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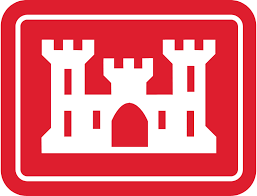
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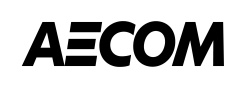
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# General Information

The California Air Toxic “Hot Spots” Information and Assessment Act of 1987, Assembly Bill 2588 (AB2588), requires that facilities emitting more than 10 tons per year of criteria pollutants submit emissions inventory information to the local Air Pollution Control District (APCD). The APCD assigns priorities to the facilities based on their emissions. Facilities in the “high and intermediate priority” categories must conduct risk assessments and then may be required to report potential risk to the public.

Vandenberg Space Force Base (SFB)[[1]](#footnote-1), a California facility emitting more than 10 tons per year of a criteria pollutant, must comply with AB2588. To demonstrate compliance, Vandenberg SFB has submitted Air Toxics Emission Inventory Plans (ATEIP) and Air Toxics Emission Inventory Reports (ATEIR) since 1989, as required. On 29 March 2019, Vandenberg SFB received a notification from the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (SBCAPCD or District) requesting an updated ATEIP and ATEIR for the 2018 inventory year.

In December 2019, a draft ATEIP was submitted to the SBCAPCD. Comments were received from the SBCAPCD in March 2020 and Vandenberg SFB submitted a revised ATEIP in July 2020 along with responses to District comments. In December 2020, SBCAPCD sent a conditional approval letter that contained various issues for Vandenberg SFB to address in order to gain approval of the ATEIP. The letter also requested the submittal of a final ATEIP, response letter, and ATEIR by 15 June 2021. Final ATEIP, responses to conditional approval items, and ATEIR were submitted to the District on 11 June 2021. SBCAPCD issued a final approval of the ATEIP on 3 February 2022. On 29 March 2022 Vandenberg SFB received a conditional approval letter for the ATEIR. The letter contained items for Vandenberg SFB to address in order to gain approval of the ATEIR. The letter also requested the submittal of a final ATEIR, response letter, and health risk assessment (HRA) by 1 October 2022. Submittal was extended to 16 January 2023 through email exchange with SBCAPCD.

## Objective

The objective of this ATEIR is to present the emissions inventory as compiled according to the approved ATEIP.

## Document Organization

The ATEIR is organized into the following sections:

Section 1.0: Provides a brief introduction to this report.

Section 2.0: Lists emissions sources that existed at Vandenberg SFB in 2018.

Section 3.0: Describes the processes and calculations for 2018 activities.

Section 4.0: Discusses the facility diagram.

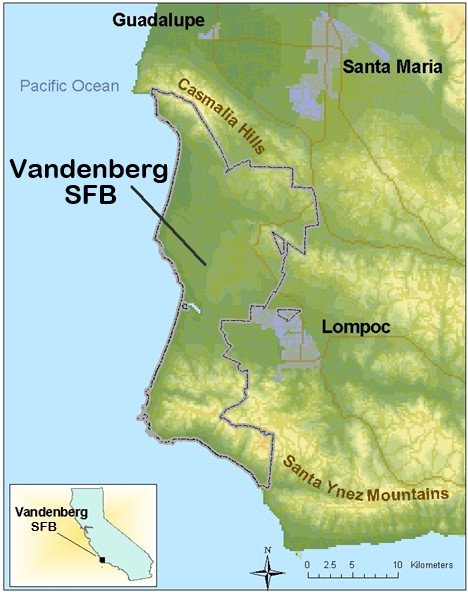
Section 5.0 Provides a list of acronyms and abbreviations.

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# Facility Description

Vandenberg SFB occupies 99,604 acres along the central coast of California and is the third largest Air Force installation in the continental United States. Vandenberg SFB is located in Santa Barbara County within 10 miles of Lompoc and approximately 50 miles north of Santa Barbara. State Highway 246 divides Vandenberg SFB into North Base and South Base with the main cantonment area sited on North Base. The location of the base is shown in Figure 2.0-1.

