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## GENERAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE 1104 OF 2009

#### DRAFT NATIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY FOR THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

I, Buyelwa Patience Sonjica, the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, hereby publish the draft national greenhouse gas inventory for public comments. The draft national inventory can be also be downloaded by the members of the public at the following website [www.saaqis.org.za](http://www.saaqis.org.za).

Members of the public are invited to submit to the Minister, within 60 (sixty) days of publication of the notice in the *Gazette*, written representations on or objections to the draft national inventory to the following addresses:

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Any inquiries in connection with the draft national inventory can be directed to Mr Tsietsi Mahema at (012) 310-3404 or Mr Jongikhaya Witi at (012) 310-3083.

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.



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**GREENHOUSE  
GAS  
INVENTORY  
SOUTH  
AFRICA**

1990  
TO  
2000

COMPILATION UNDER THE  
UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE  
(UNFCCC)

NATIONAL  
INVENTORY  
REPORT

MAY 2009

## Preface

This report is the result of work commissioned by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) to develop the 2000 national inventory of greenhouse gases (GHGs) for South Africa.

Information on energy and industrial processes was prepared by the Energy Research Centre (ERC) of the University of Cape Town, while information on agriculture, land use changes, forestry and waste was provided by the Centre for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

This report is published by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, South Africa. An electronic version of the report, along with the Common Reporting Format (CRF) tables, is available on the website of DEAT: <http://www.saaqis.org.za/>.

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## SUMMARY

### *SOUTH AFRICA'S GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES*

In August 1997 the Republic of South Africa joined the majority of countries in the international community in ratifying the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). To fulfil its obligation under the UNFCCC, a number of projects related to climate change have since been undertaken by South Africa. These include the preparation of greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories, which comprises one of the inputs to the agreed National Communications (NC) to UNFCCC.

The first national GHG inventory in South Africa was prepared in 1998, using 1990 data. It was updated to include 1994 data and published in 2004. It was developed using the 1996 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories. Its results are summarised in Tables 0-1 and 0-2.

**TABLE 0-1: GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY GAS, 1994 (DEAT 2004)**

GHG emissions	Gg CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent	% of total
CO <sub>2</sub> (with LULUCF)	297,341.25	
CO <sub>2</sub> (without LULUCF)	315,957.22	83.2 %
CH <sub>4</sub>	43,206.03	11.4 %
N <sub>2</sub> O	20,677.0	5.4 %
HFCs	NE	
PFCs	NE	
SF <sub>6</sub>	NE	
Total (with LULUCF)	361,214.28	
Total (without LULUCF)	379,840.25	100%

LULUCF = Land Use, Land-use Change and Forestry; NE = Not estimated

**TABLE 0-2: GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY SECTOR, 1994 (DEAT 2004)**

Sectors	Gg CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent	% of total
Energy	297,563.46	78.3 %
Industrial Processes	30,386.21	8.0 %
Solvent and Other Product Use	NE	
Agriculture	35,461.51	9.3 %
LULUCF	-18,615.97	
Waste	16,429.07	4.3 %
Other	NE	
Total (with LULUCF)	361,214.28	
Total (without LULUCF)	379,840.25	100 %

LULUCF = Land Use, Land-use Change and Forestry; NE = Not estimated

For the 2000 national inventory, a decision was made to use the recently published 2006 IPCC Guidelines to enhance accuracy and transparency, and also to familiarise researchers with the latest inventory

preparation guidelines. One of the most significant changes in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines was the restructuring of inventory sectors, in particular the combining of agriculture, forestry, and land use change into one sector and providing more comprehensive and holistic methodologies for emission calculation.

#### *Institutional framework for inventory preparation in South Africa*

South Africa is currently establishing a national system to manage its climate change obligations under the UNFCCC process. This implies institutionalizing how the country prepares its GHG inventories and how it manages data collection and all relevant climate change information for both internal and external reporting. The national system will be based on the "Single National Entity" (SNE) concept, and will be hosted at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT).

