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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- For the 2015 calendar year, 563 facilities reported their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to Environment and Climate Change Canada, totalling 264 megatonnes<sup>1</sup> (Mt) of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub> eq.), unchanged from the 2014 total.
- The reported emissions are, for the most part, evenly distributed across three sectors: (i) Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (33%), (ii) Utilities (32%), and (iii) Manufacturing (29%). Among all facilities, those engaged in electricity generation and oil/gas extraction account for 62% of the total.
- Reported GHG emissions increased by 3% (8 Mt) in the last five years, consistent with the upward trend in emissions reported by the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory. Emissions from non-conventional oil extraction facilities located in Alberta increased by 15 Mt, but were partly offset by the 8 Mt decrease in emissions from Ontario-based power plants resulting largely from the closure of coal-fired electric power generation facilities.
- Since 2005, total emissions from all reporting facilities decreased by 5% (14 Mt). The Utilities and Manufacturing sectors experienced the largest declines (38 Mt and 16 Mt, respectively), while reported emissions increased by 40 Mt from facilities in the Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction sector, largely in Alberta (36 Mt).
- The GHG emissions data collected from facilities represent just over one-third (37%) of Canada's total GHG emissions in 2015 (722 Mt) and 58% of Canada's industrial GHG emissions as reported in Canada's National Inventory Report.<sup>2</sup>
- Environment and Climate Change Canada is considering expanding the reporting requirements under the GHGRP starting in 2017 in order to be able to directly use this data in the National GHG Inventory, thus better reflecting emission changes occurring at individual facilities and improving the consistency and comparability of GHG data.

- 1 1 Mt = 1 million tonnes or 1 000 kilotonnes (kt)
- 2 In this overview report, Canada's industrial GHG emissions include those from the following GHG categories from the National Inventory Report: Greenhouse Gas Sources and Sinks in Canada 1990–2015: Stationary Combustion Sources (except Residential), Other Transportation, Fugitive Sources Industrial Processes and Product Use, and Waste. The national inventory report is available on-line at www.unfccc.int/national\_reports/ annex i ghg inventories/national inventories submissions/items/8812.php

# GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REPORTING PROGRAM

Environment and Climate Change Canada's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting Program (GHGRP) has completed the collection of GHG emissions information from Canadian facilities for the 2015 calendar year. Any facility with annual GHG emissions of 50 kt

of carbon dioxide equivalent ( $CO_2$  eq.) or higher<sup>3</sup> is required to report to the program.

The Government of Canada established the GHGRP in March 2004 under the authority of section 46 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (CEPA) to collect GHG emissions information annually from the largest emitting Canadian facilities. To date, facility-reported GHG information has been collected and published through Environment and Climate Change Canada's GHGRP for the period 2004 to

<sup>3</sup> The reporting threshold was reduced from 100 kt to 50 kt in 2009, increasing the number of facilities reporting to the program by 53%, with a corresponding 4% increase in the level of emissions being reported.

2015. This program is part of Canada's ongoing effort to develop, in collaboration with Canadian provinces and territories, a harmonized and efficient mandatory GHG reporting system that minimizes duplication and reporting burden for industry and governments. Key objectives of the program are to provide Canadians with consistent information on GHG emissions, confirm industrial emission estimates presented in the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory and support regulatory initiatives. The data collected are also shared with provinces and territories. The data used in this overview report are current as of October 12, 2016. Subsequent company updates will be included in future data releases.

The federal reporting requirements for 2016 data, scheduled to be submitted by facilities to Environment and Climate Change Canada by June 1, 2017, are set out in the Notice with respect to reporting of greenhouse gases (GHGs) for 2016<sup>4</sup> published in the Canada Gazette on December 10, 2016.

Environment and Climate Change Canada is considering expanding the reporting requirements under the GHGRP in order to enable the direct use of the reported data in Canada's National GHG Inventory, increase the consistency and comparability of GHG data across jurisdictions, and obtain a more comprehensive picture of Canadian facility emissions. Proposed changes include:

- Lowering the reporting threshold from 50 to 10 kt CO<sub>2</sub> eq. per year.
- Reporting of additional data (e.g., more detailed emissions, quantities of fuels or feedstocks consumed, etc.) and applying specific quantification methods to determine emissions; these new requirements will be gradually phased in by sectors.

ECCC is consulting with stakeholders on the proposed changes<sup>5</sup> starting in early 2017, in advance of issuing requirements for 2017.

### REPORTED 2015 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

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Note: Unless explicitly stated otherwise, all emissions data presented in this report are expressed in  $CO_2$  eq. units.

For the purposes of the GHGRP, a facility is defined as a contiguous facility, pipeline transportation system, or offshore installation. A contiguous facility is defined as all buildings, equipment, structures and stationary items that are located on a single site or on contiguous or adjacent sites that are owned or operated by the same person and that function as a single integrated site; it includes wastewater collection systems that discharge treated or untreated wastewater into surface waters.