**Figure 2.0-1**

**Vandenberg SFB Site Location Map**

Vandenberg SFB covers more than 154 square miles and includes approximately 612 buildings, 999 privatized housing units, 520 miles of roads, 80 miles of natural gas pipelines, 17 miles of railroad track, and a 15,000-foot concrete runway.

## Source Types

Vandenberg SFB has numerous sources that emitted air toxics in 2018. Appendix A includes a complete list of the AB2588 air toxic sources that emitted at Vandenberg SFB during 2018. These devices have been categorized into the following source types for ease of calculation:

* Abrasive Blasting
* Boilers and Heaters
* Food Preparation
* Process Heaters – Paint Booth heater
* Crash Fire Rescue Training
* Explosive Ordnance Disposal
* Internal Combustion Engines (ICE)
* Landfill Gas/Dust
* Motor Vehicle Fueling Facility (MVFF)
* Paint Spray Booths (PSB)
* Propellant Loading
* Solvent and Chemical Usage
* Storage Tanks
* Turbine Engines

Vandenberg SFB has sources of air toxics that are exempt from reporting under AB2588. These exemptions are based on either the definition of facility or on specific inventory guidelines. The following source types were not included in the inventory:

* commercial space entities;
* mobile sources such as motor vehicles, launch vehicles, and small arms range;
* livestock;
* grounds maintenance such as lawn mowers, herbicides, pesticides, and vegetation management burning;
* structural maintenance such as asphalt paving, asphalt roofing, and architectural surface coatings;
* nitrogen tetroxide (N2O4) from the oxidizer vapor scrubbing system—N2O4 is not listed as a toxic substance for which emissions must be quantified;
* use of products for minor maintenance and repair of process and industrial equipment; and
* use of products for the purpose of maintaining motor vehicles.

In addition, the following sources are proposed to be excluded from the inventory on the basis of negligible risk:

* diesel fuel storage tanks; and
* emissions from rocket propellant 1 (RP-1) and jet fuel (Jet-A) loading and storage due to their very low vapor pressure.

# Emission Quantification Methods

This section describes how emission rates for each emission category were estimated in the ATEIR. Emission factors were combined with throughput rates for 2018, as previously reported to the SBCAPCD. To simplify the complexity of large number of sources at Vandenberg SFB, source types with common calculation proposals are grouped. Each calculation subsection below discusses a brief source description, assumptions on operational parameters, and emission factor (EF) sources.

## Abrasive Blasting

Abrasive blasting is performed on Vandenberg SFB with various kinds of blasting materials within controlled and uncontrolled environments. Calculating emissions from abrasive blasting was completed using mass balance and control efficiencies.

Emissions calculation for abrasive blasting is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 1. Calculation methodology is shown below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | QA = Quantity of abrasive used (lbs/year)  R = Rated throughput (lbs/hour)  Xc = Mass fraction of toxic compound in abrasive (%/100)  CE = Control efficiency |
| **Outputs** | EY = Emission of regulated compounds (lbs/year)  EH = Emission of regulated compounds (lbs/hour) |
| **Calculations** |  |

**Notes:** lbs – pounds

## Boilers and furnaces

Boilers and furnaces are used for heating of water, generation of steam, or comfort heating. Vandenberg SFB operates both natural gas and liquefied propane gas (LPG) boilers and furnaces. All operating boilers and furnaces are included in the emissions and fuel consumption calculations, even if they were partially operated during 2018.

Emissions for boilers and furnaces are calculated based on fuel usage. The fuel usage for some of the boilers was provided from fuel meter readings. These known usages are subtracted from the total base wide natural gas and LPG usage. The remaining natural gas and LPG totals are allocated to the unmetered boilers and furnaces based upon the ratio between individual boiler/furnace capacity. Further details are listed below in their appropriate sections.

