



# **Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems**

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# Agenda



- Background on Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP)
- GHGRP Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems (Subpart W): Reporting Year 2017 Data Summary



# Background on Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program

# Overview of GHG Reporting Program



- Launched in response to FY 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act
- Annual reporting of GHGs by 41 source categories
  - 33 types of direct emitters
  - 6 types of suppliers of fuel and industrial GHGs
  - Facilities that inject CO<sub>2</sub> underground for geologic sequestration, enhanced oil recovery, or any other purpose
- Most source categories began collecting data in 2010
  - An additional 12 source categories began collecting data in 2011
  - We now have 8 years of data for 29 source categories and 7 years of data for 12 source categories
- Facilities use uniform methods prescribed by the EPA to calculate GHG emissions, such as direct measurement, engineering calculations, or emission factors derived from direct measurement
  - In some cases, facilities have a choice of calculation methods for an emission source
- Direct reporting to EPA electronically
- EPA verification of GHG data

# Source Categories Covered by GHG Reporting Program



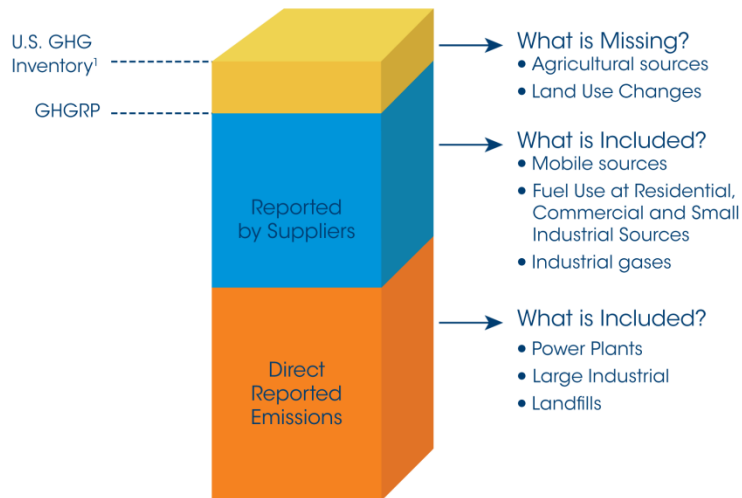
Power	Refining & Petrochem	Other Chemicals	Combustion	Waste	Metals	Minerals	Pulp & Paper	High GWP Gases
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Electricity Generation</li> <li>- Electrical Equipment Mfg.</li> <li>- Electrical Equipment Use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Petroleum Refineries</li> <li>- Petrochem. Production</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adipic Acid</li> <li>- Ammonia</li> <li>- Hydrogen Production</li> <li>- Nitric Acid</li> <li>- Phosphoric Acid</li> <li>- Titanium Dioxide</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stationary Combustion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Industrial Waste Landfills</li> <li>- Industrial Wastewater Treatment</li> <li>- MSW Landfills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aluminum</li> <li>- Ferroalloy</li> <li>- Iron &amp; Steel</li> <li>- Lead</li> <li>- Magnesium</li> <li>- Silicon Carbide</li> <li>- Zinc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cement</li> <li>- Glass</li> <li>- Lime</li> <li>- Misc. Carbonate Use</li> <li>- Soda Ash</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pulp &amp; Paper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Electronics Mfg.</li> <li>- Fluorinated GHG Production</li> <li>- HCFC-22 Prod./HFC-23 Destruction</li> <li>- Pre-Charged Equipment Import/Export</li> <li>- Industrial Gas Suppliers</li> </ul>
Petroleum & Natural Gas Systems			Fuel Suppliers			Carbon Capture & Sequestration		Mining
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Onshore Production</li> <li>- Offshore Production</li> <li>- Gathering and Boosting (as of 2016)</li> <li>- Natural Gas Processing</li> <li>- Natural Gas Transmission Compression</li> <li>- Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline (as of 2016)</li> <li>- Natural Gas Distribution</li> <li>- Underground Natural Gas Storage</li> <li>- Liquefied Natural Gas Storage</li> <li>- Liquefied Natural Gas Import/Export</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coal-Based Liquid Fuels Suppliers</li> <li>- Natural Gas and Natural Gas Liquids Suppliers</li> <li>- Petroleum Product Suppliers</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Geologic Sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub></li> <li>- Injection of CO<sub>2</sub></li> <li>- CO<sub>2</sub> Suppliers</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Underground Coal Mines</li> </ul>
							<p>Direct Emitters Suppliers CO<sub>2</sub> Injection</p>	

# GHG Reporting Program vs. US GHG Inventory



- Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks (Inventory) tracks total annual U.S. emissions across all sectors of the economy using national-level data
- GHGRP collects detailed emissions data from large greenhouse gas emitting facilities in the United States
  - GHGRP covers most, but not all, U.S. GHG emissions
  - GHGRP does not include agriculture, land use, and small sources

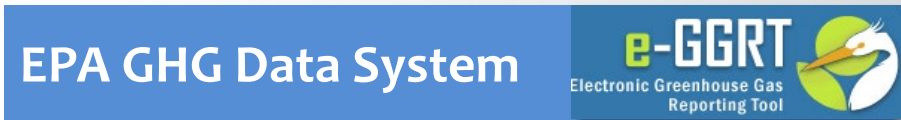
## GHGRP Covers the Majority of U.S. GHG Emissions



<sup>1</sup> Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2011, April 2013.

Task	Inventory	Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program
Find total U.S. emissions	✓	
Review trend data for the past 20 years	✓	
Browse a map to find largest emitters in your area		✓
Compare facility emissions across an industrial sector		✓
Find <u>reported</u> emissions by state		✓

# Electronic Reporting Workflow



Improve data quality *before* it is submitted to EPA

- Intuitive Interface
- Comprehensive Help
- Real-Time Data Quality Feedback



Data Verification (EPA)



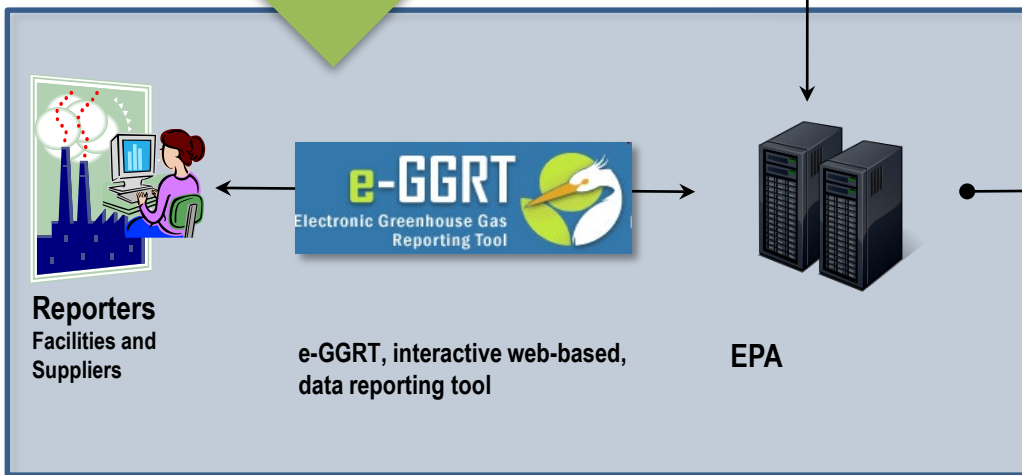
EPA EnviroFacts: Serviceable, searchable and separately hosted copy of non-CBI dataset.



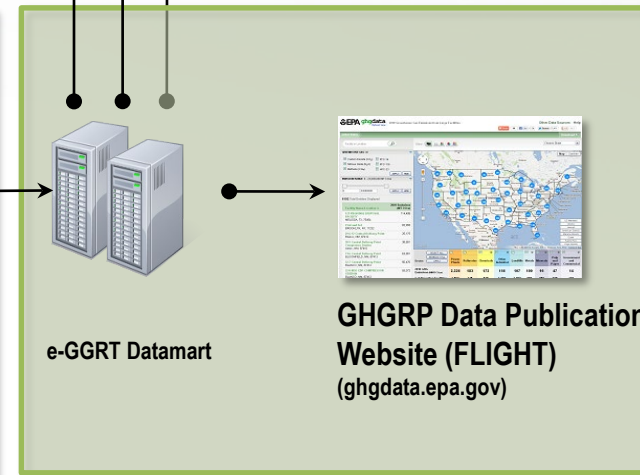
State-Specific Service Oriented data flow using EnviroFacts API



Downloadable XLS, XML & HTML Data Files & highlights



Data Collection



Data Publication

# Validation and Verification



EPA's verification process includes thousands of electronic checks.

