

The background of the cover is a light blue sky with white clouds. Overlaid on this are several diamond-shaped images: a landfill with a yellow excavator, a rural landscape with green fields and a road, an industrial refinery with tall distillation columns, a traffic jam on a highway, a blue tractor in a field, a wastewater treatment plant with circular tanks, a black and white cow in a barn, a steel mill with glowing molten metal, and a forest of tall evergreen trees. In the bottom right corner, two industrial smokestacks are shown emitting thick white plumes of smoke.

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prepares the official U.S. Inventory of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks to fulfill annual existing commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Under UNFCCC Article 4 and decisions at the First, Second, Fifth and Nineteenth Conference of Parties, national inventories for UNFCCC Annex I parties should be provided to the UNFCCC Secretariat each year by April 15.

In an effort to engage the public and researchers across the country, the EPA has instituted an annual public review and comment process for this document. The availability of the draft document on the EPA Greenhouse Gas Emissions web site was announced via Federal Register Notice. The public comment period covered a 30-day period from February 15 through March 17, 2022, and comments received during the public review period were posted to the docket EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0001. Comments received after the closure of the public comment period were accepted and will be considered for the next edition of this annual report. Responses to comments are typically posted to EPA's website 2-4 weeks following publication of the final report in April 2022.