### Natural Gas

EFs for natural gas boilers and furnaces are listed in *SBCAPCD-Approved Toxic Air Contaminants (TAC) Emission Factors.xlsx.*

The emissions calculation for natural gas boilers is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 2a. Calculation methodology is shown below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | BQ = Base Quantity (MMscf/year)  BR = Boiler Rating (MMBtu/hr)  EFp = Emission Factor for pollutant p (lbs emitted/MMscf) |
| **Outputs** | EpY = Emission for pollutant p (lbs/year)  EpH = Emission for pollutant p (lbs/hour) |
| **Calculation** |  |
| **Notes** | 1050 Btu = 1 cubic feet of natural gas |

**Notes:** lbs – pounds

MMBtu – million British thermal units

MMscf – million standard cubic feet

### Liquefied Propane Gas

EFs for LPG boilers and furnaces are listed in *SBCAPCD-Approved TAC Emission Factors.xlsx*.

Emissions calculation for LPG boilers is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 2b. Calculation methodology is shown below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | BQ = Base Quantity (gal/year)  BR = Boiler Rating (MMBtu/hour)  EFp = Emission Factor for pollutant p (lbs emitted/1000 gal) |
| **Outputs** | EpY = Emission for pollutant p (lbs/year)  EpH = Emission for pollutant p (lbs/hour) |
| **Calculations** |  |
| **Notes** | 91.5 MMBtu = 1000 gallon of propane  Emission factors are for LPG fired external combustion sources < 10 MMBtu/hour. |

**Notes:** gal – gallons

lbs – pounds

LPG – liquefied propane gas

MMBtu – million British thermal units

## Food Preparation

Several restaurants and fast-food establishments operate at Vandenberg SFB. Emissions from cooking of food was calculated based on quantity of food prepared and type of facility (restaurant or fast food). EFs for cooking operations are from *San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) Guidance for Air Dispersion Modeling*.

Emissions calculation for the food preparation are provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 3. Calculation methodology is shown below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | BQ = Base Quantity (tons of food/year)  EFp = Emission Factor for pollutant p (lbs/ton of food) |
| **Outputs** | EpY = Emission for pollutant p (lbs/year) |
| **Calculations** |  |

**Notes:** lbs – pounds

## Process Heaters – Paint Booth Heater

There are three processes associated with paint booth heaters located at Vandenberg SFB. Emissions are calculated based on natural gas usage. EFs for the natural gas paint booth heaters are listed in *SBCAPCD-Approved TAC Emission Factors.xlsx (Process Heater – Natural Gas)*.

Emissions calculation for the paint booth heaters is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 4. Calculation methodology is shown below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | BQ = Base Quantity (MMscf/year)  BR = Burner Rating (MMBtu/hour)  EFp = Emission Factor for pollutant p (lbs emitted/MMscf) |
| **Outputs** | EpY = Emission for pollutant p (lbs/year)  EpH = Emission for pollutant p (lbs/hour) |
| **Calculations** |  |
| **Notes** | 1050 Btu = 1 cubic feet of natural gas  Emission factors are for Natural Gas fired process heaters < 10 MMBtu/hour. |

**Notes:** lbs – pounds

MMBtu – million British thermal units

MMscf – million standard cubic feet

## Crash Fire Rescue Training

The crash fire rescue training facility is used to train Vandenberg SFB fire fighters and other public agencies in the techniques for extinguishing aircraft fires. Simulated fires are created by igniting LPG in a mock aircraft. An exercise may consist of one or more scenarios. In the worst-case scenario, a maximum of two internal and two ground burners are used. Safety personnel in the safety tower regulate the gas flow when the burners are in operation. The amount of gas is gradually decreased to simulate the fire being extinguished.

Emissions are based on LPG usage. EFs for the crash fire rescue training facility are listed in *SBCAPCD-Approved TAC Emission Factors.xlsx (External Combustion – Propane)*.

