

2.0 Developing Industry Leaders

- Offers a limited number of company-nominated middle managers the unique opportunity to network with peers and senior leaders from across the country while also learning about issues, and solutions, facing the ready mixed concrete industry.
- This Year's DIL Group:
 - Comparing Tools for Carbon Reduction – Whole Building Concrete GWP
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 - Justin Walker, Titan America
 - Leighton Reynolds, Bayou Concrete
 - Frank Russo-Alesi, Preferred Materials
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Comparing Tools for Carbon Reduction - Whole Building Concrete GWP

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Calculating the embodied carbon represented in the concrete for a new construction project could be paramount to the success of the industry in very soon. Many producers are already making a Net 0 pledge for a future date. The ability to quantify CO2 reduction levels by comparing benchmark mix designs for various concrete elements to the same elements using CO2 reduced mix designs is how reduction capacity is measured. There are currently a number of tools available to make those calculations, so the GWP comparisons can be made. This presentation will demonstrate concrete CO2 reduction compared to benchmark CO2 for a mid-rise residential project but also compare two different tools for estimation of GWP. The EC3 tool and the Athena Impact Estimator.

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The Process:

- Identify a low to mid-rise building project that utilizes various concrete elements and where the project is located regionally
- Identify the building concrete elements, required compressive strength of concrete for each element, and total volume required for each element
- Use the NRMCA Industry Wide average report to identify GWP for benchmark mixes for the project concrete elements in the project region
- Identify the reduced carbon mixes for each of the project concrete elements
- Use the EC3 carbon calculator tool to produce a second set of GWP numbers for the same set of the project concrete elements for the reduced CO2 concrete mixes.
- Use the Athena Impact Estimator tool to report on GWP numbers for each of the project concrete elements for benchmark and reduced CO2 concrete mixes
- Compare baseline mix results with reduced carbon mixes for total GWP reduction, and compare the two calculators used for similarities or differences
- Based on the total GWP reduction, make a suggestion for a way to go about specification for GWP reduction on the project level for engineers or architects.

The (fictitious) Project:

- 6 story residential
- Great Lakes Region
- Foundations 950cy - 3000psi
- Columns/Shear Walls 650cy - 6000psi
- SOG 300cy - 4000psi
- Slabs on Deck 1450cy - 5000psi



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NRMCA IW Average Benchmark Mix Data:

Compressive Strength	psi	2500	3000	4000	5000	6000	8000	3000 LW	4000 LW	5000 LW
Portland Cement	lbs	341	382	468	576	611	733	383	468	556
Fly Ash	lbs	39	44	54	67	71	85	44	54	64
Slag Cement	lbs	24	27	33	41	44	52	27	33	40
Mixing Water	lbs	267	267	267	276	300	300	271	271	271
Crushed Coarse Aggregate	lbs	1,517	1,489	1,445	1,387	1,431	1,373	0	0	0
Natural Coarse Aggregate	lbs	245	240	233	224	231	221	0	0	0
Crushed Fine Aggregate	lbs	14	14	14	13	14	13	14	12	11
Natural Fine Aggregate	lbs	1,460	1,432	1,390	1,335	1,376	1,321	1,371	1,248	1,138
Man.Lightweight Aggregate	lbs	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,050	1,070	1,080
Air %	%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	0	6%	6%	2%
Air Entraining Admixture	oz	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Plasticizer & Superplasticizer	oz	3	3	3	7	3	3	3	7	7
Set Accelerator	oz	25	20	15	10	25	20	15	10	10
Total Weight	lbs	3,908	3,895	3,905	3,919	4,076	4,098	2,110	2,087	2,080

Strength	psi @28 days	2,500	3,000	4,000	5,000	6,000	8,000	3000LW	4000LW	5000LW
Core Mandatory Impact Indicator										
GWP	kg CO2e	192.43	211.66	252.63	304.40	321.68	380.19	401.57	445.91	489.97
ODP	kg CFC11e	5.17E-06	5.66E-06	6.71E-06	8.03E-06	8.49E-06	9.98E-06	1.50E-05	1.63E-05	1.74E-05
AP	kg SO2e	0.68	0.73	0.84	0.97	1.02	1.16	2.02	2.15	2.27
EP	kg Ne	0.23	0.25	0.30	0.36	0.38	0.45	0.71	0.76	0.82
SFP	kg O3e	14.22	15.17	17.22	19.80	20.83	23.76	25.81	28.01	30.18
ADP _f	MJ, NCV	978.01	1,071.94	1,276.27	1,538.32	1,625.82	1,922.96	2,732.57	2,972.04	3,205.97
ADP _e	kg Sbe	2.01E-04	2.13E-04	2.39E-04	2.71E-04	2.85E-04	3.22E-04	2.58E-04	2.87E-04	3.16E-04
FFD	MJ Surplus	103.35	107.87	118.62	132.88	138.87	155.27	205.50	218.55	231.68
Use of Primary Resources										
RPRE	MJ, NCV	50.60	55.92	67.34	81.96	86.74	103.20	285.25	301.16	315.44
RPRM	MJ, NCV	0.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00
NRPRE	MJ, NCV	1,349.29	1,450.64	1,673.13	1,958.14	2,060.62	2,384.52	3,295.44	3,555.14	3,808.81
NRPRM	MJ, NCV	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary Material, Secondary Fuel and Recovered Energy										
SM	kg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RSF	MJ, NCV	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NRSF	MJ, NCV	72.50	81.21	99.54	122.56	129.89	155.89	81.43	99.57	118.27
RE	MJ, NCV	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mandatory Inventory Parameters										
FW	m3	2.73	2.90	3.28	3.80	4.06	4.59	3.16	3.54	3.93
CCE	kg CO2e	74.91	83.91	102.85	126.64	134.21	161.08	84.14	102.89	122.21
Indicators Describing Waste										
HWD	kg	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
NHWD	kg	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37
HLRW	m3	1.03E-06	1.01E-06	9.90E-07	9.61E-07	9.83E-07	9.54E-07	4.79E-07	4.65E-07	4.53E-07
LLRW	m3	1.14E-06	1.12E-06	1.10E-06	1.06E-06	1.09E-06	1.06E-06	2.17E-06	2.19E-06	2.19E-06
CRU	kg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MR	kg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MER	kg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EE	MJ, NCV	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Great Lakes Region Benchmark Mix Data

