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Use of materials in the United States, 1900-1995. Modified from Matos and Wagner, 1998, p. 110.

Materials Consumption



Source: U.S. Inventory of GHG Emissions and Sinks : 1990-2006 (US EPA, 2008)

US Greenhouse Gas Emissions (2006)

Why and How GHGs are Measured

- Issue de jour
- Required reporting
- Drive accountability and transparency
- Tell stories
- Emphasize opportunities
- Traditional Inventories
- Operational/Corporate Inventories
- Consumption Based Emissions Inventories
- Supply Chain Inventories



US Greenhouse Gas Emissions (2006)

Sector vs System-Based Accounting

Residential Commercial 5% 6% Electric Power Agriculture Industry 8% 34% Industry 19% Transportation 28%

Sector-Based View of U.S. GHG Emissions (2006)



Systems-Based View of U.S. GHG Emissions (2006)

WASTE management vs. MATERIALS management



Product Lifecycle



Lifecycle of Steel

Government Supply Chain Emissions

