Buzzi Unicem USA

Chattanooga, TN Cement Plant

An Environmental Product Declaration

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About this EPD

This is a cradle-to-gate environmental product declaration (EPD) for six cement types as produced by Signal Mountain Cement Company d/b/a Buzzi Unicem USA at its Chattanooga, TN plant. The results of the underlying LCA are computed with the North American (N.A.) version of the Global Cement and Concrete Association (GCCA) Industry EPD Tool for cement and concrete [1]. This tool and the underlying LCA model and database [2] have been previously verified to conform to the prevailing sub-product category rule (PCR) [3], ISO 21930:2017 (the core PCR) [4] as well as ISO 14020:2000 [5] and ISO 14040/44:2006 LCA standards [7], [8].

This EPD is certified by ASTM to conform to the sub-Product Category Rule (PCR) referenced above, as well as to the requirements of ISO 14020, ISO 14025 [6], ISO 21930 and ASTM International's General Program Instructions [9]. This EPD is intended for business-to-business audiences.

General Summary

EPD Commissioner and Owner

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The Chattanooga Cement plant provided both LCI and meta-data for limestone extraction, clinker production and cement manufacture for reference year 2020. Buzzi Unicem USA also completed the LCA modeling within the GCCA EPD tool. The owner of the declaration is liable for the underlying information and evidence.

Product Group and Name

Cement, UN CPC 3744.

Product Definition

Portland cement is defined as a hydraulic cement produced by pulverizing clinker, consisting essentially of crystalline hydraulic calcium silicates, and usually containing one or more of the following: calcium sulfate, up to 5% limestone, and processing additions (NSF PCR 2021 [10], ASTM C150 [11].

Portland Cement *Type I*—For use when the special properties specified for any other type are not required.
Portland Cement *Type II*—For general use, more especially when moderate sulfate resistance is desired.
Portland Cement Type III—For use when high early strength is desired.
Some cements are designated with a combined type classification, such as Type I/II, indicating that the cement meets the requirements of the indicated types and is being offered as suitable for use when either type is desired.

Blended cement is a hydraulic cement consisting of two or more inorganic constituents (at least one of which is not portland cement or portland cement clinker) which separately or in combination contribute to the strength gaining properties of the cement, (made with or without other constituents, processing additions and functional additions, by intergrinding or other blending).

- Type IL (ASTM C595[13]) — is a Portland-limestone cement and is a hydraulic cement in which the limestone content is more than 5 % but less than or equal to 15 % by mass of the blended cement

Masonry cement is hydraulic cement manufactured for use in mortars for masonry construction or in plasters, or both, which contains a plasticizing material and, possibly, other performance-enhancing addition(s).
Mortar cements are produced in Type N, Type S, and Type M classifications for use in preparation of ASTM Specification C91.

Product Category Rules (PCR)	NSF International, Product Category Rules for Preparing an Environmental Product Declaration for Portland, Blended Hydraulic, Masonry, Mortar, and Plastic (Stucco) Cements, V3.2, September 2021 [3].
Date of Issue & Validity Period	February 3, 2023 – 5 years
Declared Unit	1 metric ton of cement

EPD and Project Report Information

Program Operator	ASTM International
Declaration Number	EPD 415
Declaration Type	Cradle-to-gate (modules A1 to A3). Facility and product-specific.
Applicable Countries	United States
Product Applicability	Portland cement is the basic ingredient of concrete. Concrete, one of the most widely used construction materials in the world, is formed when Portland cement creates a paste with water that binds with sand and rock to harden.
Content of the Declaration	This declaration follows Section 9; Content of an EPD, NSF International, Product Category Rules for Preparing an Environmental Product Declaration for Portland, Blended Hydraulic, Masonry, Mortar, and Plastic (Stucco) Cements, V3.2, September 2021 [3].
This EPD was independently verified by ASTM in accordance with ISO 14025 and the reference PCR: Internal External X	Tim Brooke ASTM International 100 Barr Harbor Drive PO Box C700 West Conshohocken PA 19428-2959, USA cert@astm.org
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Notes	The EPD results reported herein are computed using the N.A. GCCA Industry EPD tool for Cement and Concrete (https://concrete-epd-tool.org).
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PCR Information