Information from: Appendix D: NRMCA
Member National and Regional LCA
Benchmark (Industry Average) Report – V
3.0 from November 2019

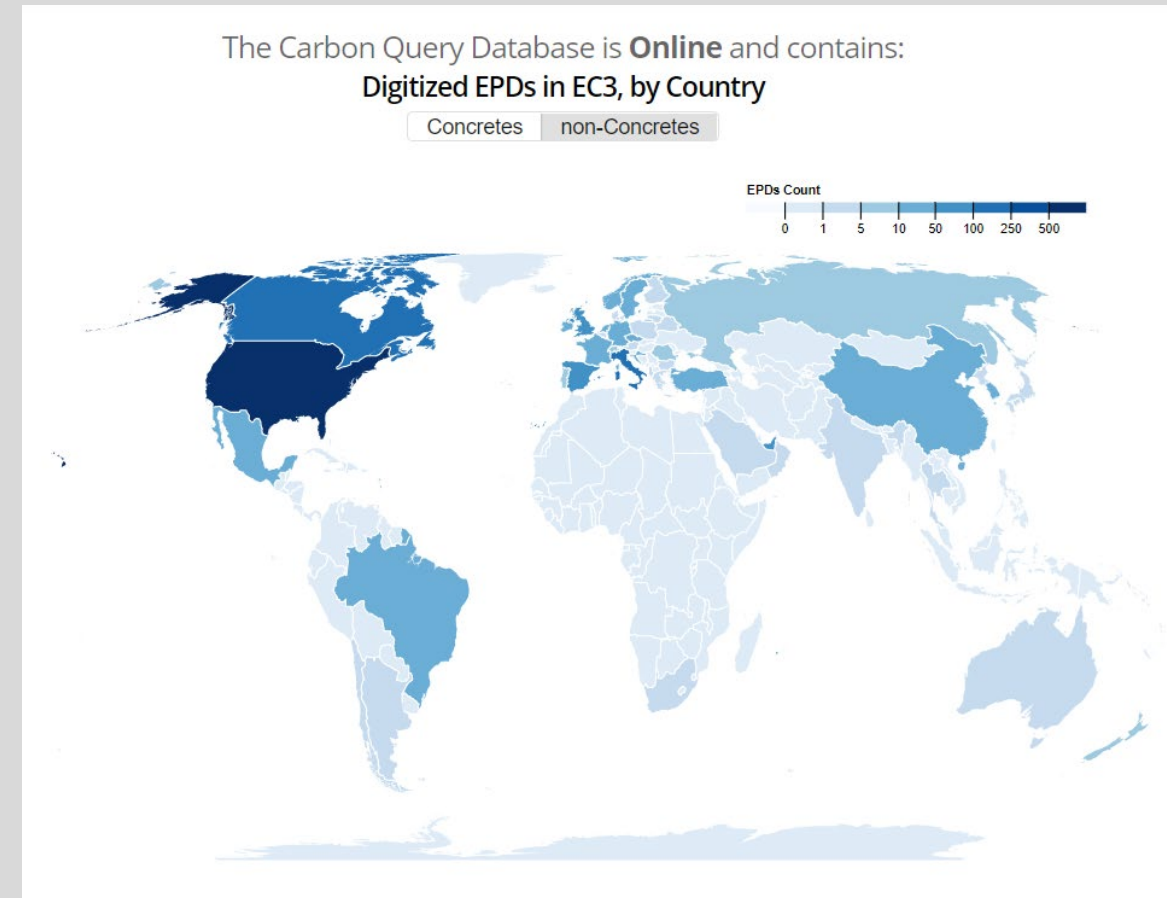
Benchmark Mix Designs - NRMCA

Concrete Element	Volume	Mix PSI	Portland Type I/II	Slag (lbs)	Fly Ash (lbs)	Total Cementitious	Benchmark GWP kgCO2e	Total CO2 / element
Foundations	950	3000	382	27	44	453	211.66	201077
Columns / Shear Walls	650	6000	611	44	71	726	321.68	209092
SOG	300	4000	468	33	54	555	252.63	75789
SOD	1450	5000	576	41	67	684	304.4	441380

Benchmark Embodied Carbon Project Total = 927,338 kg

Embodied Carbon in Construction Calculator (EC3)

- EDP Database
- Domestic & International
- Calculate embodied carbon for complete buildings
- Compare manufacturers and suppliers
- EPD's for various building materials



Building Design & Data

DIL BUILDING

PRIVATE

Anonymize & Publish

Save

Upload a jpeg/png/gif file of size 10Mb or less

Cancel

Project Name *

DIL Building

Building Use

Residential.Multi-Unit

Approximate Construction Start Date

2021-01-01

Project address

Michigan Center, MI, United States



► BUILDING CLASSIFICATION

► REFERENCE & COMPARISON

► SAMPLE SUPPLIER DOCUMENTS

Gross Floor Area

63,000 ft²

Floors

6 Stories

EC Total (Conservative)

1.66M kgCO₂e

EC Intensity (Conservative)

26.3 kgCO₂e / ft²

Floor Area Above Grade

63,000 ft²

EC Total (Achievable)

756k kgCO₂e

EC Intensity (Achievable)

12.0 kgCO₂e / ft²

Floor Area Below Grade

0 ft²

Weight

11.6M lbs

EC Total (Realized)

