

1.964 Design for Sustainability
Homework #3

Fall 2006

Assigned: October 4, 2006

Due: October 11, 2006

Attached are partial data sets for concrete and steel.

Perform a life cycle inventory of the manufacture of 1 cubic meter of concrete **and** 1 cubic meter of rolled section steel using the matrix methodology presented in class. Before you set up your matrices, be sure to go through all the preliminary steps presented in "*LCA: what it is and how to do it.*" You will find that you do not have all of the data necessary to completely fill your matrices. That is fine. Simply fill the spots you don't have data for with a place holder.

Discuss your results. What can you conclude, if anything, about the two materials you compared after the life cycle inventory stage? What additional information would you need to conduct a 'complete' life cycle assessment?

Concrete

Input

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Portland cement: | 300 kg |
| Gravel: | 1890 kg |
| Water: | 186 kg |
| Diesel fuel: | 22.7 MJ |
| Electricity: | 4.36 kWh |
| Natural Gas: | 1.16 MJ |
| Light fuel oil: | 13.3 MJ |
| Heavy fuel oil: | 3.09 MJ |
| Lubricating oil: | 0.0119 MJ |
| Transport by 16t truck: | 0.998 tkm |
| Transport by 28t truck: | 9.44 tkm |
| Transport by barge: | 49.2 tkm |
| Transport by rail: | 6.82 tkm |
| Steel: | 0.00238 kg |
| Synthetic Rubber: | 0.00713 kg |

Output

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Waste heat: | 15.7 MJ |
| Waste to inert landfill: | 16.9 kg |
| Waste to municipal incinerator: | 0.0951 kg |
| Concrete production effluent: | 0.0143 m3 |
| Concrete: | 1 m3 |

Portland cement

Input

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Clinker: | 0.903 kg |
| Gypsum: | 0.052 kg |
| Additional milling substances: | 0.045 kg |
| Transport by 16t truck: | 0.00486 tkm |
| Electricity: | 0.0292 kWh |

Output

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| Waste heat: | 0.0105 MJ |
| Portland cement: | 1 kg |

(Note: No dust emissions taken into account as it is assumed that dust is "fully" recycled)

Clinker

Input

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|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Bauxite: | 0.000102 kg |
| Lime: | 0.00392 kg |
| Limestone: | 0.841 kg |
| Sand: | 0.00926 kg |
| Clay: | 0.0331 kg |
| Natural gas: | 0.00681 MJ |
| Light fuel oil: | 0.000374 kg |
| Heavy fuel oil: | 0.0255 kg |
| Hard coal: | 0.0354 kg |
| Petroleum coke: | 0.00391 kg |
| Electricity: | 0.0508 kWh |
| Transport by 16t truck: | 0.0000861 tkm |
| Transport by 28t truck: | 0.00268 tkm |
| Transport by 40t truck: | 0.00211 tkm |
| Diesel in building machine: | 0.0134 MJ |
| Water: | 1.96 kg |

Output

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Waste heat: | 3.62 MJ |
| Waste to inert landfill: | 0.00008 kg |
| Waste to municipal incineration: | 0.000045 kg |
| Dust to air: | 0.0000377 kg |
| Carbon dioxide: | 0.855 kg |
| Carbon monoxide: | 0.000472 kg |
| Nitrogen oxides: | 0.00108 kg |
| Sulfur dioxide: | 0.000355 kg |
| Clinker: | 1 kg |

Gypsum

Input

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Gypsum (resource): | 1 kg |
| Diesel used in machines: | 0.018 MJ |
| Electricity: | 0.000916 kWh |

Output

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|-----------------|-----------|
| Waste heat: | 0.0033 MJ |
| Dust to air: | 0.0016 kg |
| Gypsum (mined): | 0.65 kg |

Gravel

Input

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Gravel (in ground): | 1.04 kg |
| Water: | 1.38 kg |
| Diesel in building machine: | 0.0147 MJ |
| Transport by 16t truck: | 0.0000088 tkm |
| Transport by 28t truck: | 0.0000172 tkm |
| Light fuel oil: | 0.00244 MJ |
| Electricity: | 0.00272 kWh |

Output

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Waste heat: | 0.00977 MJ |
| Waste to municipal incineration: | 0.00000277 kg |
| Sand: | 0.35 kg |
| Gravel (mined): | 0.65 kg |

Steel

Input

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Pig iron: | 0.9 kg |
| Iron scrap: | 0.126 kg |
| Ferronickel: | 0.04 kg |
| Ferrochromium: | 0.0147 kg |
| Ferromanganese: | 0.0139 kg |
| Molybdenite: | 0.0175 kg |
| Iron ore: | 0.022 kg |
| Coke: | 0.00025 MJ |
| Lime: | 0.0425 kg |
| Natural gas: | 0.0375 MJ |
| Electricity: | 0.0219 kWh |
| Water: | 2.7 kg |
| Transport by 32t truck: | 0.0153 tkm |
| Transport by rail: | 0.108 tkm |

Output

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Waste heat: | 0.117 MJ |
| Dust to air: | 0.0000475 kg |
| Nitrogen oxides: | 0.0000125 kg |
| Carbon monoxide: | 0.00473 kg |
| Carbon dioxide: | 0.0756 kg |
| Waste to landfill: | 0.036 kg |
| Steel, low-alloyed, BOF: | 1 kg |

Pig Iron

Input

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Sinter: | 1.05 kg |
| Pellets: | 0.4 kg |
| Iron ore: | 0.15 kg |
| Limestone: | 0.01 kg |
| Water: | 6 kg |
| Coke: | 0.34 MJ |
| Coal: | 0.15 kg |
| Electricity: | 100 kWh |
| Transport by 32t truck: | 0.00348 tkm |
| Transport by rail: | 0.189 tkm |

