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TOOL14: Project and leakage emissions from anaerobic digesters

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COVER NOTE

1. Procedural background

1. The Executive Board, at its 116th meeting (EB116 meeting report, para 33), requested the MP to conduct further analysis and consider possible revisions of the methodologies and tool (AMS-III.R.; AMS-III.D.; AMS-I.I.; and TOOL14) addressing fugitive methane emissions from biogas digesters and use of updated Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) methods.

2. Purpose

2. The purpose is to update the methodological tool "TOOL14: Project and leakage emissions from anaerobic digesters" to include a comprehensive approach to addressing fugitive methane emissions from biogas digesters and updated IPCC methods.

3. Key issues and proposed solutions

3. The proposed revision aims to:

   (a)   Address fugitive methane emissions from biogas digesters;

   (b)   Use of updated IPCC methods.

4. Impacts

The revision of the methodological tool, if approved, will provide clarity and updated default values to stakeholders on calculation of project and leakage emissions from projects involving the use of anaerobic digesters.

5. Subsequent work and timelines

4. The MP, at its 95th meeting, agreed to seek public inputs on the revised version of the methodology. If inputs are received, they will be discussed with the MP and forwarded to the Board for its consideration. The MP will considered any comment received during the period open for public inputs to this revised methodology. If no inputs are received, the MP recommends that the Board approve the proposed draft version of the tool. No further work is envisaged.

6. Recommendations to the Board

5. The MP will considered any comment received during the period open for public inputs to this revised methodology. If no inputs are received during the call for public input, the MP recommends that the Board adopt this proposed revision, to be made effective at the time of the Board's approval. If inputs are received, they will be discussed with the MP and forwwarded to the Board for its consideration.

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2.1. Scope

2.   This tool provides procedures to calculate project and leakage emissions associated with anaerobic digestion in an anaerobic digester. The tool is not applicable to other systems where waste may be decomposed anaerobically, for instances stockpiles, SWDS or un-aerated lagoons.

2.2. Applicability

3.   The following sources of project emissions are accounted for in this tool:

   (a) CO_2 emissions from consumption of electricity associated with the operation of the anaerobic digester;

   (b) CO_2 emissions from consumption of fossil fuels associated with the operation of the anaerobic digester;

   (c) CH_4 emissions from the digester (emissions during maintenance of the digester, physical leaks through the roof and side walls, and release through safety valves due to excess pressure in the digester); and

   (d) CH_4 emissions from flaring of biogas.

4.   The following sources of leakage emissions are accounted for in this tool:

   (a) CH_4 and N_2O emission from composting of digestate;

   (b) CH_4 emissions from the anaerobic decay of digestate disposed in a SWDS or subjected to anaerobic storage, such as in a stabilization pond.

5. N_2O emissions from physical leakages from the digester, transportation of feed material and digestate or any other on-site transportation, piped distribution of the biogas, aerobic treatment of liquid digestate and land application of the digestate are not included because these are minor emission sources or because they are accounted in the methodologies referring to this tool.

6.   The applicability conditions of the tools below also apply.

2.3. Entry into force

7.   The date of entry into force is the date of the publication of the EB XX meeting report on DD Month Year.

3. Normative references

8. This tool also refers to the latest approved versions of the following tools:

    (a) ~~Methodological tool:~~ "TOOL05: Baseline, project and/or leakage emissions from electricity consumption and monitoring of electricity generation" (hereinafter referred to as TOOL05);

    (b) "TOOL03: Tool to calculate project or leakage CO_2 emissions from fossil fuel combustion" (hereinafter referred to as TOOL03);

    (c) ~~Methodological tool:~~ "TOOL06: Project emissions from flaring" (hereinafter referred to as TOOL06);

    (d) ~~Methodological tool:~~ "TOOL04: Emissions from solid waste disposal sites" (hereinafter referred to as TOOL04);

    (e) "TOOL08: Tool to determine the mass flow of a greenhouse gas in a gaseous stream" (hereinafter referred to as TOOL08); and

