

Working Session



Canadian Standard on Embodied Carbon in Construction

20 September 2023

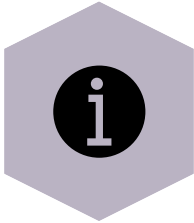
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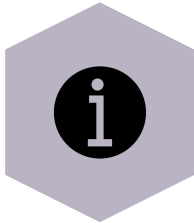
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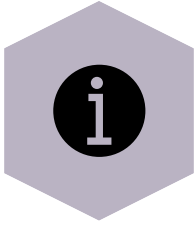
Decarbonization agenda for the built environment



Overview of the Canadian Standard



Worked example



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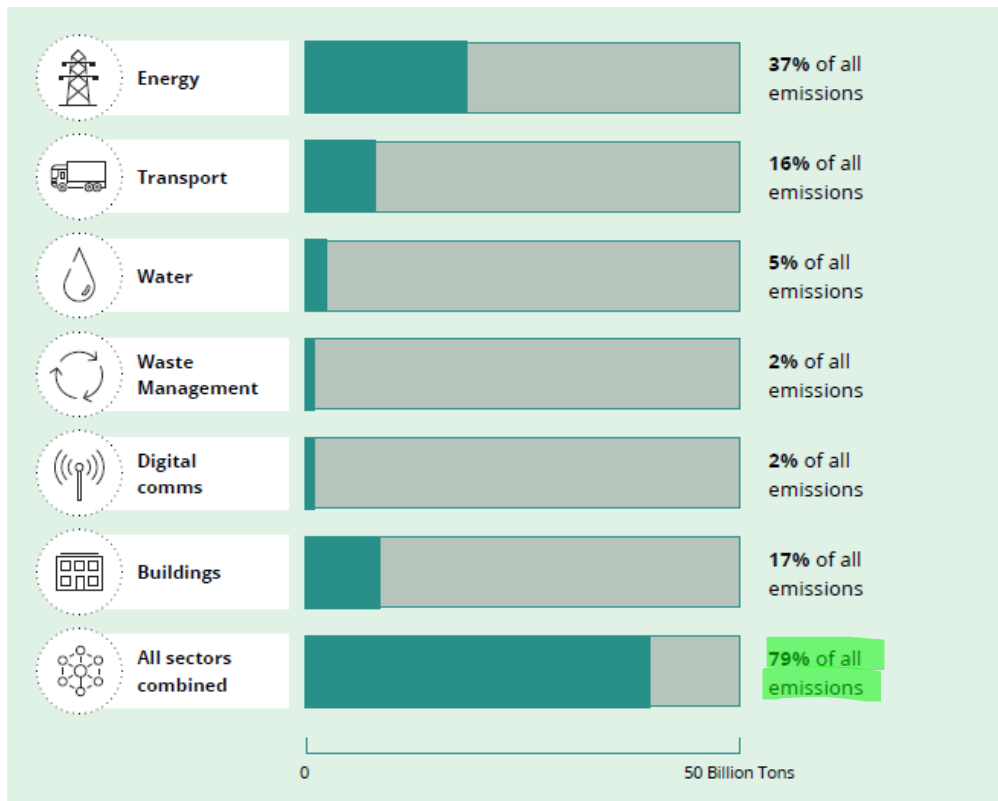
Decarbonizing the built environment—the need

In 2021 built environment sector produced ~43% of the global carbon emissions (15.5 gigatonnes of carbon emissions).

	Whole life carbon (43%)		
	Operational Carbon		Embodied Carbon
	Direct	Indirect	
Residential	6%	11%	9%
Non-residential	3%	8%	
Infrastructure	-	-	6%
Total 43% (buildings = 37%)	28%		15%

Whole life carbon emissions = Operational Carbon + **Embodied Carbon** + (User carbon|Beyond life cycle carbon)

Emissions when considering user carbon



Including emissions associated with the user's utilisation of the buildings or infrastructure during the use stage

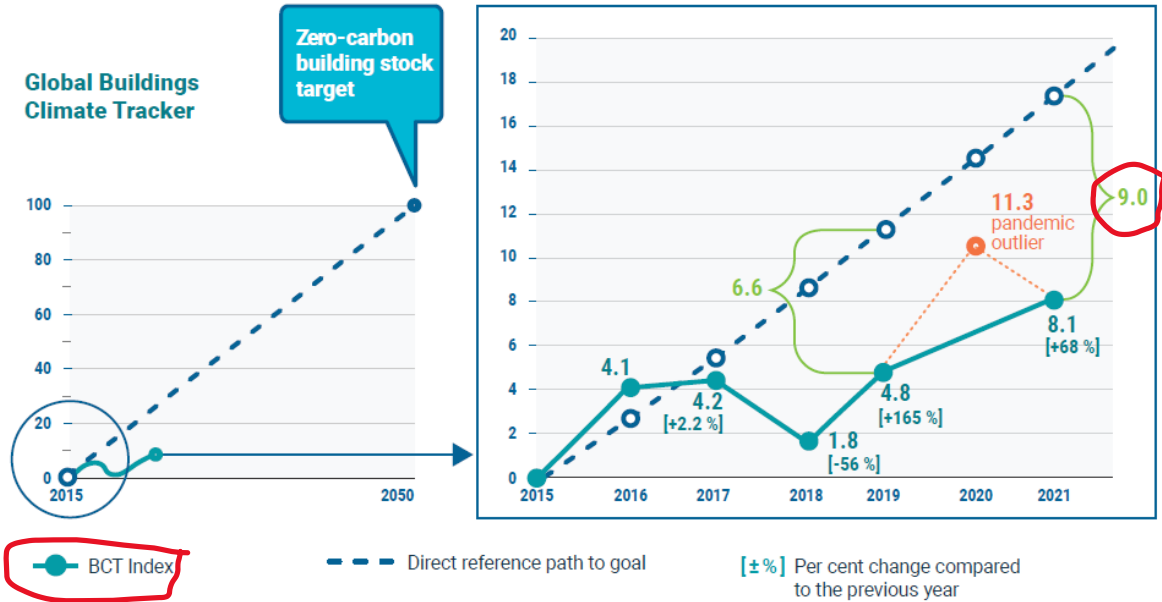
Progress {not}made!

The warning

Pace and scale of climate action are insufficient to tackle climate change

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Figure 2. Direct reference path to a zero-carbon building stock target in 2050 (left); zoom into the period between 2015 and 2021, comparing the observed Global Buildings Climate Tracker to the reference path (right)



Source: Adapted by the Buildings Performance Institute Europe.

2030 ERP: BUILDINGS

Transitioning Canada's building stock to net-zero over the long term creates new opportunities to promote a low-carbon supply chain, adopt net-zero ready building codes, transform space and water heating, improve affordability through energy efficiency, and accelerate private financing and workforce development to support the sector's transition.



2005 emissions: **84 Mt**

2019 emissions: **91 Mt**

Estimated change from 2005 to 2030: **-37%**

- Net zero by 2050
- Invest \$150 million to develop a national net zero by 2050 buildings strategy, the Canada Green Buildings Strategy



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Climate Change Canada

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Canada¹¹

Green Vancouver

- ▾ Climate Emergency Action Plan
 - Land use planning
 - Transportation
 - Buildings**
 - Natural climate solutions
 - An equitable plan
 - In depth
 - Zero emissions buildings
 - Neighbourhood Energy Strategy
- Climate Change Adaptation Strategy
- Green Operations Plan
- Zero Waste 2040
- Opportunities for climate leaders
 - Greenest City Action Plan
 - Solutions Lab



Climate action through buildings

Burning natural gas, a fossil fuel, in buildings (for space and water heating) accounts for 55% of the carbon pollution generated in Vancouver. Construction creates additional emissions locally and globally through the production and transportation of building materials.

2030 targets

- Carbon pollution from buildings will be half what it was in 2007
- There will be 40% less embodied emissions from new buildings and construction projects compared to 2018



Buildings Energy, Emissions & Resilience

Performance measures to optimize energy efficiency, reduce GHG emissions and enhance building resilience to extreme weather.



Expand All +

Collapse All -

Operational Emissions and Energy +

Embodied Emissions In Materials -

TIER 2

GHG 2.1 Low Embodied Emissions Materials

Conduct an Upfront Embodied Emissions Assessment for the structure and envelope in accordance with the CaGBC Zero Carbon Building Standard methodology for the Upfront Carbon lifecycle stage (A1-A5). Identify low-carbon sustainable material alternatives to the proposed structure and/or envelope for use in the building project. The report must demonstrate an **emissions intensity of equal to or less than 350 kgCO₂e/m².^{1,2,3,5,6}**

Source: <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/official-plan-guidelines/toronto-green-standard/toronto-green-standard-version-4/mid-to-high-rise-residential-non-residential-version-4/buildings-energy-emissions-resilience/#:~:text=Residential%20and%20commercial%20projects%20must,400%20kgCO2%2Fm2%2Fyr.>



Findings from RICS sustainability report 2022

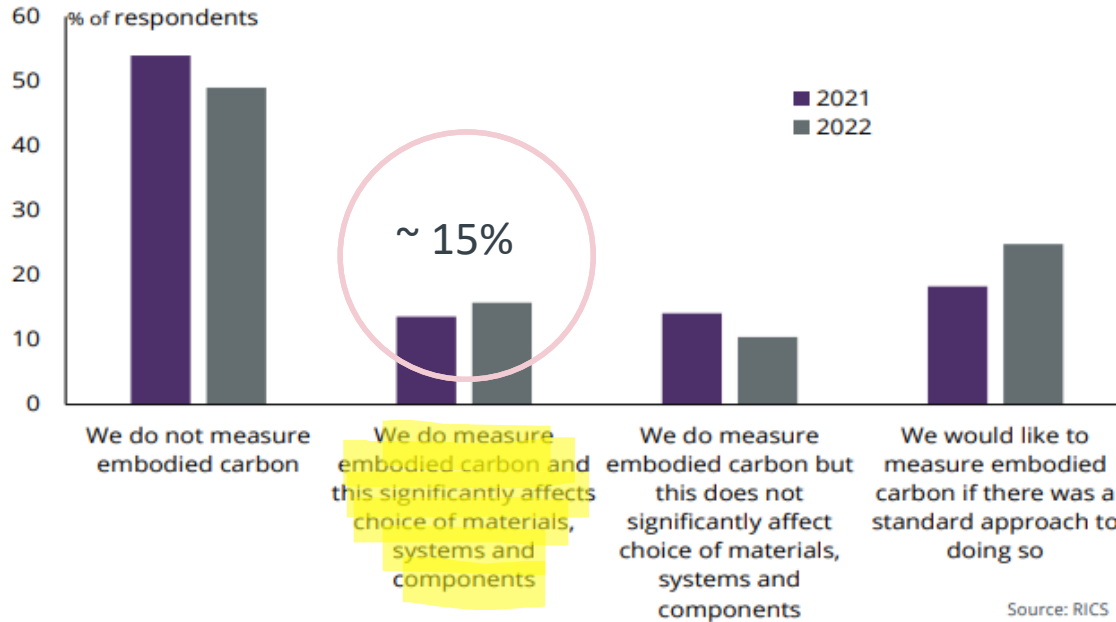


Figure 12 Currently, do you measure embodied carbon emissions on your projects and, if so, how significantly does this affect the choice of materials, systems and components?