Program Operator	NSF International
Reference PCR	Product Category Rules for Preparing an Environmental Product Declaration for Portland, Blended Hydraulic, Masonry, Mortar, and Plastic (Stucco) Cements, V3.2, September 2021 [3].
PCR review was conducted by:	Thomas P. Gloria, PhD (Chair), Industrial Ecology Consultants, Mr. Jack Geibig, EcoForm Mr. Bill Stough, Sustainable Research Group

Buzzi Unicem USA & Production Facility

Buzzi Unicem USA, headquartered in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, is one of the leading cement manufacturing companies in the US. Buzzi Unicem USA, which stems from the merger, early in 2004, of RC Cement (Buzzi Unicem SpA) and Lone Star Industries (Dyckerhoff) serves the Midwest, Southwest, Northeast and Southeast sections of the country.
The company's seven cement plants have a production capacity of approximately 9 million metric tons. The company produces cement at its facilities in Cape Girardeau, MO; Chattanooga, TN; Festus, MO; Greencastle, IN; Maryneal, TX; Pryor, OK and Stockertown, PA. Buzzi Unicem USA also operates 34 cement terminals across the country, which distribute its cement products to over 20 states. Buzzi Unicem USA has over 1,400 valued employees, and supplies portland and masonry cement products to construction industry.

Facility Name:	Signal Mountain Cement Company, Chattanooga Cement Plant Buzzi Unicem USA 1201 Suck Creek Road Chattanooga, TN 37405

Product Description

This EPD reports environmental transparency information for six cement types produced by Buzzi Unicem USA at its Chattanooga, TN plant. Cements are hydraulic binders and are manufactured by grinding cement clinker and other constituents into a finely ground, usually grey colored mineral powder. When mixed with water, cement acts as a glue to bind together the sand, gravel or crushed stone to form concrete, one of the most durable, resilient and widely used construction materials in the world. The Table below sets out each cement type constituents and applicable standards. Chattanooga's cements are sold both packaged and in bulk and the EPD includes packaging.

Products and Standards

Inputs	Type I/II ASTM C150	Type III ASTM C150	Type IL ASTM C595	Masonry Type S C91	Masonry Type N C595	Soil Stabilization
Clinker	93%	98%	87%	73%	47%	85%
Gypsum	3%	2%		1%	3%	3%
Limestone	4%		10%	25%	51%	12%
Others	<1%	<1%	3%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

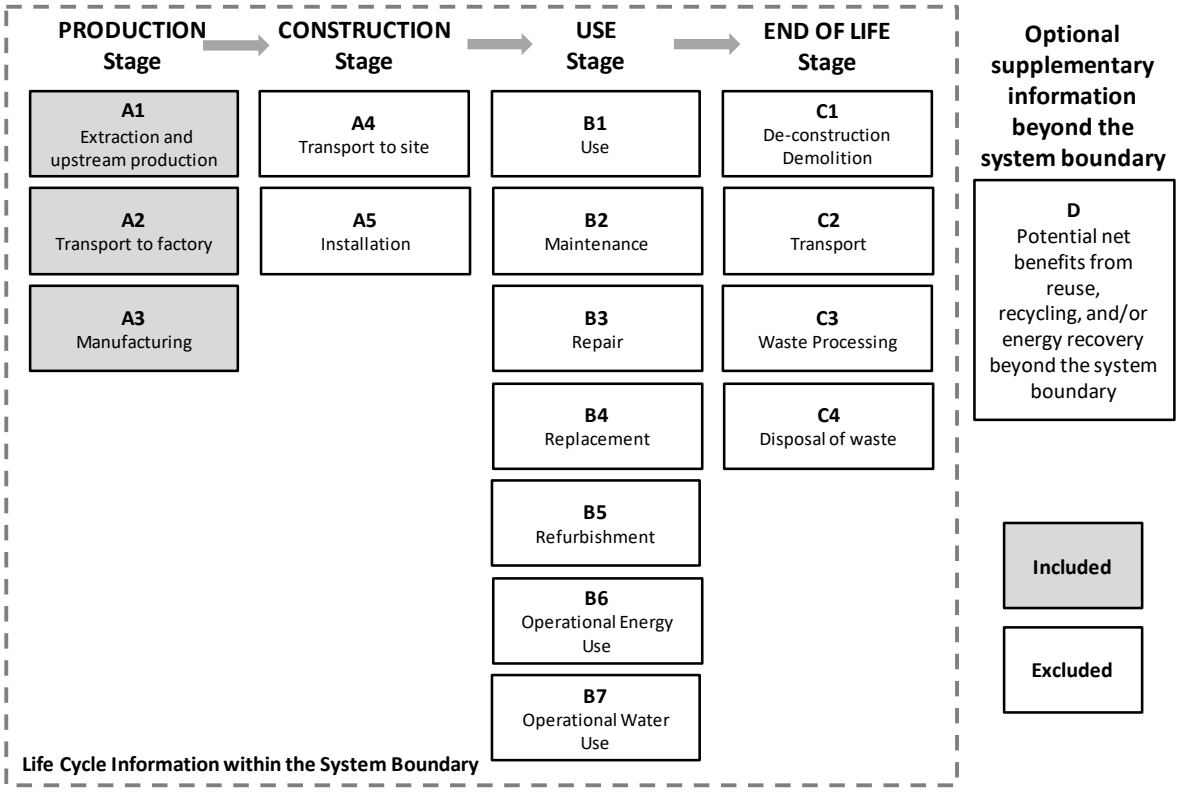
Applicable Standards:
ASTM C150 / C150M –Standard Specification for Portland Cement
ASTM C595 / C595M –Standard Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cement
AASHTO M 85Standard Specification for Portland Cement (ASTM Designation: C150 / C150M - 20)
ASTM C91 –Standard Specification for Mortar for Unit Masonry