1.66M kgCO₂e

EC Intensity (Realized)

26.3 kgCO₂e / ft²

Building Elements

@B

Shell

Realized

1.22M kgCO2e

@B1

Columns & Shear Walls

Realized

317k kgCO2e

Cell	Name *	Map	Collection	Selected Material *	Quantity	Unit	Realized	%	Notes	
@B1A	CLMN/WALLS	<div>Search</div>	ReadyMix: USA MI, MN, WI...		650	yd3	317k kgCO2e	100 %		

Add Element

Add Multi-Material Element

@B2

Slab on Grade

Realized

154k kgCO2e

Cell	Name *	Map	Collection	Selected Material *	Quantity	Unit	Realized	%	Notes	
@B2A	SOG	<div>Search</div>	ReadyMix: USA MI, MN, WI...		300	yd3	154k kgCO2e	100 %		

Add Element

Add Multi-Material Element

@B3

Slab on Deck

Realized

748k kgCO2e

Cell	Name *	Map	Collection	Selected Material *	Quantity	Unit	Realized	%	Notes	
@B3A	DECKS	<div>Search</div>	ReadyMix: USA MI, MN, WI...		1,450	yd3	748k kgCO2e	100 %		

Add Element

Add Multi-Material Element

Element Data Entry

SEARCH BY PROPERTIES: 03 30 00 CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE

Compare Products ☒

✓ CHANGE THIS ELEMENT

▼ PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS

Compressive Strength

≅ 3000 psi

@ Curing Time

28d

≅ Compressive Strength Other

@ Curing Time

Cementitious Materials

≥ Gray Portlan...

≥ White Portlan...

≥ GGBS

≥ Fly Ash

≥ Silica Fume

≥ Ground Glass

≥ Natural pozz...

≥ Metakaolin

≥ Other SCMs

Slump (min)

Options

≤ W/C Ratio

≤ EC3 / 1 yd3

☐ Standardweight ☐ Lightweight

▼ GEOGRAPHIC

Filter by Region

Filter by Country/State/Province

Michigan × Ohio ×

Indiana × Illinois ×

Wisconsin ×

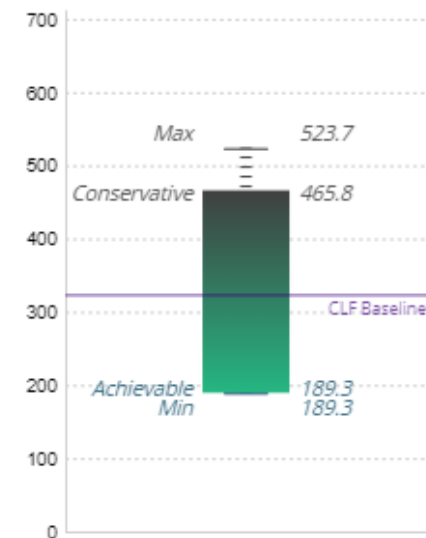
Max Distance from Project Site

GWP Transport Cost

kgCO2e embodied per 1 yd3

Tour :

BOXPLOT
DIAGRAM



EPD Data and Files

- EDP's from various suppliers in the specified geographical area.
- Data is used for EC3 calculations.
- User has the ability to view each EDP

PRODUCT EPDS

Subcategory ▼	Manufacturer▼ ↑↓ Compare	Plant or Plan..▼ ↑↓ Compare	✓ Product ↑↓	✓ Description ↑↓	≅ Compressiv... ↑↓ Compare	≤ EC3 / 1 yd3 ↑↓	Straight-line Di... ↑↓	Details
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ReadyMix	Scioto Ready Mix	Alexandria	<input type="checkbox"/> Mix c8d830f...	3000 2 In Pump	3000 psi	347 kgCO2e	172 miles	Details Open
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ReadyMix	Scioto Ready Mix	Alexandria	<input type="checkbox"/> 553BN1L8D	Enacsement w/ D...	3000 psi	321 kgCO2e	172 miles	Details Open
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ReadyMix	Platte River Conc...	Council Bluffs, IA	<input type="checkbox"/> Mix e14af205...	RAVEN L3000 NA...	3000 psi	343 kgCO2e	600 miles	Details Open
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ReadyMix	Platte River Conc...	Council Bluffs, IA	<input type="checkbox"/> Mix 6f44df2a...	LF3000 AE	3000 psi	288 kgCO2e	600 miles	Details Open