#### *Key emission sources in South Africa*

An analysis of key categories using previous inventories was made in order to determine the most significant emission sources in the country, contributing to about 95% of the total GHG emission estimate in the country. Using level and trend assessment on the basis of the 1990 and 1994 GHG inventories, the most significant emission sources contributing to more than 95% of total South Africa's emissions were identified. The full list of key emission sources is presented in Table 1-2. The first five emission sources in the list of key emission sources in South Africa, together accounting for 62.5% of emissions, were as follows:

1. Public electricity and heat production
2. Road transport
3. Iron and steel energy consumption
4. Iron and steel production (process emissions)
5. Enteric fermentation

#### *Overview of the 2000 Inventory*

The total emissions for the 2000 inventory was 436,257 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>e (or 437.3 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e). Four fifths (78.9%) were associated with energy supply and consumption, with smaller contributions from industrial processes (14.1%), agriculture (4.9%) and waste (2.1%) (see Table 0-4). These figures do not include emissions or sinks caused by agriculture, land use change and forestry activities. Activities in agriculture, land use and forestry contributed 40,772.94 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>e as sources, but provided a sink of 20,279.43 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>e, to provide a net source of emissions of 20,493.51 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>e. If this is taken into account, the net emissions total from South Africa is reduced to 435 461.62 Gg CO<sub>2</sub>e.

TABLE 0-3: NATIONAL GHG INVENTORY RESULTS, 2000

GHG source and sink category	CO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	HFCs	PFCs	SF <sub>6</sub>	Total
	CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent (Gg)						
<b>Total (Net Emissions)</b>	<b>333,363.70</b>	<b>76,114.36</b>	<b>23,764.51</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,219.05</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>435,461.62</b>
<b>1. Energy</b>	<b>301,068.85</b>	<b>40,914.14</b>	<b>2,123.23</b>				<b>344,106.22</b>
A. Fuel Combustion (Sectoral Approach)	301,044.52	527.83	2,123.23				303,695.58
Energy Industries	212,226.48	78.23	1,070.09				213,374.81
Manufacturing Industries and Construction	38,879.34	65.61	145.87				39,090.83
Transport	38,623.88	258.19	629.23				39,511.31
Commercial/institutional	1,901.59	0.43	9.28				1,911.30
Residential	5,547.25	122.25	258.89				5,928.40
Agriculture/forestry/fishing	3,705.54	3.06	9.74				3,718.34
Other	160.42	0.06	0.11				160.60
B. Fugitive Emissions from Fuels	24.33	40,386.31	NA,NO				40,410.64
Solid Fuels	24.33	40,366.25	NA,NO				40,390.58
Oil and Natural Gas	0.00	20.07	NO				20.07
<b>2. Industrial Processes and Product Use</b>	<b>52,574.28</b>	<b>4287.377593</b>	<b>2,388.39</b>	<b>NA,NO</b>	<b>2,219.05</b>	<b>NA,NO</b>	<b>61,469.09</b>
A. Mineral Products	6,863.20	NA	NA				6,863.20
B. Chemical Industry	23,751.68	4,284.08	2,388.39	NO	NO	NO	30,424.14
C. Metal Production	21,959.40	3.30	0.00	NA	2,219.05	NA,NO	24,181.75
<b>3. Agriculture, Forestry and Land Use</b>	<b>-20,279.43</b>	<b>22,136.94</b>	<b>18,636.00</b>				<b>20,493.51</b>
A. Enteric fermentation		18,969.09					18,969.09
B. Manure management		1,904.70	415.40				2,320.10
C. Forest land	-13,020.52	NA,NO					-13,020.52
D. Cropland	-7,730.15						-7,730.15
F. Wetlands		190.89					190.89
I. GHG Emissions from biomass burning	471.24	1072.26	793.6				2,337.10
M. Indirect N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from managed soils			17427				17,427.00
<b>4. Waste</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,775.90</b>	<b>616.90</b>				<b>9,392.80</b>
A. Solid waste disposal on land		8,085.00					8,085.00
B. Waste-water handling		690.90	616.90				1,307.80
<b>Memo Items:</b>							
<b>International bunkers</b>	<b>11,645.83</b>	<b>17.11</b>	<b>95.56</b>				<b>11,758.50</b>
Aviation	2,906.25	0.43	25.20				2,931.87
Marine	8,739.59	16.68	70.36				8,826.62
<b>CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from biomass</b>	<b>4,700.00</b>						<b>4,700.00</b>
<b>Total CO<sub>2</sub> Equivalent Emissions without Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry</b>							<b>436,257.30</b>
<b>Total CO<sub>2</sub> Equivalent Emissions with Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry</b>							<b>435,461.62</b>



