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Oklahoma Oil & Gas NEI Submission History

	Before 2008	2008 NEI	2011 NEI	2014 NEI
Wellhead	Not Inventoried	CENRAP Study	Oil & Gas Tool	Oil & Gas Tool + Aggregated Permitted Wells
Midstream	Minor Facilities Not Reported	Aggregated Midstream Emissions	Point Source Midstream Emissions	Point Source Midstream Emissions
Major Point Sources	Type A & B Actuals	Type A & B Actuals	Type A & B Potential	Type A & B Potential

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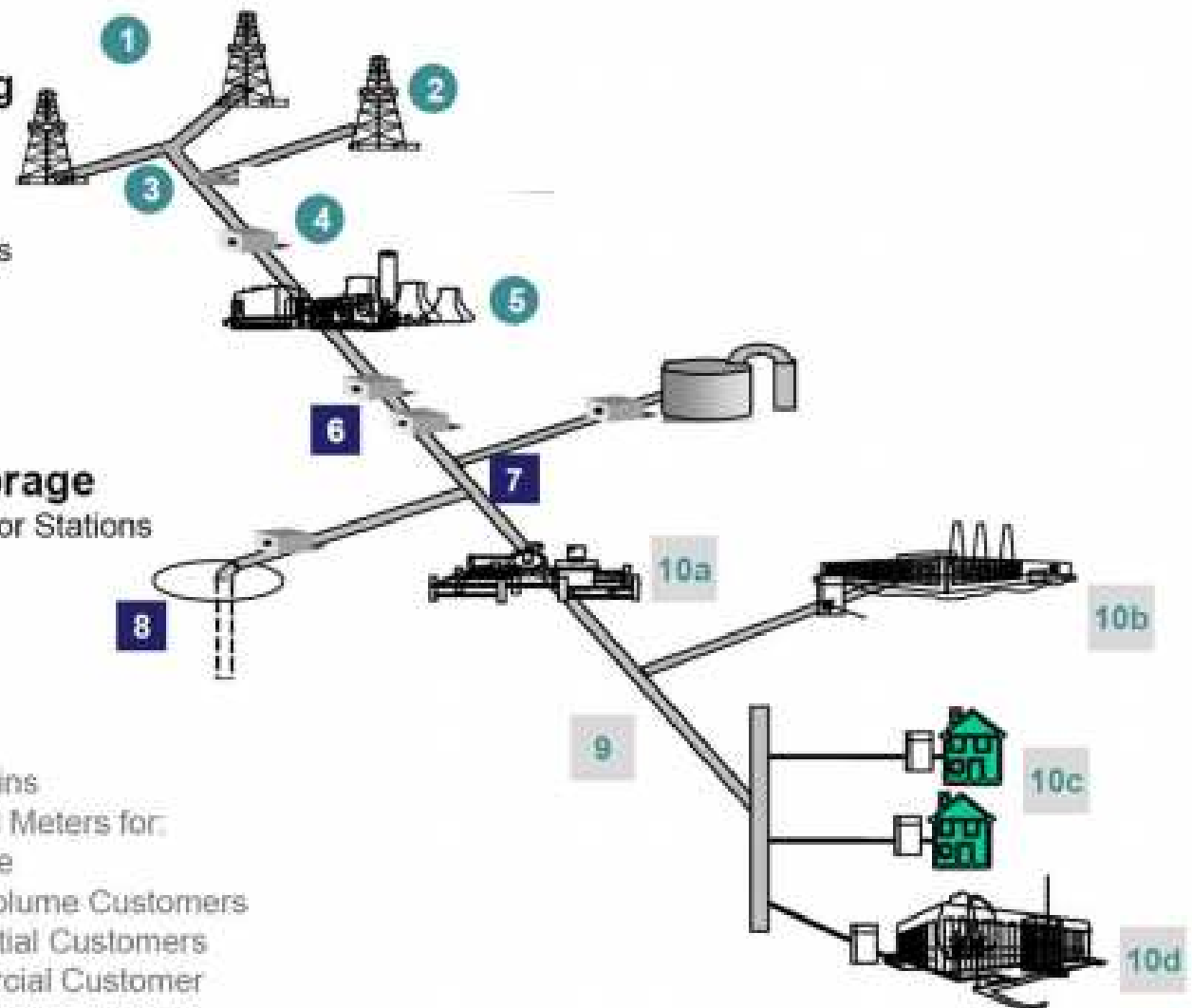
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2. Producing Wells
3. Gathering Lines
4. Gathering and Boosting Stations
5. Gas Processing Plant

Natural Gas Transmission & Storage

6. Transmission Compressor Stations
7. Transmission Pipeline
8. Underground Storage

Distribution

9. Distribution Mains
10. Regulators and Meters for:
 - a. City Gate
 - b. Large Volume Customers
 - c. Residential Customers
 - d. Commercial Customer



Source: (EPA 2014a)

- Oil and Gas Tool
+ Aggregated
Permitted Wells

- Point Source
Midstream
Emissions

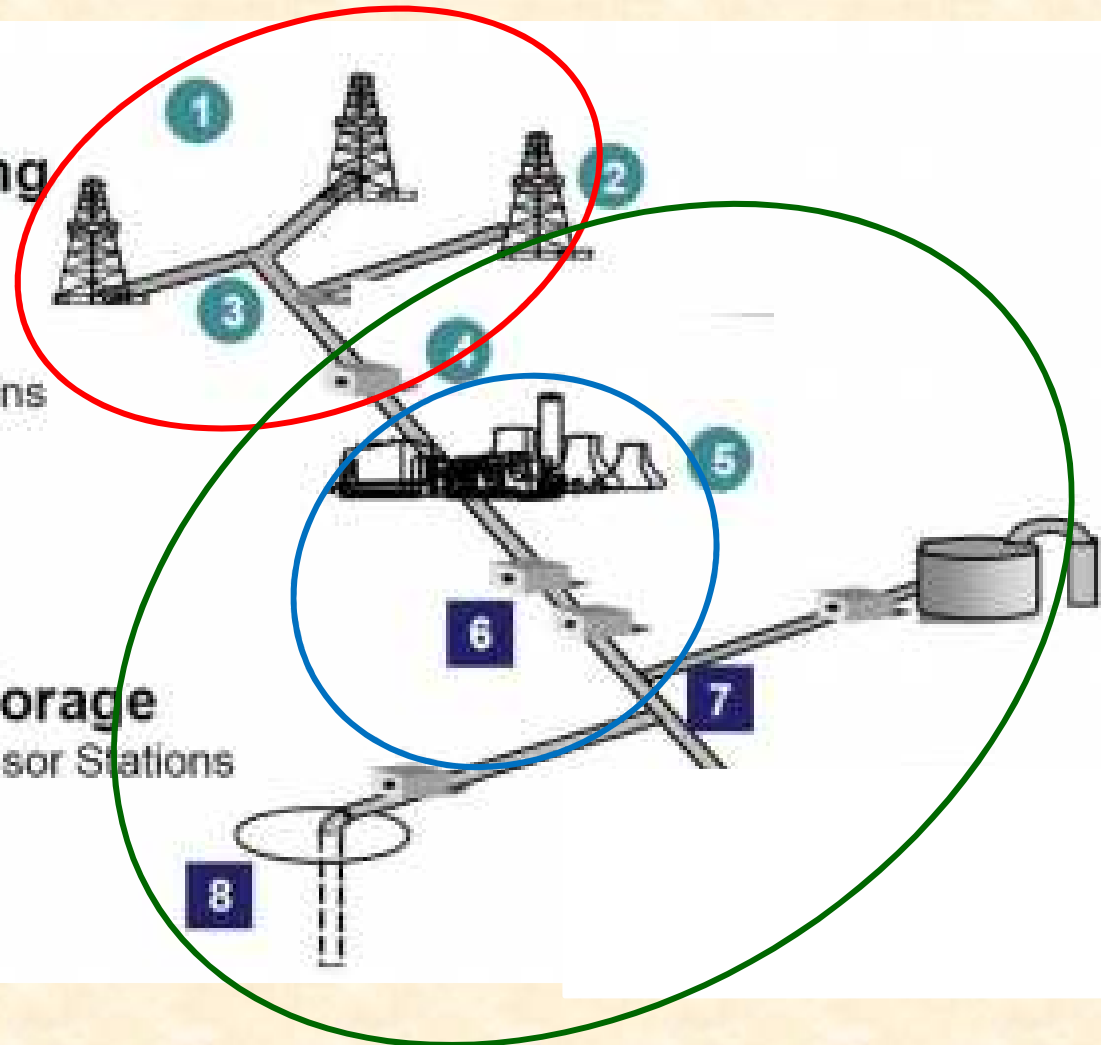
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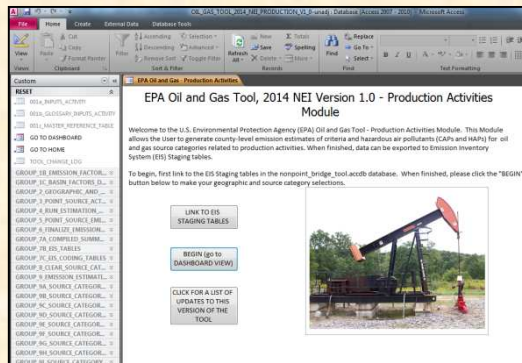
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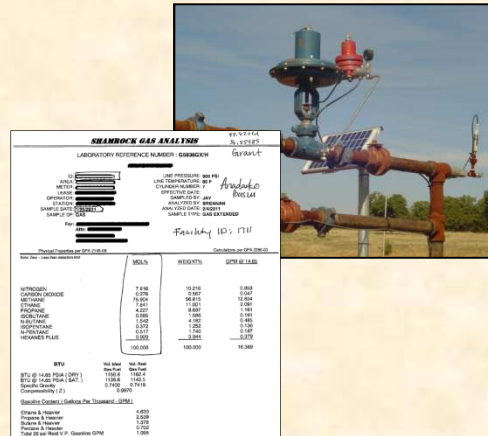