    (f) ~~Methodological tool:~~ "TOOL13: Project and leakage emissions from composting" (hereinafter referred to as TOOL13).~~; and~~

9. To access these tools, refer to <http://cdm.unfccc.int/goto/MPappmeth>.

4. Definitions

10. The definitions contained in the Glossary of CDM terms shall apply.

11. For the purpose of this tool, the following definitions apply:

    (a) **Anaerobic digestion** - Degradation and stabilization of organic materials by the action of anaerobic bacteria that result in production of methane and carbon dioxide. Typical organic materials that undergo anaerobic digestion are municipal solid waste (MSW), animal manure, wastewater, organic industrial effluent and biosolids from aerobic wastewater treatment plants;

    (b) **Anaerobic digester** - Equipment that is used to generate biogas from liquid or solid organic waste through anaerobic digestion. The digester is covered or encapsulated to enable biogas capture for flaring, heat and/or power generation or feeding biogas into a natural gas network. The following types of digesters are considered:

        (i) Covered anaerobic lagoons: anaerobic lagoons that are covered with a flexible membrane to capture methane produced during the digestion process. Covered anaerobic lagoons are typically used for high volume effluent such as animal manure and organic industrial effluent like starch industry effluent;

        (ii) Conventional digesters: digesters that are operated similar to a covered anaerobic lagoon, with no mixing or liquid and biogas recirculation;

        (iii) High rate digesters, such as upflow anaerobic sludge blanket (UASB) reactors, anaerobic filter bed reactors and fluidized bed reactors; and

(iv)   Two stage digesters: anaerobic digestion takes place in a two stage process, solubilization of particulate matter occurs and volatile acids are formed in the first stage digester. The second stage is carried out in a separate digester, at a neutral pH and a longer solid retention time;

(c)   **Anaerobic lagoon** - a treatment system consisting of a deep earthen basin with sufficient volume to permit sedimentation of settable solids, to digest retained sludge, and to anaerobically reduce some of the soluble organic substrate. Anaerobic conditions prevail except for a shallow surface layer in which excess undigested grease and scum are concentrated;

(d)   **Biogas** - gas generated from an anaerobic digester. Typically, the composition of the gas is 50 to 70% CH_4 and 30 to 50% CO_2, with traces of H_2S and NH_3 (1 to 5%);

(e)   **Digestate** - spent contents of a digester. Digestate may be liquid or solid. Digestate is considered to be solid if the total solids are 20% or more of the total weight of the digestate. The digestate has a lower biodegradability than the original material as the easily biodegradable organic matter has been degraded and stabilized in the digester. Digestate may be further stabilized aerobically, applied to land, sent to a solid waste disposal site (SWDS) or kept in a storage or evaporation pond;

(f)   **Solid waste disposal site (SWDS)** - designated areas intended as the final storage place for solid waste. Stockpiles are considered a SWDS if: (a) their volume to surface area ratio is 1.5 (m^3/m^2) or larger; and if (b) a visual inspection by the DOE confirms that the material is exposed to anaerobic conditions (i.e. it has a low porosity and is moist);

(g)   **Stockpile** - a pile of solid waste (not buried below ground). Anaerobic conditions are not assured in a stockpile with low volume to surface area ratios (less than 1.5) because the waste may be exposed to aeration;

(h)   **Total solids** - weight of the dry matter of the material fed into the digester (total weight of the material minus the weight of the moisture contained in the material), which ranges from 10 to 70% of the total weight of the material;

(i)   **Un-aerated lagoon** - a treatment system where liquid digestate or a liquid fraction of solid digestate is further treated in a pond or series of ponds, without forced aeration. The treatment is based on aerobic processes (due to oxygen produced by algae and atmospheric oxygen diffusion into the liquid column) at the surface layers and anaerobic processes in the bottom layers. Types of un-aerated lagoons are stabilization ponds, sludge pits and uncovered anaerobic lagoons;

(j)   **Volatile matter** - difference between the total solids and the weight of the ash content in the material fed into the digester. The range is typically about 60 to 80% of the total solids.