**Overview of estimates and trends from 1990**

The general trend in sector GHG emissions showed both increasing and decreasing trends between years 1990 and 2000. Agriculture and waste sectors showed significant decrease of emissions from 1990, whereas industrial processes and other product use emissions showed an increase of over 100% between 1990 to 2000. Energy sector emissions showed an increasing trend from 1990 to 2000. Some of these changes are attributable to changes in emission calculation methodologies and allocation of source categories, rather than significant change in activity data.

TABLE 0-4: SECTOR EMISSION TRENDS AND PERCENTAGE CHANGES FROM 1990

Sector	GHG emissions CO <sub>2</sub> e Gg							
	1990 (CO <sub>2</sub> e Gg)	% of total	1994 (CO <sub>2</sub> e Gg)	% of total	2000 (CO <sub>2</sub> e Gg)	% of total	2000 % change from 1994	2000 % change from 1990
Energy	260 886	75.1	297 564	78.3	344 106	78.9	15.6	31.9
Industrial Processes and Product Use	30 792	8.9	30 386	8.0	61 469	14.1	102.3	99.6
Agriculture	40 474	11.6	35 462	9.3	21 289	4.9	-40.0	-47.4
Waste	15 194	4.4	16 430	4.3	9 393	2.1	-42.8	-38.2
Total (without LULUCF)	347 346		379 842		436 257		14.8	25.6

The trends for individual gases gave a different picture. There was a uniform increase in emissions for all types of greenhouse gases, with no decreases. Methane showed the highest increase, recording an increase of more than 76% from 1990 to 2000. Nitrous oxide showed the lowest increase from 1990 to 2000, of 2.7%.

TABLE 0-5: GAS EMISSION TRENDS AND PERCENTAGE CHANGES FROM 1990

GHG emissions CO <sub>2</sub> eGg	1990 Gg	% of total	1994 Gg	% of total	2000 Gg	% of total	1994 % change from 1990	2000 % change from 1994	2000 % change from 1990
CO <sub>2</sub>	280 932	80.9	315 957	83.2	353 643	81.1	12.5	11.9	18.6
CH <sub>4</sub>	2 053	12.4	2 057	11.4	3 624	17.2	0.2	76.2	76.5
N <sub>2</sub> O	75	6.7	67	5.4	76.7	1.3	-10.7	14.5	2.7
CF <sub>4</sub>	-	-	-	-	0.303	0.5	-	-	-
C <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub>	-	-	-	-	0.027	0.06	-	-	-
Totals CO <sub>2</sub> eqGg (without LULUCF)	347 346		379 842		436 257		9.4	14.8	25.6

***Conclusions and recommendations***

The 2000 GHG emission estimation continues to show a continued rise in GHG emissions in South Africa.

The GHG inventory process continues to face a number of challenges, the most significant of which is the availability of activity data for computation of the emissions.

The most challenging sectors for data collection were AFOLU (Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use) and IPPU (Industrial Processes and other Product Use). For the AFOLU sector, spatial data, in-depth research and modelling studies are required in order to create a robust database for land use and land use changes. Data for the agriculture sector had to be obtained from international sources (FAO) for this 2000 inventory.