Findings from RICS sustainability report 2022

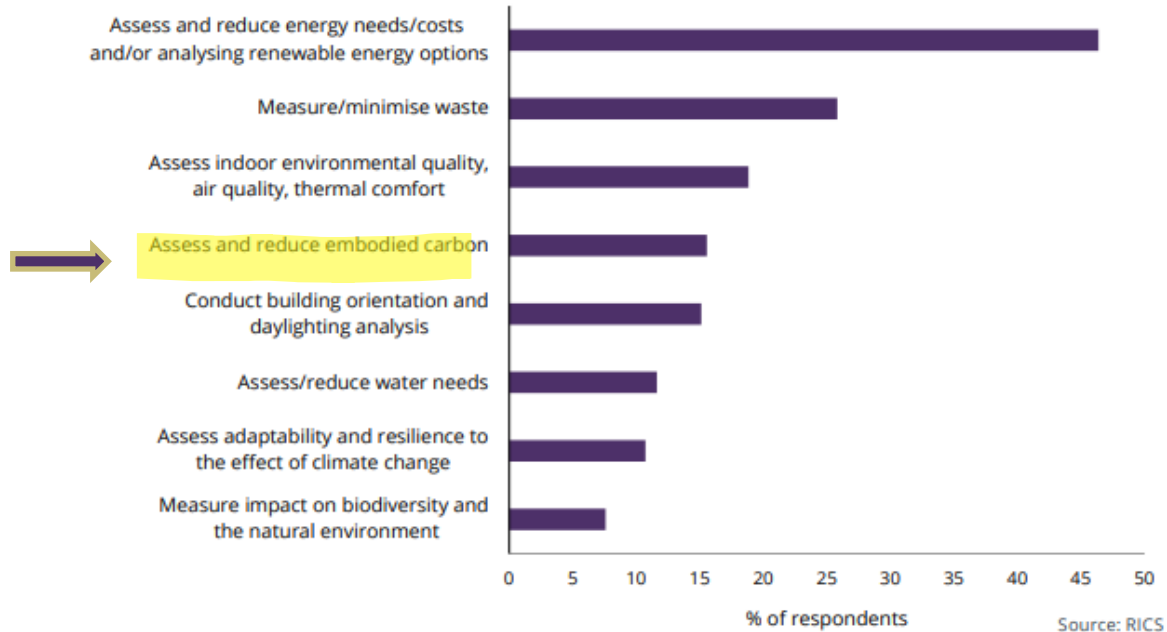


Figure 10 Principle **uses of digital tools and processes** when completing environmental and sustainability assessments

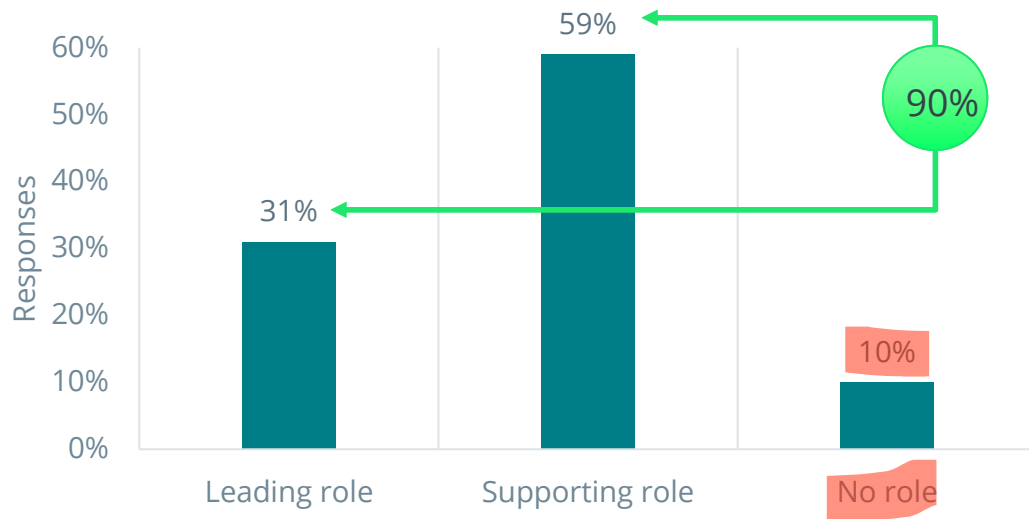
Findings from RICS sustainability report 2022



Figure 13 Principal barriers inhibiting the construction sector from reducing embodied carbon emissions

Findings from RICS Digitalization in Construction 2022 report

What is the role of a QS professional in carbon calculations for projects and assets?



Source: RICS

GHG and GWP

CO₂e, Carbon dioxide equivalent,
CO₂ equivalent or CO₂eq

Kyoto Gases

(IPCC 2007)

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

Greenhouse Gas	Global Warming Potential (GWP)
Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)	1
Methane (CH ₄)	25
Nitrous oxide (N ₂ O)	298
Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)	124 - 14,800
Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)	7,390 - 12,200
Sulfur hexafluoride (SF ₆)	22,800
Nitrogen trifluoride (NF ₃)	17,200

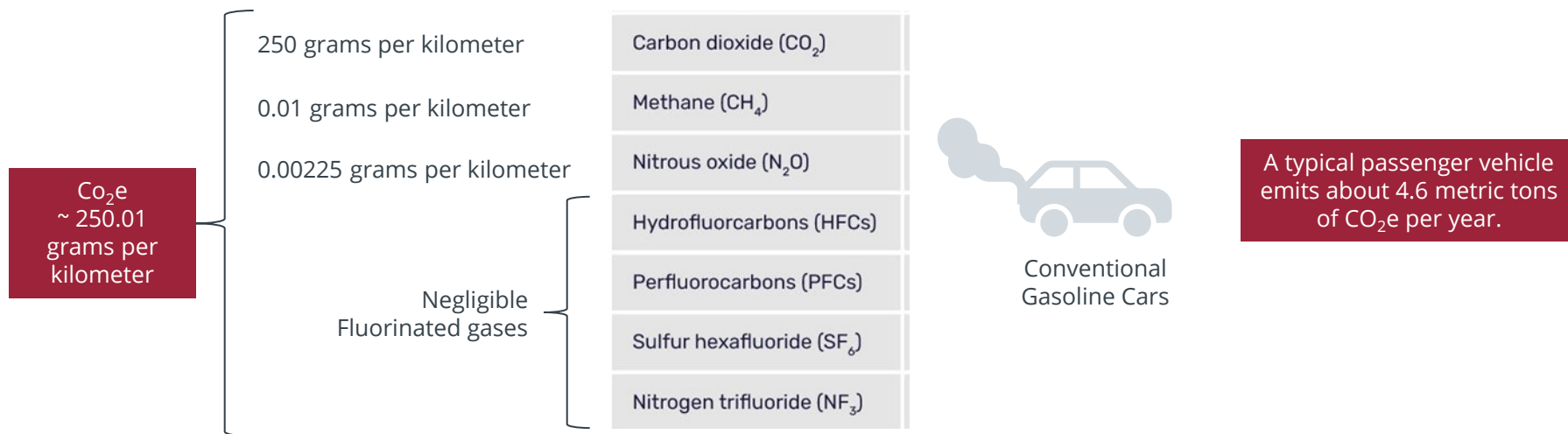
GWP indicates the amount of warming a gas causes over 100 years (GWP100).

Carbon, Carbon emissions, emissions, CO₂e emissions, etc.

Source: <https://www.coolerfuture.com/blog/co2e>

What is Co₂e?

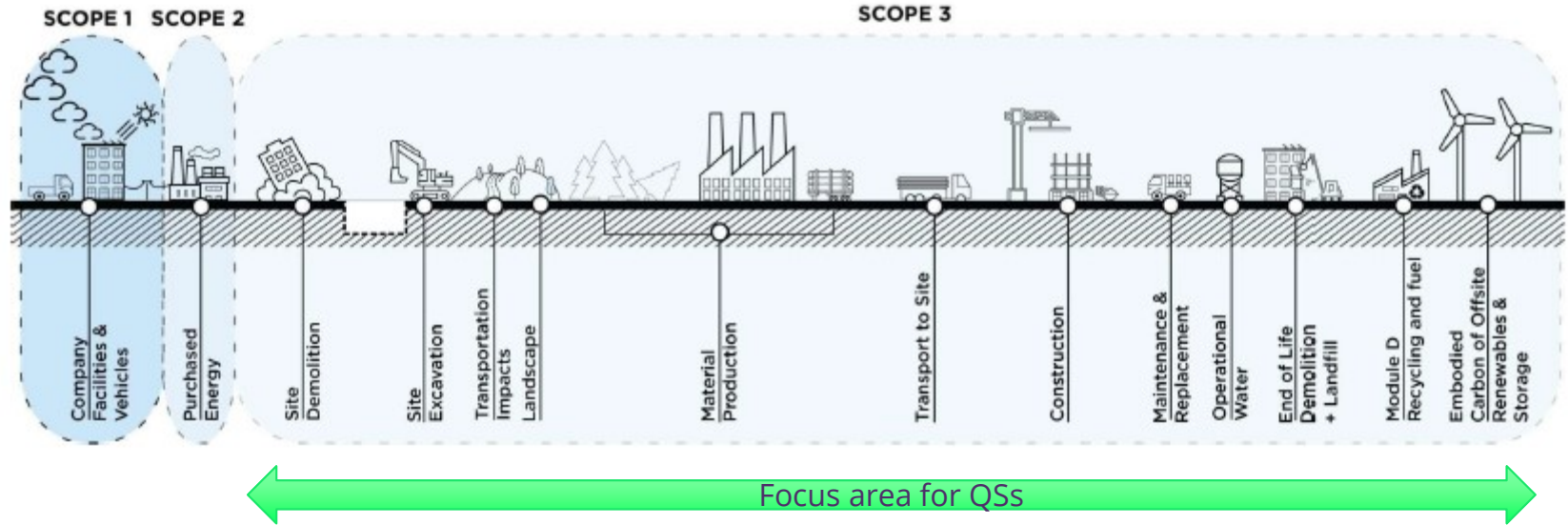
Carbon dioxide equivalents are commonly expressed as million metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents (MMTCDE).



Source: <https://www.epa.gov/greenvehicles/tailpipe-greenhouse-gas-emissions-typical-passenger-vehicle#typical-passenger> and <https://labs.ece.uw.edu/community/EnvironmentalImpacts/ElectricVehicleCalculations/>

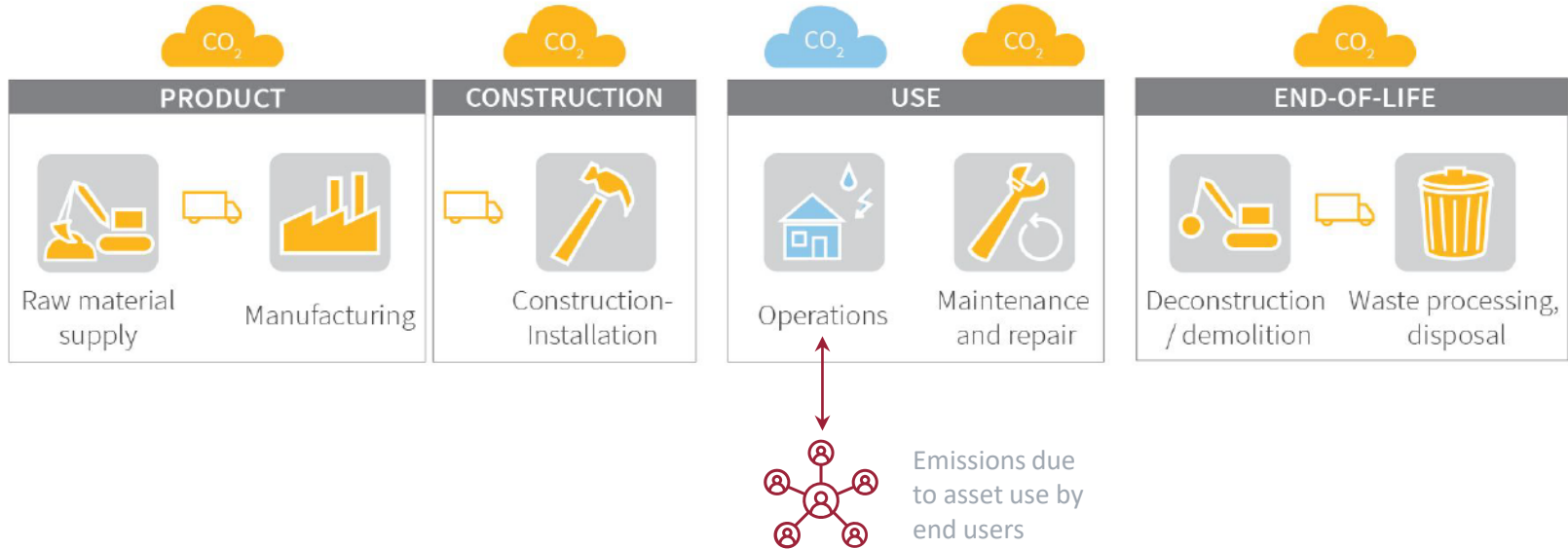
Who measures what?