5. Parameters

12. This tool provides procedures to determine the following parameters:

Parameter	SI Unit	Description
$PE_{AD,y}$	t CO_2e	Project emissions associated with the anaerobic digester in year y (t CO_2e)
$LE_{AD,y}$	t CO_2e	Leakage emissions associated with the anaerobic digester in year y (t CO_2e)

6. Methodology procedure

6.1. Project emissions procedure

13. The project emissions associated with the anaerobic digester ($PE_{AD,y}$) are determined as follows:

$$PE_{AD,y} = PE_{EC,y} + PE_{FC,y} + PE_{CH4,y} + PE_{flare,y}$$

Equation (1)

Where:

$PE_{AD,y}$ = Project emissions associated with the anaerobic digester in year y (t CO_2e)

$PE_{EC,y}$ = Project emissions from electricity consumption associated with the anaerobic digester in year y (t CO_2e)

$PE_{FC,y}$ = Project emissions from fossil fuel consumption associated with the anaerobic digester in year y (t CO_2e)

$PE_{CH4,y}$ = Project emissions of methane from the anaerobic digester in year y (t CO_2e)

$PE_{flare,y}$ = Project emissions from flaring of biogas in year y (t CO_2e)

14. These parameters are determined through the steps outlined below.

6.1.1. Step 1: Determination of the quantity of methane produced in the digester ($Q_{CH4,y}$)

15. There are two different procedures to determine the quantity of methane produced in the digester in year y ($Q_{CH4,y}$). For large scale projects only Option 1 shall be used. For small scale projects, project participants may choose between Option 1 or Option 2.

6.1.1.1. Option 1: Procedure using monitored data

16. $Q_{CH4,y}$ shall be measured using ~~the~~ TOOL08. When applying the tool, the following applies:

   (a) The gaseous stream to which the tool is applied is the biogas collected from the digester;

   (b) CH_4 is the greenhouse gas i for which the mass flow should be determined; and

(c) The flow of the gaseous stream should be measured on an hourly basis or a smaller time interval; and then accumulated for the year *y*. Please note that units need to be converted to tons, when applying the results in this tool.

6.1.1.2. Option 2: Procedure using a default value

17. Under this option, the flow of the biogas is measured and a default value is used for the fraction of methane in the biogas, as follows:

$$Q_{CH4,y} = Q_{biogas,y} \times f_{CH4,default} \times \rho_{CH4}$$

Equation (2)

Where:

$Q_{CH4,y}$	=	Quantity of methane produced in the digester in year *y* (t CH$_4$)
$Q_{biogas,y}$	=	~~Amount~~ Volume of biogas collected at the digester outlet in year *y* at reference conditions[1] (~~N~~m^3 biogas)
$f_{CH4,default}$	=	Default value for the fraction of methane in ~~the~~ biogas (m^3 CH$_4$ / m^3 biogas)
ρ_{CH4}	=	Density of methane at ~~normal~~ reference conditions (t CH$_4$ / ~~N~~m^3 CH$_4$)

18. Where a complete set of data is not available for determining the amount of biogas collected at the digester outlet ($Q_{biogas,y}$), follow the instruction in paragraph 3 of the Appendix to ~~the 'Methodological tool:~~TOOL08. This provision is applicable for project activities or PoAs, where end users of the subsystems or measures are households/communities/small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

6.1.2. Step 2: Determination of project emissions from electricity consumption ($PE_{EC,y}$)

19. This step is applicable if the anaerobic digester consumes electricity, such as for mixing, recirculation of digestate, or processing of feed material. If the electricity consumed is generated on-site using biomass residues, wind, hydro or geothermal power, then $PE_{EC,y}$ = 0. Otherwise, the project participants may choose between the following two options to calculate $PE_{EC,y}$:

6.1.2.1. Option 1: Procedure using monitored data

20. $PE_{EC,y}$ shall be calculated using ~~the~~ TOOL05~~Tool to calculate baseline, project and/or leakage emissions from electricity consumption~~", where the project emission source *j* referred to in the tool is the total electricity consumption associated with the anaerobic digestion facility.

