR Optical Imaging Camera 320 and OPGAL Eye C Gas are the most commonly used cameras. If these cameras, or a

camera with similar resolution is used, the emission factors for detection limit 3 g/hour should be used.

It is recommended to use only the factors for "Other/all components" and that these factors are used for all components. For all components from which leakage has been detected, an emission factor of 56 grams/hour is used, while for all components from which no emission has been detected, an emission factor of 0.007 grams/hour is used.

OGI measurements should be made in accordance to 'Norwegian oil and gas association's industry template 'OGI/IR Leak/No Leak method' which provides further information and details on the methodology for measuring and calculating these emissions.

OGI measurements on the same facility should preferably be coordinated with the updating schedule for the QRA and carried out with sufficient frequency. It is assumed that the leakage log and actions arising from this in the period between two measurements are updated in accordance with usual practice and entered in the annual reporting (the number of leaks/no leaks is updated annually), and that checks with an IR camera are conducted in smaller areas as and when required.

### 3.12 Calculating emissions from HC purge/blanket gas - sub-source 100.1

#### General quantification method

Two general methods are available for quantifying emissions.

- 1. Measurement of or other reliable quantification method for the flow rate in the supply pipe for purge/blanket gas from the fuel gas system.** If measured purge/blanket gas goes to several consumers which deliver waste gas to different recipients as recovery, flaring and emission (venting), the fraction emitted should be quantifiable in an equally reliable way as the supply rate.

Emissions are calculated with the following formulae.

Methane emissions:  $U_{CH_4} = (V_{STG} - V_{ab}) * Mol\%_{CH_4} * \rho_{CH_4} * t * 10^{-5}$

NMVOC emissions:  $U_{NMVOC} = (V_{STG} - V_{ab}) * Mol\%_{NMVOC} * \rho_{NMVOC} * t * 10^{-5}$

**Table 17 - Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating emissions from purge/blanket gas.**

Term	Unit	Explanation
$U_{CH_4}$	tonnes	Methane emissions from purge/blanket gas in the reporting period
$U_{NMVOC}$	tonnes	NMVOC emissions from purge/blanket gas in the reporting period
$V_{STG}$	Sm <sup>3</sup> /h	Total consumption (flow rate) of purge/blanket gas
$V_{ab}$	Sm <sup>3</sup> /h	Flow rate to users of purge/blanket gas where waste gas is recirculated or flared
$Mol\%_{CH_4}$	%	Mol% or volume% methane in the seal gas
$Mol\%_{NMVOC}$	%	Mol% or volume% NMVOC in the seal gas
$\rho_{CH_4}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	Methane density (= 0.68 kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> )
$\rho_{NMVOC}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	NMVOC density (can be set as two kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> if the NMVOC composition is unknown, or it can otherwise be calculated on the basis of lab analyses of the export/fuel gas)

Term	Unit	Explanation
<i>t</i>	hours	Number of operating hours in the reporting period

2. **By measuring and categorising the waste gas where purge/blanket gas can be emitted with gas from other sources.** This will require flow meters in the vent pipe and possible analyses of the gas.

In principle, the waste gas is distributed between methane and NMVOC in the same way as in method 1 above.

If alternative 2 is in place, alternative 1 is not relevant. The operator chooses the quantification method on the basis of what is best for the relevant facility.

The distribution between methane and NMVOC is determined by fuel gas composition.

### 3.13 Calculating emissions from gas analysers and test/sample stations - sub-source 110.1

Calculated for facilities where:

- a) analysis gas is taken from a slipstream to the main pipe, combined with
- b) the slipstream continuously providing emissions to the atmosphere.

Contributions from the other sub-sources to emissions from gas analysers and test/sample stations are so small that they are included in the general supplement. See chapter (3.17).

#### General quantification method

Two alternative methods can be utilised.

1. By determining the flow rate of the slipstream through measurements or another reliable method. In this case, the emissions are calculated using the following formulae.