These checks comprise two groups. **Validation** checks and **Verification** checks.

**Validation** generally refers to electronic checks and messaging performed by e-GGRT and presented to the reporter before the annual GHG report is certified and submitted

**Verification** refers to electronic checks, manual review, and messaging performed by EPA after the annual report is certified and submitted.



# What is a Facility?



- In general, a “facility” for purposes of the GHGRP means all co-located emission sources that are commonly owned or operated
- However, certain industry segments within the Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems source category have unique “facility” definitions
  - Onshore production: the “facility” includes all emissions associated with wells owned or operated by a single company (the permit holder) in a specific hydrocarbon producing basin (as defined by the geologic provinces published by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists)
  - Natural gas distribution: the “facility” is a local distribution company as regulated by a single state public utility commission
  - Gathering and boosting: a “facility” means all gathering pipelines and other equipment located along those pipelines that are under common ownership or common control by a gathering and boosting system owner or operator and that are located in a single hydrocarbon basin
  - Natural gas transmission pipeline, a “facility” means the total U.S. mileage of natural gas transmission pipelines, owned and operated by an onshore natural gas transmission pipeline owner or operator
- The other industry segments in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems source category follow the general GHGRP definition of “facility”



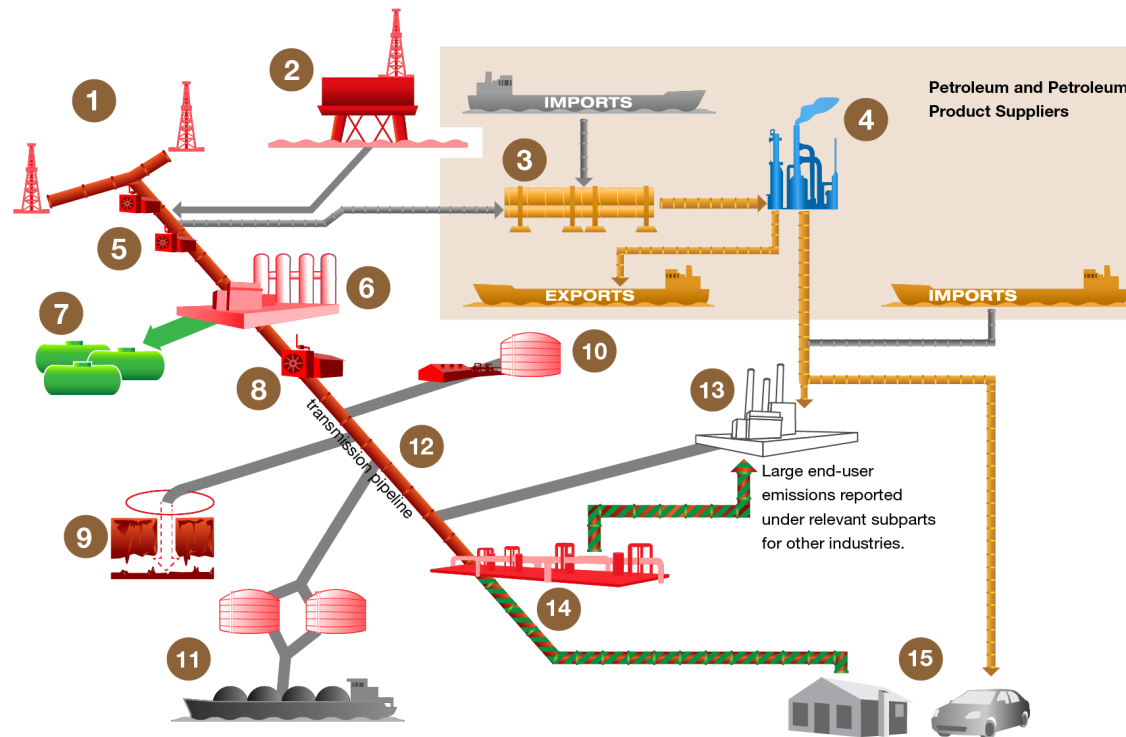
# **GHGRP Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: Reporting Year 2017 Data Summary**

# Reporting Year 2017 Data Release



- Today, EPA is releasing 2017 data collected by the GHG Reporting Program.
- In 2017, reported emissions were down 2.7% from 2016.
  - Reported emissions from large power plants declined 4.5% since 2016, and 19.7% since 2011.
  - Reported emissions from petroleum and natural gas systems increased 1.5% since 2016.
  - Reported emissions from other large sources in the industrial and wastes sectors were mostly unchanged from 2016.

# GHGRP and the Oil and Gas Industry



## Production & Processing

1. Onshore Petroleum & Natural Gas Production
2. Offshore Petroleum & Natural Gas Production
3. Total Crude Oil to Refineries
4. Petroleum Refining
5. Gathering and Boosting  
\*Data collection began in RY 2016
6. Gas Processing Plant  
\*May contain NGL Fractionation equipment
7. Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) Supply

## Natural Gas Transmission & Storage

8. Transmission Compressor Stations
9. Underground Storage
10. Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Storage
11. LNG Import-Export Equipment
12. Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline  
\*Data collection began in RY 2016

## Distribution

13. Large End Users
14. Natural Gas Distribution
15. Natural Gas & Petroleum Supply to Small End Users

	Subpart W: Emissions from petroleum & natural gas systems
	Subpart Y: Emissions from petroleum refineries
	Subpart MM: CO <sub>2</sub> associated with supplies of petroleum products
	Subpart NN: CO <sub>2</sub> associated with supplies of natural gas & natural gas liquids
	Not reported under GHGRP

# Reported GHG Emissions by Industry Segment



- EPA received annual reports from 2,253 facilities
- Reported emissions totaled 284 Million Metric Tons (MMT) CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Largest segments in terms of reported GHG emissions were onshore production, gathering and boosting, and natural gas processing

Segment	Number of Facilities	2017 Reported Emissions (Million Metric Tons CO <sub>2</sub> e)
Onshore Production	497	94
Offshore Production	141	7
Gathering and Boosting	321	75
Natural Gas Processing	449	56
Natural Gas Transmission Compression	529	24
Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline	33	3
Underground Natural Gas Storage	48	1
LNG Import/Export	6	4
LNG Storage	6	<1
Natural Gas Distribution	169	13
Other Oil and Gas Combustion	79	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,253</b>	<b>284</b>