A total of 563 facilities reported their GHG emissions to Environment and Climate Change Canada for the 2015 calendar year, collectively emitting a total of 264 Mt of GHGs (Figure 1). Of these facilities, 316 reported GHG emission levels greater than 100 kt, accounting for 95% (251 Mt) of the total reported emissions, and 57 emitted GHGs in quantities higher than 1 Mt, accounting for 63% (166 Mt) of the total reported emissions (Figure 2). Twenty-three facilities reported their GHG emissions for the first time: they fall within various sectors, such as conventional oil and gas extraction (6 facilities), non-conventional oil extraction (5 facilities), and waste treatment and disposal (3 facilities). The combined emissions from these new reporters are close to 4 Mt. Facilities with emissions falling below the reporting threshold of 50 kt per year can voluntarily

<sup>4</sup> This notice can be viewed online at www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2016/2016-12-10/html/notice-avis-eng.php#na1.

<sup>5</sup> Information about the proposed changes to the program and plans for consultation are outlined in the Notice of intent to inform stakeholders of upcoming consultations on proposed changes to the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program, published on December 10, 2016 (available online at www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/ p1/2016/2016-12-10/html/notice-avis-eng.php#na2).

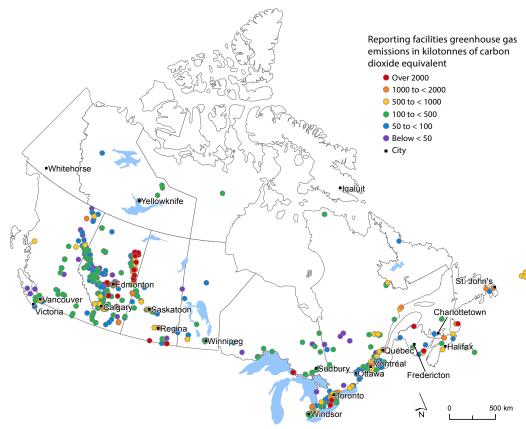


Figure 1: 2015 Facility GHG Emissions Reported to Environment and Climate Change Canada a.b

- a. Map excludes pipeline transportation systems.
- b. Map provided by the Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators program, available online at www.ec.gc.ca/indicateurs-indicators/default.asp?lang=en&n=31022B8E-1.

report their GHG emissions; 81 facilities did so this year, representing 0.7% (2 Mt). Reported emissions from voluntary reporters are included in this report and in the data set published by Environment and Climate Change Canada.

#### 2.1 Calculation Methods

A facility may choose among a number of available methods to calculate its GHG emissions. The methods selected by reporting facilities must be consistent with the guidelines developed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and adopted by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) for the preparation of national GHG inventories. Reporting facilities must indicate the types of

methods used to determine the quantities of emissions reported. Such methods may include monitoring or direct measurement (MDM), mass balance (MB), emission factors (EF), and/or engineering estimates (EE).

Overall, methods incorporating the use of EFs were the approach preferred by most facilities (Figure 3).

An EF is a measure that indicates the rate at which a GHG is released into the atmosphere due to a given activity, such as burning a specific fuel type or producing a specific industrial product. The EFs used may be general or technology-specific. Many facilities used more than one calculation method to determine their emissions.

200 80% 166 175 70% 140 60% 150 **Number of Facilities** 119 50% 125 100 40% 75 30% 57 50 20% 25 10% 0 0% Below < 50 50 to < 100 100 to < 250 250 to < 1 000 Over 1 000

Reported Emissions (kt CO2 eq)

Percentage of Total Emissions

♦ Number of Facilities Reported

Figure 2: Contribution of Facilities in Various Emission Ranges to Total Reported Emissions (2015)

Note: Facilities in the range "below < 50 kt" voluntarily reported their emissions.

## 2.2 Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) and Global Warming Potentials

GHGs are not equal in their effect on the atmosphere. Each GHG has a unique average atmospheric lifetime and heat-trapping potential. GHG emissions are often calculated and reported in terms of how much  $CO_2$  would be required to produce a similar warming effect over a given time horizon. This is called the  $CO_2$  eq. value and is calculated by multiplying the amount of the gas by its associated global warming potential (GWP) (Table 1). Environment and Climate Change Canada uses the GWP values adopted by the

14%

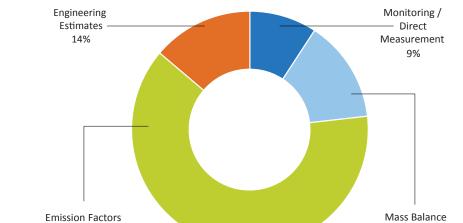


Figure 3: Types of Methods Used by Facilities

63%

Table 1: Global Warming Potential Values for the Main Greenhouse Gases

Greenhouse Gas	100-year GWPs <sup>a</sup>				
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	1				
Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> )	25				
Nitrous oxide (N <sub>2</sub> O)	298				
Sulphur hexafluoride (SF <sub>6</sub> )	22 800				
Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), 13 species	Ranges from 92 to 14 800				
Perfluorocarbons (PFCs), 7 species	Ranges from 7 390 to 12 200				