Methane emissions:  $U_{CH_4} = V_G * Mol\%_{CH_4} * \rho_{CH_4} * t * 10^{-5}$

NMVOC emissions:  $U_{NMVOC} = V_G * Mol\%_{NMVOC} * \rho_{NMVOC} * t * 10^{-5}$

**Table 18 - Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating emissions from gas analysers.**

Term	Unit	Explanation
$U_{CH_4}$	tonnes	Methane emissions from slipstream feeding gas analyser in the reporting period
$U_{NMVOC}$	tonnes	NMVOC emissions from slipstream feeding gas analyser in the reporting period
$V_G$	Sm <sup>3</sup> /h	Measured flow rate through the slipstream
$Mol\%_{CH_4}$	%	Mol% or volume% methane in the seal gas
$Mol\%_{NMVOC}$	%	Mol% or volume% NMVOC in the seal gas
$\rho_{CH_4}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	Methane density (= 0.68 kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> )
$\rho_{NMVOC}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	NMVOC density (can be set as two kg/Sm <sup>3</sup> if the NMVOC composition is unknown, or it can otherwise be calculated on the basis of lab analyses of the export/fuel gas)
<i>t</i>	hours	Number of operating hours in the reporting period

The mol% obtained from the analysis is used for analysers which categorise the whole gas stream. Where other analysers are concerned, the operator chooses the composition considered to be most representative (fuel gas, export gas or other). Data averaged over the reporting period should be acceptable.

2. If the slipstream is conducted to a vent header (common vent) to the atmosphere with a meter, the quantity of emission gas will be measured through the vent header's metering station (see section 3.16).

### 3.14 Calculation of emissions from drilling - sub-source 120.1

#### General quantification method

Methane emissions:  $U_{CH_4} = a * f_{CH_4}$

NMVOC emissions:  $U_{NMVOC} = a * f_{NMVOC}$

Emission factors cover both quantities emitted from cuttings treatment and screening as well as those released by gas from the mud separator.

**Table 19 – Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating direct emissions from drilling.**

Term	Unit	Explanation
$U_{CH_4}$	tonnes	Methane emissions in the reporting period
$U_{NMVOC}$	tonnes	NMVOC emissions in the reporting period
$a$	number	Wellbores completed in the reporting period
$f_{CH_4}$	0.25 tonnes/wellbore	Emission factor for methane
$f_{NMVOC}$	0.25 tonnes/wellbore	Emission factor for NMVOC

Note that the activity factor is the number of wellbores (not the number of wells).

There shall not be reported emissions of methane and NMVOC from drilling of dry wells if water-based drilling fluid has been used.

### 3.15 Calculation of emissions from FPSO crude oil storage tanks – sub-source 130.1 and 130.2

This applies to emissions from floating combined production and storage units (FPSO's) where the tank atmosphere is natural gas.

#### 3.15.1 Tank inspection - sub-source 130.1

##### General quantification method

Methane emissions:  $U_{CH_4} = V_{tanker} * Mol\%_{CH_4} * \rho_{CH_4} * 10^{-5}$

NMVOC emissions:  $U_{NMVOC} = V_{tanker} * Mol\%_{NMVOC} * \rho_{NMVOC} * 10^{-5}$

If compositions are only known in volume%, mol% is replaced in the equations with volume% since the difference is small in relation to overall uncertainty.



**Table 20 – Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating direct emissions from gas freeing in FPSO/FSO crude oil storage tanks**

Term	Unit	Explanation
$U_{CH_4}$	tonnes	Methane emissions in the reporting period
$U_{NMVOC}$	tonnes	NMVOC emissions in the reporting period
$Mol\%_{CH_4}$	%	Mol% or volume% methane in the seal gas
$Mol\%_{NMVOC}$	%	Mol% or volume% NMVOC in the seal gas
$\rho_{CH_4}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	Methane density. This is about 0.68 kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>
$P_{NMVOC}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	NMVOC density. Can be set as equal to two kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>
$V_{tanker}$	m <sup>3</sup>	Total volume of all crude oil cargo tanks freed of gas in the reporting period

NMVOC density will depend on the composition of the VOC components. This is not normally known. A density of two kg/Sm<sup>3</sup> should be an acceptable approximation. Mol% is calculated on the basis of waste gas composition.