6.1.2.2. Option 2: Procedure using a default value

21. Project emissions from electricity consumption associated with the anaerobic digester are calculated as follows:

$$PE_{EC,y} = Q_{CH4,y} \times F_{EC,default} \times EF_{EL,default}$$

Equation (3)

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[1] Reference conditions are defined as 20 °C (293.15 K, 68°F) and 1 atm (101.325 kN/m2, 101.325 kPa, 14.69 psia, 29.92 in Hg, 760 torr)

Where:

$PE_{EC,y}$	=	Project emissions from electricity consumption associated with the anaerobic digester in year y (t CO_2)
$Q_{CH4,y}$	=	Quantity of methane produced in the anaerobic digester in year y (t CH_4)
$F_{EC,default}$	=	Default factor for the electricity consumption associated with the anaerobic digester per ton of methane generated (MWh / t CH_4)
$EF_{EL,default}$	=	Default emission factor for the electricity consumed in year y (t CO_2 / MWh)

6.1.3. Step 3: Determination of project emissions from fossil fuel consumption ($PE_{FC,y}$)

22.   Where the anaerobic digester facility uses fossil fuels, project participants shall calculate $PE_{EC,y}$ using the TOOL03. The project emission source j referred to in the tool is fossil fuel consumption associated with the anaerobic digestion facility (not including fossil fuels consumed for transportation of feed material and digestate or any other on-site transportation).

6.1.4. Step 4: Determination of project emissions of methane from the anaerobic digester ($PE_{CH4,y}$)

23.   Project emissions of methane from the anaerobic digester include emissions during maintenance of the digester, physical leaks through the roof and side walls, and release through safety valves due to excess pressure in the digester. These emissions are calculated using a default emission factor ($EF_{CH4,default}$), as follows:

$$PE_{CH4,y} = Q_{CH4,y} \times EF_{CH4,default} \times GWP_{CH4}$$

Equation (4)

Where:

$PE_{CH4,y}$	=	Project emissions of methane from the anaerobic digester in year y (t CO_2e)
$Q_{CH4,y}$	=	Quantity of methane produced in the anaerobic digester in year y (t CH_4)
$EF_{CH4,default}$	=	Default emission factor for the fraction of CH_4 produced that leaks from the anaerobic digester (fraction)
GWP_{CH4}	=	Global warming potential of CH_4 (t CO_2 / t CH_4)

6.1.5. Step 5: Determination of project emissions from flaring of biogas ($PE_{flare,y}$)

24.   If the project activity includes flaring of biogas, then project emissions from flaring of biogas ($PE_{flare,y}$) shall be estimated using the TOOL06"Tool to determine project emissions from flaring gases containing methane". The following applies:

(a)   For small scale projects, project participants may adopt a default value for the fraction of methane in the biogas ($f_{CH4,default}$) in applying the tool; and

(b)   The tool provides default factors for the flare efficiency, which can be used for large or small scale projects as described in the tool.

6.2. Leakage emissions procedure

25. The leakage[2] emissions associated with the anaerobic digester ($LE_{AD,y}$) depend on how the digestate is managed. They include emissions associated with storage and composting of the digestate and are determined as follows:

$$LE_{AD,y} = LE_{storage,y} + LE_{comp,y}$$ Equation (5)

Where:

$LE_{AD,y}$ = Leakage emissions associated with the anaerobic digester in year *y* (t CO₂e)

$LE_{storage,y}$ = Leakage emissions associated with storage of digestate in year *y* (t CO₂e)

$LE_{comp,y}$ = Leakage emissions associated with composting of digestate in year *y* (t CO₂e)

6.2.1. Step 1: Determination of leakage emissions associated with storage of digestate (*LE$_{storage,y}$*)

26. This step applies in the case that the digestate is stored under the following anaerobic conditions:

(a) In an un-aerated lagoon that has a depth of more than one meter; or

(b) In a SWDS as predefined in the definitions section.