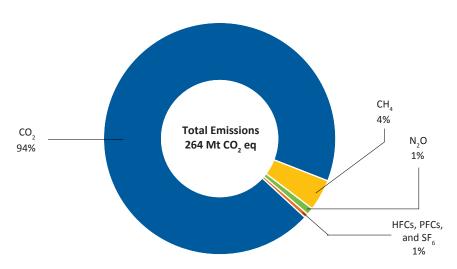
UNFCCC, a complete list of which can be found in the Notice with respect to reporting of greenhouse gases (GHGs) for 2015. The GWP values used by the GHGRP are consistent with those used in Canada's National Greenhouse Gas Inventory.

## 2.3 Reported GHG Emissions by Gas and by Source

 $CO_2$  represented the majority of the total reported emissions (94%) in 2015, while methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) emissions contributed 4% and 1%, respectively (Figure 4). Facilities are also required to report emissions of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) and sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) stemming from industrial processes or industrial product use. The combined emissions of these gases accounted for the remaining 1%.

When reporting to the GHGRP, facilities are required to report emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O according to the following eight source categories:<sup>7</sup> stationary fuel combustion, industrial processes, venting, flaring, fugitive sources, on-site transportation, waste and wastewater. Stationary fuel combustion is the largest source of reported emissions, representing 77% of the total (Figure 5). This source includes emissions resulting from the burning of fuels for the purpose of producing

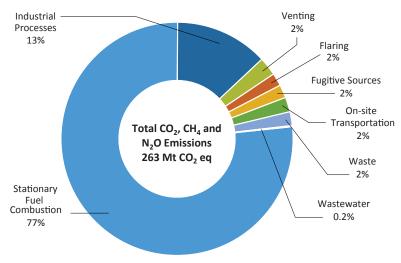
Figure 4: Reported 2015 GHG Emissions by Gas (264 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> eq)



<sup>6</sup> This notice can be viewed online at www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2015/2015-10-17/html/notice-avis-eng.php#ne6.

<sup>7</sup> Additional information on these emission source categories can be found in the Technical Guidance on Reporting Greenhouse Gas Emissions, available online at www.ec.gc.ca/ges-ghg/default.asp?lang=En&n=47B640C5-1.

Figure 5: Reported 2015 GHG Emissions by Source (CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O Included)



Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

energy (e.g., to generate electricity, heat or steam), but does not include sources like combustion engines in vehicles. Any waste material burned or incinerated at a facility to produce energy is also included in stationary combustion. Industrial process emissions, the second-largest source of reported emissions at 13%, refer to emissions stemming from specific industrial processes involving chemical or physical reactions other than combustion. Such reactions occur, for example, in the processes of mineral production (e.g., lime, cement), metal production (e.g., iron, steel, aluminium) and chemical production (e.g., nitric acid and ammonia production).

## 2.4 Reported GHG Emissions by Province/Territory

Facilities in the province of Alberta accounted for the largest share of reported emissions, with approximately 53% of the total, followed by facilities in Ontario with

16%, Saskatchewan with 9% and Quebec with 8% (Table 5). The number of facilities, the quantity and type of fuel consumed and the predominant industry largely explain this ranking.

## 2.5 Reported GHG Emissions by Sector

When completing a report for the GHGRP, a reporter is required to identify the main activities occurring at its facility using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).8 In 2015, three NAICS defined industry sectors accounted for the majority of GHG emissions: the Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction sector, representing 33% (88 Mt); the Utilities sector, primarily facilities generating electricity from fossil fuels, accounting for 32% (86 Mt); and the Manufacturing sector,

<sup>8</sup> The NAICS is an industry classification system that was developed by the statistics agencies of Canada, the United States and Mexico to enable them to collect comparable statistical data. It is a comprehensive system that encompasses all economic activities using six-digit codes. In Canada, the NAICS consists of 20 sectors, 102 subsectors, 323 industry groups, 711 industries and 922 national industries.