Compare By Manufacturer

3000 psi for Foundations

COMPARE BY MANUFACTURER



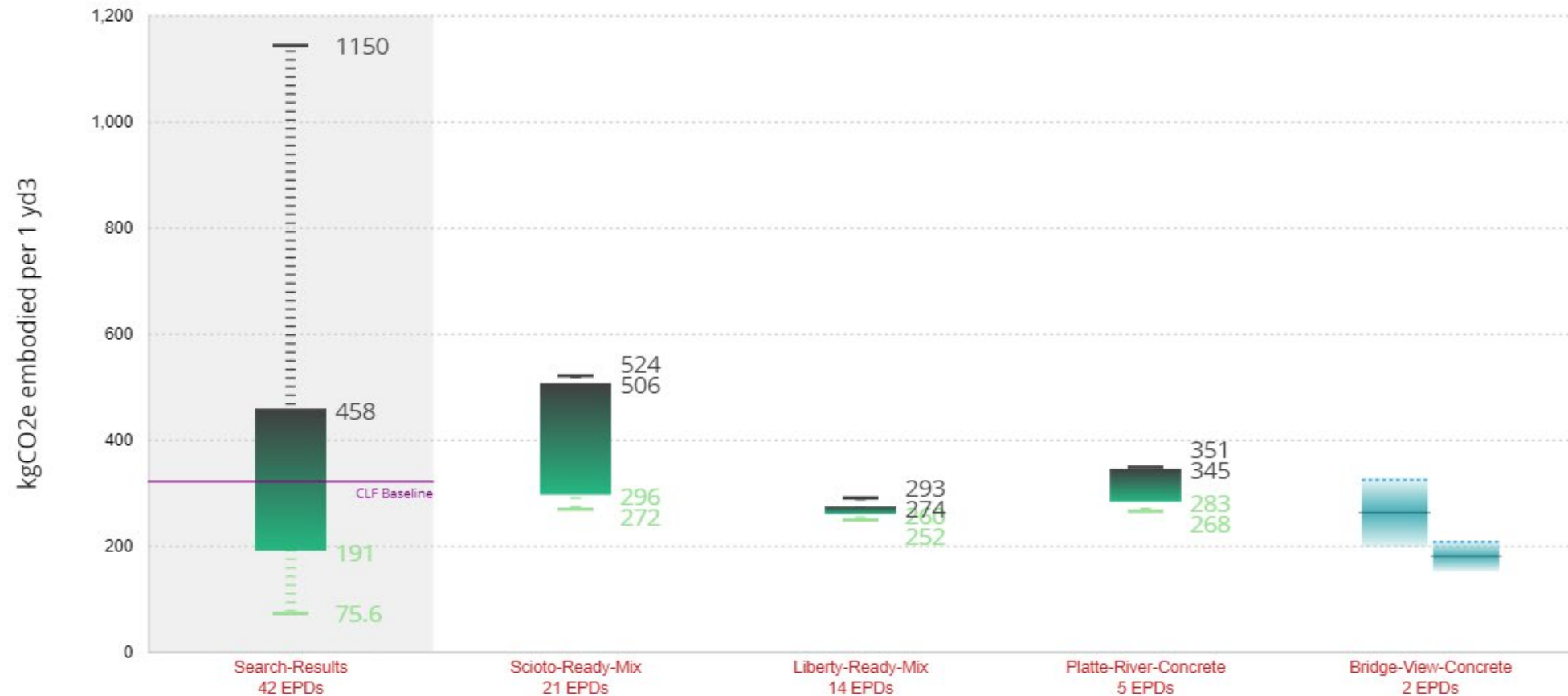
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Valid after : 2020-12-31

and

Strength @28d \cong 3000 psi



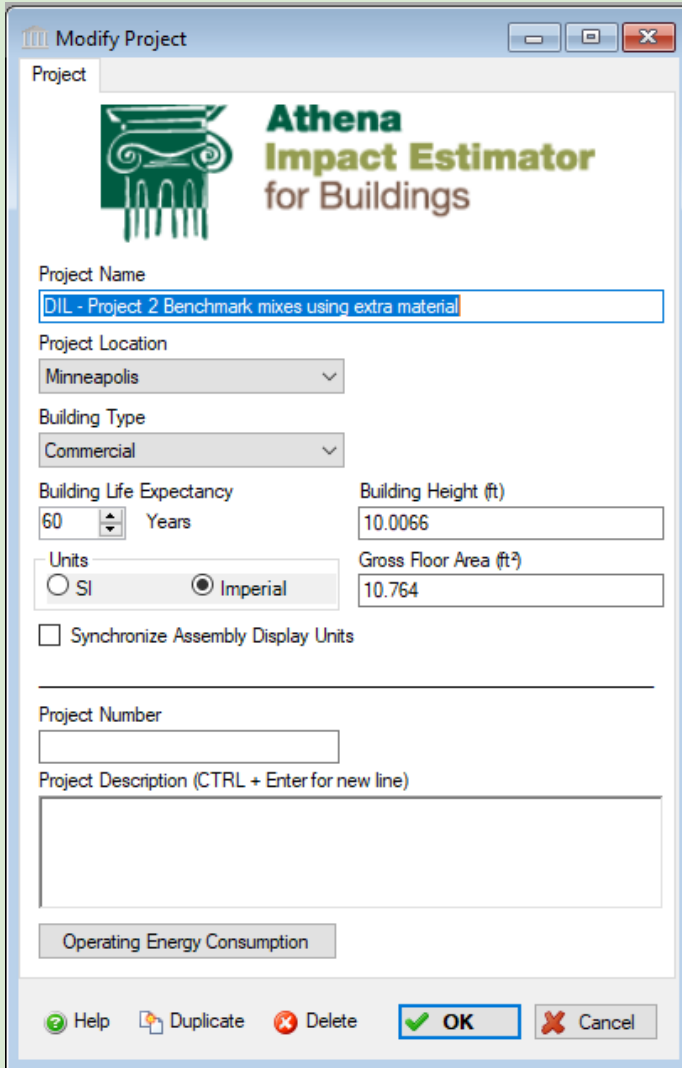
Reduced Carbon Mix Designs - EC3 Tool estimates

Used EC3 tool professional user free access to access Great Lakes regional EPD's to get estimated carbon reduction.

Concrete Element	Volume	Mix PSI	Portland cement	Slag (lbs)	Fly Ash (lbs)	Total Cementitious	Achievable Total kgCO2 / element	Realized Total kgCO2 / element
Foundations	950	3000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	180,000	438,000
Columns / Shear Walls	650	6000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	152,000	317,000
SOG	300	4000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	70,400	154,000
SOD	1450	5000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	353,000	748,000

Achievable 756k kg - vs. Realized 1.66M kg

Athena Impact Estimator for Buildings



The screenshot shows the 'Modify Project' window of the Athena Impact Estimator for Buildings. The window has a title bar with standard Windows controls. Inside, there's a header with the Athena logo and the text 'Athena Impact Estimator for Buildings'. Below this, the 'Project' section contains several input fields: 'Project Name' (text box with 'DIL - Project 2 Benchmark mixes using extra material'), 'Project Location' (dropdown menu with 'Minneapolis'), 'Building Type' (dropdown menu with 'Commercial'), 'Building Life Expectancy' (spin box with '60' and 'Years'), 'Building Height (ft)' (text box with '10.0066'), 'Units' (radio buttons for 'SI' and 'Imperial', with 'Imperial' selected), and 'Gross Floor Area (ft²)' (text box with '10.764'). There is also a checkbox for 'Synchronize Assembly Display Units'. Below these is a 'Project Number' text box and a 'Project Description (CTRL + Enter for new line)' text area. At the bottom of the form is a button labeled 'Operating Energy Consumption'. The footer contains a row of buttons: 'Help', 'Duplicate', 'Delete', 'OK', and 'Cancel'.