Emissions calculation for the crash fire rescue training facility is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 5. Calculation methodology is shown below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | BQ = Activity Rate or Base Quantity (gal/year)  EFp = Emission Factor for pollutant p (lbs emitted/1000 gal)  H = Hours of operation (hour/year) |
| **Outputs** | EpY = Emission for pollutant p (lbs/year)  EpH = Emission for pollutant p (lbs/hour) |
| **Calculations** |  |

**Notes:** gal – gallons

lbs – pounds

## Explosive Ordnance Disposal

Explosive ordnance disposal is utilized at Vandenberg SFB for the safe elimination of discovered munitions, excess missile or launch vehicle remote destruction components, and ordnance that has exceeded its shelf life. Additionally, a small amount of explosive ordnance is used for training purposes and during emergencies.

Emissions are based on pounds of explosive used during 2018. EFs for explosive ordnance disposal are from the *Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Stationary Sources, August 2018*.

Emissions calculation for explosive ordnance disposal is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 6. Calculation methodology is shown below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | BQ = Activity Rate or Base Quantity (lbs of explosive/year)  EFp = Emission Factor for pollutant p (lbs/lb of explosive) |
| **Outputs** | Ep = Annual Emissions for pollutant p (lbs/year) |
| **Calculations** | Hourly Emissions = (Ep) / Operating Days |

**Notes:** lb or lbs – pounds

## Internal Combustion engines

ICEs at Vandenberg SFB are used to power generators, pumps, air compressors, and welders. Vandenberg SFB operates diesel, gasoline, Jet-A, LPG, and natural gas ICEs. Emergency hours were not included in annual emissions. Brake horsepower (bhp) rating was used to calculate hourly emissions.

### Diesel

Maximum hourly speciated emissions from diesel engines was calculated by using EFs listed in *SBCAPCD-Approved TAC Emission Factors.xlsx*. Emission calculation for speciated pollutants is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 7a. Per SBCAPCD-Approved Emission Factors for TAC, “**Maximum hourly emissions from Tier 3 and Tier 4 engines and Tier 2 engines greater than 750 bhp are not required to be included in the HRA at this time.”**

Annual emissions from diesel internal combustion engines are calculated for only diesel particulate matter (PM). Diesel PM emissions was quantified based on the engine-specific diesel PM emission rate, which range from 0.01 to 0.4 grams of diesel PM per bhp-hour, depending on engine size and model year (tier). Diesel PM EFs are from SBCAPCD Emission Factors webpage (<https://www.ourair.org/dice/emission-factors>) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Airborne Toxic Control Measures (ATCM).

Emissions calculation for diesel ICE are provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 7a and b (annual and hourly emissions are in one spreadsheet). Calculation methodology is shown in the following table for speciated pollutants.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | EF = Emission Factor (lbs/1000 gal)  BHP = Brake Horsepower (bhp) |
| **Outputs** | EpH = Emission of pollutant p (lbs/hour) |
| **Calculations** |  |
| **Notes** | 0.0569 gal/bhp-hour = (7,800 Btu/bhp-hour)/(137,000 Btu/gal)  Only hourly emissions are required for calculating acute risk.  Maximum hourly emissions from Tier 3 and Tier 4 engines and Tier 2 engines greater than 750 bhp are not required to be included in the HRA. |

**Notes:** Btu – British thermal unit

gal – gallons

HRA – health risk assessment

lbs – pounds

Calculation methodology is shown below for Diesel PM.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | BQ = Activity Rate or Base Quantity (hours/year) or (gal/year)  EF= Emission Factor for Diesel Particulate Matter (g/bhp-hour)  BHP = Brake Horsepower (bhp) |
| **Outputs** | EY = Emission of Diesel Particulate Matter (lbs/year) |
| **Calculations** |  |

**Notes:** gal – gallons

lbs – pounds

### Gasoline

EFs for gasoline ICEs from *SBCAPCD-Approved TAC Emission Factors.xlsx* were used to calculate TAC emissions.