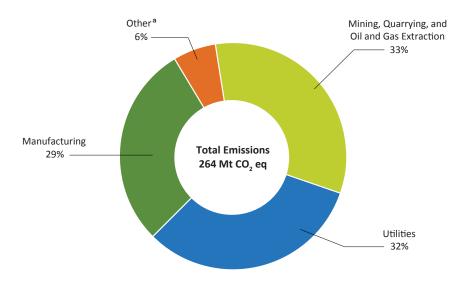
Table 2: Reported 2015 GHG Emissions by Province/Territory

Province / Territory <sup>a</sup>	Number of Facilities	Total Emissions (kt CO <sub>2</sub> eq)	Percentage of Total Emissions <sup>a</sup>	
Newfoundland and Labrador	8	4,925	2%	
Prince Edward Island	1	50	0.02%	
Nova Scotia	10	7,610	3%	
New Brunswick	11	7,259	3%	
Quebec	79	19,794	7%	
Ontario	138	41,934	16%	
Manitoba	12	2,095	1%	
Saskatchewan	44	24,777	9%	
Alberta	181	140,996	53%	
British Columbia	73	13,867	5%	
Northwest Territories	5	669	0.3%	
Nunavut	1	187	0.1%	
Total <sup>b</sup>	563	264,163	100%	

#### Note:

- a. No facilities from Yukon reported to the GHGRP.
- b. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Figure 6: Reported 2015 GHG Emissions by Industry Sector (264 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> eq)



#### Note:

 $a. \ "Other" includes various types of facilities such as natural gas transportation pipelines, solid waste landfills, airports, universities, hospitals and public administration buildings.\\$ 

Coal Mining 2%

Non-metallic Mineral Mining and Quarrying 2%

Total Industry Sector Emissions 88 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> eq

Conventional Oil and

Figure 7: Reported 2015 GHG Emissions by Subsectors of Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (88 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> eq)

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding

accounting for 29% (76 Mt) (Figure 6). Further breakdowns of the reported emissions from these main sectors are provided in Figure 7 and in Figure 8. The remaining 6% (15 Mt) of emissions captured under "Other" were reported by various types of facilities, mainly natural gas transportation pipelines (9 Mt) and solid waste landfills (6 Mt).

**Gas Extraction** 

17%

Activities of reporting facilities in the Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction sector can be further broken down into three categories (Figure 7):

- non-conventional oil extraction, the dominant sub-category which includes oil sands mining, in-situ bitumen production and upgrading (74%);
- conventional extraction of oil and natural gas (17%); and
- 3. mining of metal ore (e.g., iron) (4%), coal (2%), and non-metallic minerals (e.g., potash and diamonds) (2%).

The Manufacturing sector includes a wide range of industrial activities, with important contributors to the reported 2015 emissions being (Figure 8):

Oil Extraction

74%

- 1. petroleum and coal product manufacturing (23%);
- 2. iron, steel and ferro-alloy manufacturing (17%);
- 3. basic chemical manufacturing (e.g., ethylene, polyethylene, hydrogen gas) (14%); and
- 4. cement and concrete product manufacturing (14%).

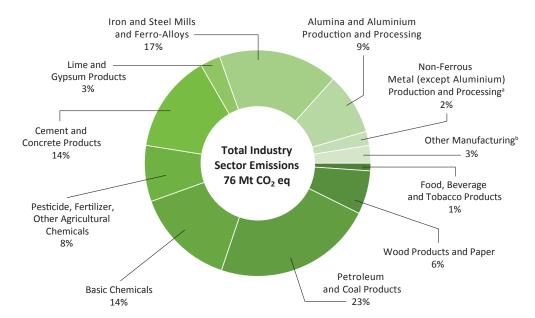


Figure 8: Reported 2015 GHG Emissions by Subsectors of Manufacturing (76 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> eq)

- a. Non-ferrous Metal (except Aluminium) Production and Processing includes the production of base metals (e.g. copper, nickel, zinc).
- b. "Other Manufacturing" represents other types of manufacturing, including electrical equipment, transportation equipment and furniture manufacturing.

# TRENDS IN REPORTED GHG EMISSIONS

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The number of facilities reporting GHG emissions to Environment and Climate Change Canada can change from year to year. Changes in production levels, processes and technologies, the types of fuels used at a facility, and facility start-ups/closures can all result in a change in the annual emissions reported, so that a facility may fall below or attain the reporting threshold of  $50 \text{ kt } \text{CO}_2$  eq. from one year to the next. The number of voluntary reporters may also change each year, which can also affect the number of reporting facilities.

Over the 2005–2015 period, the number of reporting facilities increased from 337 to 563 (Table 3). Since 2009, facilities with emissions under 100 kt have accounted, on average, for just over 5% of the total reported emissions. Consequently, emissions from

these facilities do not contribute significantly to the observed trends in total reported emissions at the national level; however, these facilities may affect the observed trends at the provincial/territorial levels.

#### Overall National-Level Trends

Total reported GHG emissions in 2015, at 264 Mt, were essentially unchanged from 2014 (Table 3).9 Over the 2005-2015 period, total facility-reported emissions decreased overall by 5% (14 Mt), from 278 to 264 Mt. In contrast with the decadal trend, total emissions over the last five years increased by 3% (8 Mt). The number of facilities reporting their emissions has consistently increased over the last several years, following an initial increase of more than 50% in 2009 when the reporting

<sup>9</sup> A number of facilities submitted new reports or updates to GHG reports for previous years. Environment and Climate Change Canada includes these updates in its annual data release, resulting in some revisions to previously published data.

threshold was changed from 100 to 50 kt. However, overall GHG emissions did not increase accordingly: their variations are mainly driven by the evolution of important industrysectors and the influence of the largest emitters (i.e. emissions above 100 kt) (Figure 2).