Oklahoma Area Source Oil & Gas Production Emissions



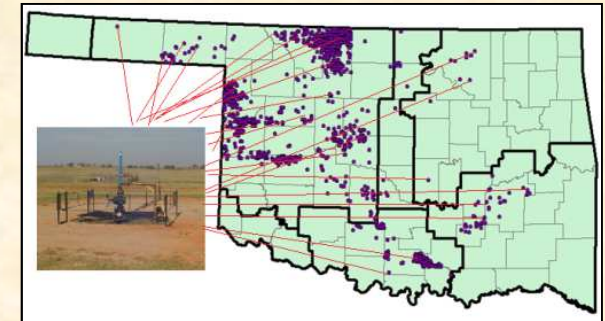
2014 O&G Production Tool

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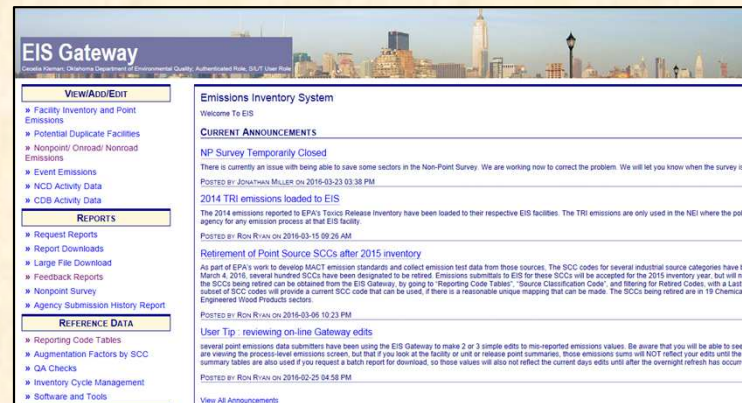
Oklahoma Changes

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Point Source Inventories from Permitted Wellheads

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2014 NEI Area Oil and Gas Submission to EIS

Oklahoma Modifications:

What is Different?

- **OKDEQ Gas Composition:** We used gas composition data for the 15 counties where we had sufficiently representative data
- **Pneumatic Devices:** We incorporated the results of an Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association (OIPA) study on pneumatic devices performed in Oklahoma (normal operations + malfunctions)
- **Wellhead Point Source Inventory Data:** We incorporated point source inventory data from over 4,000 oil and gas wellheads into our area source submission
 - This number of wells and their associated activity was removed from the Tool

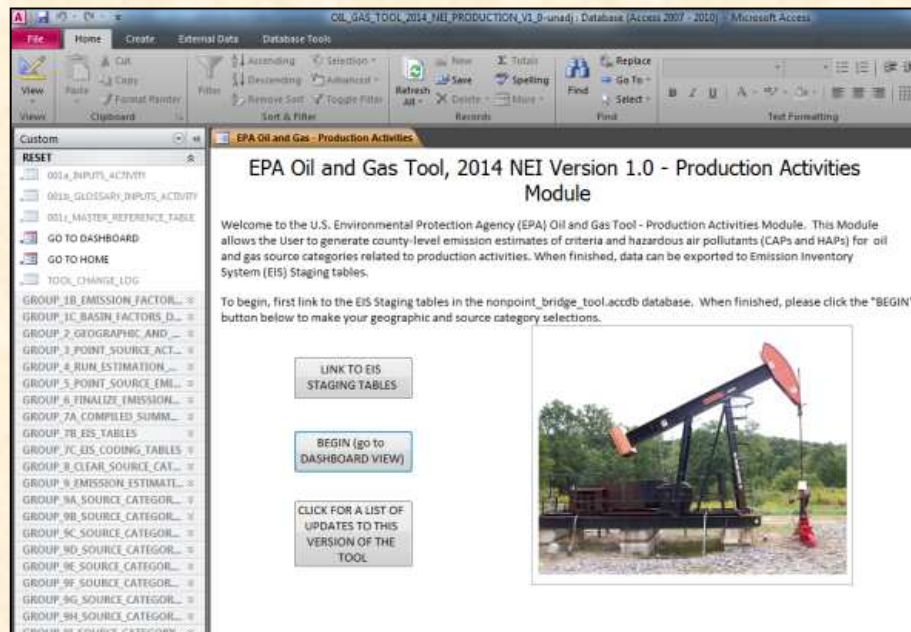
Area Oil & Gas Emissions Estimation Tool