Understanding Scope 1, 2, and 3 Emissions for a Building



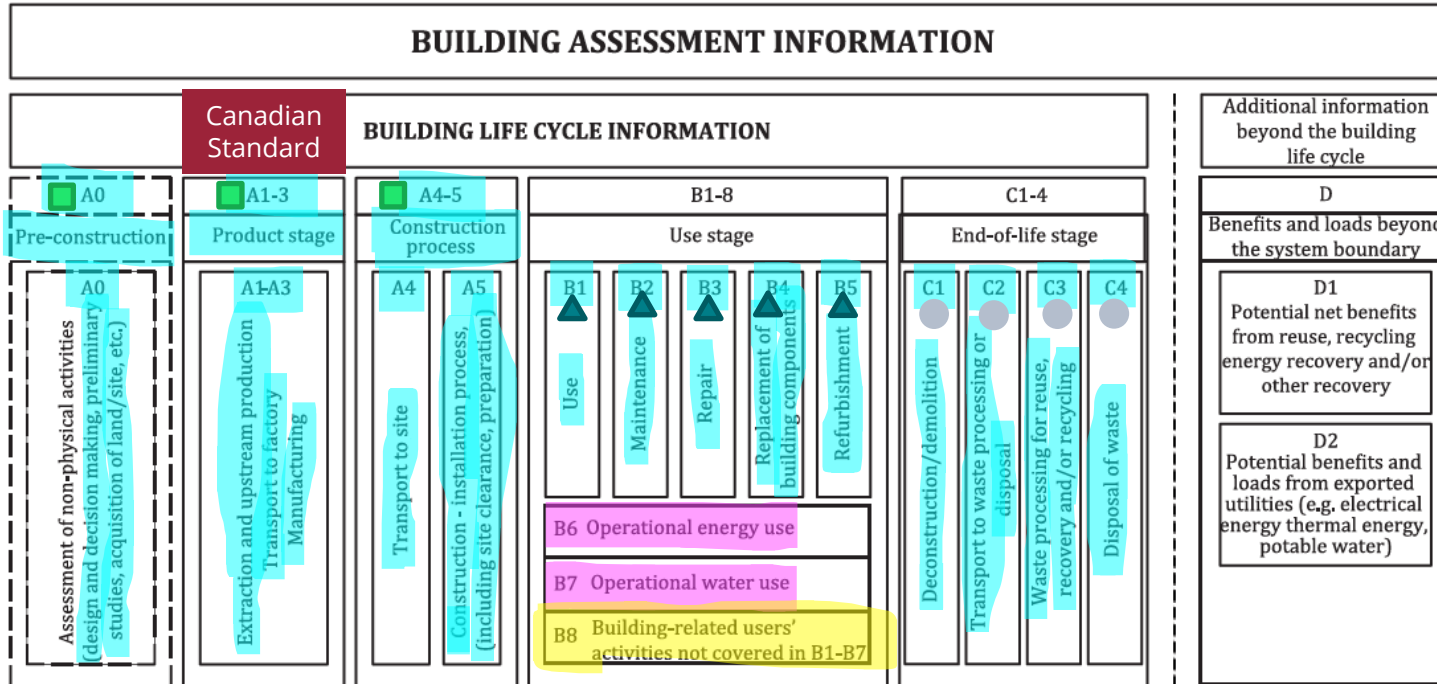
Types of emissions

- Embodied carbon
- Operational carbon
- User carbon



What are life cycle emissions?

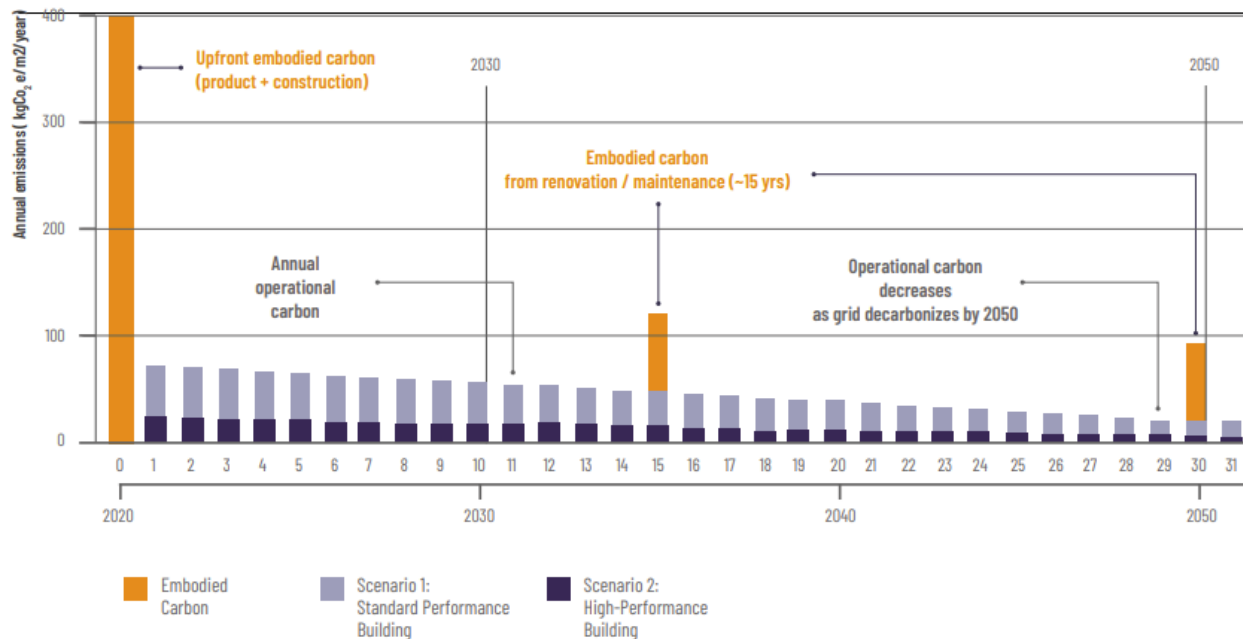
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- Embodied Carbon
- Operational Carbon
- User Carbon
- Upfront Embodied Carbon
- Use-stage Embodied Carbon
- End-of-life Embodied Carbon

For Infrastructure (PAS 2080): Capital Carbon, Operational Carbon, and User Carbon

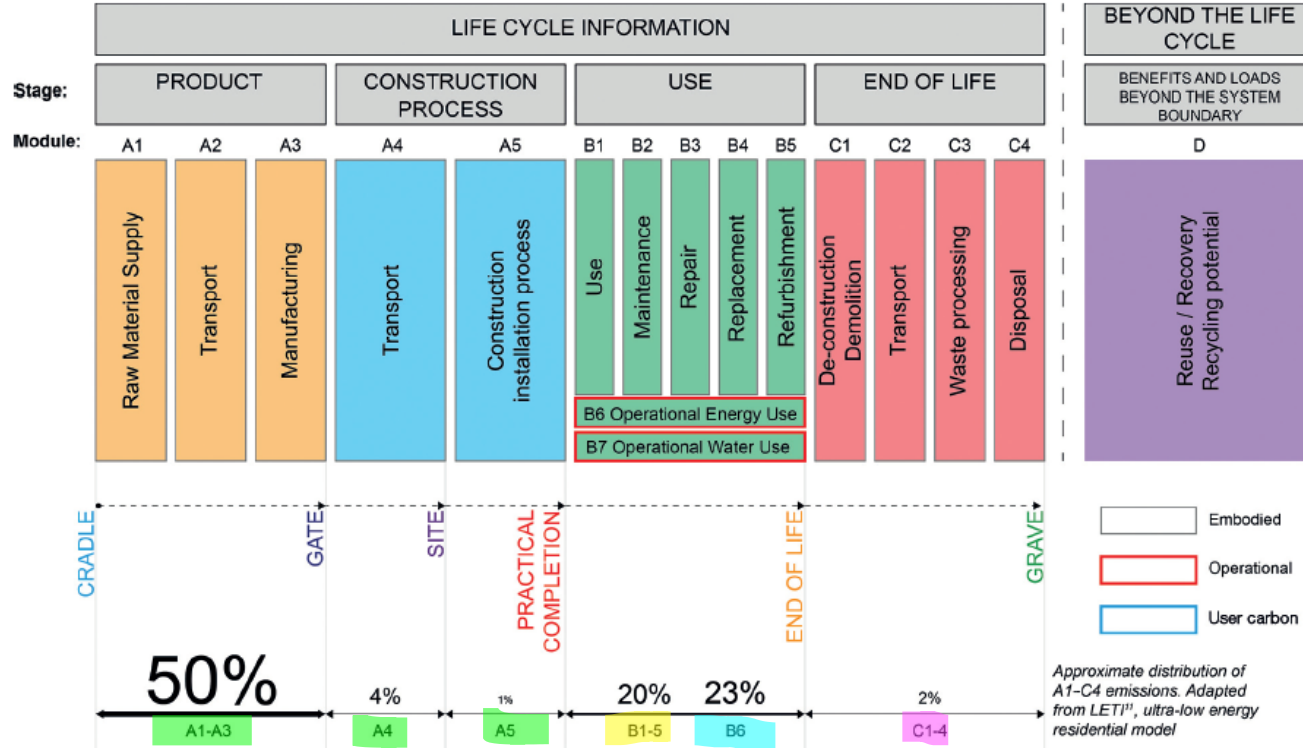
Emissions over the life of a constructed asset



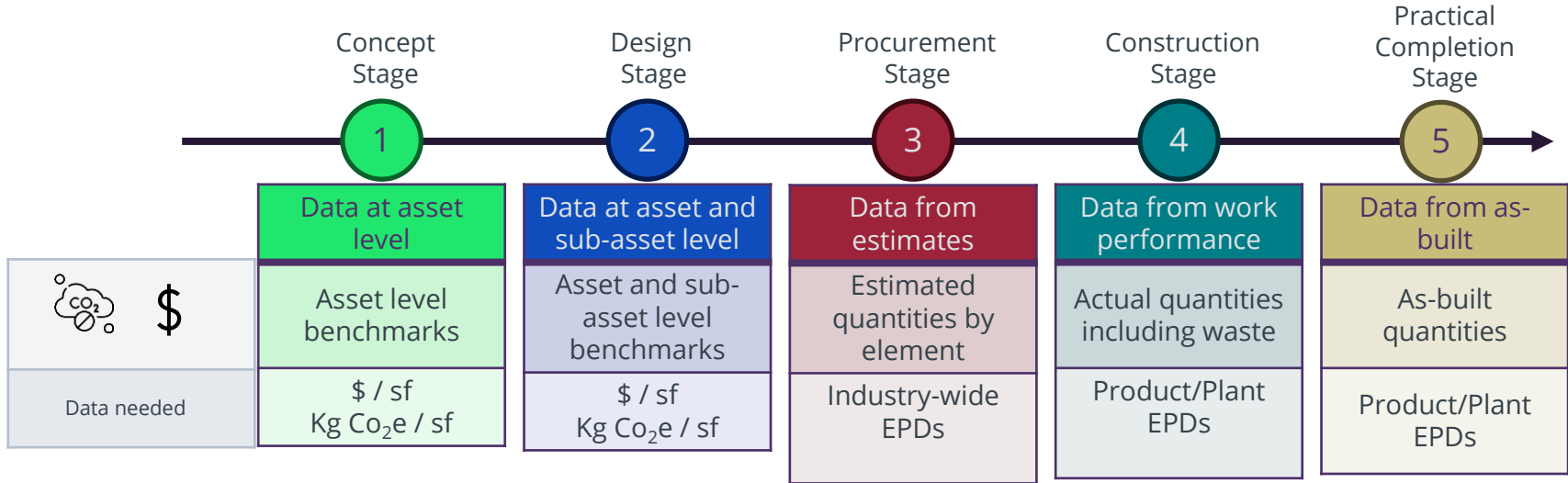
Operational carbon will continue to decrease with grid decarbonisation, while embodied carbon is set to remain high without meaningful action.