## 3.2 Industry Sector and Provincial/Territorial Trends

The summary of facility-reported emissions by NAICS industry sector provides a picture of the types of facilities (mostly industrial operations) that report to the GHGRP in response to the annual GHG reporting requirements (Figure 9 and Table 4). The provincial breakdown of each main industry sector highlights the regional presence of key industries accounting for the reported emissions (e.g., large component of emissions from the Manufacturing sector in Ontario, Quebec and Alberta) (Table 5).

GHG emissions reported by the Mining, Quarrying, Oil and Gas Extraction sector have increased over the last decade, surpassing in 2015 those reported by the Utilities sector, which had previously led contributions to the overall reported total (Figure 9). On the other hand, the Utilities and Manufacturing sectors have reported reduced emissions since 2005 (Figure 9). Various factors have led to these trends and are further discussed in this section.

#### 3.2.1 Short-Term Trends

The 3% (8 Mt) increase in total reported emissions over the last five years is mostly due to the 14% increase in emissions from the Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction sector (16 Mt from 2011 to 2015) (Table 4), largely in Alberta (Table 5). Non-conventional oil extraction in Alberta experienced a 15-Mt increase in emissions, owing to a 13% increase in synthetic crude oil production and an 84% increase in non-upgraded bitumen production during this period. Saskatchewan facilities also contributed to the increase, with several new facilities (potash mines, oil and gas extraction) reporting to the program for the first time in the last few years (Table 5). 11

The sustained increase in the above sector is offset by emission reductions in the Utilities sector (Figure 9). Electric power generation had a decrease in emissions of 8 Mt (Table 4), attributed to the closure of coalfired plants in Ontario and to lower fuel consumption due to changes in power generation levels. <sup>12</sup> Overall emissions fro the Manufacturing sector have remained largely stable since 2011, with only minor variations in emission levels in certain subsectors (e.g., iron and steel, cement manufacturing) (Table 4).

Table 3: Total Facility-Reported GHG Emissions, Selected Years

	2005	2009ª	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of facilities	337	536	539	545	554	570	573	563
GHG emissions (kt CO <sub>2</sub> eq)	277,997	253,017	263,504	255,671	259,496	260,797	263,523	264,163
Annual change (%)	N/A <sup>b</sup>	-4%	4%	-3%	2%	0.05%	1%	0.2%
Change since 2005 (%)	N/A	-9%	-5%	-8%	-7%	-6%	-5%	-5%

Note: For the complete data set (i.e. yearly data since 2004), visit www.ec.gc.ca/ges-ghg/default.asp?lang=En&n=8044859A-1.

<sup>10 [</sup>AER] Alberta Energy Regulator. 2016. Alberta's Energy Reserves 2015 and Supply/Demand Outlook 2016–2025: ST98-2016. Available online at www.aer. ca/data-and-publications/statistical-reports/st98.

<sup>11</sup> Based on GHG emission data reported by facilities to the GHGRP.

<sup>12</sup> Based on GHG emission data reported by facilities to the GHGRP.

a. The reporting threshold changed in 2009 from 100 kt to 50 kt.

b. N/A = not applicable.

160 140 ed) Reported GHG Emissions (Mt CO<sub>2</sub> 120 100 80 60 40 20 0 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

- Utilities

Manufacturing

Figure 9: Long-Term Sectoral Trend, 2005–2015°

a. Other - not a NAICS sector but a grouping of various NAICS codes reported by the following types of facilities: natural gas transportation pipelines, solid waste landfills, airports and institutional facilities (universities, hospitals and public administration buildings).

Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction

#### 3.2.2 Long-Term Trends

Over the 2005-2015 period, total reported emissions decreased by 5% (14 Mt). The major long-term trends are similar to the short-term trends in that, since 2005, emissions from facilities in the Utilities and Manufacturing sectors have declined overall, while emissions from the Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction sector have steadily increased (Figure 9).

Up to and including the year 2014, the Utilities sector consistently accounted for the largest portion of reported emissions (Figure 9), with electric power generation being the main contributor. Emissions from fossil-fuel electric power generation fell significantly (38 Mt) over this period (Table 4), largely the result of a shut-down of all coal-fired electricity production in Ontario as well as emission reductions

in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Alberta (Table 5). Fuel switching (i.e., from coal to natural gas, a lower carbon fuel) and increased reliance on hydro, nuclear and renewable sources of generation are also contributors to the decrease in emissions.<sup>13</sup>

Other

Emissions from the Manufacturing sector remain well below their 2005 levels (Figure 9), with an 18% reduction (16 Mt). The industry continues to rebound from the reduced production and slowdowns associated with the 2009 recession, <sup>14</sup> with manufacturing sales steadily increasing and surpassing 2006 levels in 2014. <sup>15</sup> Between 2005 and 2015, Ontario and Quebec showed the largest decreases in GHG emissions from the Manufacturing sector.