For the IPPU sector, one reason given for the difficulty in collecting data was lack of cooperation by some industrial companies connected to the protection of confidentiality. There is an urgent need for government assistance here. Government can consolidate the agreements it has entered into with industry so that industry provides the required data, and in a format that is commensurate with the data requirements for preparations of national GHG inventories.

Similarly, agreements are necessary with data custodians in other sectors (Forestry, Agriculture, etc.). A clear regulatory framework for the provision of data for GHG inventory purposes would be helpful in this regard.

Consistency of inventory preparation is another area that requires urgent attention. In a number of cases it was observed that emissions estimated were not consistent with reality on the ground. For example, there was apparently a decrease in transport sector emissions between 1994 and 2000, even though an increase in transport fuel consumption was observed in the same time period. This suggests that the decrease in transport sector emissions was related more to improper allocation of fuel consumption in this sector rather than to an actual decrease in transport emissions. To address the consistency problem, recalculation and reallocation need to be undertaken when preparing future GHG inventories.

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## Summary Report of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent Emissions

GREENHOUSE GAS SOURCE AND SINK CATEGORIES	CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>(1)</sup>	CH <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	HFCs <sup>(2)</sup>	PFCs <sup>(2)</sup>	SF <sub>6</sub> <sup>(2)</sup>	Total
	CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent (Gg)						
<b>Total (Net Emissions)<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>333,395</b>	<b>76,072</b>	<b>23,554</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>435,240</b>
<b>1. Energy</b>	<b>301,100</b>	<b>40,871</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>343,884</b>
A. Fuel Combustion (Sectoral Approach)	301,076	485	1,913	-	-	-	303,473
1. Energy Industries	212,226	51	986	-	-	-	213,303
2. Manufacturing Industries and Construction	38,879	10	146	-	-	-	39,036
3. Transport	38,655	258	503	-	-	-	39,416
4. Commercial/institutional	1,902	0	9	-	-	-	1,911
5. Residential	5,547	122	259	-	-	-	5,928
6. Agriculture/forestry/fishing	3,706	3	10	-	-	-	3,718
5. Other	160	0	0	-	-	-	161
B. Fugitive Emissions from Fuels	24	40,386	NA,NO	-	-	-	40,411
1. Solid Fuels	24	40,366	NA,NO	-	-	-	40,391
2. Oil and Natural Gas	-	20	NO	-	-	-	20
<b>2. Industrial Processes and Product Use</b>	<b>52,574</b>	<b>4,287</b>	<b>2,388</b>	<b>NA,NO</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>NA,NO</b>	<b>61,469</b>
A. Mineral Products	6,863	NA	NA	NA	-	-	6,863
B. Chemical Industry	23,752	4,284	2,388	NO	450	NO	30,424
C. Metal Production	21,959	3	-	NA	2,219	NA,NO	24,182
D. Other Production	NO	-	-	-	-	-	NO
E. Production of Halocarbons and SF <sub>6</sub>	-	-	-	NA,NO	NA,NO	NA,NO	NA,NO
F. Consumption of Halocarbons and SF <sub>6</sub> <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	-	NE	NE	NE	NE
G. Other	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>3. Agriculture, Forestry and Land Use</b>	<b>-20,279</b>	<b>22,137</b>	<b>18,635</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,494</b>
A. Enteric Fermentation	-	18,969	-	-	-	-	18,969
B. Manure Management	-	1,905	415	-	-	-	2,320
C. Forest Land	-13,021	NA,NO	-	-	-	-	-13,021
D. Cropland	-7,730	-	-	-	-	-	-7,730
E. Grassland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F. Wetlands	-	191	-	-	-	-	191
G. Settlements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H. Other Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I. GHG Emissions from Biomass burning	471	1,072	794	-	-	-	2,337
J. Liming	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K. Urea Application	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L. Direct N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from managed soils	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. Indirect N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from managed soils	-	-	17,427	-	-	-	17,427
N. Rice Cultivation	-	NA	NA	-	-	-	NA
O. Harvested wood products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P. Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>4. Waste</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,776</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,393</b>
A. Solid Waste Disposal on Land	-	8,085	-	-	-	-	8,085
B. Waste-water Handling	-	691	617	-	-	-	1,308
C. Waste Incineration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D. Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>5. Other (as specified in Summary 1.A)</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Memo Items:<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
International Bunkers	11,646	17	96	-	-	-	11,758
Aviation	2,906	0	25	-	-	-	2,932
Marine	8,740	17	70	-	-	-	8,827
Multilateral Operations	NO	NO	NO	-	-	-	NO
CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions from Biomass	4,700	-	-	-	-	-	4,700
<b>Total CO<sub>2</sub> Equivalent Emissions without Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry</b>							<b>414,746</b>
<b>Total CO<sub>2</sub> Equivalent Emissions with Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry</b>							<b>435,240</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> For CO<sub>2</sub> from Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry the net emissions/removals are to be reported. For the purposes of reporting, the signs for removals are always negative (-) and for emissions positive (+).