27. Storage of digestate under anaerobic conditions can cause CH_4 emissions due to further anaerobic digestion of the residual organic matter. The procedure for determining $LE_{storage,y}$ is distinguished for liquid digestate and solid digestate.

6.2.1.1. Determining *LE$_{storage,y}$* for liquid digestate

28. Where digestate is liquid, as per the definitions section, or where a liquid fraction of mechanically separated digestate is stored, then choose between Options 1 or 2 below to determine $LE_{storage,y}$.

6.2.1.2. Option 1: Procedure using monitored data

$$LE_{storage,y} = Q_{stored,y} \times P_{COD,y} \times B_0 \times MCF_p \times GWP_{CH4}$$ Equation (6)

Where:

$LE_{storage,y}$ = Leakage emissions associated with storage of digestate in year *y* (t CO₂e)

$Q_{stored,y}$ = Amount of liquid digestate stored anaerobically in year *y* (m³)

$P_{COD,y}$ = Average chemical oxygen demand (COD) of the liquid digestate in year *y* (t COD / m³)

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[2] If the storage of digestate or the composting of digestate is occurring within the project boundary, these emissions will be considered as project emissions.

B_0	=	Maximum methane producing capacity of the COD applied (t CH$_4$ / t COD)
MCF	=	Methane conversion factor (fraction)
GWP_{CH4}	=	Global warming potential of CH$_4$ (t CO$_2$ / t CH$_4$)

6.2.1.3.   Option 2: Procedure using a default value

$$LE_{storage,y} = F_{ww,CH4,default} \times Q_{CH4,y} \times GWP_{CH4}$$ Equation (7)

Where:

$LE_{storage,y}$	=	Leakage emissions associated with storage of digestate in year y (t CO$_2$e)
$F_{ww,CH4,default}$	=	Default factor representing the remaining methane production capacity of liquid digestate (fraction)
$Q_{CH4,y}$	=	Quantity of methane produced in the digester in year y (t CH$_4$)
GWP_{CH4}	=	Global warming potential of CH$_4$ (t CO$_2$ / t CH$_4$)

6.2.1.4.   Determining $LE_{storage,y}$ for solid digestate

29.   Where solid digestate is disposed in a SWDS, then project participants may choose between Option 1 or Option 2 to determine $LE_{storage,y}$.

6.2.1.5.   Option 1: Procedure using monitored data

30. $LE_{storage,y}$ is determined using ~~the methodological tool~~TOOL04. In this case, $LE_{storage,y}$ corresponds to the parameter $LE_{CH4,SWDS,y}$ in the tool and j represents the digestate that is disposed at a SWDS.

6.2.1.6.   Option 2: Procedure using default values

31. $LE_{storage,y}$ is determined as follows:

$$LE_{storage,y} = F_{SD,CH4,default} \times Q_{CH4,y} \times GWP_{CH4}$$ Equation (8)

Where:

$LE_{storage,y}$	=	Leakage emissions associated with storage of digestate in year y (t CO$_2$e)
$F_{SD,CH4,default}$	=	Default factor for the methane generation capacity of solid digestate (fraction)
$Q_{CH4,y}$	=	Quantity of methane produced in the anaerobic digester in year y (t CH$_4$)
GWP_{CH4}	=	Global warming potential of CH$_4$ (t CO$_2$/t CH$_4$)

6.2.2. Step 2: Determination of leakage emissions associate with composting digestate ($LE_{COMP,y}$)

32. $LE_{comp,y}$ shall be calculated using ~~the methodological tool~~TOOL13. The term $PE_{comp,y}$ + $LE_{comp,y}$ in ~~the methodological tool~~ TOOL13 provides the value for $LE_{comp,y}$ of this tool.

6.3. Data and parameters not monitored

Data / Parameter table 1.

