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# IP's GHG Inventory Management

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## **Inventory Management Overview**

- Our company's emission structure
- Design elements
- Measuring and managing
- Our tools
- Our process
- Ongoing management
- Future plans





# **IP's Emission Structure**

- Important to know overall structure before designing inventory system
- 95% of our emissions come from large paper mills
  - Mill emissions range from simple to complex cogen systems
  - Biggest sources are fuel burning and landfill emissions
- Hundreds of smaller sites contribute relatively little to our total emissions but add complexity to our accounting



#### Our Paper Mills Are Our Largest GHG Sources



Mansfield, LA

- A typical mill uses about 20 trillion BTU per year
  - About the same energy as in
    140 million gallons of gasoline

Prattville, AL



# **Measuring Then Managing**

- We started by first measuring our GHG emissions at our large mills
  - Needed to get the inventory developed quickly
  - GHG accounting tools were already developed to help the process
- Followed by a management process facilitated by Climate Leaders, CH2M HILL, and CCX
  - We are now coming full circle and reworking our measurement system to meet our growing needs
- Plan on an iterative process no matter how your system starts



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# **Basic Paper Mill GHG Accounting Design Elements**

- We use the WRI/WBCSD Corporate GHG Accounting Protocol as our inventory basis
   – www.ghgprotocol.org
- We use the tool developed by NCASI for paper mill GHG accounting
  - IP Helped NCASI test and develop tool
  - Tool is accepted by WRI/WBCSD and available on the ghgprotocol.org website

# Advanced Paper Mill GHG Accounting Elements

 Modified the standard tool from NCASI



- Included custom factors for our operations
- Hard wired standard mill data
- Converted metric inputs to units our mills are familiar with to reduce user error
- Removed inconsequential elements from framework
  Ex. CFC emissions
- Created off-sheet methods for measuring complex operations – Ex. common header fed co-gens

# **Our Accounting Tools**

- All tools are Excel-based right now
  - Hundreds of spreadsheets are a chore to manage; but it works
- Purchasing database is used to fill in energy use for smaller sites
- For Climate Leaders we use WRI/WBCSD Scope 1 + 2
- For CCX we use Scope 1 Landfill

## How We Manage the Data Collection Process

- Send the spreadsheet tools out to our mills via email
- We have two people ready to answer any questions from the facilities
- Additional guidance comes from a Q&A document on our intranet site
  - Update document when new questions arise
- Quality assurance checklist is also available on the web to guide mills through the inventory process



#### We've Got the Data... Now What?

- We do random error checking
- Trend a facility's emissions to check for consistency
- Corporate audit team takes quality assurance checklist on environmental audits
- We use the Inventory Management Plan from CH2M HILL to document and communicate internally
  - Very useful tool for external audits
  - Helps explain the sources considered and assumptions made in inventory
- Address audit and verification issues

### Our Ongoing Data and Process Management

- The work doesn't end when we submit final data to Climate Leaders and CCX
  - Use the data and trends for forecasting
  - Review our current management process for opportunities to improve next year
  - Work to streamline the entire process
  - Moving to a database driven architecture to increase efficiency and accuracy

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# We Want to be Part of the Solution to Climate Change

- Remain active in all arenas
  - Looking at GHG registries
  - Working with the Kyoto and CDM processes
- Continue to promote market-based solutions
  - CCX is leading the way to an open market CO2E trading system with low transaction costs and high transparency
- Continue to work with WRI/WBCSD, regional, and international programs to develop solid accounting tools and world-class protocols

# Contact Us... We Would Love to Help

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