<sup>(2)</sup> Actual emissions should be included in the national totals (2006 IPCC Guidelines).

<sup>(3)</sup> Countries are asked to report emissions from international aviation and marine bunkers and multilateral operations, as well as CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from biomass, under Memo Items. These emissions should not be included in the national total emissions from the energy sector. Amounts of biomass used as fuel are included in the national energy consumption but the corresponding CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are not included in the national total as it is assumed that the biomass is produced in a sustainable manner. If the biomass is harvested at an unsustainable rate, net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are accounted for as a loss of biomass stocks in the Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry sector.

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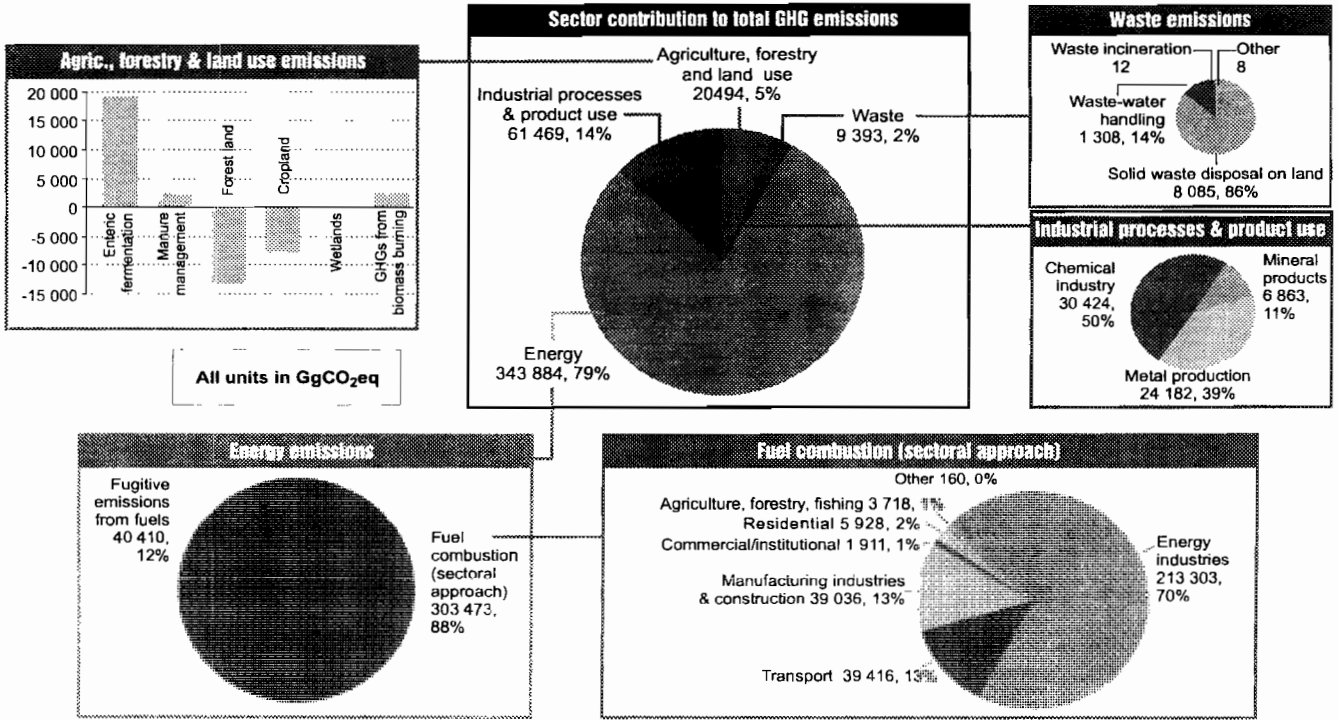
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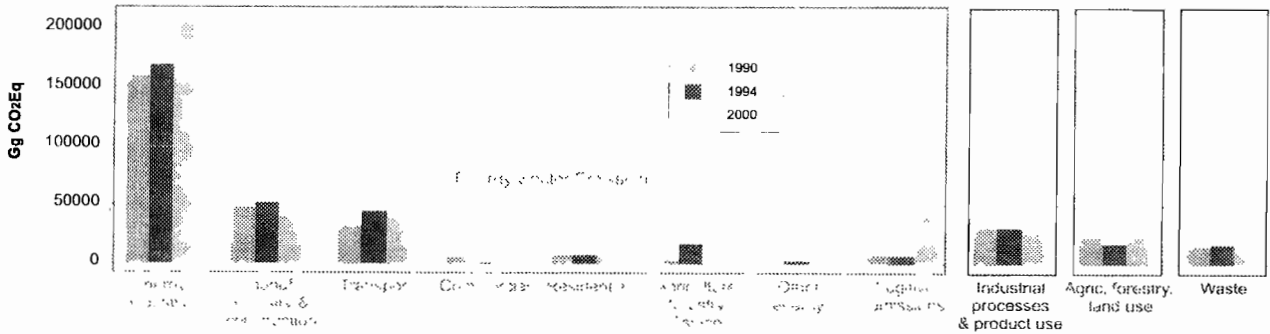
	CO <sub>2</sub> eq Gas Emissions (kt)			Total
	CO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	CO <sub>2</sub> e Gg (Kt)
