Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Protocol





Protocol Purpose

- New national standard
- Allow local governments to more easily develop highquality GHG inventories
- Communicate results

Download protocol:

www.icleiusa.org/tools/ghg-protocol/community-protocol



Protocol Development

- Steering Committee and Technical Advisory
 Committees
 - Local government staff
 - Academics
 - Federal/state agencies
- Recommended by State of California
 Governor's Office of Planning and Research



Activities and Sources

Source	Activity
Any physical process inside the jurisdictional boundary that releases GHG emissions into the atmosphere	The use of energy, materials, and/or services by members of the community that result in the creation of GHG emissions.

Basic Emissions Generating Activities

- 1. Use of electricity by the community
- 2. Use of fuel in residential and commercial stationary combustion equipment
- 3. On-road passenger and freight motor vehicle travel
- 4. Use of energy in potable water and wastewater treatment and distribution
- 5. Generation of solid waste by the community



Regional Data Cooperation

- Transportation (origin-destination emissions or vehicles miles from travel demand model)
- Water and wastewater systems



Significant Influence Frame

- Ownership
- Operational Control
- Regulatory Authority
- Enforcement
- Budgetary



Additional Frames

- Community-wide activities
- Household consumption
- In-boundary sources
- Government consumption
- Full consumption-based inventory
- Life cycle emissions of community businesses
- Individual industry sectors
- Create your own story



Reporting Requirements

- Complete and include the Community GHG Sources and Activities Tracking Tables (Appendix B)
- Include quantified estimates of emissions associated with the five Basic Emissions Generating Activities



Reporting Requirements

- Include data for each emissions source or activity on a line item basis, and for each include:
 - Activity data
 - Emission factor used (w/ source)
 - Emissions in CO₂E
 - Accounting method used
- Include community context data (at minimum, total population and households in the inventory year)



Supporting Resources

- Online training modules (available)
- Online inventory tool
- Updated
 - Inventory instructions
 - Master Data Workbook
 - Report template
- ICLEI staff support

ICLEI membership: www.icleiusa.org/join/



Questions?



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