Data / Parameter:	$f_{CH4,default}$
Data unit:	m^3 CH_4 / m^3 biogas corrected to reference conditions[3]
Description:	Default value for the volumetric fraction of methane in ~~the~~ biogas
Source of data:	The default value was derived based on reported values from registered projects and research papers (Davidsson, 2007)
Value to be applied:	0.6
Any comment:	Use this value for Option 2 of the step "Determination of the quantity of methane produced in the digester"

Data / Parameter table 2.

Data / Parameter:	ρ_{CH4}
Data unit:	t CH_4 / m^3 CH_4
Description:	Density of methane at reference conditions
Source of data:	Calculated applying TOOL08. ~~'Thermophysical properties of fluids. II. Methane, Ethane, Propane, Isobutane and Normal Butane' by B.A. Younglove, J.F. Ely https://www.nist.gov/sites/default/files/documents/srd/jpcrd331.pdf~~
Value to be applied:	0.00067
Any comment:	~~corrected to reference conditions~~

Data / Parameter table 3.

Data / Parameter:	$EF_{CH4,default}$
Data unit:	t CH_4 leaked / t CH_4 produced
Description:	Default emission factor for the fraction of CH_4 produced that leaks from the anaerobic digester
Source of data:	IPCC (2006), IPCC(2019), Flesch et al. (2011) and Kurup (2003)

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[3] ~~Normal conditions are defined as 0 °C (273.15 K, 32°F) and 1 atm (101.325 kN/m2, 101.325 kPa, 14.69 psia, 29.92 in Hg, 760 torr).~~

Value to be applied:	Use the default value corresponding to the type of digester used in the project activity. The digester type shall be identified by manufacturer information. If this is not possible, then the factor 0.1 shall be applied (upper range of the IPCC values). • 0.028: Digesters with steel or lined concrete or fiberglass digesters and a gas holding system (egg shaped digesters) and monolithic construction; • 0.05: UASB type digesters, floating gas holders with no external water seal; • 0.10: Digesters with unlined concrete/ferrocement/brick masonry arched type gas holding section; monolithic fixed dome digesters, covered anaerobic lagoon[4]
Any comment:	Applicable to the step "Determination of project emissions of methane from the anaerobic digester"

Data / Parameter table 4.

Data / Parameter:	GWP_{CH4}
Data unit:	t CO_2e / t CH_4
Description:	Global Warming Potential of CH_4
Source of data:	'Standard for application of the global warming potentials to clean development mechanism project activities and programmes of activities for the second commitment period of the Kyoto protocol'
Value to be applied:	25~~1~~ for the ~~first~~ second commitment period. ~~Shall be updated for future commitment periods according to any future COP/MOP decisions~~
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter table 5.

Data / Parameter:	$F_{EC,default}$
Data unit:	MWh / t CH_4 produced
Description:	Default factor for the electricity consumption associated with the anaerobic digester per ton of CH_4 generated
Source of data:	The values were derived based on a review of registered CDM projects, other projects using digesters and reference books (Metcalf & Eddy, 2003; and for solid waste Sri Bala et al., 2009)

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[4] Project participants are invited to request for a revision of the tool to propose new default factors applicable to a particular technology, provided the relevant background information to support the values is submitted.

Value to be applied:	• 0 - Covered anaerobic lagoons (gravity fed) / conventional digesters;
	• 0.01 - upflow anaerobic sludge blanket reactor (UASB) / filter bed reactor for wastewater / fluidized bed reactor;
	• 1.02 - Conventional digesters with continuously stirred tank reactor type for wastewater;
	• 1.54 - Any anaerobic digester for solid waste with pre-processing of wastes (e.g. pulverizing).
	For digesters other than those specified above, which are fed by gravity, and have no recirculation and therefore no electrical energy is required to operate, apply a value of 0
Any comment:	Applicable to Option 2 in the step "Determination of project emissions from electricity consumption ($PE_{EC,y}$)"

Data / Parameter table 6.