Adapted from Carbon Leadership Forum 2020.

Focus on embodied carbon



The process



Carbon intensity factors



Life cycle analysis



Environmental Product Declaration

Concrete BC Member Industry-Wide EPD for
READY-MIXED CONCRETE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS	
Declared Product:	
Mix GC30E0XB1C08 - North Vancouver Plant Plant	
Description: GENERAL CONCRETE 30 MPA 20 MM NON AIR EVOBUILD BRONZE	
Compressive strength: 30 MPa at 28 days	
Declared Unit: 1 m ³ of concrete	
Global Warming Potential (kg CO ₂ -eq)	231
Ozone Depletion Potential (kg CFC-11-eq)	7.44E-6
Acidification Potential (kg SO ₂ -eq)	0.97

What is an Environmental product declaration (EPD)?

- EPDs provide verified environmental (performance or impact) data of products based on LCA
- Designers, engineers, cost managers, and other experts use this data to compute carbon footprint of constructed assets
- Third-party verification is required
- Based on ISO 14025 + ISO 21930



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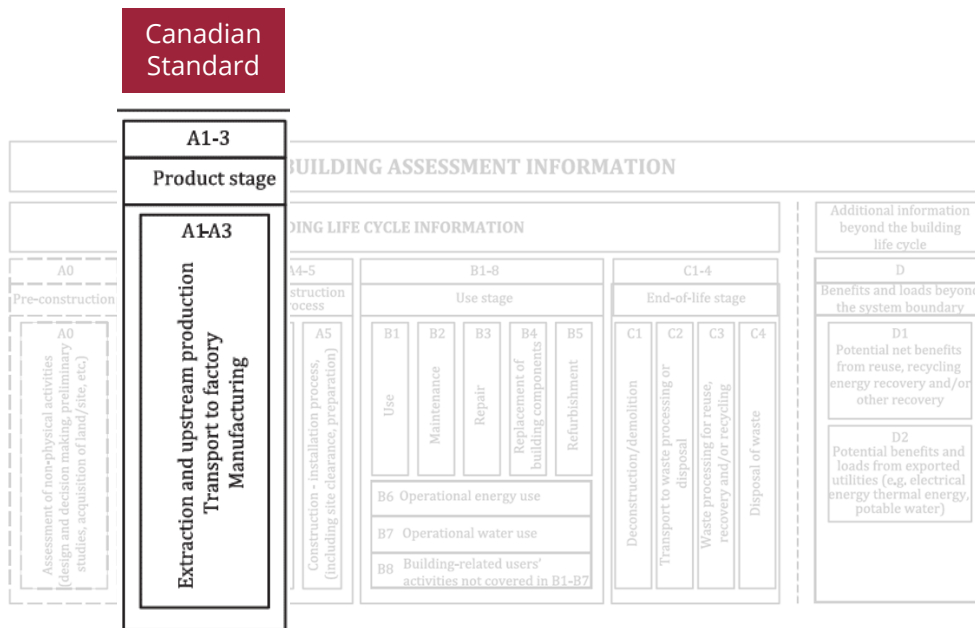
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Eutrophication Potential (kg N-eq)	0.24
Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential (kg O ₃ -eq)	26.1
Abiotic Depletion, non-fossil (kg Sb-eq)	7.06E-6
Abiotic Depletion, fossil (MJ)	1,290
Total Waste Disposed (kg)	0.58
Consumption of Freshwater (m ³)	4.35

Product Components: admixture (ASTM C494), crushed aggregate (ASTM C33), natural aggregate (ASTM C33), portland limestone cement (ASTM 595), batch water (ASTM C1602)

Complex world of EPDs

- ISO has three types of environmental claims (all are based on ISO 14020:2000 Environmental labels and declarations — General principles):
 - Type I environmental claims (ISO 14024:2018— Type I environmental labelling)
 - Type II environmental claims (ISO 14021:2016 — Self-declared environmental claims)
 - Type III environmental claims (ISO 14025:2006 — Type III environmental declarations + use LCA described in ISO 14040:2006 and ISO 14044:2006)
- Several EN standards are also available for EPDs such as EN 15942 and EN 15804
- Specifically for construction ISO 21930

What do EPDs cover?



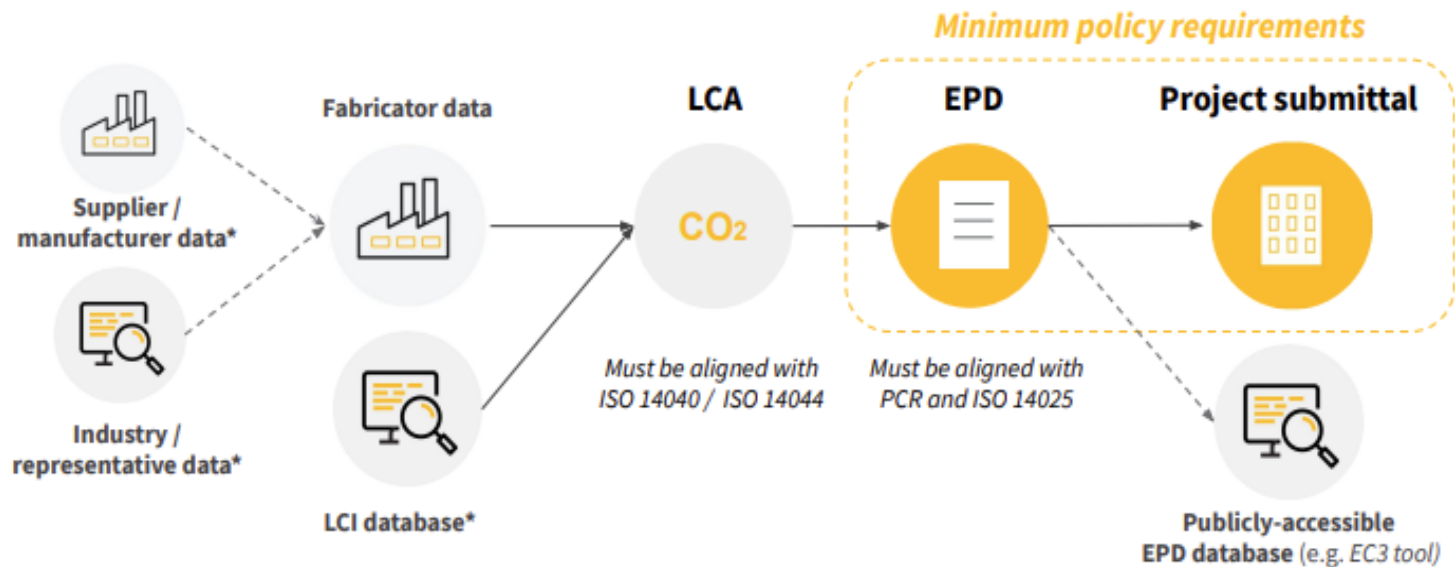
TRACI 2.1 used in North America (CML used elsewhere)

Table 5. Life Cycle Category Indicators and Inventory Metrics

#	LCIA Indicators	Abbreviations	Units
1	Global Warming Potential (climate change)	GWP	kg CO ₂ -eq
2	Ozone Depletion Potential	ODP	kg CFC-11-eq
3	Acidification Potential	AP	kg SO ₂ -eq
4	Eutrophication Potential	EP	kg N-eq
5	Photochemical Ozone Creation/Smog Potential	POCP	kg O ₃ -eq
Inventory Metrics			
6	Total primary energy consumption	PEC	MJ (HHV)
7	Depletion of non-renewable energy resources	NRE	MJ (HHV)
8	Use of renewable primary energy	RE	MJ (HHV)
9	Depletion of non-renewable material resources	NRM	kg
10	Use of renewable material resources	RM	kg
11	Concrete batching water consumption	CBW	m ³
12	Concrete washing water consumption	CWW	m ³
13	Total water consumption	TW	m ³
14	Concrete hazardous waste	CHW	kg
15	Concrete non-hazardous waste	CNHW	kg

Uses—Product Category Rule (PCR) for Environmental Product Declarations, PCR for Concrete

How are EPDs developed?



Industry-wide (regional) EPD versus Product (Plant) specific EPD

Environmental Product Declaration

Concrete BC Member Industry-Wide EPD for READY-MIXED CONCRETE

CONCRETEBC

Appendix A - baseline

REMPEL Bros. Concrete
HEIDELBERGCEMENT Group

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) reports the impacts for 1 m³ of ready mixed concrete mix, meeting the following specifications:

- ASTM C94: Ready-Mixed Concrete
- UNSPSC Code 30111505: Ready Mix Concrete
- CSA A23.1/A23.2: Concrete Materials and Methods of Concrete Construction
- CSI Division 03-30-00: Cast-in-Place Concrete

COMPANY

Rempel Bros. Concrete a division of
[Lehigh Hanson Materials Ltd.](#)
8955 Shaughnessy St
Vancouver, BC V6P 3Y7

PLANT

North Vancouver Plant Plant
10 Riverside Dr W
North Vancouver, BC V7H 1T4

Appendix B – project mixes

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Further guidance on EPDs by Carbon Leadership Forum

EPD checklist: Minimum requirements	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Independently verified as in accordance with ISO 14025 (Type III)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Has a validity date that is not expired
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is product-specific
EPD checklist: Best practices	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reports facility (plant)-specific data
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reports supply chain-specific data for high impact processes/facilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reports a data uncertainty range

A **Type III EPD** is one that has been independently verified to be in accordance with *ISO 14025 - Type III environmental declarations - Principles and procedures*.

EPDs are **valid** for five years from the date of issue. All EPDs state the date of issue and period of validity.

A **product-specific** EPD represents a product from a single manufacturer. An industry-wide average EPD is not a product-specific EPD.

An EPD with **facility (plant)-specific data** reports impacts calculated based on inputs collected from the actual facility (or facilities) where the product was manufactured.

Supply chain-specific data is based on inputs from the actual supply chain of a product, rather than generic or industry-wide data. EPDs should report the overall percent (%) supply chain-specific data. Ideally, EPDs should target to include supply chain-specific data for processes or facilities that comprise 80% or more of the cradle-to-gate impacts of a product.