Declared Unit

The declared unit is one metric ton of cement.

System Boundary

This is a cradle-to-gate EPD covering the production stage (A1-A3) as depicted in the figure below. The production stage includes extraction of raw materials (cradle) through the manufacture of cements ready for shipment (gate). The Chattanooga cement plant sources its limestone supply from an onsite quarry and ships its cements in bulk.



Items *excluded* from the system boundary include:

- Production, manufacture, and construction of manufacturing capital goods and infrastructure
- Production and manufacture of production equipment, delivery vehicles, and laboratory equipment
- Personnel-related activities (travel, furniture, and office supplies)
- Energy and water use related to company management and sales activities that may be located either within the factory site or at another location

Cut-off Criteria

The cut-off criteria per NSF PCR, Section 7.1.8 [3] and ISO 21930, 7.1.8 [4] were followed. Per ISO 21930, 7.1.8, all input/output data required were collected and included in the LCI modelling. No substances with hazardous and toxic properties that pose a concern for human health and/or the environment were identified in the framework of this EPD

Data Collection

Gate-to-gate input/output flow data were collected for the following processes for the reference year 2020:

- Limestone quarry operations, clinker production and cement manufacture.

Allocation Rules

Allocation of inventory flows and subsequently environmental impact is relevant when assets are shared between product systems. The allocation method prescribed by the PCR [3] is applied in the underlying LCA model. The sub-category PCR recognizes fly ash, furnace bottom ash, bypass dust, mill scale, polluted soils, spent catalyst, aluminum oxide waste, silica fume, granulated blast furnace slag, iron rich waste, cement kiln dust (CKD), flue gas desulfurization (FGD) gypsum, calcium fluoride rich waste and postconsumer gypsum as recovered materials and thus, the environmental impacts allocated to these materials are limited to the treatment and transportation required

to use as a cement material input. Further, used tires, plastics, solvents, used oil and oily waste, coal/carbon waste, roofing asphalt, household refuse-derived waste, non-hazardous liquid waste, industrial sludge, and agricultural waste are considered non-renewable and/or renewable secondary fuels. Only the materials, water, energy, emissions, and other elemental flows associated with reprocessing, handling, sorting and transportation from the point of the generating industrial process to their use in the production process are considered. All emissions from combustion at the point of use are considered. For co-products, no credit is considered, and no allocation is applied. See the LCA model and LCA database reports of the N.A. version of GCCA's Industry Tool for EPDs of cement and concrete for more information [1 & 2].