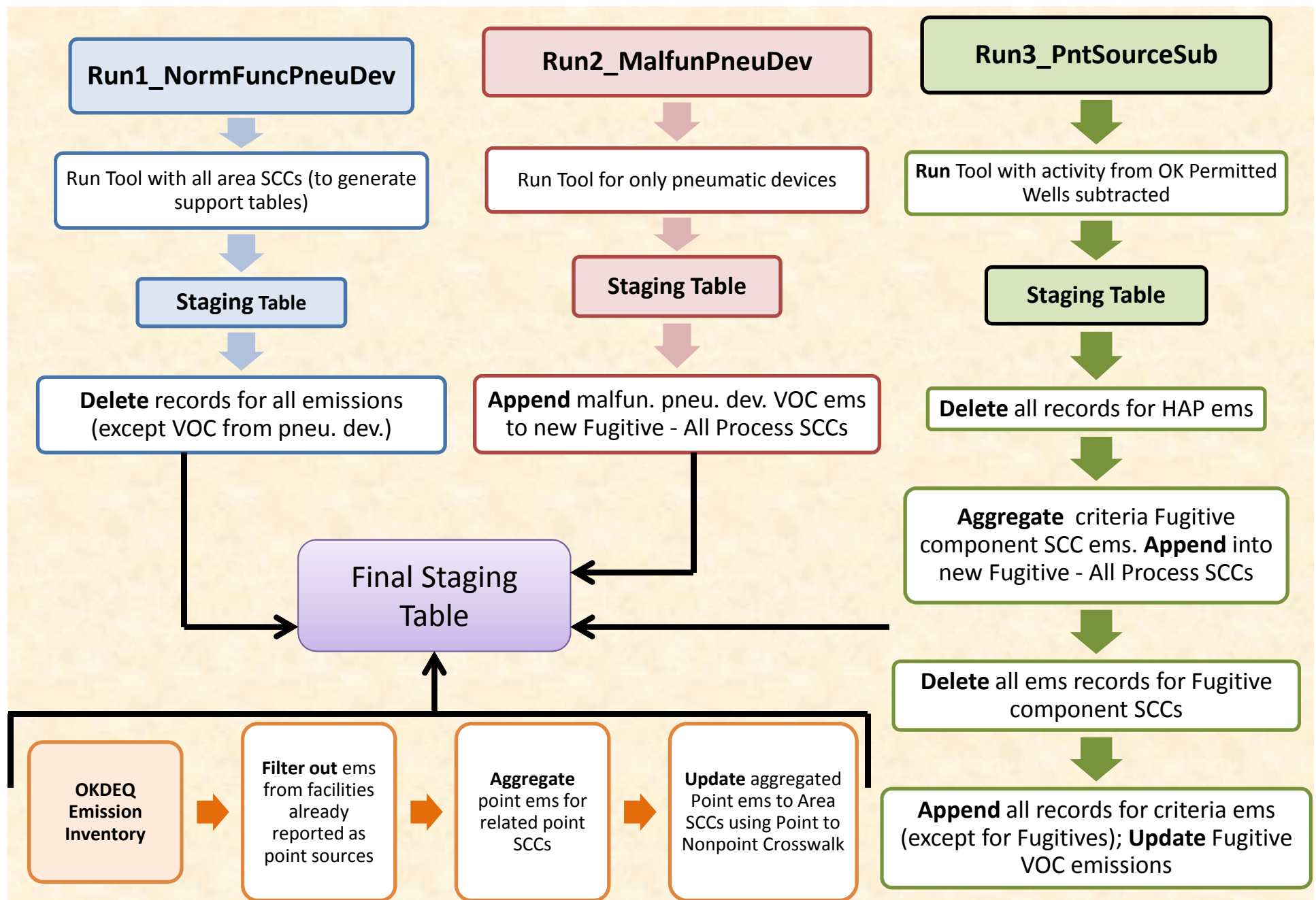
- **Goal:** To capture the best estimate of criteria pollutant and HAP emissions from the Production oil and gas sector across the state of Oklahoma
 - Involved many runs of the tool, and manipulation of the staging tables
 - **Main objective:** prioritize getting point source emissions into the final staging table over perfecting the point to nonpoint crosswalk (TONS matter more than SCCs)
 - EPA/ERG performed HAP augmentation to better characterize HAP emissions from OK point (and nonpoint) sources

Overview of Our Approach

- **Tool Scenario Runs:** Running the O&G tool with different source categories, basin factors, speciation profiles, etc.
- **Procedures:** Adding emissions from the different scenario runs, and from the OKDEQ point emission inventory to the final staging tables
- **Analysis:** Examine VOC & NOx emission totals and the differences between permitted wells and unpermitted wells

Tool Scenario Runs





Run1_NormFuncPneuDev

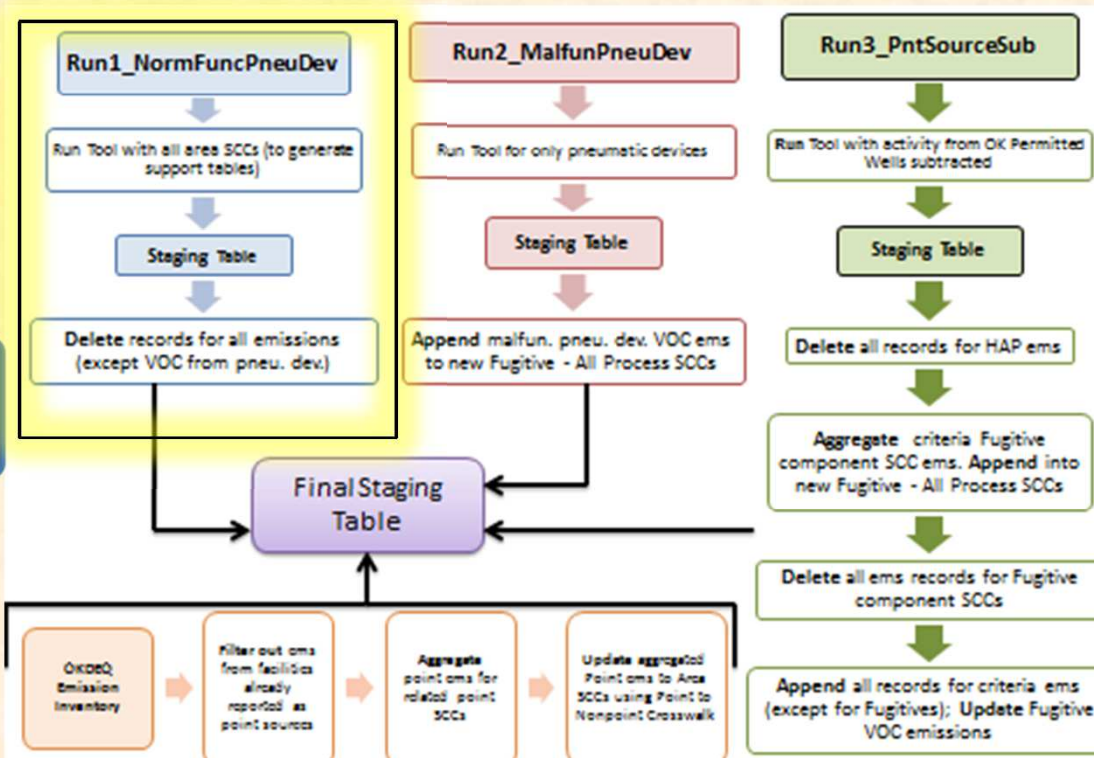
Run1_NormFuncPneuDev

Run Tool with all area SCCs (to generate support tables)

Staging Table

Delete records for all emissions (except VOC from pneu. dev.)