Use EC3 to search for EPDs (step 1)

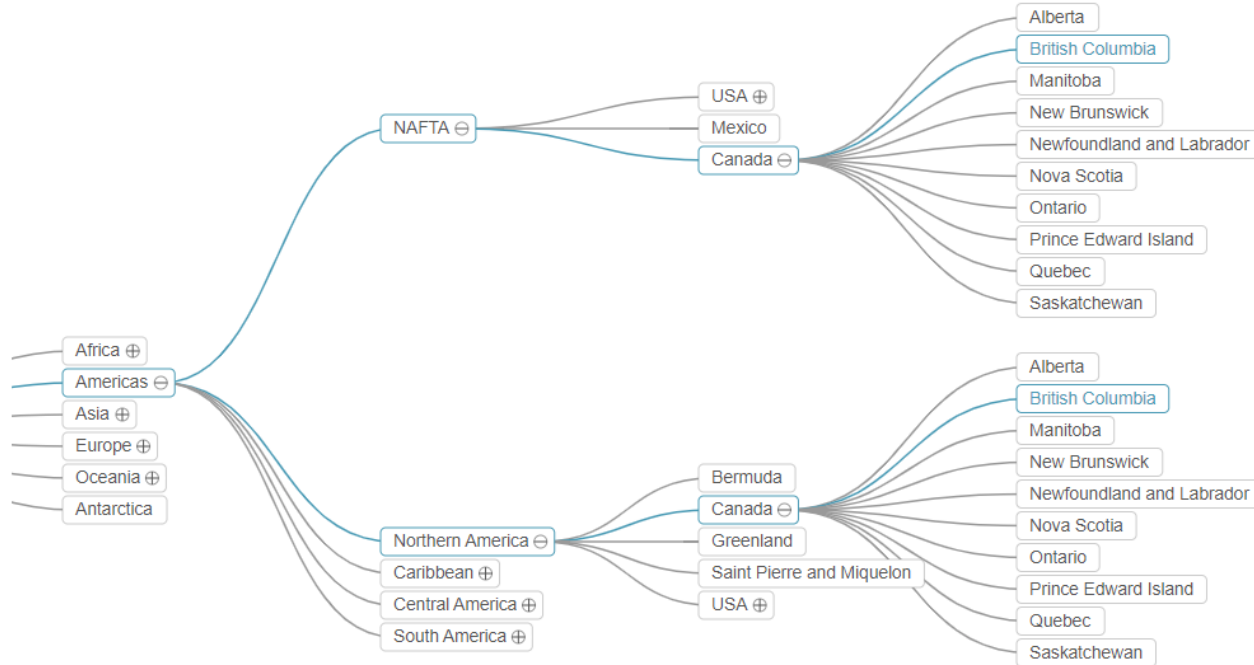
The screenshot shows the EC3 web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the EC3 logo, a user profile for 'Anil Sawhney' (PILOT USER), and a 'ROYA' logo. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled 'Find & Compare Materials'. On the left, there is a vertical navigation menu with a search icon and a list of material categories. The 'Concrete' category is selected and expanded, showing a tree view of sub-categories. The 'ReadyMix' sub-category is further expanded, showing a list of materials including Shotcrete, Cement Grout, Flowable Fill (CDF), Paving, Precast Concrete, Cast Decks and Underlayment, Grouting, Rebar, Wire & Mesh, Post-Tensioning, SCM, Cement, Admixtures, Aggregates, and Oilpatch. The interface also includes a search bar and a 'SELECT CATEGORY: READYMIX' header.

Source: EC3 - Find & Compare Materials (buildingtransparency.org)

Use EC3 to search for EPDs (step 2)

Geography locations

British Columbia x



Source: EC3 - Find & Compare Materials (buildingtransparency.org)

Use EC3 to search for EPDs (step 3)

Compliance
Cement Type
≤ W/C Ratio
≤ uaGWP / 1 yd3

▶ Cement Replacement with Cementitious Materials

▼ GEOGRAPHIC

Geography
British Columbia

Distance Search only available in Building Projects

▶ MORE...

LCIA Method: TRACI 2.1 and Jurisdiction: Canada|BC X and Valid after: 2023-09-17 X and EPD Type: Product EPDs, Industry EPDs X and Lightweight - No X

[Copy Shareable Link](#)

STATISTICS

Product EPDs: 1482
Industry EPDs: 98
Achievable: 147 kgCO2e
Average: 213 kgCO2e ± 35.4%
Conservative: 268 kgCO2e
Converted per Unit: 1 yd3

▼ INDUSTRY EPDS
Impacts Participants

Name	Publishers	Jurisdiction	Achievable	Average	Conservative Estimate		
Ready-mixed concrete - 15 MPa without air	BC Ready-Mixed Concrete A...	CA-BC	117 kgCO2e	137 kgCO2e	167 kgCO2e	Open	Download
Baseline 60 MPa Concrete without air (N) G...	BC Ready-Mixed Concrete A...	CA-BC	261 kgCO2e	306 kgCO2e	373 kgCO2e	Open	Download
Baseline 60 MPa Concrete with air (C-1) GU...	BC Ready-Mixed Concrete A...	CA-BC	275 kgCO2e	323 kgCO2e	393 kgCO2e	Open	Download
Baseline 55 MPa Concrete without air (N) G...	BC Ready-Mixed Concrete A...	CA-BC	246 kgCO2e	288 kgCO2e	350 kgCO2e	Open	Download
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Baseline 50 MPa Concrete with air (C- XL) G...	BC Ready-Mixed Concrete A...	CA-BC	225 kgCO2e	264 kgCO2e	321 kgCO2e	Open	Download
Baseline 50 MPa Concrete without air (N) G...	BC Ready-Mixed Concrete A...	CA-BC	235 kgCO2e	275 kgCO2e	335 kgCO2e	Open	Download
Baseline 50 MPa Concrete with air (C-1) GU...	BC Ready-Mixed Concrete A...	CA-BC	248 kgCO2e	290 kgCO2e	353 kgCO2e	Open	Download

Source: [EC3 - Find & Compare Materials \(buildingtransparency.org\)](#)



Sources of industry EPDs



EPD General Use and Portland- Limestone Cements [↗](#)

ASTM — Environment Product Declarations [↗](#)

CRMCA Member Industry-Wide EPD for Canadian Ready-Mixed Concrete [↗](#)

Provincial and specific product EPDs

Concrete BC — Ready-Mixed Concrete [↗](#)

Concrete Saskatchewan — Ready-Mixed Concrete [↗](#)

Concrete Ontario — Ready-Mixed Concrete [↗](#)

Concrete Atlantic — Ready-Mixed Concrete [↗](#)

CPCI — Insulated Precast Panel Concrete [↗](#)

CCPPA — Concrete Manholes and Catch Basins [↗](#)

Concrete Alberta — Ready-Mixed Concrete [↗](#)

Concrete Manitoba — Ready-Mixed Concrete [↗](#)

Association béton Québec — Ready-Mixed Concrete [↗](#)

CPCI — Structural Precast Concrete [↗](#)

CPCI — Below Grade Precast Concrete [↗](#)

CCPPA — Concrete Pipe [↗](#)

Sources of product EPDs

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [astm.org/products-services/certification/environmental-product-declarations/epd-pcr/epd-lehigh-hanson-vancouver.html](https://www.astm.org/products-services/certification/environmental-product-declarations/epd-pcr/epd-lehigh-hanson-vancouver.html). The browser's address bar and tabs are visible. Below the browser, a notification banner states: "ASTM International is providing no-cost public access to important ASTM standards used in the production and testing of personal protective equipment. Find out [more](#)." The main content area features the ASTM logo and "CELEBRATING 125 YEARS" text. A search bar contains the text "Search topic, title, author, A53". A dark navigation bar includes links for "Products & Services", "Get Involved", "About", "News", "Contact", "Cart (0)", and "Sign In". Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads: "Home / Products & Services / Certification / Environmental Product Declarations / PCRs & EPDs". On the left, a vertical menu lists various services, with "Certification" highlighted. The main content area is titled "EPD for Lehigh Hanson Vancouver" and includes a "Select A Plant" dropdown menu with "Surrey" selected, a "GET BRANDS/MIXES" button, a "Select A Mix (and optional brand)" section with "Ocean Concrete" and "Select A Mix" dropdowns, and a "DOWNLOAD PDF" button.

Source: <https://www.astm.org/products-services/certification/environmental-product-declarations/epd-pcr/epd-lehigh-hanson-vancouver.html>



Overview of the Canadian Standard



Standard on Embodied Carbon in Construction

- Issued pursuant to the *Policy on Green Procurement* and is consistent with the *Policy on the Planning and Management of Investments* and the *Directive on the Management of Procurement*
- Sets **minimum requirements** for the procurement of design and construction services to disclose and reduce the embodied carbon of major construction projects
- Applies to renovation or new construction of buildings or engineering assets
- Standard took effect on December 31, 2022

Organizations covered and requirements to be met

- Applies to organizations described in section 3 of the *Policy on Green Procurement (Financial Administration Act Schedule I)*
- Organizations must meet:
 - Requirements for design services
 - Requirements for construction services
 - Provide a consolidated report that details the embodied carbon footprint for all construction projects completed in the previous fiscal year

Requirements in the procurement of DESIGN services



Disclose the carbon footprint of structural materials in accordance with Appendix A



Reduce the carbon footprint of structural materials in accordance with Appendix A



Ensure that structural materials are specified by a registered professional engineer



Review the completed Appendix B before project completion to ensure compliance

Requirements in the procurement of CONSTRUCTION services



Ensure Appendix B is secured before project completion, and complies with Appendix A



Disclose the embodied carbon footprint of structural materials measured in GWP with EPDs



EPDs should: (a) reference material supplier's name or professional association; (b) comply with international standards; and (c) produced using highest available resolution LCI data



Where EPDs are not readily available, provide LCA report as per ISO 14044, ISO 14025, and ISO 21930 or equivalent and is verified by an LCA reviewer

Appendix A-requirement for the disclosure of and reduction

- Applies to ready mix concrete
- For projects or programs at or above \$10 million where design services are solicited on or after December 31, 2022, and \$5 million where design services are solicited after December 31, 2024.
- Minimum material quantity - 100 m³ (sum of all mixes used) *{based on Class A estimate}*
- Minimum resolution for disclosure is the highest-resolution EPD available (for example, product-specific, regional average, in that order)
- GHG emissions of procured ready-mix concrete shall be disclosed on a project basis and be substantiated with EPDs

Exemptions

- This standard does not apply:
 - If the project is in a geographic area (Yukon, Nunavut or the Northwest Territories) excluded from a requirement, as identified in Appendix A.

Disclosure - CO₂e baseline and project

- **Baseline** represents the emissions calculated by the volumes of all the mixes used in the project multiplied by their regional average GWP as represented by:

$$CO_2e \text{ Baseline} = \sum_1^n Vol_n \times BaseGWP_n$$

- **Project** represents the emissions from the concrete used in the project calculated by the volumes of all the mixes used in the project multiplied by their GWP as represented by:

$$CO_2e \text{ Project} = \sum_1^n Vol_n \times GWP_n$$

- Where:

- n = the total number of concrete mixes used in the project
- Vol_n = the volume of mix n
- GWP_n = the global warming potential of mix n
- BaseGWP_n = the global warming potential of the regional baseline mix taken from the Regional Industry Average EPD for the strength class of mix n

Reduction

$$GHG\ Reduction = CO_2e\ Baseline - CO_2e\ Project$$

$$\% GHG\ Reduction = \frac{(GHG\ Reduction) \times 100}{CO_2e\ Baseline}$$

Special application requirements:

- Where a specialized concrete mix is required for high early strength, high or ultra-high performance, or cold-weather application, the benchmark BaseGWP used for that mix shall be 130% of the baseline mix in the Regional Industry Average EPD for that strength class.
- Where a lower volume of higher-strength concrete can be substituted for a standard concrete without the addition of other structural materials (for example, additional reinforcing steel), this volume and its associated GWP should be used in the CO₂e project calculation while the initial volume and GWP of the standard mix should be used to calculate the CO₂e baseline.

EPD guidance

- EPDs must follow the current versions of PCRs for Concrete and ISO 14025 Type III.
- Type II EPDs conforming to ISO 14021:2016 and ISO 21930:2017 may be used to substantiate the global warming potential (GWP) of materials used in a project if the Type II EPDs provide higher resolution than the available Type III EPDs and if the Type II EPDs were created using an independently verified tool.
- Where carbon capture utilization and storage technologies are used to reduce the GWP of a portion or all concrete supplied to a project, such as through carbon mineralization, a product-specific EPD shall be provided to substantiate the associated reduction in GHG emissions.

Appendix B

▼ Appendix B: Information for the Embodied Carbon Project Disclosure Template

The Embodied Carbon Project Disclosure Template must be completed for every applicable project to demonstrate that the requirements of the standard were met. The completed template is to be secured by the organization before project completion. The following information must be provided as part of completing the template.

Project Overview

The following project information must be included when completing an Embodied Carbon Project Disclosure Template.