# Changes in Reported Emissions by Industry Segment: 2011-2017

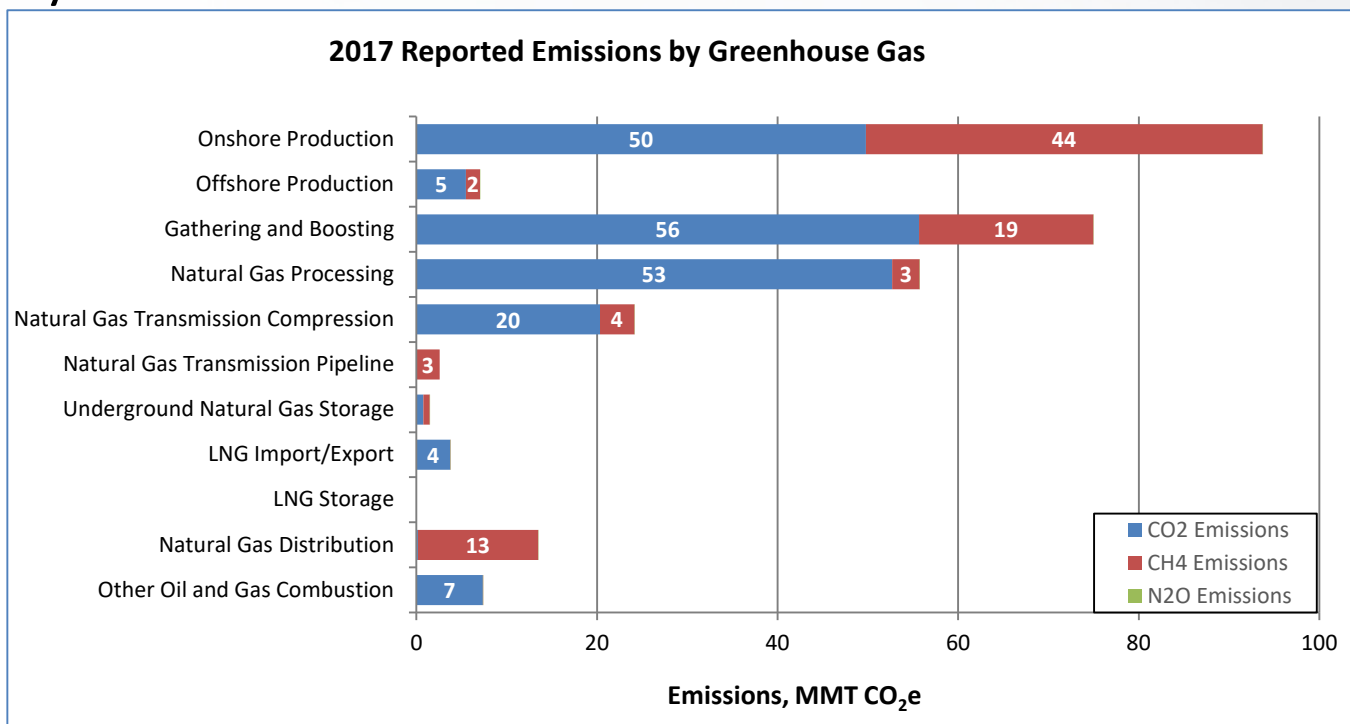


Industry Segment	2011 Reported Emissions (MMT CO <sub>2</sub> e)	2012 Reported Emissions (MMT CO <sub>2</sub> e)	2013 Reported Emissions (MMT CO <sub>2</sub> e)	2014 Reported Emissions (MMT CO <sub>2</sub> e)	2015 Reported Emissions (MMT CO <sub>2</sub> e)	2016 Reported Emissions (MMT CO <sub>2</sub> e)	2017 Reported Emissions (MMT CO <sub>2</sub> e)
Onshore Production	92	93	98	102	101	85	94
Offshore Production	6	7	6	7	7	7	7
Gathering and Boosting	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	82	75
Natural Gas Processing	59	60	59	60	59	55	56
Natural Gas Transmission Compression	24	24	23	22	23	22	24
Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	3
Underground Natural Gas Storage	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
LNG Import/Export	1	1	<1	1	1	2	4
LNG Storage	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Natural Gas Distribution	16	15	15	15	14	14	13
Other Oil and Gas Combustion	23	25	24	28	29	7	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>284</b>

# Reported Emissions by Greenhouse Gas



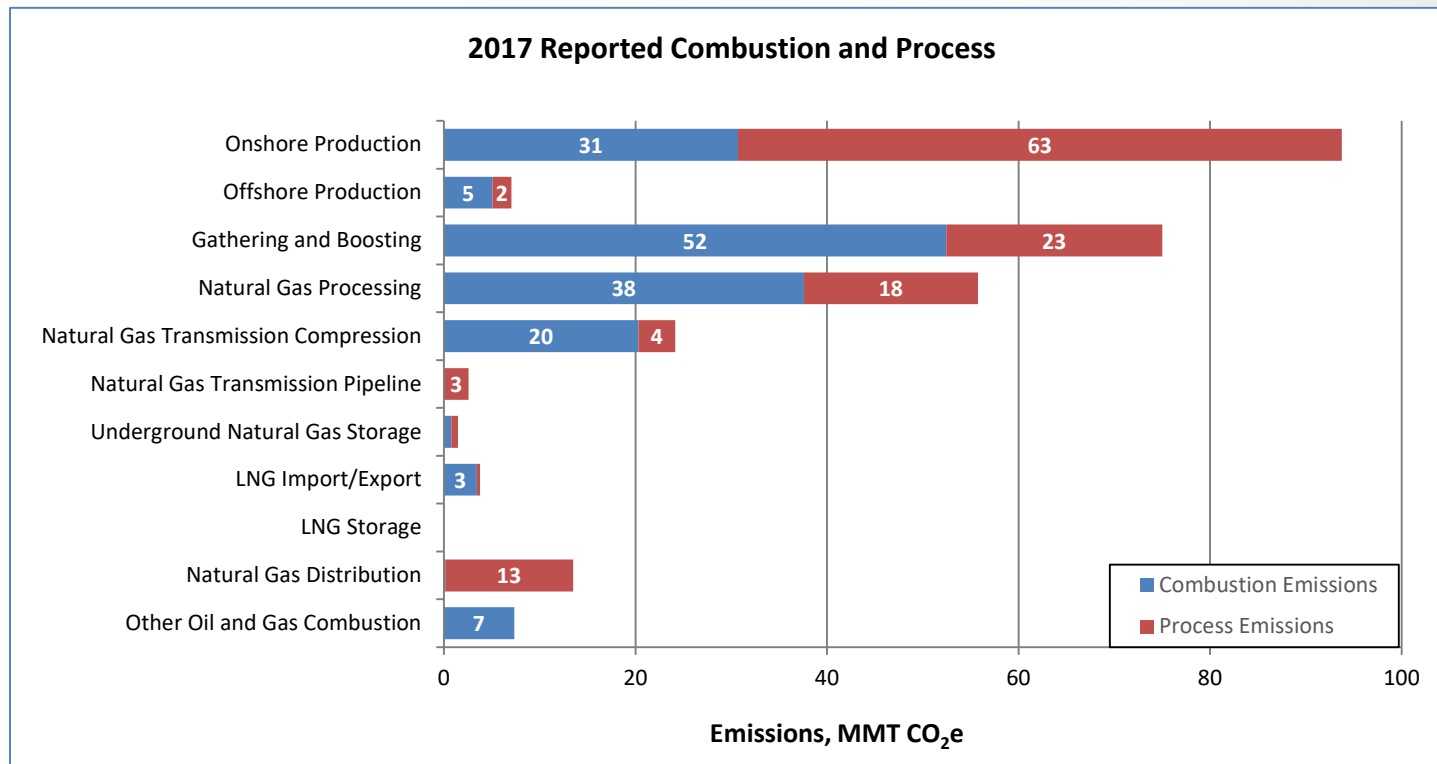
- Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions accounted for 197 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e and methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) emissions accounted for 88 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Emissions from natural gas distribution were primarily methane while emissions from natural gas transmission compression, natural gas processing, gathering and boosting, and onshore production were primarily carbon dioxide