STEP 1: Produce VOC emissions from normally-functioning pneumatic devices



Run1_NormFuncPneuDev

- Run of the tool that generates emissions from **normally functioning pneumatic devices**
- Includes:
 - OKDEQ local gas composition data (speciation profiles for pneumatic devices)
 - Pneumatic device basin factor data for normally functioning pneumatic devices (OIPA, 2014)
 - Running all area SCCs to generate support tables; only emissions from normally functioning pneumatics are kept

Run1_NormFuncPneuDev

BASIN FACTOR - DATA_CATEGORY	CURRENT_VALUE	CURRENT_REFERENCE
Number of No Bleed devices (COUNT)		OIPA_STUDY_2014
Bleed rate, No Bleed devices (SCF/HR/DEVICE)		OIPA_STUDY_2014
Number of Low Bleed devices (COUNT)		OIPA_STUDY_2014
Bleed rate, Low Bleed devices (SCF/HR/DEVICE)		OIPA_STUDY_2014
Number of High Bleed devices (COUNT)		OIPA_STUDY_2014
Bleed rate, High Bleed devices (SCF/HR/DEVICE)		OIPA_STUDY_2014
Number of Intermittent Bleed devices (COUNT)	3.6	OIPA_STUDY_2014
Bleed rate, Intermittent Bleed devices (SCF/HR/DEVICE)	1.05	OIPA_STUDY_2014

OIPA Basin Factors: for **normally** functioning pneumatic devices.

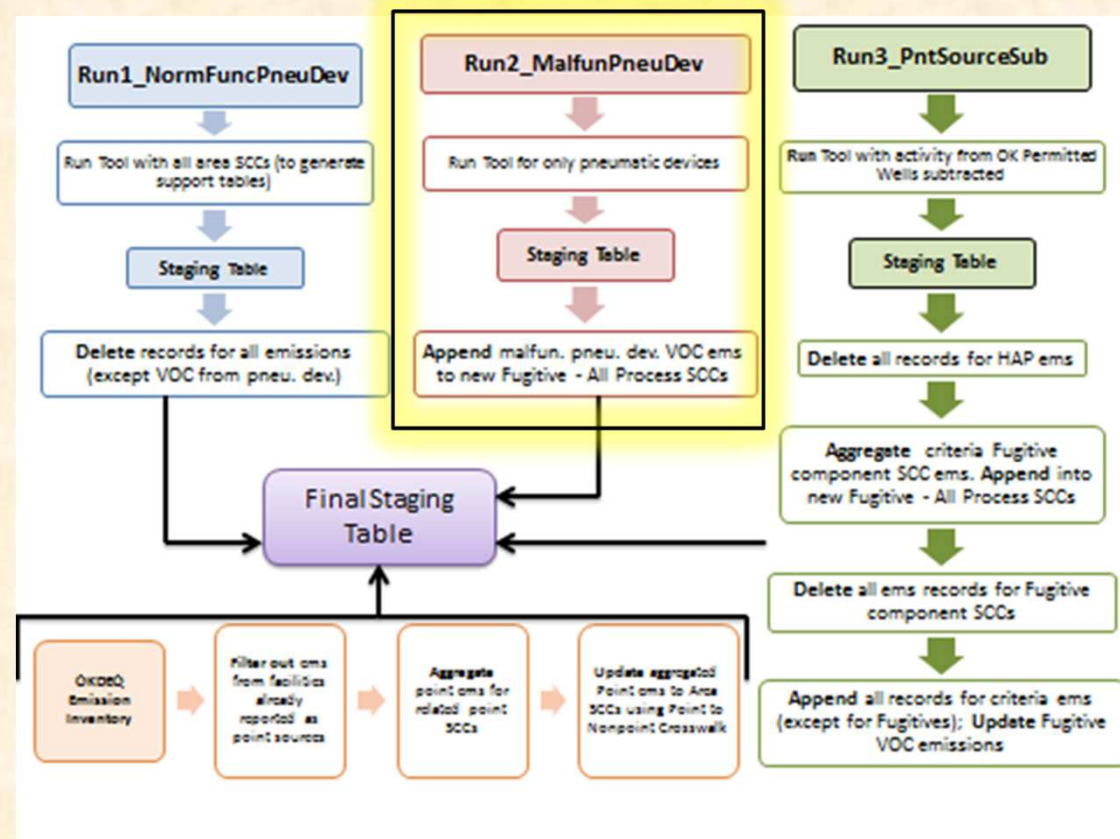
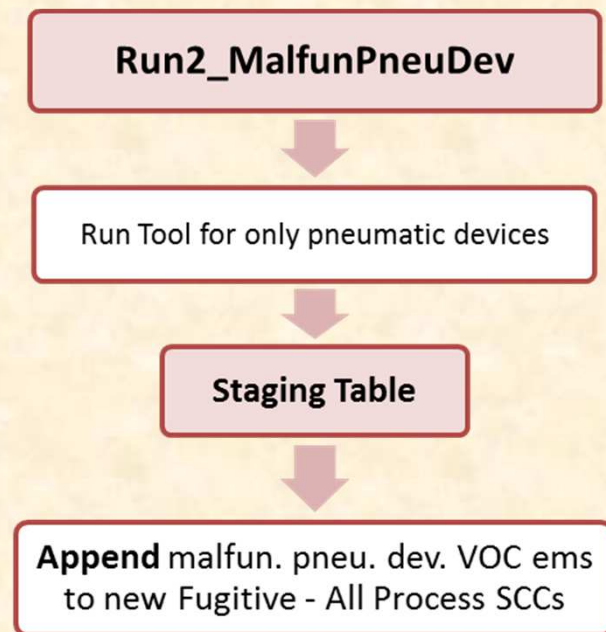
OKDEQ Speciation

Profiles: calculated only for counties with at least 10 unique sales gas composition analyses

County	Reference	Alfalfa
MW of vented gas (G/MOL)	OKDEQ_STUDY_2015	19.87562
Wt Frac VOC	OKDEQ_STUDY_2015	0.17202
Wt Frac H2S	OKDEQ_STUDY_2015	0.00000
Wt Frac CO2	OKDEQ_STUDY_2015	0.01119
Wt Frac CH4	OKDEQ_STUDY_2015	0.68427
Wt Frac Benzene/VOC	OKDEQ_STUDY_2015	0.00000
Wt Frac E-Benzene/VOC	OKDEQ_STUDY_2015	0.00000
Wt Frac Toluene/VOC	OKDEQ_STUDY_2015	0.00000
Wt Frac Xylene/VOC	OKDEQ_STUDY_2015	0.00000
Wt Frac CH4/VOC	OKDEQ_STUDY_2015	4.21549
Wt Frac H2S/VOC	OKDEQ_STUDY_2015	0.00000

Run2_MalfunPneuDev


STEP 2: Add VOC emissions from malfunctioning pneumatic devices to Fugitives: All Process SCCs



Run2_MalfunPneuDev

- Run of the tool that generates emissions from **malfunctioning pneumatic devices**
- The emissions are aggregated to fugitive SCCs and added to the final staging table
- Includes:
 - ONLY pneumatic device SCCs
 - Pneumatic device basin factor data for malfunctioning pneumatic devices (OIPA, 2014)

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Number of High Bleed devices (COUNT)		OIPA_STUDY_2014
Bleed rate, High Bleed devices (SCF/HR/DEVICE)		OIPA_STUDY_2014
Number of Intermittent Bleed devices (COUNT)	3.6	OIPA_STUDY_2014
Bleed rate, Intermittent Bleed devices (SCF/HR/DEVICE)	2.0	OIPA_STUDY_2014; Allen_Study_2014

OIPA Basin Factors: for **malfunctioning** pneumatic devices. (Emissions from normally operating pneumatic devices were generated from the previous run.)