Modify Project

Project

Athena Impact Estimator for Buildings

Project Name
DIL - Project 2 Benchmark mixes using extra material

Project Location
Minneapolis

Building Type
Commercial

Building Life Expectancy
60 Years

Building Height (ft)
10.0066

Units
☐ SI ☒ Imperial

Gross Floor Area (ft²)
10.764

☐ Synchronize Assembly Display Units

Project Number

Project Description (CTRL + Enter for new line)

Operating Energy Consumption

Help Duplicate Delete OK Cancel

Assumptions taken:

- Mix library in the estimator tool are claimed to be USA average based on NRMCA data
- The achievable GWP discovered by the EC3 tool based on existing EPD's was an average number and lower GWP could be possible
- Small changes in SCM percentage can make big changes in GWP results
- 50% portland cement replacement was used
For this exercise, Fly ash was 40% and Slag was 60% of the portland replacement.


Embodied Carbon in Athena Calculator

- Project Location in Select cities in USA and Canada
- EPDs for several building materials

Select from list

Select from list

- #15 Organic Felt
- #30 Organic Felt
- 1/2" Fire-Rated Type X Gypsum Board
- 1/2" Gypsum Fibre Gypsum Board
- 1/2" Moisture Resistant Gypsum Board
- 1/2" Regular Gypsum Board
- 1/2" Glass Mat Gypsum Panel
- 10" Lightweight Concrete Block
- 10" Normal Weight Concrete Block
- 12" Lightweight Concrete Block
- 12" Normal Weight Concrete Block
- 2" Insulated Metal Panel
- 3 mil Polyethylene
- 3" Insulated Metal Panel
- 4" Lightweight Concrete Block
- 4" Normal Weight Concrete Block
- 5/8" Fire-Rated Type X Gypsum Board
- 5/8" Gypsum Fibre Gypsum Board
- 5/8" Moisture Resistant Gypsum Board
- 5/8" Regular Gypsum Board
- 5/8" Glass Mat Gypsum Panel
- 6 mil Polyethylene
- 6" Lightweight Concrete Block
- 6" Normal Weight Concrete Block
- 8" Lightweight Concrete Block
- 8" Normal Weight Concrete Block
- Air Barrier
- Aluminum Casting
- Aluminum Clad Wood Window Frame



Project Name

Project 2

Project Location

Minneapolis

Atlanta

Calgary

Halifax

Los Angeles

Minneapolis

Montreal

New York City

Orlando

Ottawa

Pittsburgh

Portland

Quebec City

Seattle

Toronto

USA

Vancouver

Winnipeg

Building Height (ft)

70

Gross Floor Area (ft²)

1000

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Project Description (CTRL + Enter for new line)