# Combustion and Process Emissions

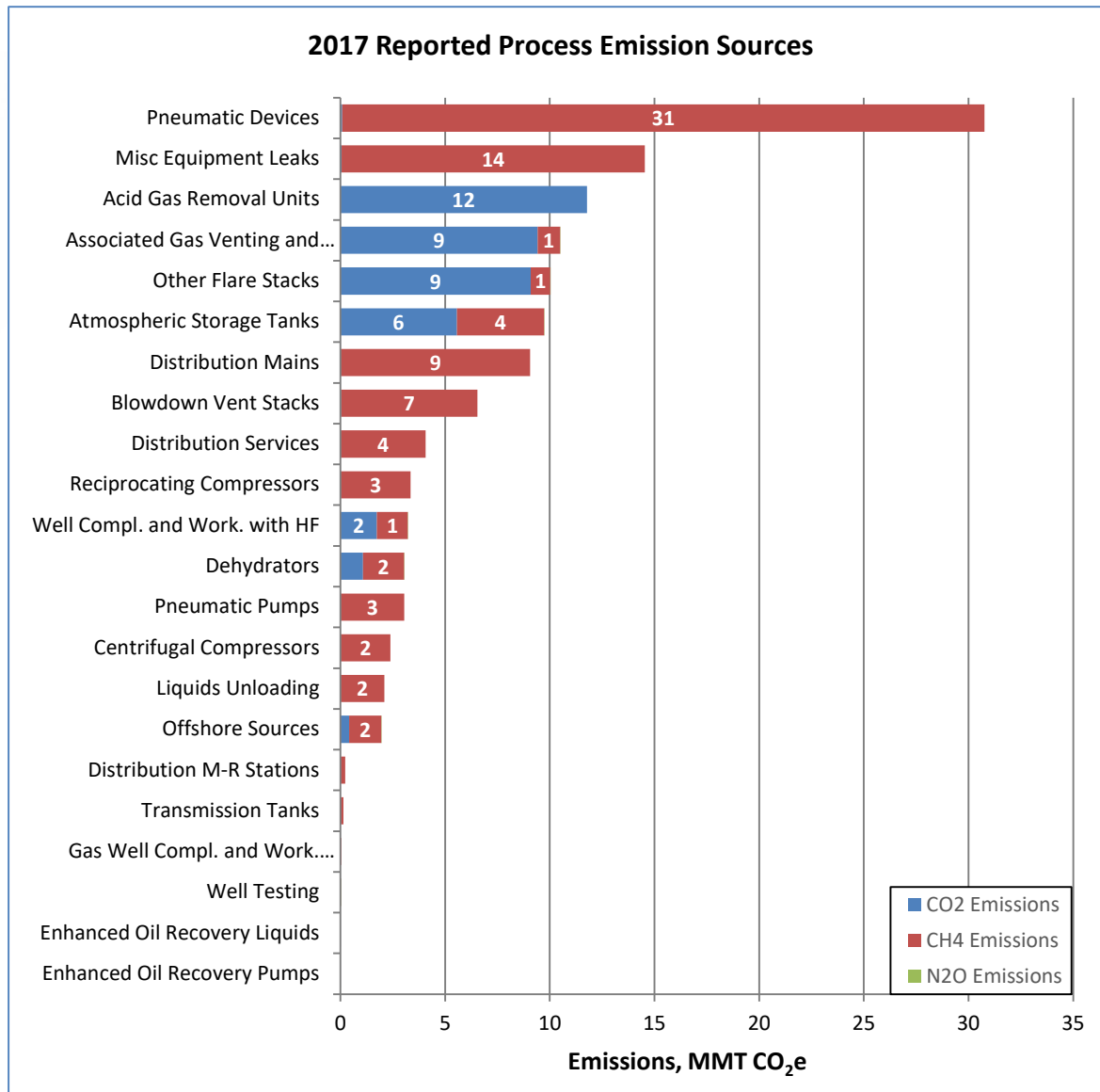


- GHG emissions can result from combustion of fossil fuels, or from process sources that lead to the direct emission of GHGs
- Total combustion emissions were 159 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e and were primarily from gathering and boosting, natural gas processing, onshore production, and natural gas transmission compression
- Total process emissions were 129 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e and were primarily from onshore production, gathering and boosting, natural gas processing, and natural gas distribution





# Process Emission Sources

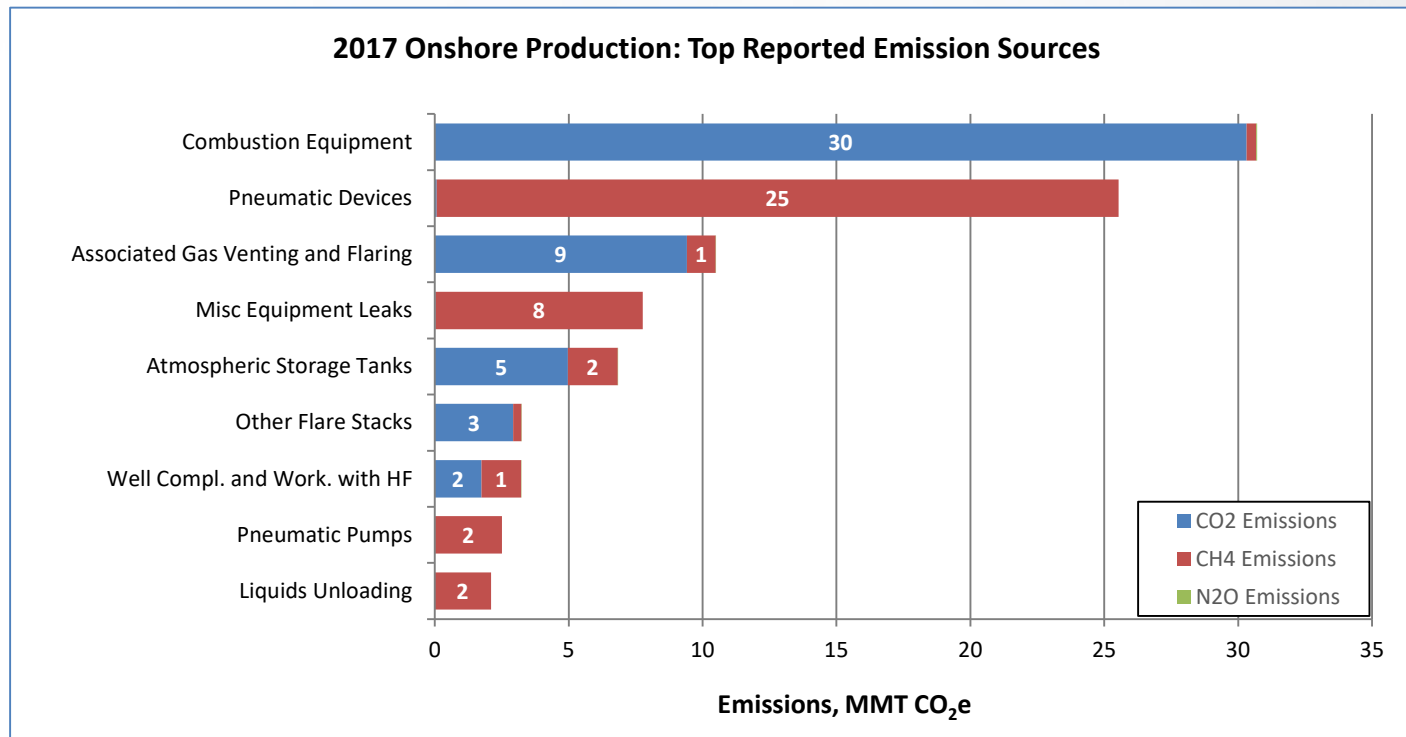


- The figure to the left shows total reported process emissions across all Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems facilities
- The largest reported process emission sources were pneumatic devices, miscellaneous equipment leaks, and acid gas removal units