Data Quality Requirements and Assessment

Data Quality Requirements	Description
Technology Coverage	Data represents the prevailing technology in use at the Chattanooga facility. Whenever available, for all upstream and core material and processes, North American typical or average industry LCI datasets were utilized. The Chattanooga plant utilizes *a preheater and precalciner kiln technology*. *Technological representativeness is characterized as "high".*
Geographic Coverage	The geographic region considered is U.S. *Geographical representativeness is characterized as "high".*
Time Coverage	Activity (primary) data are representative of 2020 calendar year (12 months). - Chattanooga limestone extraction, - Chattanooga clinker production, - Chattanooga cement manufacturing, - In-bound/out-bound transportation data - primary data collected for quarry site and cement manufacturing plant. *Electricity resource mix is specific to the plant's power provider (2020) with the following make-up:* 14% coal, 27% natural gas, 41% nuclear, 13% Hydro, 3% wind, and 2% solar. *Temporal representativeness is characterized as "high".*
Completeness	All relevant, specific processes, including inputs (raw materials, energy and ancillary materials) and outputs (emissions and production volume) were considered and modeled in the GCCA Tool to complete the production profile for Buzzi Unicem USA cement products. The Chattanooga cement plant operates a continuous emissions monitoring system and reports emissions to the US EPA. These data for 2020 were drawn on in the completion of this EPD. The completeness of the foreground process chain in terms of process steps is rigorously assessed.
Consistency	To ensure consistency, cross checks of the energy demand and the calculated raw meal to clinker ratio against ranges reported in the WBCSD Cement Sustainability Initiative, Cement CO2 and Energy Protocol, v3.1 December, 2013 were conducted [15]. The LCA team conducted mass and energy balances at the facility level and selected process levels to maintain a high level of consistency
Reproducibility	External reproducibility is not possible as the source LCI data and subsequent LCA background reports are confidential.

Transparency	Activity datasets are disclosed in the project LCI compilation and the background reports generated by the GCCA Tool.
Uncertainty	A *sensitivity check* was conducted relative to the PCA industry average [16]. The variation across significant inputs were found to be well within the expected range and hence, there is high degree of confidence in the results.

Life Cycle Impact Assessment Results: Chattanooga Plant

This section summarizes the production stage life cycle impact assessment (LCIA) results including resource use and waste generated metrics based on the cradle-to-gate life cycle inventory inputs and outputs analysis. The results are calculated based on 1 metric ton of each cement type as produced at the Chattanooga plant.

It should be noted that LCIA results are relative expressions and do not predict impacts on category endpoints, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins or risks [4], [8]. Further, many LCA impact categories and inventory items are still emerging or under development and can have high levels of uncertainty that preclude international acceptance pending further development. Use caution when interpreting results for these categories – identified with an "*" [3].

Only EPDs prepared from cradle-to-grave life-cycle results and based on the same function, quantified by the same functional unit, and taking account of replacement based on the product reference service life (RSL) relative to an assumed building service life, can be used to assist purchasers and users in making informed comparisons between products [3]. Environmental declarations from different programs may not be comparable [6]. EPDs are comparable only if they comply with ISO 21930, use the same sub-category PCR where applicable, include all relevant information modules and are based on equivalent scenarios with respect to the context of construction works [3&4].

Production stage EPD Results – per metric ton

Impact category and inventory indicators	Unit	**Type I/II** ASTM C150	**Type III** ASTM C150	**Type IL** ASTM C595
Global warming potential, GWP 100, AR5	kg CO2 eq	881	945	849
Ozone depletion potential, ODP	kg CFC-11 eq	2.59E-05	3.26E-05	2.54E-05
Smog formation potential, SFP	kg O3 eq	51.7	54.49	49.5
Acidification potential, AP	kg SO2 eq	1.98	2.15	1.97
Eutrophication potential, EP	kg N eq	0.62	0.78	0.74
Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil mineral resources, ADP elements*	kg Sb eq	1.66E-04	2.09E-04	1.61E-04
Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources, ADP fossil*	MJ LHV	273	311	278
Renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel), RPRE*	MJ LHV	114	165	86

Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material, RPRM*	MJ LHV	1.96	0	0
Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel), NRPRE*	MJ LHV	2970	3774	2970
Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material, NRPRM*	MJ LHV	0	0	0
Secondary materials, SM*	kg	26.2	24.7	26.6
Renewable secondary fuels, RSF *	MJ LHV	75.7	79.3	71.2
Non-renewable secondary fuels, NRSF *	MJ LHV	226	236	212
Recovered energy, RE*	MJ LHV	0	0	0
Consumption of freshwater, FW*	m3	1.1	1.3	1.0
Hazardous waste disposed, HWD*	kg	0	0	0
Non-hazardous waste disposed, NHWD *	kg	0.59	0.62	0.56
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository, HLRW*	kg	**x[1])**	**x[1])**	**x[1])**
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository, ILLRW*	kg	**x[1])**	**x[1])**	**x[1])**
Components for re-use, CRU*	kg	0	0	0
Materials for recycling, MFR*	kg	0.26	0.27	0.24
Materials for energy recovery, MER*	kg	0	0	0
Recovered energy exported from the product system, EE*	MJ LHV	0	0	0
Global warming potential - biogenic, GWPbio*	kg CO_2 eq	0.08	0.08	0.5
Emissions from calcination*	kg CO_2 eq	503	527	473
Emissions from combustion of waste from renewable sources*	kg CO_2 eq	0.04	0.05	0.04
Emissions from combustion of waste from non-renewable sources*	kg CO_2 eq	29.34	30.7	27.6

Table Notes:
x[1)] – The GCCA EPD Tool does not support these indicators.
* Use caution when interpreting results for these categories

Impact category and inventory indicators	Unit	**Masonry** Type S C91	**Masonry** Type N C595	**Soil Stabilization**
Global warming potential, GWP 100, AR5	kg CO2 eq	718	494	811
Ozone depletion potential, ODP	kg CFC-11 eq	2.49E-05	2.13E-05	2.62E-05
Smog formation potential, SFP	kg O3 eq	42.8	30.2	47.5
Acidification potential, AP	kg SO2 eq	1.7	1.3	1.9
Eutrophication potential, EP	kg N eq	0.60	0.52	0.63
Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil mineral resources, ADP elements*	kg Sb eq	2.07E-04	2.36E-04	1.7E-04
Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources, ADP fossil*	MJ LHV	271	263	268
Renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel), RPRE*	MJ LHV	309	383	124
Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material, RPRM*	MJ LHV	350	485	0
Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel), NRPRE*	MJ LHV	2917	2705	3016
Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material, NRPRM*	MJ LHV	0	0	0
Secondary materials, SM*	kg	14.4	19.1	18.0
Renewable secondary fuels, RSF *	MJ LHV	59.6	38.1	68.7
Non-renewable secondary fuels, NRSF *	MJ LHV	177	113	205
Recovered energy, RE*	MJ LHV	0	0	0
Consumption of freshwater, FW*	m3	1.2	1.2	1.1
Hazardous waste disposed, HWD*	kg	0	0	0
Non-hazardous waste disposed, NHWD *	kg	0.47	0.30	0.54
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository, HLRW*	kg	**x[1])**	**x[1])**	**x[1])**
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository, ILLRW*	kg	**x[1])**	**x[1])**	**x[1])**
Components for re-use, CRU*	kg	0	0	0
Materials for recycling, MFR*	kg	0.2	0.1	0.2

Materials for energy recovery, MER*	kg	0	0	0
Recovered energy exported from the product system, EE*	MJ LHV	0	0	0
Global warming potential - biogenic, GWPbio*	kg CO_2 eq	0.11	0.12	0.07
Emissions from calcination*	kg CO_2 eq	396	253	457
Emissions from combustion of waste from renewable sources*	kg CO_2 eq	0.04	0.02	0.04
Emissions from combustion of waste from non-renewable sources*	kg CO_2 eq	23.1	14.7	26.6

LCA Interpretation

The Manufacturing module (A3) drives most of the potential environmental impacts. Manufacturing impacts are primarily driven by energy use (electricity and thermal fuels) during the pyroprocessing of limestone in the production of clinker. Clinker content in cement similarly defines the relative environmental profile of the final cement product. Raw material extraction (A1) is the second largest contributor to the Production stage EPD results, followed by transportation (A2).

Additional Environmental Information

Environmental Protection and Equipment
The Chattanooga plant is capable of producing 940,000 tpy of clinker. Located on the Tennessee River, the original plant began producing cement in 1923. A new plant was constructed and began operations in 2001 with the current 2800 tpd, five-stage Low NOx precalciner feeding a single kiln. Access to rail and the interstate transportation allows the plant to support markets in 12 states . The plant operates today as one of the most efficient plants within the USA, achieving EPA Energy Star status for 14 consecutive years.

Air pollution control equipment in use at the Chattanooga plant includes the main baghouse which controls the in-line raw mill, pyro-processing and clinker cooler processes.

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