Ontario saw a net decrease of 11 Mt (Table 5), largely observed in iron/steel, cement, and chemical

<sup>13</sup> Statistics Canada CANSIM 2008-2015, Table 127-0002: Electric power generation, by class of electricity producer (annual).

<sup>14</sup> Based on GHG emission data reported by facilities to the GHGRP.

<sup>15</sup> Statistics Canada, Manufacturing: The year 2015 in review. Available online at www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/161027/dq161027b-eng.htm.

Table 4: Reported GHG Emissions by NAICS Industry Sector, Selected Years

NAICS® Industry Sector (Units: Mt CO2 eq)	2005	2009°	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	201
Total <sup>b</sup>	278	253	264	256	259	261	264	26
21 - Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction <sup>b</sup>	48	62	69	72	78	82	84	88
Conventional oil and gas extraction	14	15	15	15	14	15	16	1
Non-conventional oil extraction <sup>d</sup>	28	42	47	49	55	59	61	6
Coal mining	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	
Metal ore mining	3	3	3	3	4	4	3	
Non-metallic mineral mining and quarrying	0.8	1	1	2	2	2	2	
22 - Utilities <sup>b</sup>	123	103	106	94	90	89	89	8
Electric power generation	122	101	103	92	88	86	87	8
Natural gas distribution	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Water, sewage and other systems <sup>e</sup>	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0
31-33 Manufacturing <sup>c</sup>	92	74	77	78	79	76	76	7
Food, beverage, and tobacco products	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	С
Wood products and paper	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	
Petroleum and coal products	20	19	18	17	18	17	17	
Basic chemicals	13	11	10	11	11	11	11	
Pesticide, fertilizer, other agricultural chemicals	6	5	6	6	6	6	6	
Cement and concrete products	13	9	10	10	11	10	10	
Lime and gypsum products	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Iron and steel mills and ferro-alloys	17	11	14	14	15	13	14	
Primary production of alumina and aluminium	10	8	8	8	8	8	7	
Non-ferrous metal (except alum.) smelting and refining	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Other manufacturing <sup>f</sup>	0.7	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Other <sup>c,g</sup>	15	13	12	12	13	14	15	1
Pipeline transportation of natural gas	12	7	6	7	6	8	9	
Support activities for air transportation	N/A	0.1	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.0
Waste management and remediation services	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Institutional facilities	N/A	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0

#### Notes:

- a. Facilities required to report to the GHGRP provide a primary NAICS code that describes the main activities occurring at the facility.
- b. The reporting threshold changed in 2009 from 100 kt to 50 kt.
- c. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
- d. Includes facilities engaged in oils sands mining, in-situ bitumen production and upgrading.
- e. Includes sewage treatment facilities, heating and steam generation plants.
- f. Not a NAICS sector but a grouping of various NAICS codes reported by facilities engaged in other types of manufacturing such as Electrical Equipment, Transportation Equipment and Furniture Manufacturing.
- g. Not a NAICS sector but a grouping of various NAICS codes reported by the following types of facilities: natural gas transportation pipelines, solid waste landfills, airports and institutional facilities (universities, hospitals and public administration buildings).

  N/A = not available.

manufacturing (e.g., halted adipic acid production in 2009) (Table 4). Quebec showed an overall decrease in emissions of 3 Mt from 2005 to 2015 (Table 5), with aluminium production and petroleum refining facilities contributing the most to this provincial change (Table 4). Emission decreases in aluminium production resulted from technological

change<sup>16,17,18</sup> the closure of aluminium smelters in Quebec, and the conversion of a petroleum refinery to a storage terminal.

<sup>16</sup> Based on GHG emission data reported by facilities to the GHGRP.

<sup>17</sup> Environment Canada. 2008. Environmental Performance Agreement Concerning Atmospheric Emissions of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons between EC and Alcoa. Available online at www.ec.gc.ca/epe-epa/default.asp?lang=En&n=3C7FB073-1.

<sup>18</sup> Environment Canada. 2008. Environmental Performance Agreement Concerning Atmospheric Emissions of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons between EC and Rio Tinto Alcan. Available online at www.ec.gc.ca/epe-epa/default.asp?lang= En&n=5BE979CD-1.