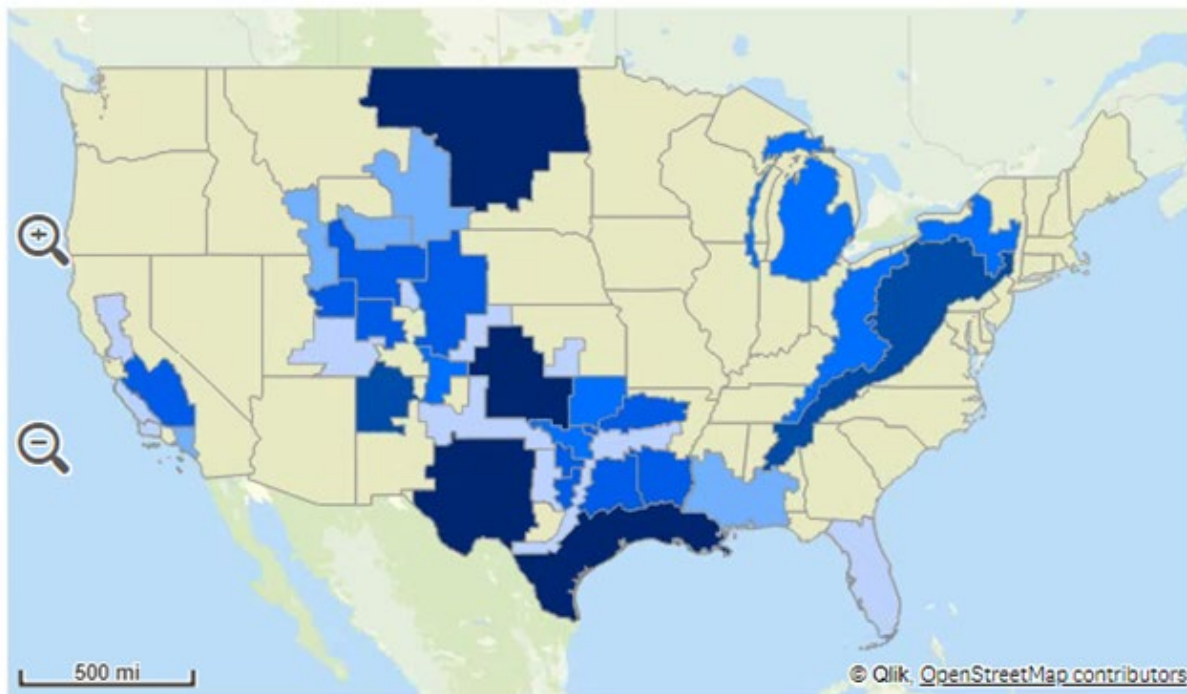
# Onshore Production



- Reported emissions in onshore production totaled 93.8 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Methane emissions totaled 44.2 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e and carbon dioxide emissions totaled 50.5 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Combustion equipment (30.9 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e) and pneumatic devices (25.7 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e) were the top reported emission sources in onshore production



# Onshore Production Basins

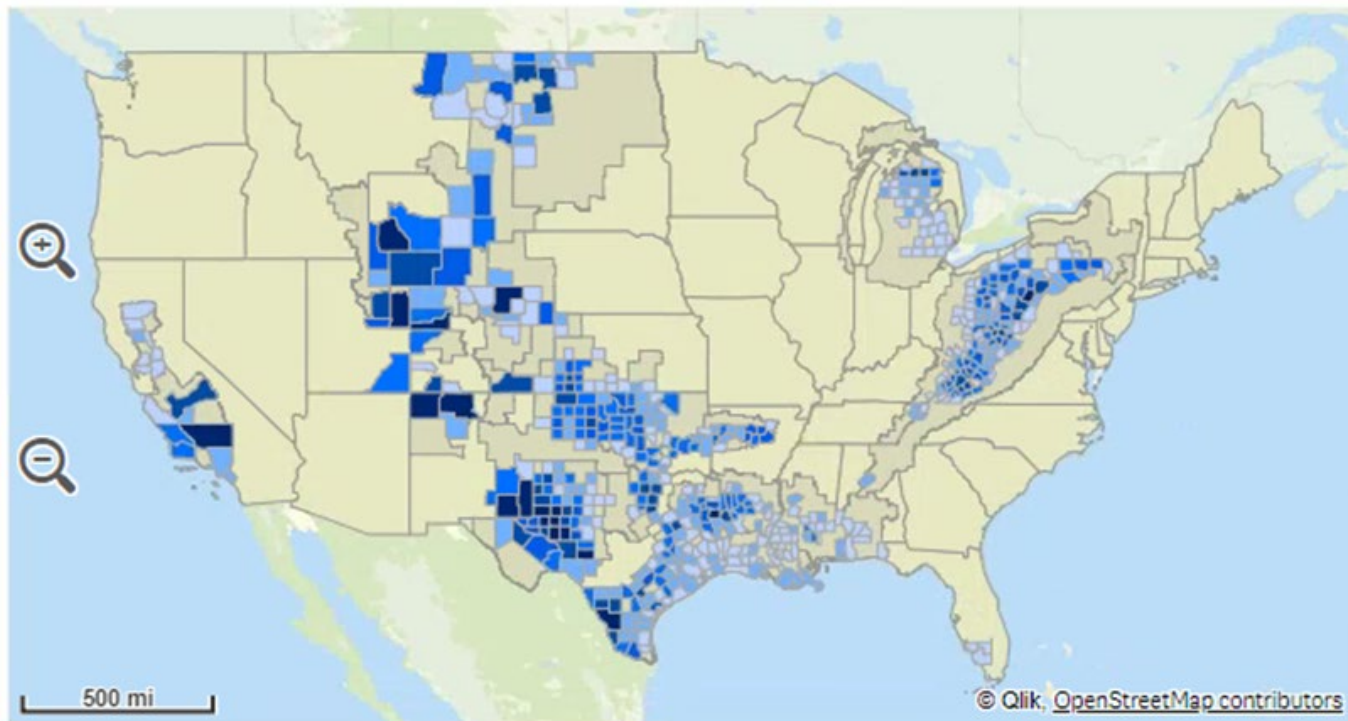


**GHGRP, 2017  
Emissions by Basin  
Onshore Petroleum and Natural Gas  
Production  
(metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e)**

Range

1,000 - 150,000
150,000 - 500,000
500,000 - 1,500,000
1,500,000 - 5,000,000
5,000,000 - 10,000,000
10,000,000 - 15,000,000

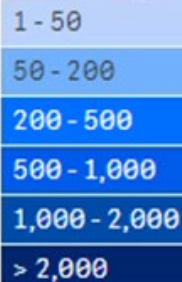
# Onshore Production Well Count by County