Emissions calculation for gasoline ICEs is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 7c. Calculation methodology is shown below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | BQ = Activity Rate or Base Quantity (hrs/year) or (gal/yr)  EF= Emission Factor for pollutant p (lbs /1000 gal)  BHP = Brake Horsepower (bhp) |
| **Outputs** | EpY = Emission for pollutant p (lb/year)  EpH = Emission for pollutant p (lb/hour) |
| **Calculations** |  |

**Notes:** gal – gallons

hrs – hours

lbs – pounds

### Jet-A

Two units that function as ground support equipment at the flight line use Jet-A fueled turbines. EFs for the Jet-A turbines were obtained from the Air Emissions Guide for Air Force Mobile Sources, August 2018.

Emissions calculation for Jet-A turbines is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 7d. Calculation methodology is shown below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | BQ = Activity Rate or Base Quantity (gal/year)  EF= Emission Factor for pollutant p (lbs /1000 gal)  BHP = Brake Horsepower (bhp) |
| **Outputs** | EY = Annual emission for pollutant p (lb/year)  EH = Hourly emission for pollutant p (lb/hour) |
| **Calculations** |  |

**Notes:** gal – gallons

lbs – pounds

### Liquefied Propane Gas

EFs for LPG ICEs from *SBCAPCD-Approved TAC Emission Factors.xlsx* were used to calculate TAC emissions.

Emissions calculation for LPG ICEs is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 7e. Calculation methodology is shown below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | BQ = Activity Rate or Base Quantity (hrs/year) or (gal/year)  EF= Emission Factor for pollutant p (lbs /1000 gal)  BHP = Brake Horsepower (bhp) |
| **Outputs** | EpY = Emission for pollutant p (lb/year)  EpH = Emission for pollutant p (lb/hour) |
| **Calculations** | **Or** |

**Notes:** gal – gallons

hrs – hours

lbs – pounds

### Natural Gas

EFs for natural gas ICEs from *SBCAPCD-Approved TAC Emission Factors.xlsx* were used to calculate TAC emissions.

Emissions calculation for natural gas ICEs is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 7f. Calculation methodology is shown below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | BQ = Activity Rate or Base Quantity (hours/year) or (MMscf/year)  EFp = Emission Factor for pollutant p (lbs/MMscf)  BHP = Brake Horsepower (bhp) |
| **Outputs** | EpY = Emission for pollutant p (lbs/year)  EpH = Emission for pollutant p (lbs/hour) |
| **Calculations** | **Or** |

**Notes:** lbs – pounds

MMscf – million standard cubic feet

## Landfill Gas and Fugitive Dust

Landfill gas contains a small amount of non-methane organic compounds (NMOC). This NMOC fraction may contain various organic hazardous air pollutants and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Vandenberg SFB used the method described in Part 70/Permit to Operate 13968-R2, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) AP-42, and Tajiguas Landfill’s test results for LFG to calculate emissions from this source.

Landfill gas emission calculation is included in Appendix C, Calculation ID 8A. Calculation methodology is shown below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | 8.14E+07 scf Raw LFG/yr  (source: *Revised VAFB Landfill \_ 2018 Fugitive LFG Emissions for ATEIP.xlsx*)  Annual Emissions  C = A specific pollutant  EmC Annual = Average annual emissions of pollutant C to atmosphere (lb C/yr)  LFGAnnual = Annual fugitive landfill gas emissions to atmosphere (scf/yr)  Conc C ppmv = Concentration of pollutant C in ppmv  MV = Molar Volume = 379.62 (scf/lb-mol)  MW = Molecular Weight of specific pollutant, C (lb/lb-mol)  106 = Conversion factor for concentration in ppmv  Hourly Emissions  C = A specific pollutant  EmC Max Hourly = Maximum hourly emissions of pollutant C (lb C/hr)  LFGAnnual = Annual fugitive landfill gas emissions to atmosphere (scf/yr)  Conc C ppmv = Concentration of pollutant C in ppmv  MV = Molar Volume = 379.62 (scf/lb-mol)  MW = Molecular Weight of specific pollutant, C (lb/lb-mol)  8760 = Number of hours in a year (8760 hr = 1 yr)  106 = Conversion factor for concentration in ppmv |
| **Outputs** | EmC Annual = Average annual emissions of pollutant C (lb C/yr) year  EmC Max Hourly = Maximum hourly emissions of pollutant C (lb C/hr) |
| **Calculations** | EmC Annual = LFGAnnual \* MW \* Conc C ppmv / (MV \* 106)  EmC Max Hourly = LFGAnnual \* MW \* Conc C ppmv / (8760 \* MV \* 106) |