<b>ENERGY</b>				
<b>ENERGY INDUSTRY</b>				
Sub Bituminous coal for public electricity	170,716	37	825	171,578
Autoproducers	7,819	2	38	7,858
Refinery coal	28,562	19	56	28,638
<b>MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION</b>				
Other bituminous coal	24,378	5	120	24,503
Blast furnace gas	4,822	0	1	4,823
<b>TRANSPORT</b>				
Road Gasoline	24,412	244	349	25,005
Road Gas/Diesel	11,521	13	62	11,596
<b>INTERNATIONAL BUNKERS</b>				
Marine RFO	7,759	15	62	7,836
<b>FUGITIVE EMISSIONS</b>				
Underground mining	20	35,444	-	35,463
<b>INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES</b>				
<b>MINERALS INDUSTRY</b>				
cement production	4,443			4,443
<b>CHEMICAL INDUSTRY</b>				
Gas production processes	23,531			23,531
<b>METAL INDUSTRY</b>				
Iron production - Blast furnaces (t)	6,825	-	-	6,825
Steel production oxygen furnace (t)	298	-	-	298
<b>AFOLU</b>				
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>				
Enteric Fermentation		18,969		18,969
<b>LANDS</b>				
Indirect N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from managed soils			17,427	17,427
<b>WASTE</b>				
Solid waste disposal on land		8,085		8,085

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