**GHGRP, 2017**  
**Well Count by County**  
**Onshore Petroleum and**  
**Natural Gas Production**  
**(wells)**

*Total from counties in Alaska: 1,449 wells*

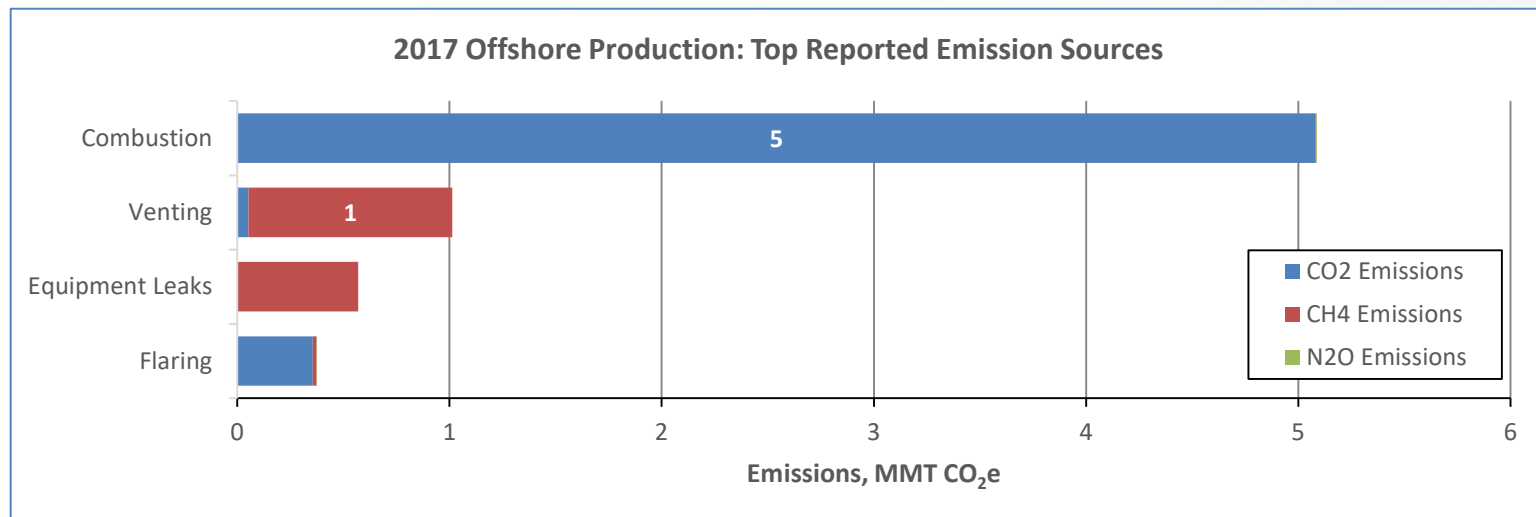
Range



# Offshore Production



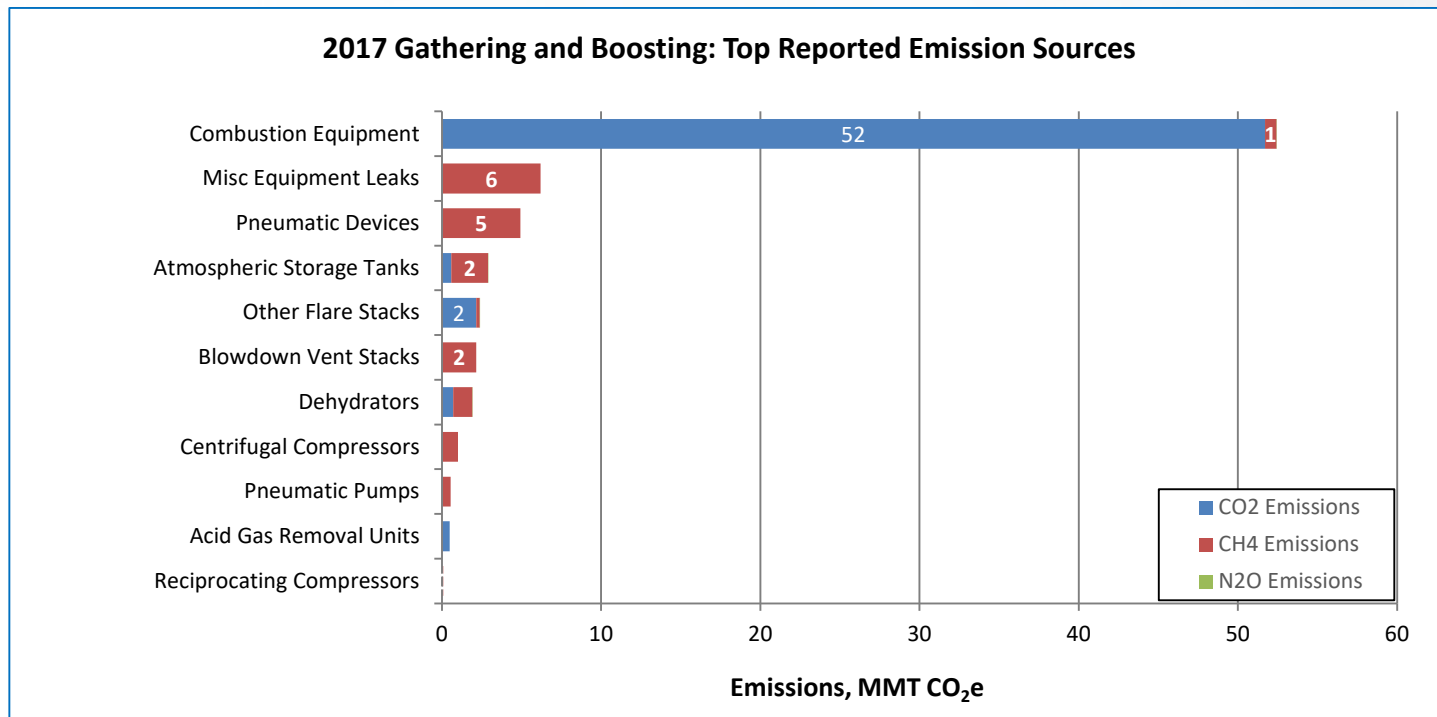
- Reported emissions from offshore production totaled 7.0 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Methane emissions totaled 1.6 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e and carbon dioxide emissions totaled 5.5 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- The top reported emission source was combustion equipment (5 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e)
- GHGRP calculation methods for process emissions are based on requirements that were established by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)



# Gathering and Boosting



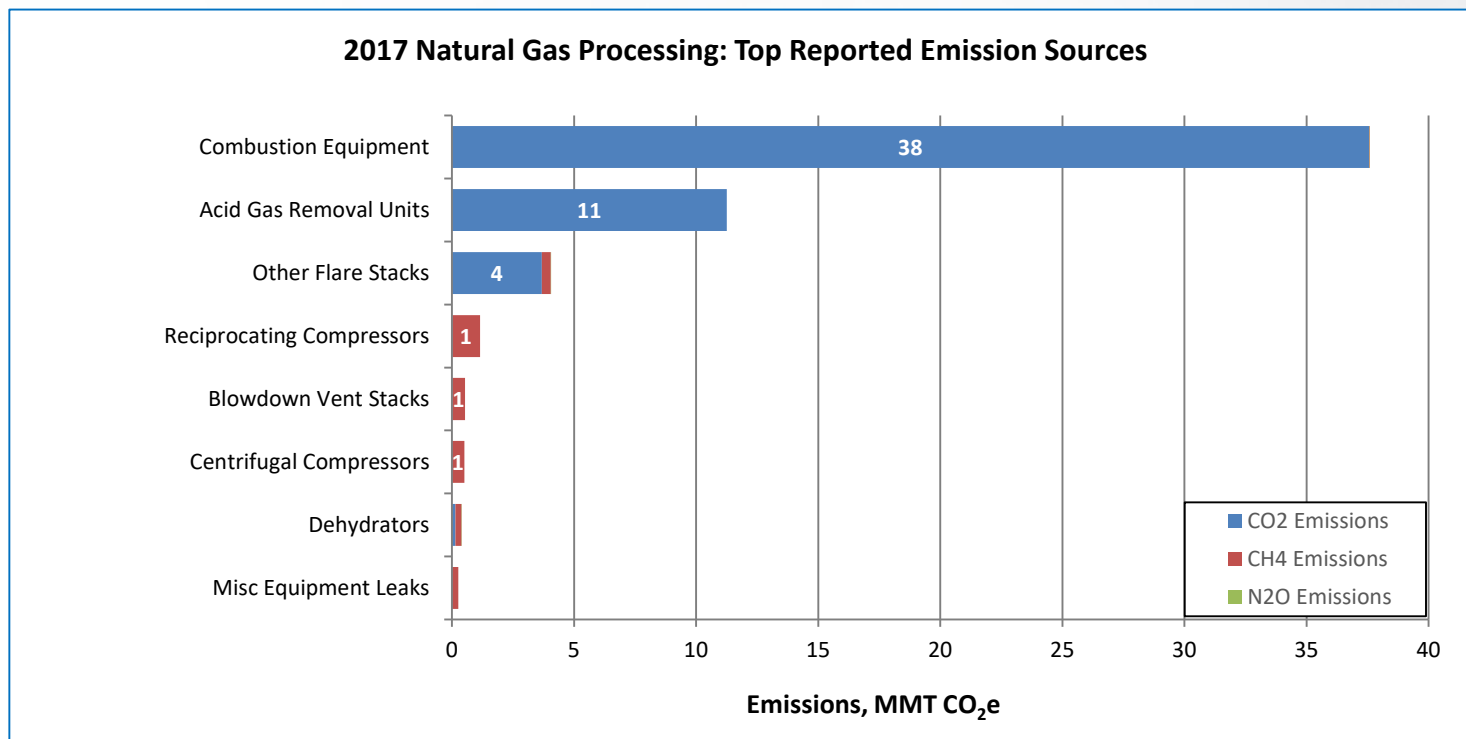
- The gathering and boosting segment was first reported in 2016
- Reported emissions from gathering and boosting totaled 75 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Methane emissions totaled 19.3 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e and carbon dioxide emissions totaled 55.7 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- The top reported emission sources were combustion equipment (52.5 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e), miscellaneous equipment leaks (6.2 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e), and pneumatic devices (4.9 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e)