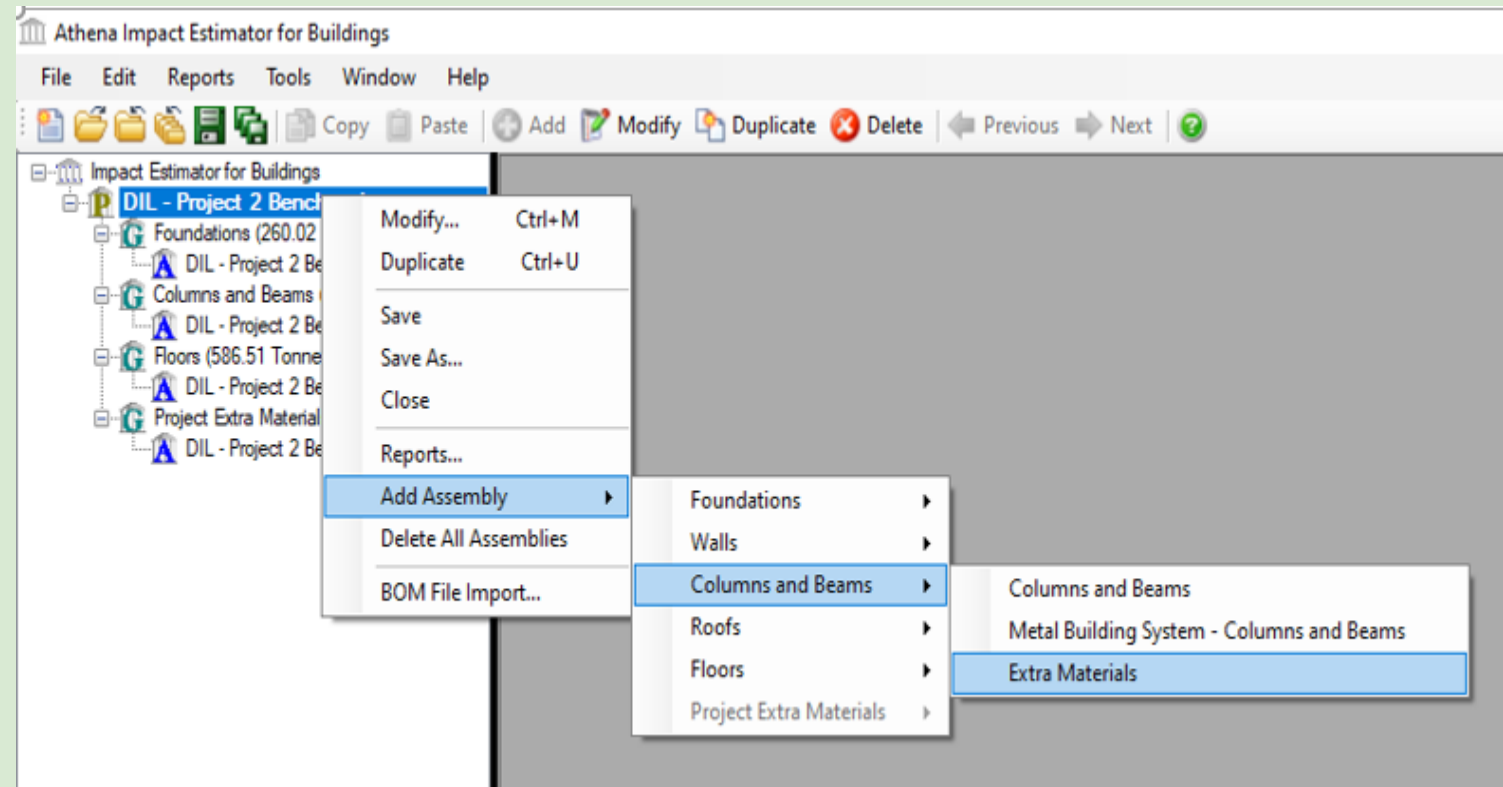
Operating Energy Consumption

Athena Impact Estimator Project input options

- Assembly can be defined by dimensions of the element making specific project information define concrete volumes and therefore element specific GWP
- Using the extra materials option allows one to simply define concrete volume, concrete mix and customize constituents for the element on a project level.
- 5% is automatically added to any volumes entered for project waste.

The 'Assembly' dialog box is shown with the following fields and options:

- Name:** A text input field.
- Diagram:** A small schematic showing a cross-section of a building element with columns and beams.
- Number of Columns:** 0
- Column Height (ft):** 0
- Number of Beams:** 0
- Bay Size (ft):** 0
- Supported Element:** ☒ Floor, ☐ Roof
- Live Load:** ☒ 50 psf, ☐ 75 psf, ☐ 100 psf
- Supported Span (ft):** 0
- Supported Area (ft²):** 0
- Units:** ☐ SI, ☒ Imperial
- Column Type:** ☒ Softwood Lumber, ☐ Hollow Structural Steel, ☐ Glulam, ☐ LVL / PSL, ☐ WF, ☐ Concrete, ☐ Precast Concrete Perimeter, ☐ Precast Concrete Interior, ☐ User Defined Concrete
- Beam Type:** ☒ Glulam, ☐ LVL / PSL, ☐ WF, ☐ Concrete, ☐ Precast Concrete Perimeter, ☐ Precast Concrete Interior, ☐ User Defined Concrete
- Buttons:** Duplicate, Delete, Help, OK, Cancel



Benchmark and Custom mixes to compare for calculating GWP reduction

- Benchmark mixes are based on NRMCA USA averages
- Mix constituents are listed in unit mass contribution, % by weight and % by volume
- Mix constituents are customizable to meet project and producer needs
- Each constituent can be custom entered by unit quantity, % by weight, or % by volume to make the custom mix

User Defined Concrete Mix Design Record

Record Type: Database

Product ID: 293

Product Name: Concrete Benchmark USA 4000 psi

Product Type: Concrete

Unit: yd3

Manually Override Product Density: ☒

Product Density: 1.9438 [Tons (short)/yd3]

Calculated Density: 1.9438 [Tons (short)/yd3]

Units: ☐ SI ☒ Imperial

Component Material Contribution Type:

☒ By Unit Quantity Total Unit Mass 1.9438

☐ By Percent Weight Total % by Weight 100.00%

☐ By Percent Volume Total % by Volume 100.00%

Components: Add Remove Clear

ID	Name	Unit	Density [Tons (short)/yd3]	Unit Mass Contribution [Tons (short)/yd3]	Unit Quantity Contribution to Calculated Density [Tons (short)/yd3]	% By Weight	% By Volume
166	Slag Cement	Tons (short)	2.4609	0.0125	0.0125	0.64%	0.47%
198	Fine Aggregate Natural	Tons (short)	1.6266	0.5792	0.5792	29.80%	33.24%
199	Fine Aggregate Crushed Stone	Tons (short)	2.2502	0.0771	0.0771	3.97%	3.20%
201	Coarse Aggregate Natural	Tons (short)	2.0227	0.2492	0.2492	12.82%	11.50%
202	Coarse Aggregate Crushed Stone	Tons (short)	2.2502	0.5348	0.5348	27.51%	22.19%
205	Portland Cement	Tons (short)	2.6547	0.2852	0.2852	14.67%	10.03%
208	Fly Ash	Tons (short)	1.9384	0.0548	0.0548	2.82%	2.64%
257	Water	Tons (short)	0.8428	0.1510	0.1510	7.77%	16.73%
279	Ready Mix Concrete Plant Process	yd3	0.0000	0.0000	1.3080	0.00%	0.00%

User Defined Concrete Mix Design Record

Record Type: User Defined

Product ID: 100001

Product Name: Concrete USA 4000 psi 50% SCM replacement

Product Type: Concrete

Unit: yd3

Manually Override Product Density: ☒

Product Density: 1.9438 [Tons (short)/yd3]

Calculated Density: 1.8689 [Tons (short)/yd3]

Units: ☐ SI ☒ Imperial

Component Material Contribution Type:

☒ By Unit Quantity Total Unit Mass 1.8689

☐ By Percent Weight Total % by Weight 100.00%

☐ By Percent Volume Total % by Volume 100.00%

Components: Add Remove Clear

ID	Name	Unit	Density [Tons (short)/yd3]	Unit Mass Contribution [Tons (short)/yd3]	Unit Quantity Contribution to Calculated Density [Tons (short)/yd3]	% By Weight	% By Volume
166	Slag Cement	Tons (short)	2.4609	0.0833	0.0833	4.46%	3.24%
198	Fine Aggregate Natural	Tons (short)	1.6266	0.5792	0.5792	30.99%	34.07%
199	Fine Aggregate Crushed Stone	Tons (short)	2.2502	0.0771	0.0771	4.13%	3.28%
201	Coarse Aggregate Natural	Tons (short)	2.0227	0.2492	0.2492	13.33%	11.79%
202	Coarse Aggregate Crushed Stone	Tons (short)	2.2502	0.5348	0.5348	28.62%	22.74%
205	Portland Cement	Tons (short)	2.6547	0.1388	0.1388	7.43%	5.00%
208	Fly Ash	Tons (short)	1.9384	0.0555	0.0555	2.97%	2.74%
257	Water	Tons (short)	0.8428	0.1510	0.1510	8.08%	17.14%
279	Ready Mix Concrete Plant Process	yd3	0.0000	0.0000	1.3080	0.00%	0.00%

Athena tool benchmark - Full project results

- Athena Impact Estimator tool complete LCA report by element.
- Reports are exportable to various software
- Internal calculators multiply per cubic yard GWP metrics by volumes input for each element

LCA Measure Table By Assembly Groups (A to C)

Project: DIL - Project 2 Benchmark mixes using extra material

LCA Measures	Unit	Foundations	Walls	Columns and Beams	Roofs	Slabs on Deck	Slabs on Grade	Total
Global Warming Potential	kg CO2 eq	2.60E+05	0.00E+00	2.77E+05	0.00E+00	5.87E+05	1.02E+05	1.23E+06
Acidification Potential	kg SO2 eq	1.02E+03	0.00E+00	9.61E+02	0.00E+00	2.04E+03	4.11E+02	4.43E+03
HH Particulate	kg PM2.5 eq	1.68E+02	0.00E+00	1.83E+02	0.00E+00	3.87E+02	6.61E+01	8.05E+02
Eutrophication Potential	kg N eq	2.81E+02	0.00E+00	3.08E+02	0.00E+00	6.52E+02	1.12E+02	1.35E+03
Ozone Depletion Potential	kg CFC-11 eq	5.57E-03	0.00E+00	6.36E-03	0.00E+00	1.34E-02	2.21E-03	2.76E-02
Smog Potential	kg O3 eq	2.46E+04	0.00E+00	2.18E+04	0.00E+00	4.64E+04	1.01E+04	1.03E+05
Total Primary Energy	MJ	1.88E+06	0.00E+00	1.86E+06	0.00E+00	3.95E+06	7.39E+05	8.42E+06
Non-Renewable Energy	MJ	1.82E+06	0.00E+00	1.79E+06	0.00E+00	3.80E+06	7.15E+05	8.12E+06
Fossil Fuel Consumption	MJ	1.72E+06	0.00E+00	1.68E+06	0.00E+00	3.57E+06	6.78E+05	7.66E+06

Athena Impact Estimator - Benchmark GWP

Concrete Element	Volume	Mix PSI	Portland Type I/II	Slag (lbs)	Fly Ash (lbs)	Total Cementitious	Benchmark GWP kgCO2e/cy	Total CO2 / element
Foundations	950+5%	3000	455	20	88	563	273.68	260,000kg
Columns / Beams	650+5%	6000	759	33	146	938	426.15	277,000kg
SOG	300+5%	4000	570	25	110	705	340	102,000kg
SOD	1450+5%	5000	719	32	138	889	404.8	587,000kg

Benchmark Embodied Carbon Project Total = 1,226,000 kg

Reduced Carbon Mixes with 50% SCM Replacement - Athena

LCA Measure Table By Assembly Groups (A to C)

Project: DIL Sustainability Project with 50% SCM Replacement

LCA Measures	Unit	Foundations	Walls	Columns and Beams	Roofs	Floors	Slab on Grade	Total
Global Warming Potential	kg CO2 eq	1.59E+05	0.00E+00	1.59E+05	0.00E+00	3.36E+05	6.16E+04	7.15E+05
Acidification Potential	kg SO2 eq	7.79E+02	0.00E+00	7.12E+02	0.00E+00	1.51E+03	3.26E+02	3.32E+03
HH Particulate	kg PM2.5 eq	1.13E+02	0.00E+00	1.17E+02	0.00E+00	2.46E+02	4.32E+01	5.20E+02
Eutrophication Potential	kg N eq	1.73E+02	0.00E+00	1.79E+02	0.00E+00	3.78E+02	6.73E+01	7.97E+02
Ozone Depletion Potential	kg CFC-11 eq	3.98E-03	0.00E+00	4.33E-03	0.00E+00	9.09E-03	1.51E-03	1.89E-02
Smog Potential	kg O3 eq	1.82E+04	0.00E+00	1.55E+04	0.00E+00	3.30E+04	7.96E+03	7.46E+04
Total Primary Energy	MJ	1.33E+06	0.00E+00	1.24E+06	0.00E+00	2.63E+06	5.26E+05	5.73E+06
Non-Renewable Energy	MJ	1.29E+06	0.00E+00	1.20E+06	0.00E+00	2.55E+06	5.12E+05	5.55E+06
Fossil Fuel Consumption	MJ	1.22E+06	0.00E+00	1.12E+06	0.00E+00	2.37E+06	4.82E+05	5.19E+06

	Foundations	Columns & Beams	Floors	Slab on Grade	Total
GWP (in kg CO2)	159,000	159,000	336,000	61,600	715,600

Reduced Carbon Mix Designs - Athena Calculator estimates

Used Athena calculator to enter mix designs with reduced carbon based from NRMCA benchmark mixes.