Run3_PntSourceSub

Run Tool with activity from OK Permitted Wells subtracted

Staging Table

Delete all records for HAP ems

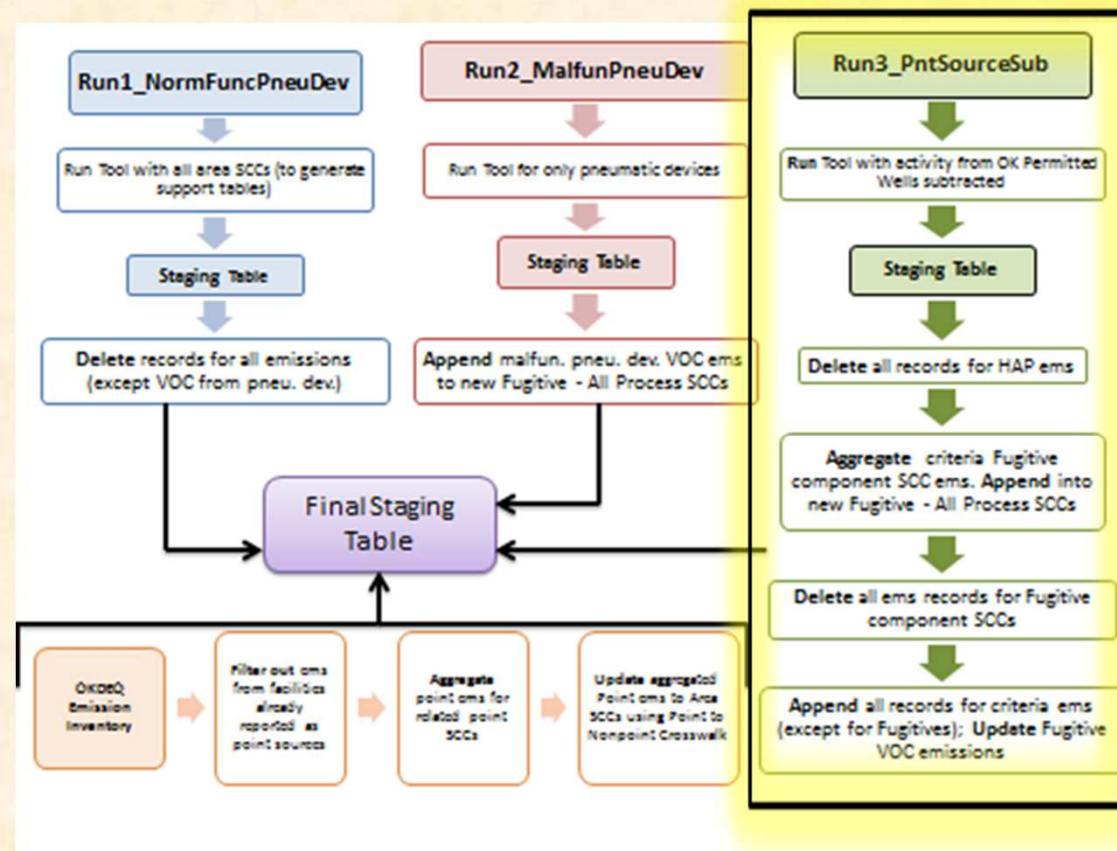
Aggregate criteria Fugitive component SCC ems. Append into new Fugitive - All Process SCCs

Delete all ems records for Fugitive component SCCs

Append all records for criteria ems (except for Fugitives); Update Fugitive VOC emissions

Run3_PntSourceSub

RUN 3: Subtract permitted wellhead activity; accounts for unpermitted wellhead emissions



Run3_PntSourceSub

- Subtraction of:
 - AERR type A & B point source activity
 - OKDEQ permitted/inventoried well activity that have matched API numbers in the HPDI database
- Emissions after the point source subtraction are added to the final staging table
- Includes:
 - All SCCs **EXCEPT** pneumatic devices
 - OKDEQ local gas composition data (speciation profiles for fugitives, gas-actuated pumps, and liquids unloading)

Run3_PntSourceSub

(Fugitive Components)

- Our point inventory contained inconsistent characterizations of fugitive SCCs. We felt it did not justify the level of granularity shown in the Tool.
- Aggregate fugitive component emissions by well type, then append into new Fugitives: All Process SCCs

	Gas Wells	CBM Wells	Oil Wells
Connectors	2310021501	2310023511	2310011501
Flanges	2310021502	2310023512	2310011502
Open Ended Lines	2310021503	2310023513	2310011503
Valves	2310021505	2310023515	2310011505
Other	2310021506	2310023516	N/A
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All Process	2310021509	2310023509	2310011500

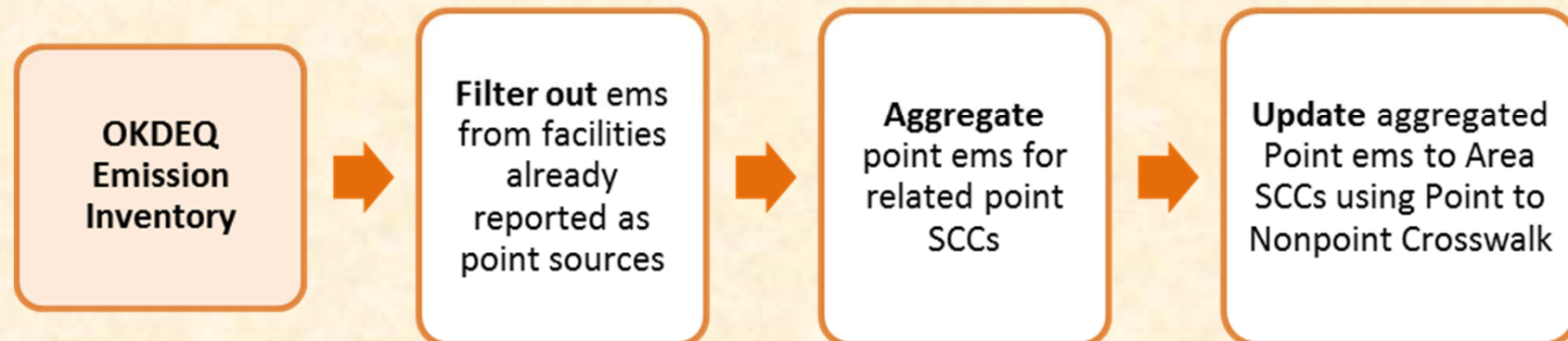
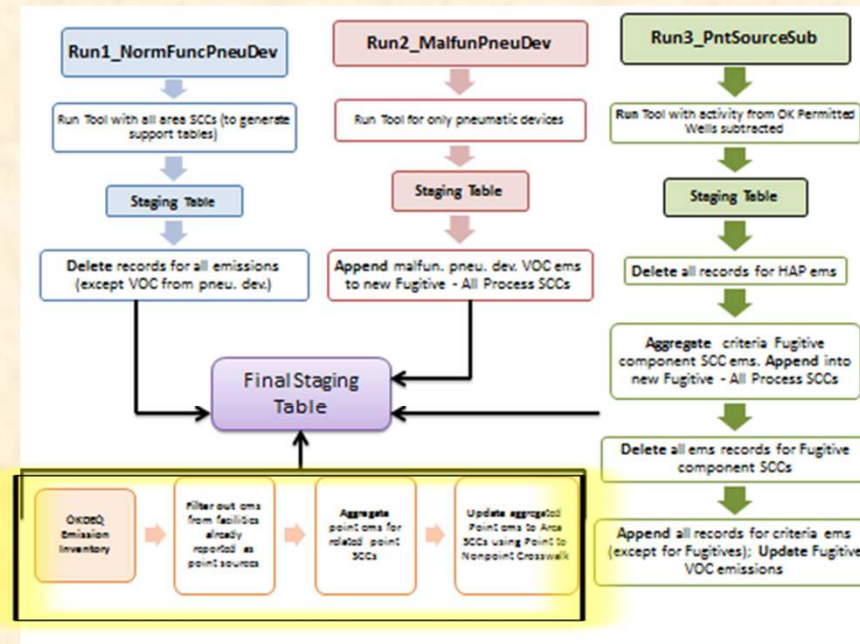
- Delete all fugitive component SCC records in the Emissions and EmissionsProcess table