- Name of client organization
- Name of client project
- Client project number
- Government of Canada Directory of Federal Real Property (DFRP) identification (if available)
- Prepared by (name of general contractor)
- Name of general contractor's company
- General contractor's email
- General contractor's phone number
- Date of preparation by contractor (day-month-year)
- Reviewed by (name of designer)
- Name of designer's company

- Designer's email
- Designer's phone number
- Date of review by designer (day-month-year)
- Project location (street address)
- Project location (city or town)
- Project location (province or territory)
- Asset archetype (for example, bridge, office, lab)
- Project footprint or building area (m²)
- Number of floors (if applicable)
- Project gross floor area (m², if applicable)
- Anticipated project completion date (day-month-year)
- Name of material supplier 1
- Material supplier 1 email
- Name of material supplier 2
- Material supplier 2 email
- Project narrative (designer notes)

Ready-mix concrete used in project			Project mix strengths	Baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) calculations				GHG calculations for project mixes			Reductions in GHG emissions		
Element of building or structure	Special application requirement?	Reduction in volume of mix (yes or no)		Life cycle assessment (LCA) results table number	Baseline global warming potential (GWP) (kg CO ₂ /m ³) per mix		Baseline GHG emissions per mix (tonnes CO ₂)	EPD or mix design reference number for the mix provided	Adjusted volume (m ³) Enter an adjusted volume only when "Yes" is selected under Reduction in volume (third column from the left under Ready-mix concrete used in project).	GWP (kg CO ₂ /m ³) of the mix provided	GHG emissions per mix provided	GHG emissions reduced compared to the baseline per mix provided	
(for example, walls, foundation)	(yes or no)	Select yes if the volume of a mix was reduced by increasing its compressive strength without adding other structural materials.	Compressive strength at 28 days (MPa)	(from the regional ASTM International Environmental Product Declaration (EPD))	(using equivalent compressive strength from the regional ASTM International EPD)	Volume (m ³)	based on the baseline GWP and volume	(from the supplier's EPD)		(from the supplier's EPD)	(tonnes CO ₂)	(tonnes CO ₂)	Percentage reduction in GHG emissions per mix compared to the baseline
Element 1	Yes/No	Yes/No	xx	x	xxx.xx	xxx.x	xxx.xx	x	xxx.x	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xx.x
Element 2	Yes/No	Yes/No	xx	x	xxx.xx	xxx.x	xxx.xx	x	xxx.x	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xx.x
Element 3	Yes/No	Yes/No	xx	x	xxx.xx	xxx.x	xxx.xx	x	xxx.x	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xx.x
Element 4	Yes/No	Yes/No	xx	x	xxx.xx	xxx.x	xxx.xx	x	xxx.x	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xx.x
Project totals	N/A	Yes/No	N/A	N/A	N/A	xxxx.x	xxx.xx	N/A	xxxx.x	N/A	xxx.xx	xxxx.xx	xx.x
Reduction in GHG emissions related to the embodied carbon of ready-mix concrete supplied to the project (tonnes)						xxxx.xx	Percentage reduction in GHG emissions related to the embodied carbon of ready-mix concrete supplied to the project					xx.x	

Source: <https://www.tbs-sct.canada.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32742>

Appendix B

Ready-mix concrete used in project			Project mix strengths	Baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) calculations				GHG calculations for project mixes			Reductions in GHG emissions		
Element of building or structure (for example, walls, foundation)	Special application requirement? (Yes or No)	Reduction in volume of mix (yes or no) Select yes if the volume of a mix was reduced by increasing its compressive strength without adding other structural materials.		Compressive strength at 28 days (MPa)	Life cycle assessment (LCA) results table number (from the regional ASTM International Environmental Product Declaration (EPD))	Baseline global warming potential (GWP) (kg CO2/m3) per mix (using equivalent compressive strength from the regional ASTM International EPD)	Volume (m3)	Baseline GHG emissions per mix (tonnes CO2) based on the baseline GWP and volume	EPD or mix design reference number for the mix provided (from the supplier's EPD)	Adjusted volume (m3) Enter an adjusted volume only when "Yes" is selected under Reduction in volume (third column from the left under Ready-mix concrete used in project).	GWP (kg CO2/m3) of the mix provided (from the supplier's EPD)	GHG emissions per mix provided (tonnes CO2)	GHG emissions reduced compared to the baseline per mix provided (tonnes CO2)
Element 1	Yes/No	Yes/No	xx	x	xxxx.xx	xxx.x	xxxx.xx	x	xxx.x	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xx.x
Element 2	Yes/No	Yes/No	xx	x	xxxx.xx	xxx.x	xxxx.xx	x	xxx.x	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xx.x
Element 3	Yes/No	Yes/No	xx	x	xxxx.xx	xxx.x	xxxx.xx	x	xxx.x	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xx.x
Element 4	Yes/No	Yes/No	xx	x	xxxx.xx	xxx.x	xxxx.xx	x	xxx.x	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xx.x
Project totals	N/A	Yes/No	N/A	N/A	N/A	xxxx.x	xxxx.xx	N/A	xxxx.x	N/A	xxx.xx	xxxx.xx	xx.x
Reduction in GHG emissions related to the embodied carbon of ready-mix concrete supplied to the project (tonnes)						xxxx.xx	Percentage reduction in GHG emissions related to the embodied carbon of ready-mix concrete supplied to the project						xx.x

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	B	C	D	E	F	
1			Ready-mix concrete used in project			F
	ICMS Code	ICMS Level 3	Element of building or structure (for example, walls, foundation)	Special application requirement? (Yes or No)	Reduction in volume of mix (yes or no). [NOTE 1]	
2	2.02.020	Substructure	Perimeter grade beam GB1, 254 x 610 mm deep, Concrete, 30 Mpa (138 m)	No	No	
3	2.02.020	Substructure	Perimeter grade beam GB2, 457 x 610 mm deep, Concrete, 35 Mpa (6 m)	No	No	



Worked example

Sample Project

CIQS Elemental Summary

ELEMENT	Ratio to GFA	Element Cost	
		Quantity	U
A SHELL		1,067 m2	
A1 SUBSTRUCTURE			
A11 Foundations	1.000	1,067 m2	
A12 Basement Excavation	0.000	0 m3	
A13 Special Conditions	0.001	1 Sum	
A2 STRUCTURE			
A21 Lowest Floor Construction	11.947	12,747 m2	
A22 Upper Floor Construction	0.000	0 m2	
A23 Roof Construction	1.616	1,724 m2	
A3 EXTERIOR ENCLOSURE			
A31 Walls Below Grade	0.000	0 m2	
A32 Walls Above Grade	0.000	0 m2	
A33 Windows & Entrances	0.000	0 m2	
A34 Roof Covering	0.000	0 m2	
A35 Projections	0.000	0 Sum	
B INTERIORS		1,067 m2	
B1 PARTITIONS & DOORS			
B2 FINISHES			
B21 Floor Finishes	1.000	1,067 m2	
B22 Ceiling Finishes	1.000	1,067 m2	
B23 Wall Finishes	0.000	0 m2	
B3 FITTINGS & EQUIPMENT			
B31 Fittings & Fixtures	1.000	1,067 m2	
B32 Equipment (In-Contract)	1.000	1,067 m2	
B33 Elevators	0.000	0 No.	
B34 Escalators	0.000	0 No.	
C SERVICES		1,067 m2	
C1 MECHANICAL			
C11 Plumbing & Drainage	1.000	1,067 m2	
C12 Fire Protection	1.000	1,067 m2	
C13 HVAC	1.000	1,067 m2	
C14 Controls	1.000	1,067 m2	
C2 ELECTRICAL			
C21 Service & Distribution	1.000	1,067 m2	
C22 Lighting, Devices & Heating	1.000	1,067 m2	
C23 Systems & Ancillaries	1.000	1,067 m2	

Detailed Elemental Estimate

A1 SUBSTRUCTURE	Quantity
A11 Foundations	1,067 m2
1 Demolish existing asphalt for new foundation	1,067 m2
2 Perimeter grade beam GB1, 254 x 610 mm deep	138 m
- Concrete, 30 MPa	21 m3
- Rebar, 15 kg/m	2,070 kg
- Formwork	168 m2
- Void form, 150 mm shearmat	35 m2
- Excavation & removal	21 m3
- Ditto, workspace	42 m3
- Backfill workspace with granular material	42 m3
3 Perimeter grade beam GB2, 457 x 610 mm deep	6 m
- Concrete, 35 MPa	2 m3
- Rebar, 25 kg/m	138 kg
- Formwork	7 m2
- Void form, 150 mm shearmat	3 m2
- Excavation & removal	2 m3
- Ditto, workspace	2 m3
- Backfill workspace with granular material	2 m3
4 Extra over to exterior face of perimeter grade beam	84 m2
- Galvanized flashing	7 m2
- 13 flexcell	25 m2
- 152 mm rigid insulation	84 m2
- Damp proofing membrane	84 m2
- 150 mm overlap wall air/vapour barrier	21 m2
5 Four pile caps, 1830 x 1830 x 610 mm deep	3 No.
- Concrete, 32 MPa	6 m3
- Rebar, 253 kg/No.	759 kg
- Formwork	13 m2
- Void form, 150 mm shearmat	10 m2
- Excavation & removal	6 m3
- Ditto, workspace	3 m3
- Backfill workspace with granular material	3 m3

Canada's FOCUS is on **concrete** for embodied and carbon emissions

To calculate carbon, you need concrete volume by strength.

You can consolidate all the concrete by strength

BUT

reporting by item or at least sub-element permits tracking for future benchmarking.

Regardless, the **quantity** of concrete is what matters and Quantity Surveyors are ideally suited to provide them and run the calculations.

Sample Project – Mapping Steps

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- Concrete, 30 MPa 21 m3
- Rebar, 15 kg/m 2,070 kg
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- Excavation & removal 21 m3
- Ditto, workspace 42 m3
- Backfill workspace with granular material 42 m3

3 Perimeter grade beam GB2, 457 x 610 mm deep 6 m

- Concrete, 35 MPa 2 m3
- Rebar, 25 kg/m 138 kg
- Formwork 7 m2
- Void form, 150 mm shearmat 3 m2
- Excavation & removal 2 m3
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Step 1:

1. Identify the concrete items in your estimate by item type and concrete strength



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- Void form, 150 mm shearmat	3 m2
- Excavation & removal	2 m3
- Ditto, workspace	2 m3
- Backfill workspace with granular material	2 m3

Step 2:

- Identify the concrete items in your estimate by item type and concrete strength
- Map the CIQS format, Uniformat or others to the appropriate ICMS code
 - ICMS Level 3 (i.e., substructure)
 - ICMS Level 4 (i.e., foundations)

Sample Project – Mapping Steps

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Step 3:

1. Identify the concrete items in your estimate by item type and concrete strength
2. Map the CIQS format, Unifomat or others to the appropriate ICMS code
 1. ICMS Level 3 (i.e., substructure)
 2. ICMS Level 4 (i.e., foundations)
3. Input description by concrete strength

Sample Project – Mapping Steps

	ICMS code	ICMS Level 3	ICMS Level 4	Code 1	Code 2	Code 3	Level 1	Level 2	Item Description	Quantity	Unit
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Step 3:

1. Identify the concrete items in your estimate by item type and concrete strength
2. Map the CIQS format, Uniformat or others to the appropriate ICMS code
 1. ICMS Level 3 (i.e., substructure)
 2. ICMS Level 4 (i.e., foundations)
3. Input description by concrete strength
4. Input quantity (volume) by concrete strength