**Notes:** hr – hour

lbs – pounds

scf – standard cubic feet

ppmv – parts per million volume

yr – year

Emission calculations for fugitive dust from transport of materials over the landfill paved haul roads is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 8B. Calculation methodology is shown below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | k = particle size multiplier for particle size range and units of interest (see notes below)  sL = road surface silt loading (g/m2)  W = average weight (tons) of the vehicles traveling the road  VMT = Vehicle Miles Traveled  Eext = annual emission factor in the same units as k  P = number of hours with at least 0.254 mm (0.01 in) of precipitation during the averaging period  N = number of hours in the averaging period (8,760 for annual)  VMT for hourly calculation = 15 mph |
| **Outputs** | Annual Emissions (lbs/yr)  Hourly Emissions (lbs/hr) |
| **Calculations** | *Annual Emissions (lbs/yr) = VMT x Eext*  *Hourly Emissions (lbs/hr) = VMT x Eext*  *Eext* = [ *k (sL)0.91* x *(W)1.02* ] (1 –1.2*P*/*N*) |

**Notes:** hr – hour

in – inch

g/m2 – grams per square meter

lbs – pounds

mm – millimeter

mph – miles per hour

yr – year

Emission calculations for fugitive dust from unloading of trucks at the landfill is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 8C. Calculation methodology is shown below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | E = particulate emission factor (lb/ton)  k = 0.74 (for TSP, assumed equivalent to PM30)  U = mean wind speed (mph)  M = material moisture content (14% for load-in).  N = number of operating hours (loading/unloading) |
| **Outputs** | Annual Emissions (lbs/yr)  Hourly Emissions (lbs/hr) |
| **Calculations** | *Annual Emissions (lbs/yr) = tons of soil unloaded x E*  *Hourly Emissions (lbs/hr) = Annual Emissions / N* |

**Notes:** hr – hour

lb or lbs – pounds

PM30 – particulate matter less than or equal to 30 micrometers in diameter

TSP – total suspended particulate matter

yr – year

## Motor Vehicle fueling facilities

This emission source category considers the fugitive losses of fuel that occurs during refueling at motor vehicle fueling facilities (MVFF). Emissions are based on fuel throughput and apply only to gasoline and E-85.

EFs for MVFF are from SBCAPCD permit to operate (PTO) 13968-R2 and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Supplemental Instructions for Liquid Organic Storage Tanks, Appendix 3, Default TAC Profile for Select Petroleum Products. SBCAPCD Memorandum GDF Emission Factors for Phase I EVR and Phase II EVR and SBCAPCD Form-25T were also used to calculate fugitive emissions.

Emissions calculation for motor vehicle fueling facilities is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 9. Calculation methodology is shown below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | BQ = Activity Rate or Base Quantity (gal/year)  EFp = Emission Factor for pollutant p (lbs/1000 gal)  Zp = Weight fraction of TAC component  PTEH = Potential to emit (lbs/hour) |
| **Outputs** | EpY = Emission for pollutant p (lbs/year)  EpH = Emission for pollutant p (lbs/hour) |
| **Calculations** | Where:      Hourly emissions are calculated using methodology in SBCAPCD Form-25T |

**Notes:** gal – gallons

lbs – pounds

## Paint Spray Booth

Paint spray booths (PSB) at Vandenberg SFB are equipped with various types of control equipment each having its own control efficiency. Additionally, California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) *Auto Bodyshop Industrywide Risk Assessment Guidelines* were used to assign capture efficiency for PSB emissions. Maximum hourly emissions from coating and solvent usage are calculated by assuming the maximum monthly usage divided by 21.7 days per month. Safety data sheets (SDSs) for all coatings are provided in Appendix D.

