

D05 - WET DRILLING & BLASTING OPERATIONS, UNKNOWN EXPLOSIVE, BUMPING, SECTIONS 11.9, 11.19, & 13.3 OF AP-42 (1/95)

CALCULATION METHODS

(Fugitive Releases - Particulates)

$$E_a = [(U_a \times EF) + (N \times 0.000014 \times A^{1.5})] \times C_i$$

Wet Drilling EF (lbs/ton quarried) = 0.000154 for TSP and 0.00008 for PM10

$$E_h = [(U_a \times EF / H) + (0.000014 \times A^{1.5})] \times C_i$$

(Fugitive Releases - NO_x, CO, SO_x)

$$E_a = (\text{Blasts/yr}) \times (\text{ave charges/blast}) \times (\text{ave lbs/charge}) \times (1/2000) \times EF$$

Blasting EF (lbs/ton explosives detonated) = NO ESTIMATE AVAILABLE FOR UNKNOWN EXPLOSIVE

$$E_h = (\text{Max charges/blast}) \times (\text{ave lbs/charge}) \times (1/2000) \times EF$$

(Ducted Releases)

$$E_a = 0$$

$$E_h = 0$$

NOTES:

- The AWR / MPI / District meetings in 1995 and 1996 did not produce a consensus approach toward estimating emissions from drilling and blasting at mineral industry sites.
- The District procedure for blasting is based on the particulate emission estimation method for coal or overburden in Section 11.9, Table 11.9-2 of AP-42 (1/95).
- The District procedure for wet drilling is the 8.0×10^{-5} factor published in Table 11.19.2-2 of AP-42 (1/95). A TSP factor of 1.54×10^{-4} was back calculated assuming a PM10 content of 52%.
- The District procedure for estimating NO_x, CO, and SO_x, for the explosives detonation is based on the emission factors published in Table 13.3-1 of AP-42 (1/95).
- All emissions for this calculation procedure are assumed to be fugitive. No additional capture or control efficiencies should be applied.
- Trace metal concentrations for particulate emissions are based on the analysis for crushed fines from drill & shoot operations (Profile 2) submitted to the District by AWR in July 1996.
- The AWR - MPI Industry group requested four amendments to the EPA blasting procedure in a document received by the District on 3/18/96. To date, these amendments have NOT been incorporated;
 - Silt Content Adjustment Factor - The Industry group requested a modification of the EPA blasting procedure to account for material silt content (before or after the blast?). No supporting information has been provided.
 - Land Use Condition Reduction Factor - The Industry group proposed a 25% emission reduction blast sites possessing LAND-USE conditions requiring unspecified surface preparations. No details have been provided.
 - Bumping Reduction Factor - The Industry group proposed a 75% emission reduction for "bumping". The existing AP-42 already appears to represent this type of blasting.
 - Health Evaluation Exemption - The Industry group opposes considering blasting emissions in evaluating health effects from short term exposure scenarios. No justification for omitting these emissions has been provided.

POLLUTANT	Composition	EPA REFERENCE	AP-42	(UNITS)	COMMENTS
	(ppmw)	DOCUMENT	FACTOR		
NOX					No estimate possible for unknown explosive
CO					No estimate possible for unknown explosive
SOX					
TOG					
ROG					
TSP	1,000,000				
PM10	1,000,000				
ALUMINUM	21,000				Trace metal concentrations are based on local test results.
ARSENIC	15				Based on local test results.
BARIUM	120				Based on local test results.
BERYLLIUM	1				Based on local test results.
CADMIUM	1				Based on local test results.
CHROMIUM HEXAVALENT	0				Based on local test results. No Cr+6 detected in any samples analyzed.
CHROMIUM NONHEXAVALENT	46				Based on local test results.
COBALT	18				Based on local test results.
COPPER	94				Based on local test results.
LEAD	30				Based on local test results.
MANGANESE	565				Based on local test results.
MERCURY	0				Based on local test results. No mercury detected in any samples analyzed.
NICKEL	30				Based on local test results.
SELENIUM	1				Based on local test results.
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE	100,000				Based on local test results.
ZINC	100				Based on local test results.

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