Output

| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Waste heat: | 0.49 MJ |
| Dust to air: | 0.0000319 kg |
| Sulfur dioxide: | 0.000133 kg |
| Nitrogen oxides: | 0.0000798 kg |
| Carbon monoxide: | 0.00134 kg |
| Carbon dioxide: | 0.000415 kg |
| Waste to landfill: | 0.0207 kg |
| Pig iron: | 1 kg |

Iron Ore

Input

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Iron ore (resource): | 1 kg |
| Water: | 0.0115 kg |
| Diesel in building machine: | 0.0255 MJ |
| Electricity: | 0.00142 kWh |

Output

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|--------------|------------|
| Waste heat: | 0.00513 MJ |
| Dust to air: | 0.00288 kg |
| Iron ore: | 0.462 kg |

Sinter

Input

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Iron ore: | 1.5 kg |
| Lime: | 0.05 kg |
| Transport by 32t truck: | 0.002 tkm |
| Transport by rail: | 0.309 tkm |
| Natural gas: | 0.0363 MJ |
| Coke: | 1.43 MJ |
| Water: | 0.5 kg |
| Electricity: | 0.01 kWh |

Output

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| Waste heat: | 1.54 MJ |
| Dust to air: | 0.000206 kg |
| Nitrogen oxides: | 0.000527 kg |
| Sulfur dioxide: | 0.00126 kg |
| Carbon monoxide: | 0.0257 kg |
| Carbon dioxide: | 0.204 kg |
| Hydrocarbons: | 0.000137 kg |
| Sinter: | 1 kg |

Pellets

Input

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Iron ore: | 1.5 kg |
| Bentonite: | 0.04 kg |
| Transport by 40t truck: | 0.00401 tkm |
| Transport by rail: | 0.0241 tkm |
| Water: | 0.09 kg |
| Natural gas: | 0.069 MJ |
| Electricity: | 0.025 kWh |

Output

| | |
|------------------|--------------|
| Waste heat: | 0.531 MJ |
| Dust to air: | 0.000075 kg |
| Nitrogen oxides: | 0.000315 kg |
| Sulfur dioxide: | 0.000134 kg |
| Carbon monoxide: | 0.00021 kg |
| Carbon dioxide: | 0.0237 kg |
| Hydrocarbons: | 0.0000223 kg |
| Pellets: | 1 kg |

Steel, section bar rolling

Input

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| Cumulative energy: | 1.74 MJ |
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Output

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|---------------------|------------|
| Carbon dioxide: | 0.14 kg |
| Nitrogen oxides: | 0.00024 kg |
| Sulphur dioxide: | 0.00032 kg |
| Dust to air: | 0.00005 kg |
| Rolled section bar: | 1 kg |

Transport by 16t truck

Input

Diesel fuel: 0.211 kg

Output

Methane: 0.0000251 kg
Carbon monoxide: 0.00139 kg
Carbon dioxide: 0.666 kg
Nitrogen oxides: 0.00636 kg
Sulfur dioxide: 0.000127 kg
Particulates: 0.000913 kg
Waste Heat: 9.59 MJ
Truck operation: 1 tkm (average load factor = 50%)

Transport by 28t truck

Input

Diesel fuel: 0.29 kg

Output

Methane: 0.0000216 kg
Carbon monoxide: 0.00126 kg
Carbon dioxide: 0.913 kg
Nitrogen oxides: 0.00885 kg
Sulfur dioxide: 0.000174 kg
Particulates: 0.000928 kg
Waste Heat: 13.2 MJ
Truck operation: 1 tkm (average load factor = 50%)

Transport by 40t truck

Input

Diesel fuel: 0.348 kg

Output

Methane: 0.0000197 kg
Carbon monoxide: 0.00114 kg
Carbon dioxide: 1.1 kg
Nitrogen oxides: 0.00992 kg
Sulfur dioxide: 0.000209 kg
Particulates: 0.000875 kg
Waste heat: 15.8 MJ
Truck operation: 1 tkm (average load factor = 50%)

Transport by rail

Input

Diesel fuel: 0.00226 kg
Electricity: 0.0396 kWh

Output

Methane: 0.00000294 kg
Carbon monoxide: 0.0000357 kg
Carbon dioxide: 0.00712 kg
Nitrogen oxides: 0.000124 kg
Sulfur dioxides: 0.00000136 kg
Particulates: 0.0000748 kg
Waste heat: 0.245 MJ
Freight train operation: 1 tkm

Electricity

| Input | | Output | |
|-------------|----------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Hard Coal | 0.613 kg | Sulfur Dioxide | 0.00402 kg |
| Natural Gas | 0.25 MJ | Nitrogen oxides: | 0.00252 kg |
| | | Carbon monoxide | 0.000125 kg |
| | | Carbon dioxide: | 0.979 kg |
| | | Methane | 2.02×10^{-9} kg |
| | | Hydrocarbons: | 0.0000129 kg |
| | | Dust to Air: | 0.00173 kg |
| | | Electricity | 1 kWh |

Transport by barge

| Input | | Output | |
|-----------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Hard Coal | 0.00023 kg | Waste heat: | 0.01199 MJ |
| Water | 2.0185 kg | Nitrogen oxides: | 0.0001 kg |
| Clay | 5.9×10^{-6} kg | Carbon monoxide | 1.8×10^{-5} kg |
| | | Carbon dioxide: | 0.00858 kg |
| | | Methane | 1.2×10^{-5} kg |
| | | Hydrocarbons: | 1.4×10^{-7} kg |
| | | Dust to Air: | 7.8×10^{-6} kg |
| | | Sulfur Dioxide | 0.00173 kg |
| | | Barge operation | 1 tkm |