Data / Parameter:	$EF_{El,default}$
Data unit:	t CO_2 / MWh
Description:	Default emission factor for the electricity consumed in year y
Source of data:	TOOL05~~Tool to calculate baseline, project and/or leakage emissions from electricity consumption~~
Value to be applied:	1.3
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter table 7.

Data / Parameter:	~~B_o~~B_0
Data unit:	t CH_4 / t COD
Description:	Maximum CH_4 producing capacity of the COD applied
Source of data:	~~2006 IPCC Guidelines~~ Table 6.2 of chapter 'Wastewater Treatment and Discharge' under the volume 'Waste' of the 2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories
Value to be applied:	0.25
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter table 8.

Data / Parameter:	$F_{ww,CH4,default}$
Data unit:	Fraction
Description:	Default factor representing the remaining CH_4 production capacity of liquid digestate
Source of data:	Reference papers and current industry practice

Value to be applied:	• 0.10: Covered anaerobic lagoons;
	• 0.15: UASB type digesters / Anaerobic filter bed digesters / Anaerobic fluidized bed digesters;
	• 0.20: Conventional digesters;
	• 0.05: Two stage digesters
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter table 9.

Data / Parameter:	$F_{SD,CH4,default}$
Data unit:	Fraction
Description:	Default factor for the methane generation capacity of solid digestate
Source of data:	The values were derived based on the removal efficiency of the digesters, using reference papers (Davidsson, 2007) and current industry practice
Value to be applied:	• Two phase digesters: 0.15
	• All other technologies: 0.35
Any comment:	Applicable to Option 2 in the section "Determining $LE_{storage,y}$ for solid digestate"

Data / Parameter table 10.

Data / Parameter:	*MCF*
Data unit:	Dimensionless
Description:	Methane conversion factor
Source of data:	~~Table 6.3, Chapter 6, Volume 5, 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories~~ Table 6.3 of chapter 'Wastewater Treatment and Discharge' under the volume 'Waste' of the 2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories
Value to be applied:	• 0.8 for a depth of liquid digestate storage ≥ 2 m;
	• 0.2 for a depth of liquid digestate storage < 2 m and ≥ 1 m;
	• 0 for a depth of liquid digestate storage < 1 m
Any comment:	-

7. Monitoring methodology procedure

7.1. Monitoring procedures

33. Describe and specify in the CDM-PDD all monitoring procedures, including the type of measurement instrumentation used, the responsibilities for monitoring and QA/QC procedures that will be applied. All meters and instruments should be calibrated regularly as per industry practices.

7.2. Data and parameters monitored

Data / Parameter table 11.

Data / Parameter:	$Q_{biogas,y}$
Data unit:	Nm^3 biogas
Description:	Amount Volume of biogas collected at the digester outlet in year y
Measurement procedures:	The volumetric flow measurement should always refer to the actual pressure and temperature. Instruments with recordable electronic signal (analogical or digital) are required
Monitoring/recording frequency:	Continuously measurement by the flow meter. Data to be aggregated monthly and yearly
QA/QC procedures:	-
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter table 12.

Data / Parameter:	$P_{COD,y}$
Data unit:	t COD / m^3
Description:	Average chemical oxygen demand (COD) of the liquid digestate in year y
Measurement procedures:	Manual collection of samples and laboratory analysis
Monitoring/recording frequency:	Monthly and averaged annually
QA/QC procedures:	Samples should be collected based on the "2005 Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 21st. American Public Health Association, Water Environment Federation and American Water Works Association" or any other equivalent national or international standard
Any comment:	-

Data / Parameter table 13.

Data / Parameter:	$Q_{stored,y}$
Data unit:	m^3
Description:	Amount Volume of liquid digestate stored anaerobically in year y
Measurement procedures:	Using flow meters
Monitoring/recording frequency:	Continuously and aggregated annually
QA/QC procedures:	
Any comment:	Applicable to Option 1 in the section "Determining LEstorage,y for liquid digestate"

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