Waste gas composition can be set as equal to fuel gas composition on the facility if the fuel gas was used as blanket gas the last time the tank was emptied.

If the facility is an FPSO with oil storage and an inert gas (neutral gas) is used as the blanket gas after the last tank loading before tank inspection, the general addition is increased to 3% (sub-source 900.1).

### 3.15.2 Abnormal operating conditions - sub-source 130.2

#### Facility-specific quantification methods

These are emissions from storage tanks on an FPSO which could find itself in abnormal operating conditions. The operator company establishes a facility-specific quantification method which takes account of the emission circumstances. It should be possible to document the method.

### 3.16 Calculating emissions from gas freeing of process plants - sub-source 140.1

#### General quantification method

This source is only applicable if all or part of the process plant is gas freed during the reporting year. A conservative approach is taken to calculating the emissions, which assumes that all HC gas in the depressurised plant is emitted to the air when gas freeing begins.

If there are solid documentation on which systems that are depressurised, the volumes of these systems could be used in the calculations instead of the total process plant volume.

Methane emissions:  $U_{CH_4} = V_{process\ plant} * a * Mol\%_{CH_4} * \rho_{CH_4} * 10^{-5}$

NMVOC emissions:  $U_{NMVOC} = V_{process\ plant} * a * Mol\%_{NMVOC} * \rho_{NMVOC} * 10^{-5}$

**Table 21 – Explanation of terms in the equation for calculating direct emissions from depressurisation and gas freeing of process plants.**

Term	Unit	Explanation
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Term	Unit	Explanation
$U_{CH_4}$	tonnes	Methane emissions in the reporting period
$U_{NMVOC}$	tonnes	NMVOC emissions in the reporting period
$volum\%_{CH_4}$	%	Mol% or volume% methane in the seal gas
$volum\%_{NMVOC}$	%	Mol% or volume% NMVOC in the seal gas
$\rho_{CH_4}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	Methane density. This is about 0.68 kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>
$P_{NMVOC}$	kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>	NMVOC density. Can be set as equal to two kg/Sm <sup>3</sup>
$V_{Prosessanlegg}$	m <sup>3</sup>	Total volume of process plant(s) freed of gas in the reporting period
$a$	number	Gas freeing processes in the reporting period

Emissions are only reported for reporting periods with gas freeing.

Composition of fuel gas can be used as a basis for determining the weighting between methane and NMVOC emissions.

### 3.17 Ventilation of CO<sub>2</sub> from CO<sub>2</sub>-capture and storage (CCS)

This source includes vented CO<sub>2</sub> from CO<sub>2</sub>-capture and storage.

The operator shall establish an installation-specific method for quantification. The method should be documented.

### 3.18 General addition - sub-source 900.1 and 910.1

The operator adds one per cent to the total of the other emissions (mandatory). If the facility is an FPSO/FSO with crude oil storage, and inert gas has been used as blanket gas after the most recent tank discharge prior to tank inspection, this general supplement is increased to three per cent.

Sources with small emission contribution that can be included in the general addition:

- Low pressure liquid separators
- Seals on screw compressors
- Pressure relief/gas freeing of instruments and instrument manifolds
- Bleeding of gas from production riser
- Gas turbines
- Pig launcher
- Corrosion coupons
- Flexible risers
- Storage tanks for diesel and other consumable oils
- Double block and bleed (DBB) valves

## 4 DISTRIBUTION OF EMISSION GAS IN METHANE AND NMVOC

In some cases, the distribution of the emission gas is known as mol% or volume%. Emissions are to be reported in mass units. Converting volume% and mol% to weight% is therefore important. Methane has a density of about 0.68 kg/Sm<sup>3</sup>. The density of NMVOC will vary according to its composition. If this is not known, 2 kg/Sm<sup>3</sup> should provide an acceptable approximation.

## 5 CHANGES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

Emission conditions can change during the reporting period – through mitigatory measures with an emission source, for example. Such measures could mean that waste gases sent to direct emission are recovered within the same reporting period. In such cases, this must be commented.

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