Sample Project – Steps for Populating Data in ICMS Format

Recall Appendix B

Ready-mix concrete used in project			Project mix strengths	Baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) calculations			GHG calculations for project mixes			Reductions in GHG emissions			
Element of building or structure (for example, walls, foundation)	Special application requirement? (Yes or No)	Reduction in volume of mix (yes or no) Select yes if the volume of a mix was reduced by increasing its compressive strength without adding other structural materials.	Compressive strength at 28 days (MPa)	Life cycle assessment (LCA) results table number (from the regional ASTM International Environmental Product Declaration (EPD))	Baseline global warming potential (GWP) (kg CO2/m3) per mix (using equivalent compressive strength from the regional ASTM International EPD)	Volume (m3)	Baseline GHG emissions per mix (tonnes CO2) based on the baseline GWP and volume	EPD or mix design reference number for the mix provided (from the supplier's EPD)	Adjusted volume (m3) Enter an adjusted volume only when "Yes" is selected under Reduction in volume (third column from the left under Ready-mix concrete used in project).	GWP (kg CO2/m3) of the mix provided (from the supplier's EPD)	GHG emissions per mix provided (tonnes CO2)	GHG emissions reduced compared to the baseline per mix provided (tonnes CO2)	Percentage reduction in GHG emissions per mix compared to the baseline
Element 1	Yes/No	Yes/No	xx	x	xxxx.xx	xxx.x	xxxx.xx	x	xxx.x	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xx.x
Element 2	Yes/No	Yes/No	xx	x	xxxx.xx	xxx.x	xxxx.xx	x	xxx.x	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xx.x
Element 3	Yes/No	Yes/No	xx	x	xxxx.xx	xxx.x	xxxx.xx	x	xxx.x	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xx.x
Element 4	Yes/No	Yes/No	xx	x	xxxx.xx	xxx.x	xxxx.xx	x	xxx.x	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xxx.xx	xx.x
Project totals	N/A	Yes/No	N/A	N/A	N/A	xxxx.x	xxxx.xx	N/A	xxxx.x	N/A	xxx.xx	xxxx.xx	xx.x
Reduction in GHG emissions related to the embodied carbon of ready-mix concrete supplied to the project (tonnes)						xxxx.xx	Percentage reduction in GHG emissions related to the embodied carbon of ready-mix concrete supplied to the project						xx.x

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1. Enter ICMS Code

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1. Enter ICMS Code
2. Enter ICMS Level 3

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3. Enter details of item description

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4. Special Application (assume no)
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Environmental Product Declaration



Concrete BC Member Industry-Wide EPD for
READY-MIXED CONCRETE

ASTM
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Declaration

Declared Product	This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) covers concrete mixes produced by Concrete BC members.	
Declaration Owner	Concrete BC Suite 1300, 1500 West Georgia St. Vancouver, BC V6G 2Z6 Phone: 604-626-4141 Website: www.concretebc.ca	
Program Operator	ASTM International 100 Bar Harbor Drive West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, USA Website: www.astm.org	 ASTM INTERNATIONAL Helping our world work better
LCA and EPD Developer	Athena Sustainable Materials Institute 280 Albert Street, Suite 404 Ottawa, ON K1P 5G8, Canada Website: www.athenasmi.org	
Core PCR	ISO 21930:2017 Sustainability in Building Construction - Environmental Declaration of Building Products	
Sub-category PCR	NSF International Product Category Rule (PCR) for Concrete Version 2.1 (August 2021), Verified by Thomas P. Gloria, Ph.D., Industrial Ecology Consultants	
Independent LCA Reviewer and EPD Verifier	Independent verification of the declaration and data, according to ISO 21930:2017 and ISO 14025:2006 <input type="checkbox"/> Internal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External Thomas P. Gloria, Ph.D., Industrial Ecology Consultants, ASTM International	
Date of Issue	July 27, 2022	
Period of Validity	5 Years – Valid until July 27, 2027	
EPD Number	EPD 348	

7. Enter LCA Table No. from regional ASTM International EPD

Table 11. LCA Results: 30 MPa Concrete without air (N)										
Unit	Baseline 30 MPa Concrete without air (N) GU 20 SCM	30 MPa Concrete without air (N) GU	30 MPa Concrete without air (N) GU 15 SCM	30 MPa Concrete without air (N) GU 25	30 MPa Concrete without air (N) GU 40	30 MPa Concrete without air (N) GU 15	30 MPa Concrete without air (N) GU 25	30 MPa Concrete without air (N) GU 40	30 MPa Concrete without air (N) GU 15	30 MPa Concrete without air (N) GU 25
Environmental impacts										
GWP	kg CO ₂ eq.	258.92	303.87	269.82						
CO ₂	kg CO ₂ eq.	1,032.05	1,078.05	1,046.05						
EP	kg H ₂ eq.	0.23	0.25	0.23						
AP	kg SO ₂ eq.	1.10	1.12	1.10						
POCP	kg O ₃ eq.	24.19	24.79	24.33						
Use of primary resources										
HP _{FC}	MJ, NCV	141.55	182.94	147.04						
BP _{FC}	MJ, NCV	0.00	0.00	0.00						
NP _{FC}	MJ, NCV	1681.49	1807.20	1711.96						
RP _{FC}	MJ, NCV	0.00	0.00	0.00						
Use of secondary resources										
SM	kg	0.00	0.00	0.00						
SG	MJ, NCV	0.00	0.00	0.00						
NSF	MJ, NCV	130.56	137.99	117.21						
RE	MJ, NCV	0.00	0.00	0.00						
Abiotic depletion potential										
ADPF	MJ, LHV	672.55	717.99	683.57						
ADPE	kg Sb	1.342-04	1.396-04	1.356-04						
Consumption of freshwater resources										
F _W	m ³	2.35	2.50	2.39						
Waste and outflows										
HWD	kg	0.02	0.03	0.02						
NHWD	kg	61.25	76.43	64.93	37.34	43.43	39.04	30.83	31.77	41.39
HLRW	m ³	1,818.09	1,818.09	1,818.09	1,818.09	1,818.09	1,818.09	1,818.09	1,818.09	1,818.09
HLRW	m ³	5,798.08	5,798.08	5,798.08	5,798.08	5,798.08	5,798.08	5,798.08	5,798.08	5,798.08
SO ₂	kg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NO _x	kg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PM ₁₀	kg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PM _{2.5}	kg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EE	kg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Additional inventory parameters for transparency										
CCE	kg CO ₂ eq.	127.50	159.13	135.17	119.35	95.38	144.27	122.54	108.20	86.47

Baseline 30 MPa Concrete without air (N) GU 20 SCM

Unit
GWP kg CO₂ eq. 258.92

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Environmental impacts	
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6. Enter concrete strength

7. Enter LCA Table No. from regional ASTM International EPD

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6. Enter concrete strength
7. Provide ASTM International EPD Table used
8. Enter baseline GWP for 30 MPa from Table 11

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8. Enter baseline GWP for 30 MPa from Table 11
9. Enter volume of concrete from estimate
10. Baseline GHG = $\frac{\text{GWP} \times \text{volume}}{1000} = \frac{258.92 \times 21.38}{1000} = 5.54$ tonnes CO₂

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Table 11. LCA Results 30 MPa Cor

Unit	Baseline 30 MPa Concrete without air (N) GU 20 SCM
Environmental impacts	
GWP kg CO2 eq.	258.92

10. Baseline GHG (per previous slide)
 = GWP x volume = 258.92 x 21.38 = 5.54 tonnes CO2

Project mix strengths	Baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) calculations				GHG calculations for project mixes			Reductions in GHG emissions		
	Life cycle assessment (LCA) results table number. [NOTE 2]	Baseline global warming potential (GWP) (kg CO2/m3) per mix [NOTE 3]	Volume (m3)	Baseline GHG emissions per mix (tonnes CO2) based on the baseline GWP and volume	EPD or mix design reference number for the mix provided (from the supplier's EPD)	Adjusted volume (m3) [NOTE 4]	GWP (kg CO2/m3) of the mix provided (from the supplier's EPD)	GHG emissions per mix provided (tonnes CO2)	GHG emissions reduced compared to the baseline per mix provided (tonnes CO2)	Percentage reduction in GHG emissions per mix compared to the baseline
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS	
Declared Product: Mix GC30E0XB1C08 - North Vancouver Plant	
Description: GENERAL CONCRETE 30 MPA 20 MM NON AIR EVOBULD BRONZE Compressive strength: 30 MPa at 28 days	
Declared Unit: 1 m ³ of concrete	
Global Warming Potential (kg CO ₂ -eq)	231
Ozone Depletion Potential (kg CFC-11-eq)	7.44E-6
Acidification Potential (kg SO ₂ -eq)	0.97
Eutrophication Potential (kg N-eq)	0.24
Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential (kg O ₃ -eq)	26.1
Abiotic Depletion, non-fossil (kg Sb-eq)	7.06E-6
Abiotic Depletion, fossil (MJ)	1,290
Total Waste Disposed (kg)	0.58
Consumption of Freshwater (m ³)	4.35
Product Components: admixture (ASTM C494), crushed aggregate (ASTM C33), natural aggregate (ASTM C33), portland limestone cement (ASTM 955), batch water (ASTM C1602)	

Table 11. LCA Results 30 MPa Cor

Unit		Baseline 30 MPa Concrete without air (N) GU 20 SCM
Environmental impacts		
GWP	kg CO ₂ eq.	258.92

11. Enter EPD or mix design reference number from the supplier

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Additional detail and impacts are reported on page three of this EPD

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Mix GC30E0XB1C08 - North Vancouver Plant		
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Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential (kg O ₃ -eq)	26.1	
Abiotic Depletion, non-fossil (kg Sb-eq)	7.06E-6	
Abiotic Depletion, fossil (Mj)	1,290	
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Table 11. LCA Results 30 MPa Cor

Unit	Baseline 30 MPa Concrete without air (N) GU 20 SCM
Environmental impacts	
GWP kg CO ₂ eq.	258.92

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12. Enter adjusted volume (assume 0)

Project mix strengths	Baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) calculations				GHG calculations for project mixes			Reductions in GHG emissions		
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Environmental impacts		
GWP	kg CO ₂ eq.	258.92

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Volume of Concrete by Strength	ESTIMATE
EPDs for Baseline and Product	CHALLENGE

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Add elements and assign ICMS classification

CACQS BUILDING 52 - BASELINE

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Source: EC3 - Plan & Compare Buildings (buildingtransparency.org)

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Four pile caps, 1830 x 1830 x 610 mm deep, Concrete, 32 Mpa (3 No.)	6.13	m3	ReadyMix		CE02 Substructure rela...X	2.15k kgCO2e	15 %
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Structure						51.4k kgCO2e	
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Search Industry and Product EPDs by location and concrete type

INDUSTRY EPDS Impacts Participants

Name	Publishers	Jurisdiction	Achievable	Average	Conservative Estimate	
Baseline 30 MPa Concrete without air (N) G...	BC Ready-Mixed Concrete As...	CA-BC	169 kgCO2e	198 kgCO2e	241 kgCO2e	-5- Open Download

PRODUCT EPDS [Download](#)

Subcategory	Manufacturer	Plant or Plant Gro...	Product	Description	Compressive Stre...	Straight-line Dista...	uaGWP / 1 yd3	Columns
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Additional issues to consider

