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Release of 2008 National Emissions Inventory, Version 1

On April 4, 2011, the US EPA posted the 2008 Version 1 release of the National Emissions Inventory (NEI) of air pollutants on the CHIEF website (<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/net/2008inventory.html>). The NEI is prepared every 3 years from reports submitted by State, Local, and Tribal air agencies for air emission sources in their jurisdictions, supplemented by data developed by USEPA. Emissions for both criteria air pollutants and hazardous air pollutants are included.

The 2008 NEI v1 release is the first release using the new Emissions Inventory System (EIS). This first release of 2008 NEI data includes emissions from 3 of the 5 data categories that the NEI usually has: Point sources, OnRoad sources, and NonRoad sources. It does not include emissions from NonPoint sources nor Event sources. Due to some issues with the way the process selected NonPoint data from the multiple data submitters to avoid double-counting any overlapping emissions, EPA was not able to include a comprehensive NonPoint emission inventory at this time. It will be included in a future release on the 2008 NEI, to be labeled version 1.5, in early May. Event emissions include primarily emissions from wildfires and prescribed burning events. EPA expects to make Event emissions available as part of an NEI version 2 release sometime later this year. Version 1 also excludes emissions of dioxins, furans, and mercury, pending a review of those data for outlier values.