Table 5: Reported GHG Emissions by Province/Territory, Selected Years

Industry Sector		0000	0010	0011	0010	0010	0004	221
<b>Province / Territory</b> (Units: Mt CO₂ eq)	2005	2009 ª	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total <sup>c</sup>	278	253	264	256	259	261	264	264
21 - Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction <sup>b</sup>	48	62	69	72	78	82	84	88
Newfoundland and Labrador	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Nova Scotia	N/Ac	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4
New Brunswick	N/A	N/A	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.02	N/A	0.06
Quebec	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Ontario	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Manitoba	N/A	0.06	0.05	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.08	0.08
Saskatchewan	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	5
Alberta	35	50	54	56	62	65	67	71
British Columbia	5	5	6	6	7	7	7	6
Northwest Territories	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
Nunavut	N/A	N/A	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
22 - Utilities <sup>b</sup>	123	103	106	94	90	89	89	86
Newfoundland and Labrador	1	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	1	1
Nova Scotia	11	9	9	9	8	8	7	7
New Brunswick	9	6	5	4	4	4	4	4
Quebec	0.5	1	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Ontario	36	20	25	18	18	15	10	10
Manitoba	0.6	0.2	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.07	0.1
Saskatchewan	15	16	16	15	16	15	15	16
Alberta	50	48	48	46	44	44	49	47
British Columbia	2	2	2	0.9	0.9	1	1	0.8
Northwest Territories	N/A	0.06	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.06
31-33 Manufacturing <sup>b</sup>	92	74	77	78	79	76	76	76
Newfoundland and Labrador	1	1	1	0.9	1	0.9	1.0	1
Prince Edward Island	0.1	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.05
Nova Scotia	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
New Brunswick	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4
Quebec	20	17	18	17	17	17	17	17
Ontario	38	26	27	28	29	27	28	27
Manitoba	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Saskatchewan	2	2	3	2	3	3	3	3
Alberta	18	17	17	18	18	18	18	19
British Columbia	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Other <sup>b,d</sup>	15	13	12	12	13	14	15	15
Nova Scotia	N/A	0.06	0.04	0.04	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Quebec	0.3	0.9	1	0.8	1	1	1	1
Ontario	5	4	3	4	3	4	4	5
Manitoba	1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
Saskatchewan	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Alberta	4	3	3	3	4	4	4	4
British Columbia	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

#### Notes:

a. The reporting threshold changed in 2009 from 100 kt to 50 kt.

b. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

c. N/A = not available.

d. "Other" includes various types of facilities such as natural gas transportation pipelines, solid waste landfills, airports, universities, hospitals and public administration buildings.

Note: For the complete data set (i.e. yearly data since 2004), visit the website at www.ec.gc.ca/ges-ghg/default.asp?lang=En&n=8044859A-1.

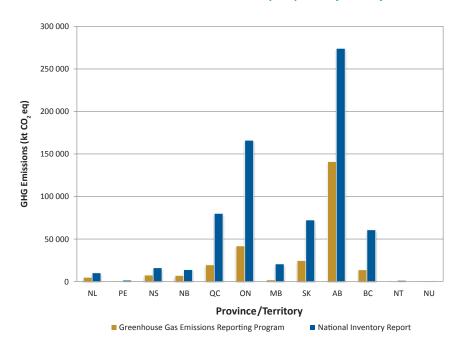


Figure 10: Provincial/Territorial Contribution to 2015 Facility-Reported (GHGRP) Total and NIR Totala

a. No facilities from Yukon reported to the GHGRP.

The Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas extraction sector has shown an increasing trend over the last decade (Figure 9) to become the dominant emitting sector in 2015. Most of the increase (40 Mt between 2005 and 2015) was driven by non-conventional oil extraction facilities in Alberta (36 Mt growth since 2005), Saskatchewan and British Columbia, reflecting this sector's steady growth trend.

# FACILITY- REPORTED EMISSIONS AND THE NATIONAL GHG INVENTORY

The total facility-reported GHG emissions for 2015 collected under the GHGRP represent just over one third (37%) of Canada's total GHG emissions in 2015 (722 Mt) and over half (58%) of Canada's industrial

GHG emissions, <sup>19</sup> as reported in Canada's latest National Inventory Report (NIR). <sup>20</sup> The GHGRP applies to the largest GHG-emitting facilities (mostly industrial) and does not cover other sources of GHG emissions (e.g., road transportation, agricultural sources), whereas the NIR is a complete accounting of all GHG sources and sinks in Canada.

When comparing the provincial and territorial contribution to the facility-reported total from the GHGRP with the national total from the NIR, the distribution of emissions by province shows a similar pattern (Figure 10). Alberta has the highest emissions, followed by Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan. This pattern of industrial emissions reflects the regional concentration of large industrial facilities and trends in the use of fossil fuels for energy production.

<sup>19</sup> In this overview report, Canada's industrial GHG emissions include emissions from the following GHG categories from the National Inventory Report 1990–2015: Greenhouse Gas Sources and Sinks in Canada: Stationary Combustion Sources (except Residential), Other Transportation, Fugitive Sources, Industrial Processes and Product Use, and Waste.

<sup>20</sup> Canada's latest NIR, the National Inventory Report: Greenhouse Gas Sources and Sinks in Canada 1990–2015. Available online at: www.ec.gc.ca/ges-ghg/default.asp?lang=En&n=83A34A7A-1.