# Natural Gas Processing



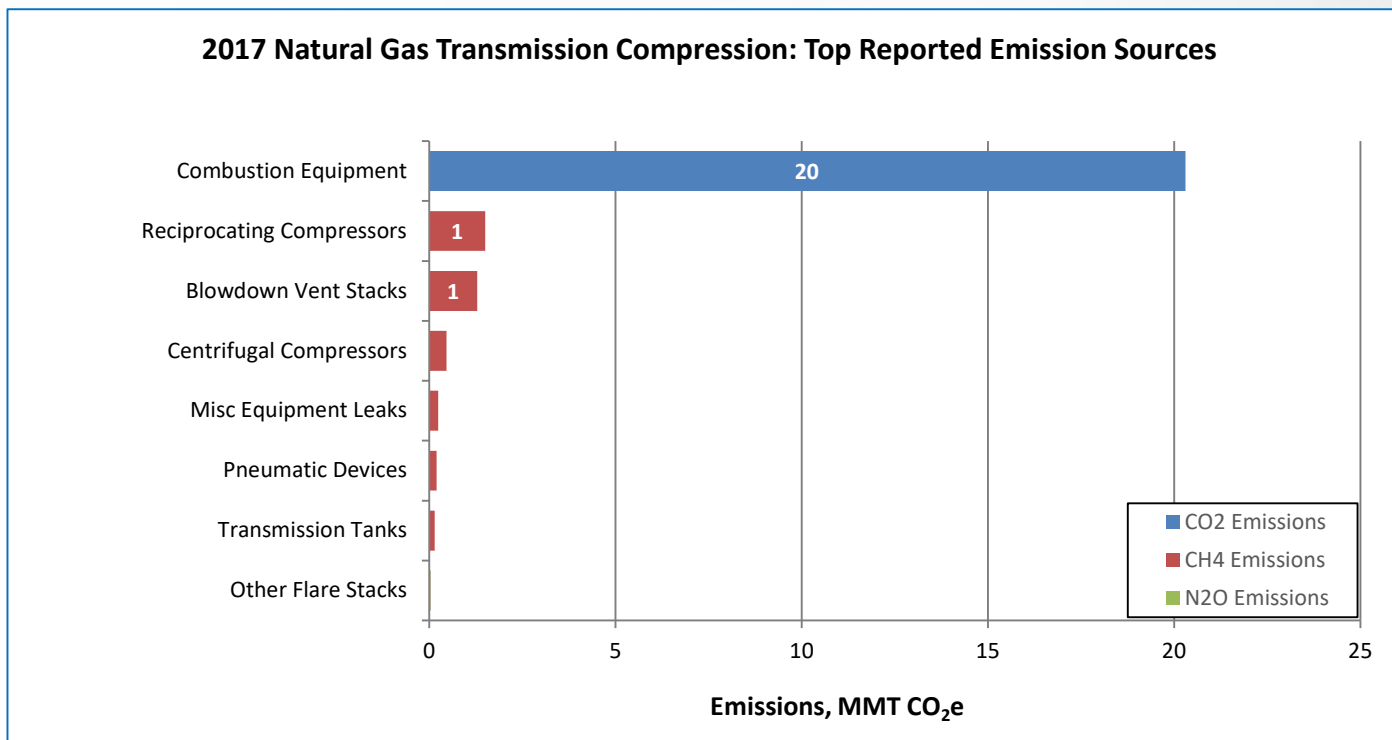
- Reported emissions from natural gas processing totaled 55.8 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Methane emissions totaled 3.1 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e and carbon dioxide emissions totaled 52.8 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- The top reported emission sources were combustion equipment (37.7 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e), acid gas removal units (11.3 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e), and other flare stacks (4.1 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e)



# Natural Gas Transmission Compression



- Reported emissions from natural gas transmission compression totaled 24.2 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Methane emissions totaled 3.9 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e and carbon dioxide emissions totaled 20.8 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Top reported emission source was combustion equipment (20.8 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e)



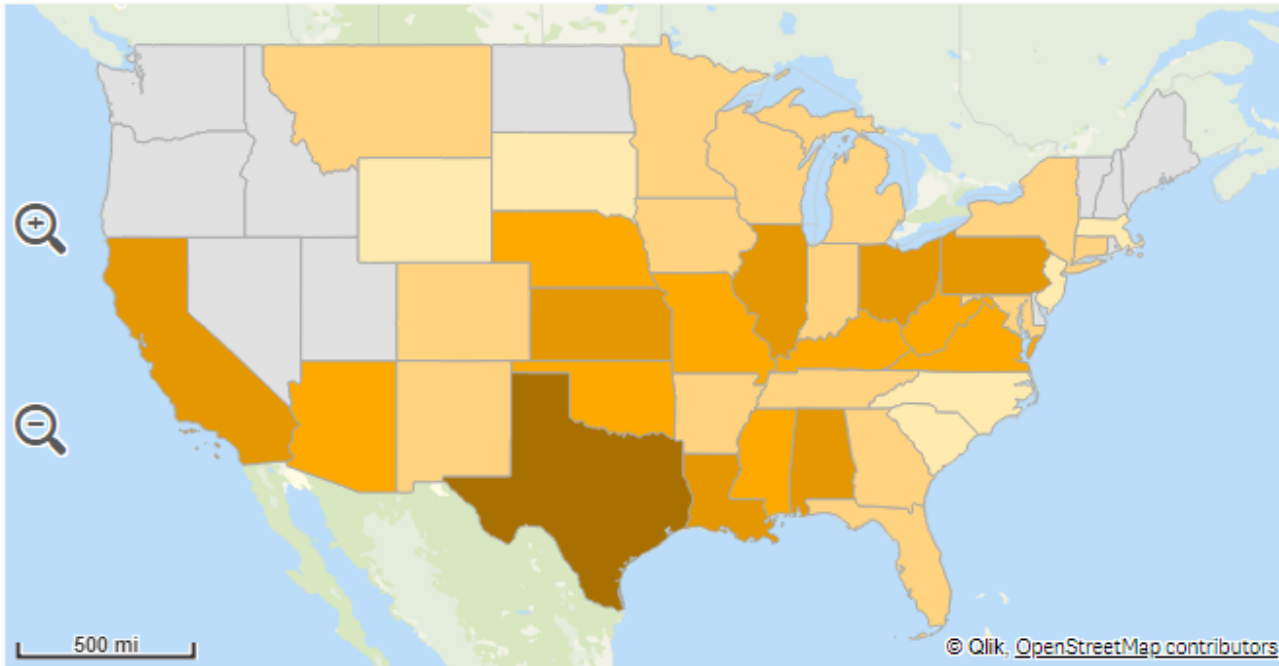


# Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline



- GHG emissions from the natural gas transmission pipeline segment were first reported in 2016 and contains one reported emission source, blowdown vent stacks
- Reported emissions from natural gas transmission pipeline totaled 2.6 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Methane emissions totaled 2.6 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e and carbon dioxide emissions totaled less than 0.01 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e

# Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline



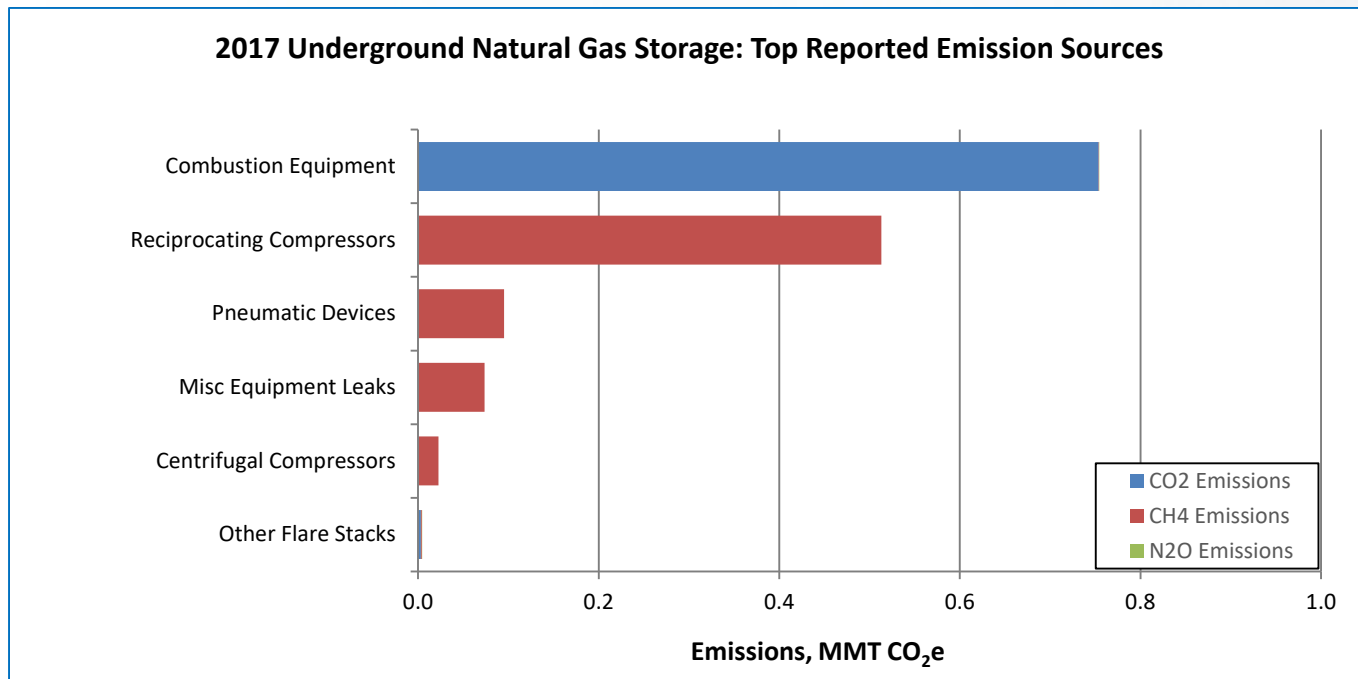
**GHGRP, 2017**  
**Onshore Gas Transmission**  
**Pipelines Emissions by State**  
**(metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e)**