01

Increase availability of EPDs in Canada

02

Address uncertainty and provide guidance in the standard

03

Adopt ICMS 3rd edition as a classification system

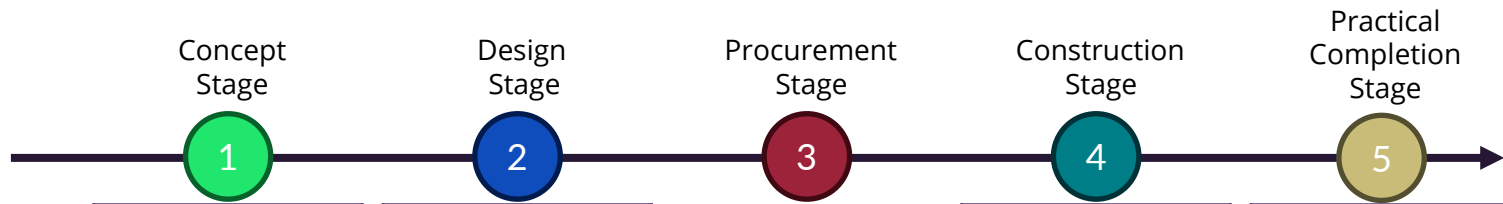
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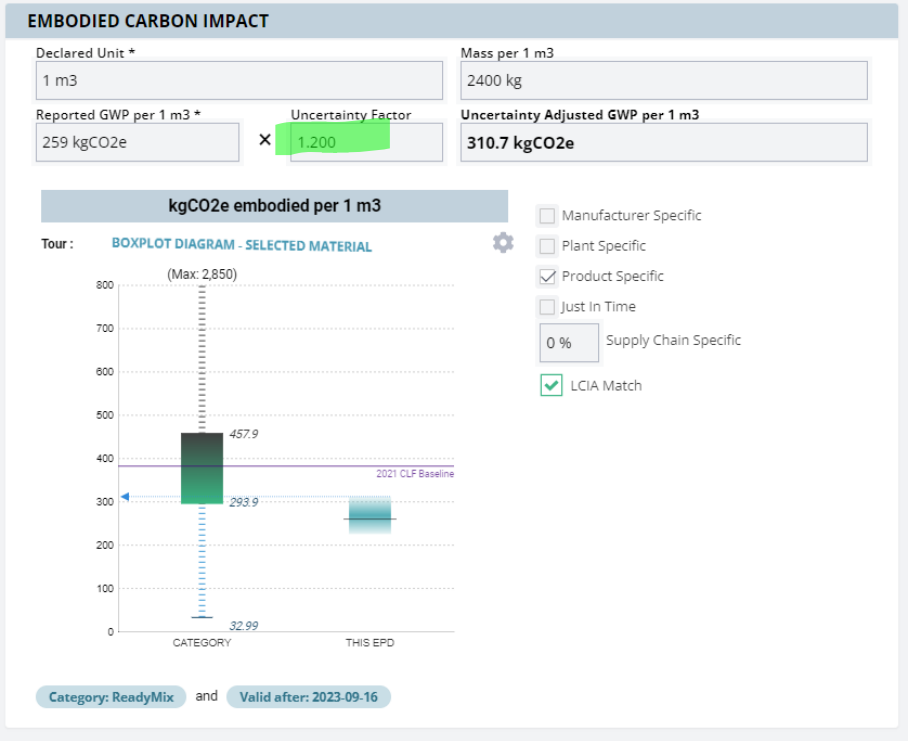
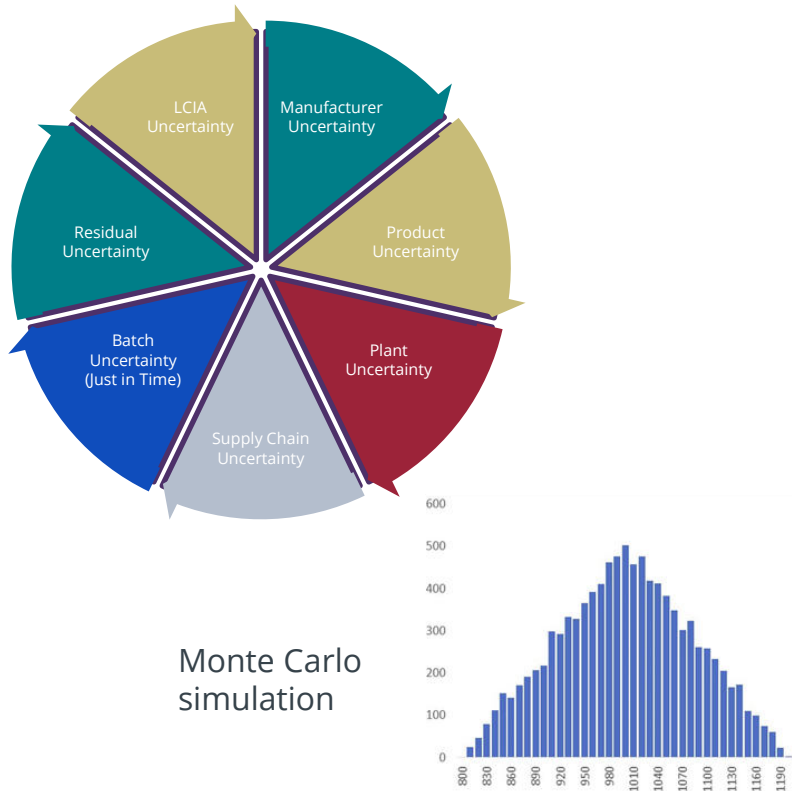
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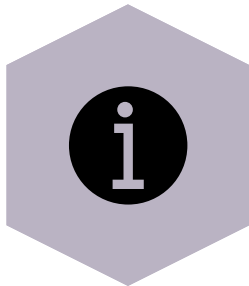
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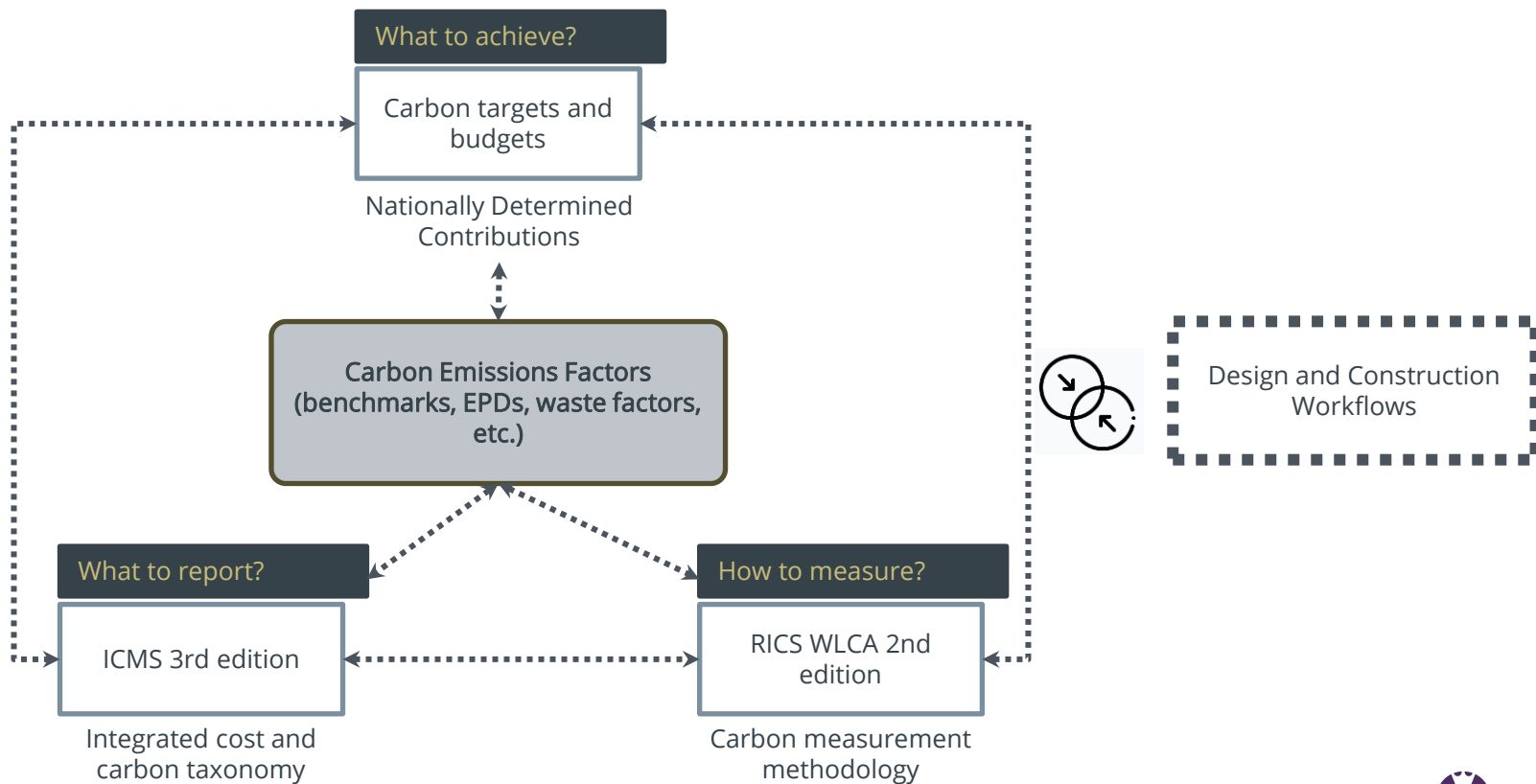
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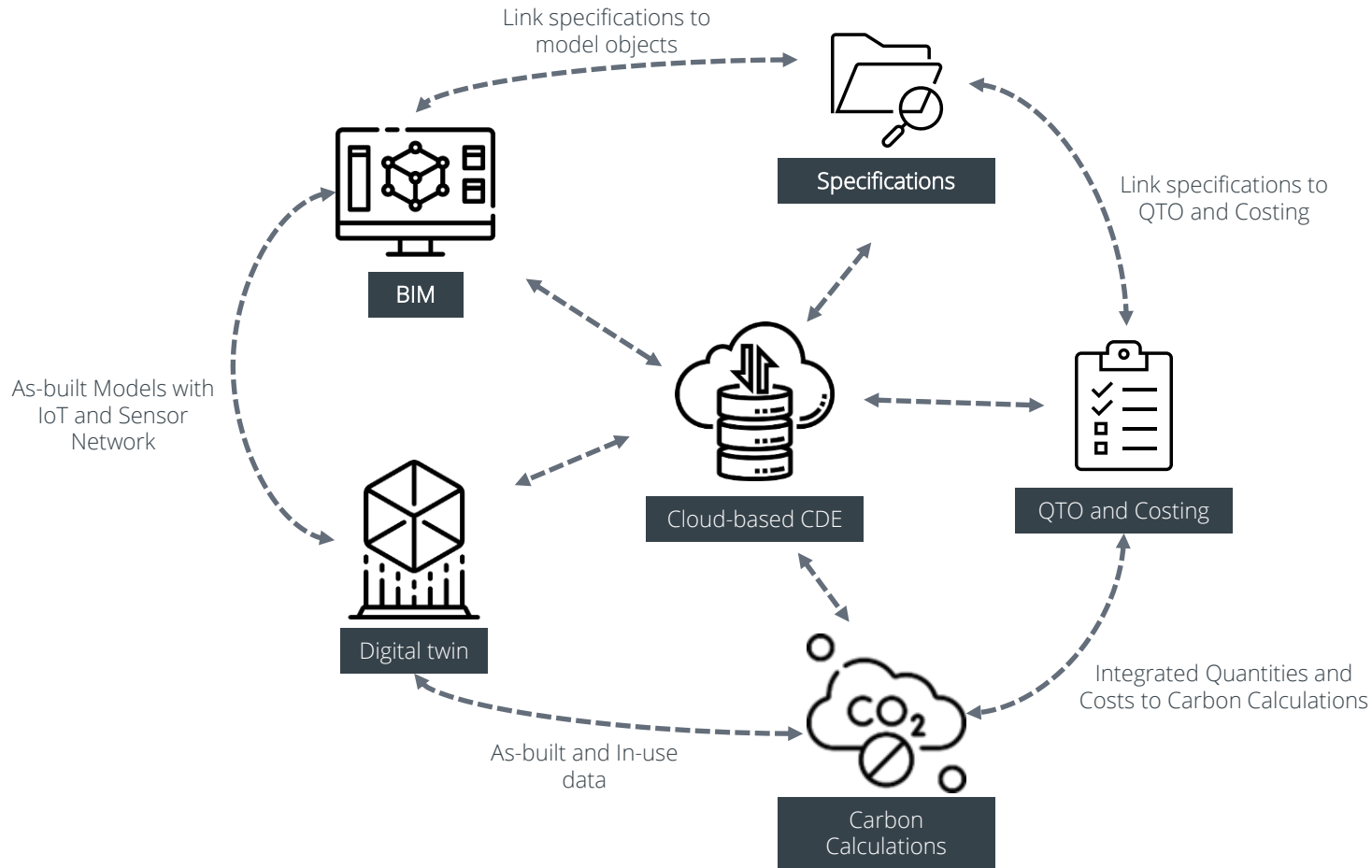


Closing, feedback, and questions

Data and information



Integrating workflows



Things We Need to Address



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- Questions.
- Thank you for attending!
- Additional resources