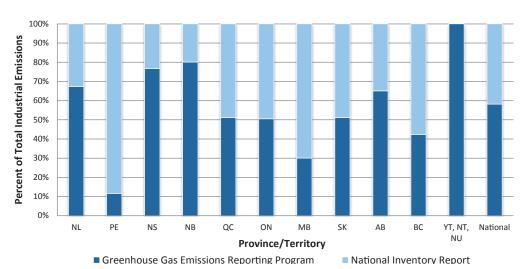


Figure 11: 2015 Facility-Reported Emissions as a Percentage of National and Provincial/Territorial Industrial GHG Emissions (from the NIR)<sup>a,b</sup>

- a. In this overview report, Canada's industrial GHG emissions include the following GHG categories from the National Inventory Report 1990–2015: Greenhouse Gas Sources and Sinks in Canada: Stationary Combustion Sources (except Residential), Other Transportation, Fugitive Sources, Industrial Processes and Product Use, and Waste.
- b. No facilities from Yukon reported to the GHGRP.

Although the facility-reported emissions may capture 58% of industrial GHG emissions nationally, the degree of coverage at the provincial level varies significantly from province to province (Figure 11), due to the size and number of industrial facilities in each province that have emissions above the  $50 \text{ kt CO}_2$  eq. reporting threshold.

Where appropriate, the facility-reported emissions data are used by Environment and Climate Change Canada to confirm inventory estimates developed from national and provincial statistics in the NIR. The NIR is produced and submitted annually by Canada to the UNFCCC. The extent to which the facility-reported GHG emissions data could be fully integrated into the NIR is dependent on the level of detail and type of data available.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE GHGRP

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#### 5.1 Data Quality

Facilities that meet the GHG reporting requirements under the GHGRP must ensure that the reported data are reliable. Facilities are required by law to submit information that is true, accurate and complete to the best of their knowledge. CEPA sets out penalties for companies that fail to report or that knowingly submit false or misleading information. Reporters have a legal obligation to keep copies of the information submitted, along with any calculations, measurements and other data on which the information is based. All information must be kept for a period of three years from the date on which it was required to be reported to Environment and Climate Change Canada.

The data provided in this report are for information purposes only. Environment and Climate Change Canada conducted a number of data quality checks of the submitted data for compliance purposes and for completeness, and it will continue to analyze the data, which may result in periodic updates.

#### 5.2 Public Access

The GHGRP provides public access to information from all facilities that reported GHG emissions to the program through an annual online publication. In addition to this summary report, the facility-level data are presented in the form of tables, a searchable database and a downloadable format. Users can search by emissions of a specific gas or emissions of all gases, by facility name or National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) identification number, by reporting company, by province/territory or city, or by industry sector, using the NAICS<sup>21</sup> code. Users can also access a web-based mapping tool on the Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators website, which shows where reporting facilities are located in Canada.

To access the data or obtain further information on the GHGRP or National Greenhouse Gas Inventory program, consult the following websites:

#### Reported Facility GHG Data

www.ec.gc.ca/ges-ghg/defaultasp?lang=En&n=8044859A-1

#### Reporting to the GHGRP

www.ec.gc.ca/ges-ghg/defaultasp?lang=En&n=F3E7B38E-1

#### Canada's National GHG Inventory

www.ec.gc.ca/ges-ghg/defaultasp?lang=En&n=83A34A7A-1

Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators www.ec.gc.ca/indicateurs-indicators/default. asp?lang=en&n=31022B8E-1

#### 5.3 Links to Other Programs

The GHGRP is similar to, yet distinct from, the NPRI. Although both programs are delivered by Environment and Climate Change Canada under the authority of section 46 of CEPA, the NPRI collects data from facilities on pollutant releases (to air, water and land), disposals and transfers for recycling, whereas the GHGRP collects data from facilities on GHG emissions. Facilities reporting to the GHGRP are asked to report their NPRI identification number to facilitate searching and comparison of emissions from facilities that report to both programs.

A number of provincial jurisdictions also require facilities to report GHG emissions information annually under specific provincial regulations. Efforts have been undertaken to streamline the reporting process between the national and various provincial jurisdictions, resulting in the launch of a single-window reporting system to help reduce the reporting burden on industry and the overall cost to government. This single-window system allows one-time entry for information commonly required at both levels, while accommodating requirements that are jurisdiction-specific. Provinces currently using this reporting system include Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario and New Brunswick.

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<sup>21</sup> The NAICS is an industry classification system that was developed by the statistics agencies of Canada, the United States and Mexico to enable them to collect comparable statistical data. It is a comprehensive system that encompasses all economic activities using six-digit codes. In Canada, the NAICS consists of 20 sectors, 102 subsectors, 323 industry groups, 711 industries and 922 national industries.

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