Range
1 - 5,000
5,000 - 50,000
50,000 - 125,000
125,000 - 300,000
300,000 - 500,000
> 500,000
No reported emissions

# Underground Natural Gas Storage



- Reported emissions from underground natural gas storage totaled 1.5 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Methane emissions totaled 0.7 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e and carbon dioxide emissions totaled 0.8 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- The top reported emission source was combustion equipment (0.8 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e)



# LNG Import/Export and LNG Storage

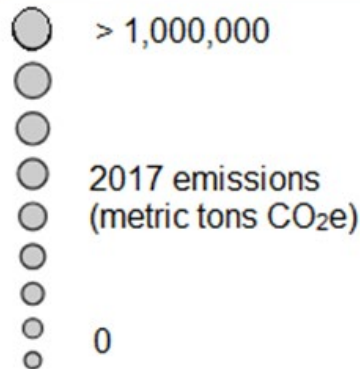


- LNG Import/Export
  - EPA received emission reports from 6 LNG import/export terminals
  - Reported emissions totaled 3.8 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
    - Methane emissions totaled 0.04 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e and carbon dioxide emissions totaled 3.7 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
    - Top reported source of emissions was combustion equipment (3.4 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e)
- LNG Storage
  - EPA received emission reports from 6 LNG storage facilities
  - Reported emissions from LNG storage were less than 0.01 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e

# NG Processing, Transmission Compression, Underground Storage, LNG



**GHGRP, 2017  
Facility Locations and  
Emissions  
(metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e)**



Subsector

NG Transmission and  
Compression

NG Processing

NG Underground Storage

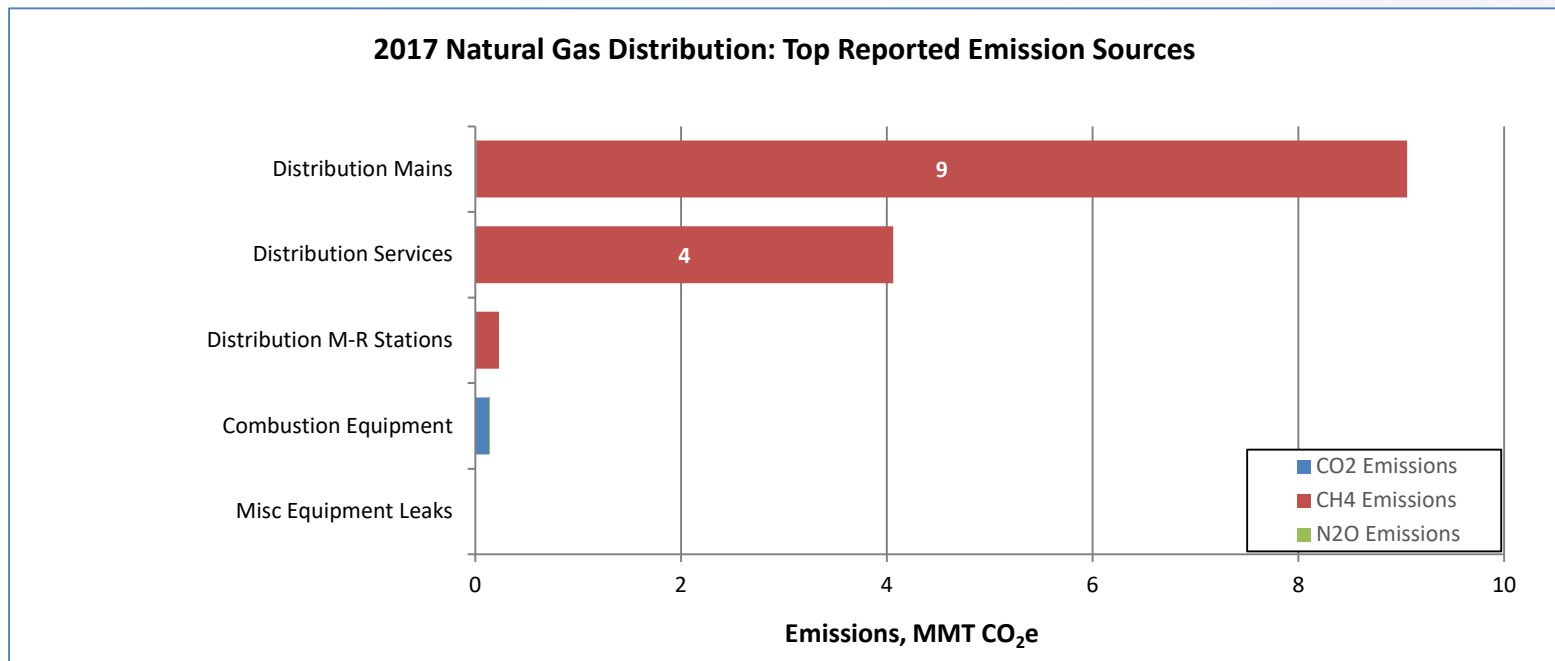
LNG Storage

LNG Import and Export

# Natural Gas Distribution



- Reported emissions from natural gas distribution totaled 13.5 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Methane emissions totaled 13.4 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e and carbon dioxide emissions totaled 0.2 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Distribution mains (9.1 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e) and distribution services (4.1 MMT CO<sub>2</sub>e) accounted for the majority of reported emissions





**For More Information**

# How to Access GHGRP Data on Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems



- EPA has several data portals to access data collected by the GHGRP on Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems
- EPA's easy-to-use Facility Level Information on GreenHouse gas Tool (FLIGHT) allows users to view GHG data from Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems in a variety of ways
  - View GHG data reported by individual facilities
  - Aggregate reported emissions based on industry segment or geographic level
  - Search for facilities by name, location, corporate parent, or NAICS code
  - Visit FLIGHT: <http://ghgdata.epa.gov/ghgp>
- Detailed non-CBI data is available on Envirofacts
  - Access GHG data on Envirofacts: <http://www.epa.gov/enviro/facts/ghg/search.html>



# Informational Webinar



- EPA will be holding an informational webinar to demonstrate its greenhouse gas data publication tool known as “FLIGHT”, as well as Envirofacts
  - The tentative date is Wednesday, October 24
  - For more information, and to register for the webinar see: [www.epa.gov/ghgreporting/](http://www.epa.gov/ghgreporting/)

# Other GHGRP Resources



- GHGRP Subpart W website:  
<http://www.epa.gov/ghgreporting/subpart-w-petroleum-and-natural-gas-systems>
- GHGRP Help Desk: [GHGReporting@epa.gov](mailto:GHGReporting@epa.gov)