Comparison: OKDEQ Point Source Activity Data

	OKDEQ Permitted Wells	TOTAL (HPDI)	% Point
Total Liquids (BBL)	55,901,885	117,319,665	48%
Total Gas (MCF)	713,638,549	2,162,187,694	33%
# Oil Wells	3,397	21,060	16%
# Gas Wells	843	31,395	2.7%
# CBM Wells	66	3,113	2.1%

- Note the range in coverage
- OKDEQ permitted wells capture:
 - Almost **50%** of the total liquids production, but only **16%** of oil wells
 - **33%** of the total gas production and less than **3%** of gas wells

Run4_OKPermitWellAgg



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- Not a run of the Tool, but the process of mapping our permitted wellhead emission data into the final staging table
 - After filtering out facilities in our inventory that had already reported as AERR Type A and B sources, we aggregated the remaining point emissions by SCC grouping, pollutant, and well type
 - Grouped point SCCs are cross-walked to area SCCs
 - Emissions are added to the final staging table

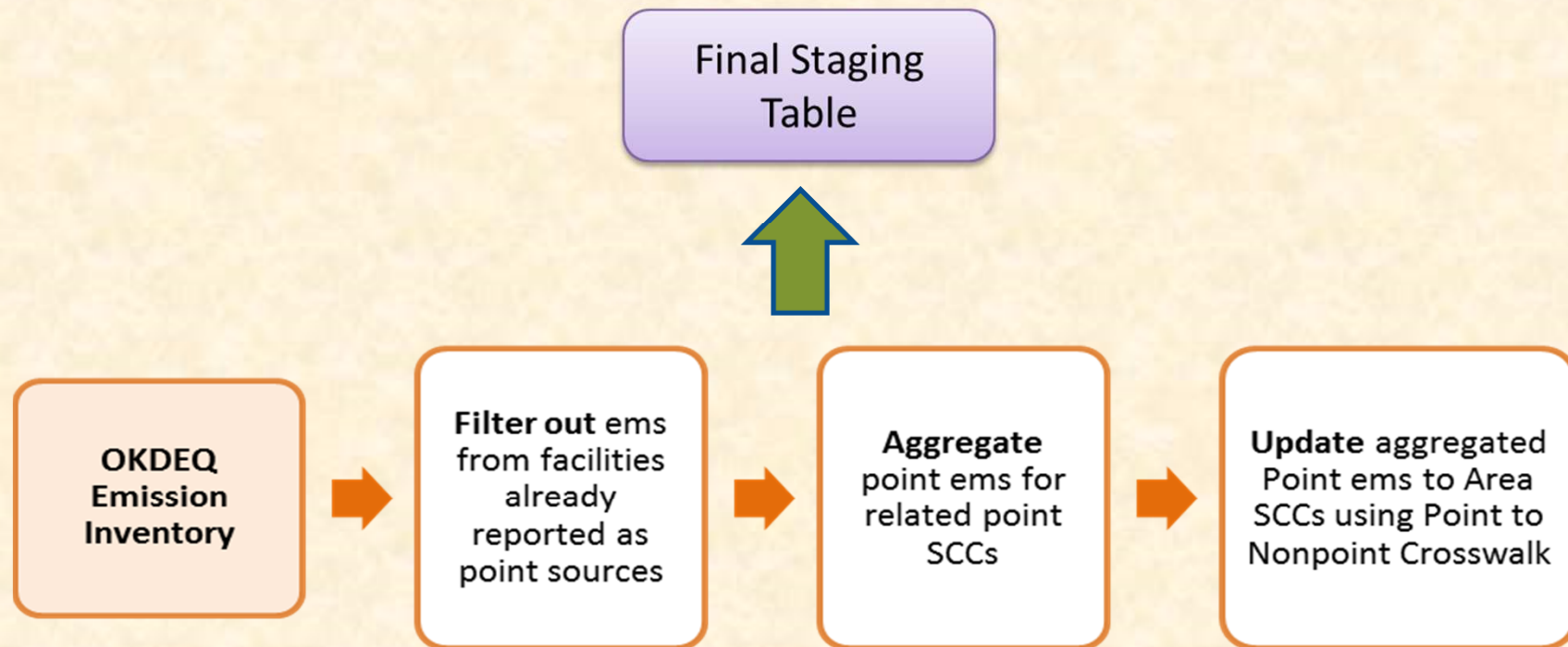
Step 4 Aggregate Point Emissions, Tanks

List of Point SCC emissions aggregated in preparation for mapping to tank area SCCs

Count	SumOfEms (TPY)	Point SCC	PointSCC_L4
7107	8811.321	40400311	Fixed Roof Tank, Condensate, working+breathing+flashing losses
1152	5684.968	40400300	Fixed Roof Tank: Flashing Loss
797	1217.975	40400312	Fixed Roof Tank, Crude Oil, working+breathing+flashing losses
1039	1160.008	40400302	Fixed Roof Tank: Working Loss
1191	938.866	40400301	Fixed Roof Tank: Breathing Loss
1304	818.29	31000205	Flares
256	143.975	31000160	Flares
341	16.352	31000215	Flares Combusting Gases : 1000 BTU/scf
11	16.215	30600903	Natural Gas

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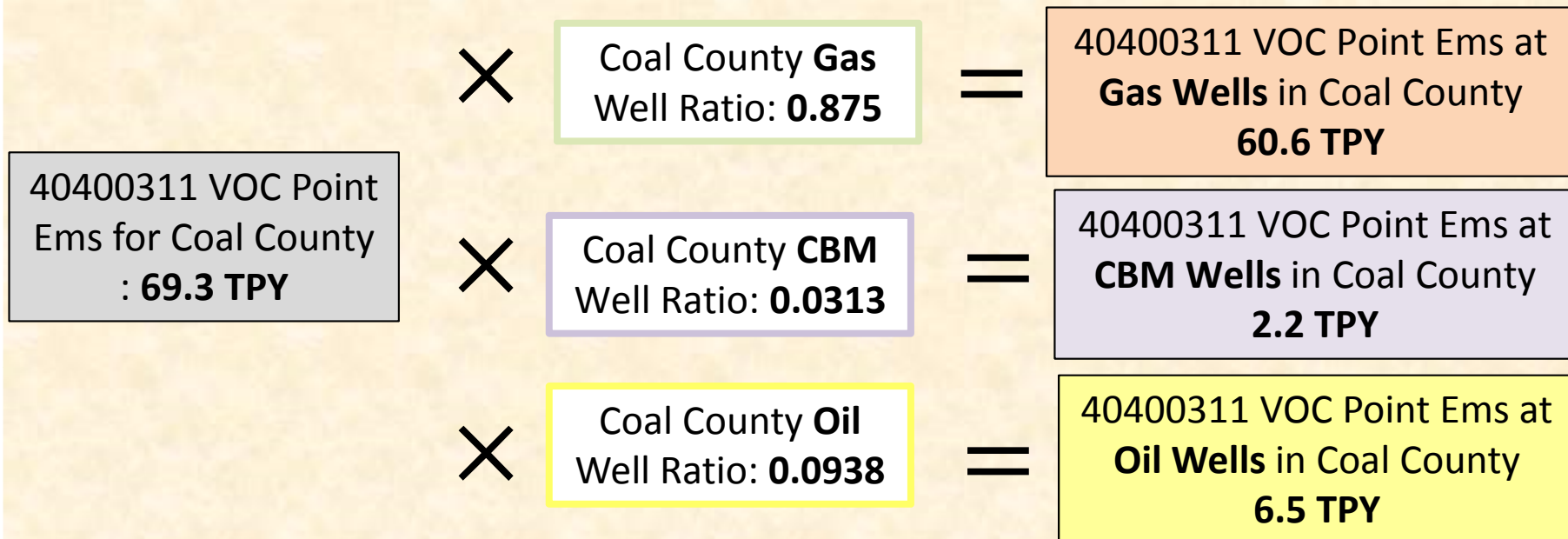
Once point emissions were aggregated into a chosen group, they were allocated to gas, oil, and CBM wells in each county using well-type ratios