Emissions calculation for PSB is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 10. Calculation methodology is shown below.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Inputs** | Vp = Volume of product used (gal/year)  Vm = Maximum monthly usage (gal/month)  D = Density of product (lbs/gal)  Xc = Mass fraction of toxic volatile compound in product (%/100)  Xs = Mass fraction of solid compound in product (%/100)  TE = Transfer efficiency for particulates  CE = Control efficiency for particulates  CP = Capture efficiency for particulates |
| **Outputs** | EvY = Emission of toxic volatile compound (lbs/year)  EvH = Emission of toxic volatile compound (lbs/hour)  EsY = Emission of solid compounds (lbs/year)  EsH = Emission of solid compounds (lbs/hour) |
| **Calculations** |  |

**Notes:** gal – gallons

lbs – pounds

## Propellant Loading

Two of the four scrubbers operating at Vandenberg SFB emit TAC:

* Fuel vapor scrubbing system (FVSS) for Aerozine-50 (A-50) and hydrazine at Buildings 976/977 are regulated by SBCAPCD Part 70 Permit13968-R2. EFs are based on the Source Test Report for PTO 7987 (July 2001), Table 2.1-1, FVSS Compliance Test Results.
* FVSS for A-50 is located at Space Launch Complex (SLC)-2. EFs are based on the 2018 SBCAPCD Annual Report for Part 70 Permit 13968-R2.

Emissions calculation for the FVSS are provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 11a and ID 11b. Calculation methodologies are shown below.

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| **Inputs** | BQ = Activity Rate or Base Quantity (hours/year)  EFp = Emission Factor for pollutant p (lbs emitted/hour) |
| **Outputs** | Ep = Emission for pollutant p (lbs/year) |
| **Calculations** | Hourly Emissions are listed below. |

**Notes:** lbs – pounds

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| **Inputs** | Activities as reported in the 2018 SBCAPCD Annual Report for Permit 13968.  Annual Emission: 1.526 lbs |
| **Outputs** | Hydrazine and UDMH Emissions |
| **Calculations** | 92% of vapor phase is Dimethyl Hydrazine (1,1-) and 8% is Hydrazine.  Estimation based on Tables 6.5 – 6.7 of *Determination of Thermodynamic Properties of Aerozine-50*  UDMH emissions = 92% \* 1.526 = 1.404 lbs/yr and 92% x 0.170 = 0.1564 lbs/hr  N2H4 emissions = 8% \* 1.526 = 0.122 lbs/yr and 8% x 0.170 = 0.0136 lbs/hr |

**Notes:** hr – hour

lbs – pounds

yr – year

UDMH – Dimethyl Hydrazine (1,1-)

N2H4 – Hydrazine

## Solvent and Chemical Usage

Minor amounts of individual chemicals are used throughout Vandenberg SFB and include the following source types:

* Adhesives and Sealants
* Concrete Bonding/Curing
* General Surface Coatings
* Miscellaneous Products
* Solvent – Rinse Degreasing
* Solvent Cold Degreaser
* Solvent Wipe Cleaning
* Solvent – Miscellaneous Use

Chemical use is tracked through the Vandenberg SFB hazardous materials pharmacy (HazMart). A barcode is issued for each product to be used at Vandenberg SFB. After a product has been used, HazMart depletes the barcode for that product. At the end of the month, HazMart runs a report of all products depleted during the month. The data contained in the monthly report is used to calculate emissions.

The chemical speciation for the products is obtained from Material SDSs provided in the ATEIP. The chemical speciation (in percent weight) is then multiplied by the weight of product used. All VOCs in products are assumed to be fully emitted. Maximum hourly emissions for chemical usage are calculated by assuming the maximum monthly usage divided by 21.7, the average number of workdays in a month. As a conservative approach, it was assumed that a day’s work was done in 1 hour.

