# G121 - NiCrMo, Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) Welding Process Emission Factors

**CALCULATION METHODS**

Annual Emissions: Ea = Ua x EF (lbs/lb rod) x (1-e)
Hourly Emissions: Eh = Uh x EF (lbs/lb rod) x (1-e)

Ea = Annual emissions of each listed toxic air contaminant per welding rod, (lbs/year)
Eh = Maximum hourly emissions of each listed toxic air contaminant per welding rod, (lbs/hour)
Ua = Annual usage of each welding rod, (lbs/year)
Uh = Maximum hourly usage of each welding rod, (lbs/hour)
EF = Emission Factor (lbs/lb rod)

Emission Factors:
(1) Complete AP-42 information from Final Section 12.19 (1/95): EF = Trace Metal EF (Table 12.19-2)
(2) Incomplete AP-42 Final Section 12.19 (1/95): EF = FGR (Table 12.19-1) x FCF x Ci (MSDS)
(3) No AP-42 information but known welding process: EF = FGR (District Default) x FCF x Ci (MSDS)
(4) District Study or AWMA information: EF = Trace Metal EF
(5) Incomplete District Study information: EF = FGR (District Study) x FCF x Ci (MSDS)
(*) Incomplete AP-42, District, or AWMA Hexavalent Chromium information: EF = Cr (Total Chromium in Fumes) EF x HCR

**NOTES:**
- Emission factors assume "uncontrolled" releases. Emission control methods and efficiencies reported are be applied within the emission calculations.
- Fume generation rates (FGR) are based on the following:
  - EPA AP-42 Final Section 12.19 (1/95) Table 12.19-1 (PM10 EF)
  - ARB, Richard Bode: 0.01 (GMAW, TIG, MIG), 0.02 (SMAW, FCAW), 0.00005 (SAW), 0.05 (unspecified)
- Fume Correction Factors (FCF) per District engineering discussions with Industry:
  - 0.5464 (GMAW, TIG, MIG), 0.2865 (SMAW, FCAW, SAW), 1.0 (unspecified)
- Trace metal emission factors are based on the following:
  - AWMA Volume 59, 2009, Issue 5 (Pages 619-626) Table 2 and Table 3
  - EPA AP-42 Final Section 12.19 (1/95) Table 12.19-2
  - District engineering estimates using rod compositions (Ci) from MSDS
- Hexavalent chromium conversion rates (HCR) are per District engineering reviews of studies on welding:
  - 0.05 (GMAW, TIG, MIG), 0.55 (SMAW), 0.0005 (SAW), 0.10 (FCAW, unspecified)

| POLLUTANT | DISTRICT EMISSION FACTORS (lbs/lb rod) | REFERENCE DOCUMENT | FACTOR | (UNITS) | COMMENTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **NOX** | | | | | |
| **CO** | | | | | |
| **SOX** | | | | | |
| **TOG** | | | | | |
| **VOC** | | | | | |
| **TSP** | 3.90E-03 | | | | Assume PM10 = TSP |
| **PM10** | 3.90E-03 | EPA Table 12.19-1 (1/95) AP-42 | 3.9 | lb/1000 lbs rod | Assume PM10 = Fume Generation Rate (FGR) |
| **Al** | | | | | |
| **Al2O3** | | | | | |
| **Be** | | | | | |
| **Cd** | | | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Co** | | | | | |
| **Cr** | 3.53E-04 | EPA Table 12.19-2 (1/95) AP-42 | 3.53 | 0.1 lb/1000 lbs rod | District Procedure (1) EF = Trace Metal EF |
| **Cr(VI)** | 1.77E-05 | AWMA Page 623 | 5 | % | District Procedure (*) EF = Cr EF x HCR |
| **Cu** | | | | | |
| **Mn** | 7.00E-05 | EPA Table 12.19-2 (1/95) AP-42 | 0.7 | 0.1 lb/1000 lbs rod | District Procedure (1) EF = Trace Metal EF |
| **Ni** | 1.25E-03 | EPA Table 12.19-2 (1/95) AP-42 | 12.5 | 0.1 lb/1000 lbs rod | District Procedure (1) EF = Trace Metal EF |
| **P** | | | | | |
| **Crystalline Silica** | | | | | |
| **Pb** | | | | | |
| **V** | | | | | |
| **Zn** | | | | | |

**REFERENCES:**

EPA AP-42 Chapter 12.19: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-11/documents/c12s19.pdf
AWMA: https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.3155/1047-3289.59.5.619

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