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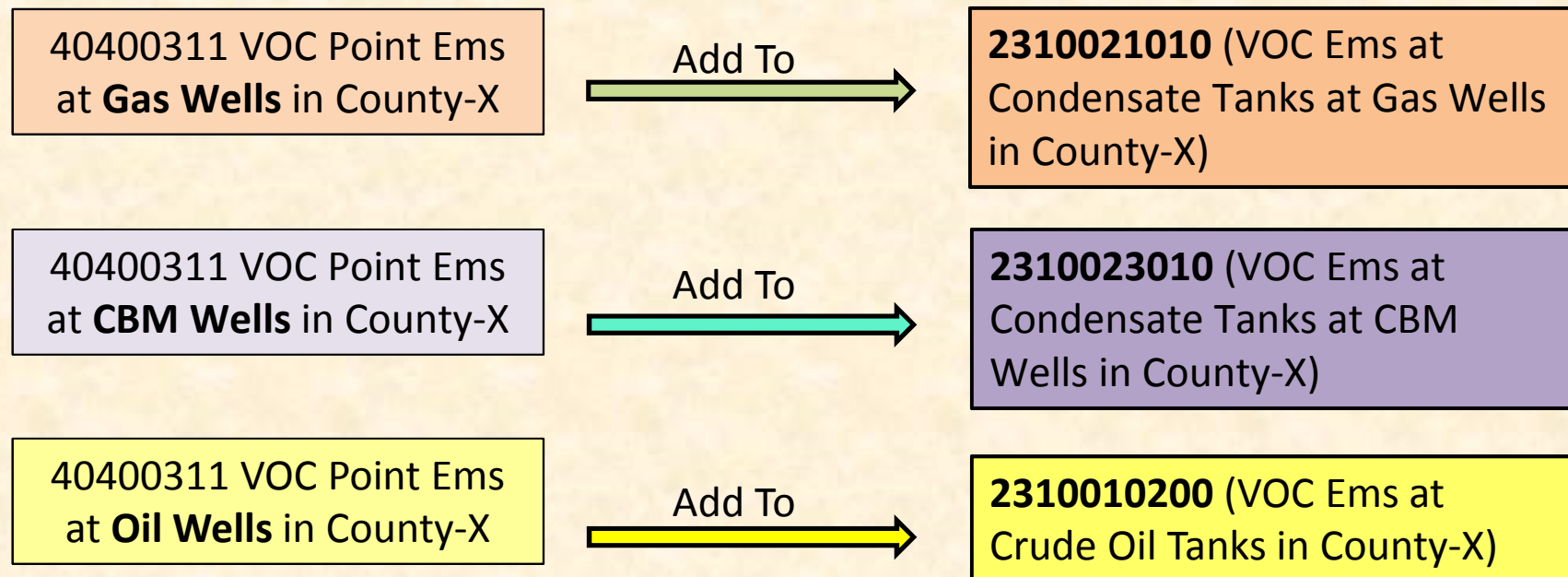
Allocate point emissions by well type using well type ratios
(HPDI county averages for the permitted wellheads)

ex. 40400311 - Coal County



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Using a **point to nonpoint SCC crosswalk**, we added the well-type allocated point emissions to a related nonpoint SCC that was present in the Oil & Gas Tool