In instances where transfer efficiencies are applicable, a factor based on the application method was applied to the calculation. Table 3.12‑1 lists the common transfer efficiencies based on historical data.

Table 3.12‑1

**Chemical Use Transfer Efficiency**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Transfer Efficiency** | **Transfer Efficiency Basis** | **Factor** | **Source Type** |
| 99% | Hand rolled or brushed | 0.99 | Adhesives/Sealants |
| 99% | Hand rolled or brushed | 0.99 | Concrete Bonding/Curing & General Surface Coating |

Emissions calculation for solvent and chemical usage is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 12.

## Storage tanks

This source category addresses the losses of organic products through the breather vents of organic liquid storage tanks. These losses occur when the pressure of the vapor space above the organic liquid exceeds the pressure settings of the breather vents. Diurnal changes in temperature (“breathing losses”) and changes in liquid height from filling and emptying operations (“working losses”) contribute to the increases or decreases in vapor pressure. Density and composition of the organic vapor depend upon the vapor pressure of the organic liquid constituents.

Air Program Information Management System (APIMS) was used to calculate TAC emissions from gasoline storage tanks. Emissions calculation for storage tanks is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 13.

## Turbine Engines

Vandenberg SFB has five natural-gas turbines used for electric power generation. A continuous emission monitoring system tracks emissions of nitrogen oxides and carbon monoxide. The turbines use oxidation catalysts to reduce turbine exhaust emissions of carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons. The catalysts do not use ammonia injection.

TAC Emissions are based on fuel usage. EFs for turbine engines are from *SBCAPCD-Approved TAC Emission Factors.xlsx*. Ammonia EF is from Table B-1: Default EF for Natural Gas Combustion (SCAQMD)

Emissions calculation for turbine engines is provided in Appendix C, Calculation ID 14. Calculation methodology is shown below.

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| **Inputs** | BQ = Base Quantity (MMscf/year)  BR = Turbine Rating (MMBtu/hour)  EFp = Emission Factor for pollutant p (lbs/MMscf) |
| **Outputs** | EpY = Emission for pollutant p (lbs/year)  EpH = Emission for pollutant p (lbs/hour) |
| **Calculations** |  |

**Notes:** lbs – pounds

MMBtu – million British thermal units

MMscf – million standard cubic feet

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# Facility Diagram

Map of Vandenberg SFB showing sources and some receptors are provided in Appendix B of the ATEIR.

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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

A-50 Aerozine 50

AB2588 Assembly Bill 2588

AFB Air Force Base

APCD Air Pollution Control District

APIMS Air Program Information Management System

ATCM Airborne Toxic Control Measures

ATEIP Air Toxic Emission Inventory Plan

ATEIR Air Toxic Emission Inventory Report

bhp brake horsepower

btu British thermal units

CAPCOA California Air Pollution Control Officers Association

CARB California Air Resources Board

EF emission factor

EVR enhanced vapor recovery

E-85 fuel comprised of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline

FVSS fuel vapor scrubbing system

GDF gasoline dispensing facilities

HazMart hazardous materials pharmacy

HRA health risk assessment

ICE internal combustion engine

lbs pounds

LPG liquefied propane gas

MMBtu million British thermal units

MMscf million standard cubic feet

MVFF Motor Vehicle Fueling Facility

N2O4 nitrogen tetroxide

NMOC non-methane organic compounds

PAHs polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

PM particulate matter

ppmv parts per million volume

PSB paint spray booth

PTO permit to operate

RP-1 rocket propellant 1

SBCAPCD Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District

SCAQMD South Coast Air Quality Management District

scf standard cubic feet

SDS Safety Data Sheet

SFB Space Force Base

SJVAPCD San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

SLC space launch complex

TAC Toxic Air Contaminant

TSP total suspended particulate matter

USEPA United States Environmental Protection Agency

VOC volatile organic compound

1. On 14 May 2021, Vandenberg Air Force Base (AFB) was renamed Vandenberg Space Force Base (SFB). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)