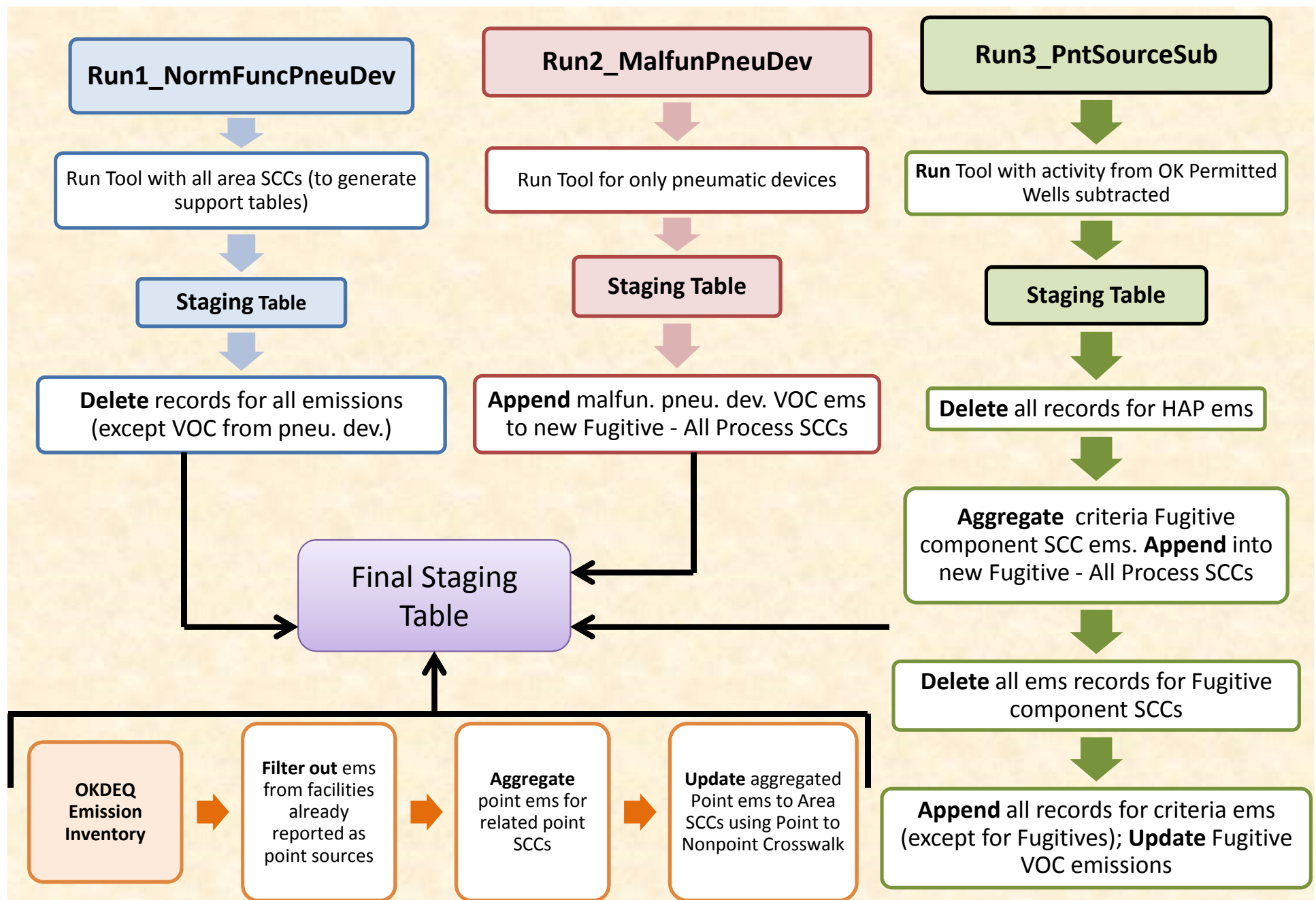
Point to Nonpoint Crosswalk

Point_SCC	Gas Wells, Nonpoint SCC	CBM Wells, Nonpoint SCC	Oil Wells, Nonpoint SCC	Other, Nonpoint SCC	Pollutants
40400311 Tanks & Flares	2310021010 Condensate Tanks	2310023010 Condensate Tanks	2310010200 Crude Oil Tanks	N/A	VOC, NO _x , CO, SO _x , PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5}
20200253 4-Cycle Rich	2310021302 4-cycle Rich	2310023302 4-cycle Rich	2310000330 Artificial Lift	N/A	VOC, NO _x , CO, SO _x , PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5}
20200254 4-cycle Lean	2310021202 4-cycle Lean	2310023202 4-cycle Lean	2310000330 Artificial Lift	N/A	VOC, NO _x , CO, SO _x , PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5}
20200252 2-cycle Lean	2310021102 2-cycle Lean	2310023102 2-cycle Lean	2310000330 Artificial Lift	N/A	VOC, NO _x , CO, SO _x , PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5}
20200202 Unspecified Engines	2310021302 4-cycle Rich	2310023302 4-cycle Rich	2310000330 Artificial Lift	N/A	VOC, NO _x , CO, SO _x , PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5}
	2310023202 4-cycle Lean	2310023202 4-cycle Lean			

These are 50-499 HP Engine Area SCCs. In reality, some of the engines we inventory will have HP outside of this range.

Point to Nonpoint Crosswalk Cont.

Point_SCC	Gas Wells, Nonpoint SCC	CBM Wells, Nonpoint SCC	Oil Wells, Nonpoint SCC	Other, Nonpoint SCC	Pollutants
31000220 Fugitives	2310021509 Fugitives All Process	2310023509 Fugitives All Process	2310011500 Fugitives	N/A	VOC
40400250 Loading Racks	310021030 Tank Truck & Railcar Loading: Condensate	2310023030 Tank Truck & Railcar Loading: Condensate	2310011201 Tank Truck & Railcar Loading: Crude Oil	N/A	VOC
31000404 Process Heaters	2310021100 Gas Well Heaters	2310023100 CBM Well Heaters	2310010100 Heater Treaters	N/A	VOC, NO _x , CO, SO _x , PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5}
40400315 Tanks, Produced Water	N/A	N/A	N/A	231000005 50 Produced Water	VOC
31000227 Dehydrators	2310021400 Dehydrators	N/A	N/A	N/A	VOC, NO _x , CO, SO _x , PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5}



Final Comparison Analysis

Pollutant	Run with EPA defaults – The Oil and Gas tool v2.1 without any point source subtraction or other alteration	Final Run - Total emissions from the final staging table of the flow chart procedures.
NOx (tons)	41,300	54,900
VOC (tons)	148,900	162,300

Comparison of Emissions per Well (Nonpoint vs. Point)

	2014 O&G Tool v1.0 w/o Modifications	Oklahoma Permitted Wells
Total Number of Wells (Oil, Gas, & CBM Combined)	55,568	4,306
Total Emissions		
NO_x (tons)	42,166	16,190
VOC (tons)	147,984	38,836
Per Well Emissions		
NO_x (tons/well)	0.759	3.760
VOC (tons/well)	2.663	9.019

Remaining Questions/Concerns

- Source Classification Code structure
 - Poor descriptions and missing codes
 - Crosswalk between point & nonpoint SCCs
- Definition of gas well vs. oil well
 - Reclassification of well types (affects where emissions are appearing and changes the emission factors in the tool)
 - Point source inventory mitigates this problem (e.g. 48% of liquids in OKDEQ point inventory)

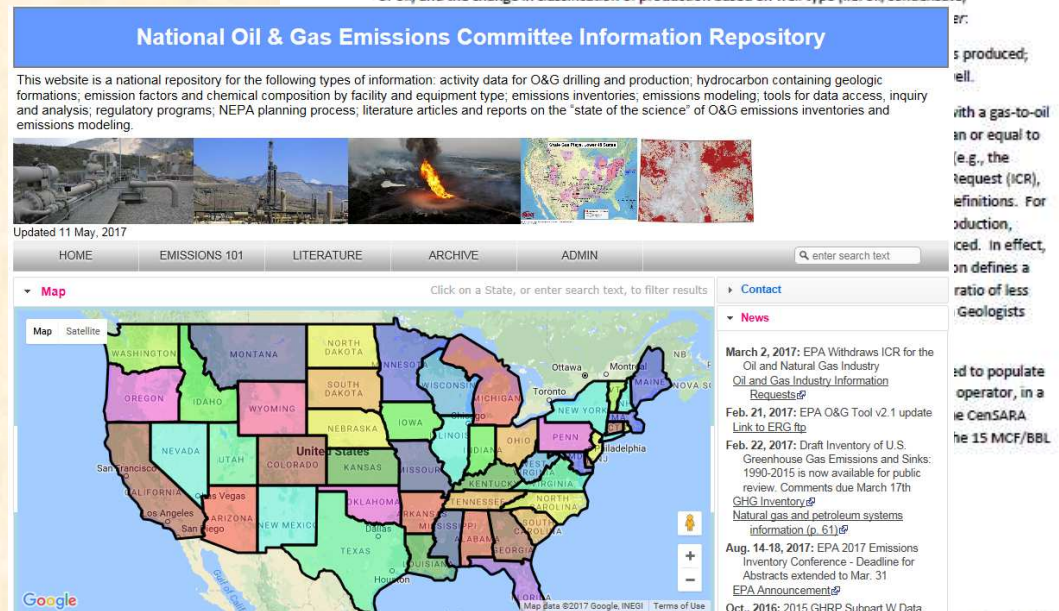
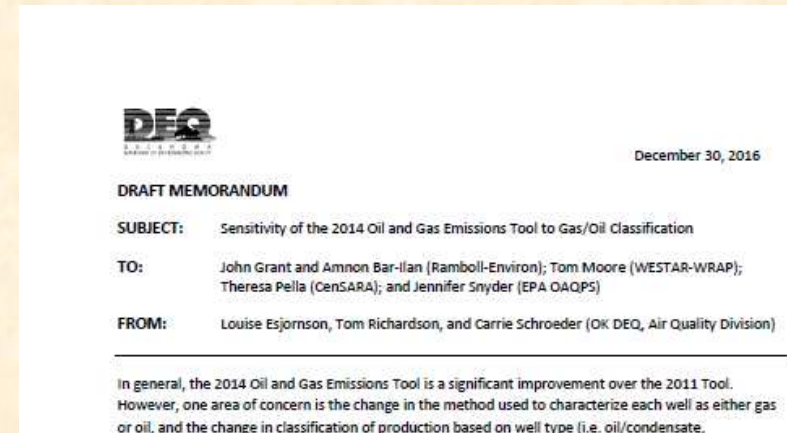
OKDEQ Simple Sensitivity Analysis

<http://vibe.cira.colostate.edu/ogec/docs/meetings/2017-05-11/OKDEQ2014OGToolSensitivityAnalysis.pdf>

The tool is sensitive to classification hydrocarbons as:

- Oil (crude and associated gas)
- Gas (condensate and gas well gas)

If “gas wells” (and their associated production) are classified in the Tool as “oil wells”, VOC and NO_x emissions would be underestimated.



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Remaining Questions/Concerns (Continued)

- Better Characterizing Super-Emitters
- Reconciling Top-Down vs Bottom-Up Estimates
- Closing the Midstream Gap
- Identifying and Characterizing Other Missing Sources

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