Concrete Element	Volume	Mix PSI	Portland Type I/II	Slag (lbs)	Fly Ash (lbs)	Total Cementitious	Reduced Co2 GWP kgCO2e/cy	Total CO2 / element
Foundations	950	3000	235	141	94	470	167.37	159,000
Columns / Beams	650	6000	363	218	145	726	244.62	159,000
SOG	300	4000	278	167	111	556	205.33	61,600
SOD	1450	5000	342	205	137	684	231.72	336,000

Proposed Reduced CO2 Project Total = 715,600 kg

User Defined Concrete Mix Design Library

User Defined Concrete Mix Design Record

Record Type: User Defined

Product ID: 100000

Product Name: Concrete Reduced Carbon 50% Replacement

Product Type: Concrete

Unit: m3

Manually Override Product Density: ☒

Units:

Components: Add Remove Clear

ID	Name
166	Slag Cement
198	Fine Aggregate Natural
199	Fine Aggregate Crushed Stone
201	Coarse Aggregate Natural
202	Coarse Aggregate Crushed Stone
208	Fly Ash
257	Water
279	Ready Mix Concrete Plant Process
205	Portland Cement

Select a Material from the Database

Search for a Material in the Database

Search String: %

Material Type: Binder

Materials: Select from list

Selected Material Info

Material ID:

Material Name:

Unit of Measure:

Conversion to Tonnes:

Density: [Tonnes/m3]

☐ Is a Process

☐ Has Rolled Up LCI Data

Help OK Cancel

Unit Quantity Contribution to Calculated Density [Tonnes/m3]	% By Weight	% By Volume	Is a Process Record
0.0837	3.74%	2.71%	<input type="checkbox"/>
0.7160	31.99%	35.03%	<input type="checkbox"/>
0.0953	4.26%	3.37%	<input type="checkbox"/>
0.3080	13.76%	12.12%	<input type="checkbox"/>
0.6610	29.53%	23.38%	<input type="checkbox"/>
0.0558	2.49%	2.29%	<input type="checkbox"/>
0.1792	8.00%	16.92%	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.0000	0.00%	0.00%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
0.1394	6.23%	4.18%	<input type="checkbox"/>

Help OK Cancel

- Change to Portland Lime Cement by changing binder in material database
- Must add PLC, manually input quantity and remove Portland Cement

Reduced Carbon Mixes with 50% SCM Replacement & PLC Cement - Athena

LCA Measure Table By Assembly Groups (A to C)

Project: Copy of DIL Sustainability Project with 50% SCM Replacement

LCA Measures	Unit	Foundations	Walls	Columns and Beams	Roofs	Floors	Slab on Grade	Total
Global Warming Potential	kg CO2 eq	1.49E+05	0.00E+00	1.48E+05	0.00E+00	3.12E+05	5.78E+04	6.67E+05
Acidification Potential	kg SO2 eq	7.55E+02	0.00E+00	6.85E+02	0.00E+00	1.45E+03	3.17E+02	3.21E+03
HH Particulate	kg PM2.5 eq	1.08E+02	0.00E+00	1.11E+02	0.00E+00	2.33E+02	4.10E+01	4.93E+02
Eutrophication Potential	kg N eq	1.70E+02	0.00E+00	1.76E+02	0.00E+00	3.71E+02	6.62E+01	7.83E+02
Ozone Depletion Potential	kg CFC-11 eq	3.77E-03	0.00E+00	4.10E-03	0.00E+00	8.62E-03	1.43E-03	1.79E-02
Smog Potential	kg O3 eq	1.78E+04	0.00E+00	1.51E+04	0.00E+00	3.22E+04	7.83E+03	7.30E+04
Total Primary Energy	MJ	1.28E+06	0.00E+00	1.19E+06	0.00E+00	2.51E+06	5.06E+05	5.48E+06
Non-Renewable Energy	MJ	1.24E+06	0.00E+00	1.15E+06	0.00E+00	2.43E+06	4.93E+05	5.31E+06
Fossil Fuel Consumption	MJ	1.17E+06	0.00E+00	1.07E+06	0.00E+00	2.26E+06	4.64E+05	4.96E+06

	Foundations	Columns & Beams	Floors	Slab on Grade	Total
GWP (in kg CO2)	149,000	148,000	312,000	57,800	666,800

Low Carbon Mixes with Portland vs PLC

With Portland Cement

	Foundations	Columns & Beams	Floors	Slab on Grade	Total
GWP (in kg CO2)	159,000	159,000	336,000	61,600	715,600

With PLC Cement

	Foundations	Columns & Beams	Floors	Slab on Grade	Total
GWP (in kg CO2)	149,000	148,000	312,000	57,800	666,800

- Additional 7% Reduction in CO2 by using PLC

Side By Side Comparison EC3 to Athena Impact Estimator for Buildings

Project Application	Volume	NRMCA Benchmark GWP	EC3 Tool Achievable GWP	% GWP Reduction	Athena IE Tool Benchmark GWP	Athena IE Tool Benchmark GWP	% GWP Reduction
Foundations	950	201000	180000	10%	260000	159000	39%
Columns/Shear Walls	650	209000	152000	27%	277000	159000	43%
Slab on Deck	1450	76000	71000	7%	102000	62000	39%
SOG	300	441000	353000	20%	587000	336000	43%
Total Project GWP in kgCO2e	3350	927000	756000	18%	1226000	716000	42%

- This free download can demonstrate to engineers / architects on a project basis how much GWP percentage reduction can be targeted or even specified.
- Producers can use the tools to demonstrate capabilities to owners, architects, and engineers.
 - Provide architects/engineers a day-to-day approach on how to reduce the total carbon footprint from concrete.
- Producers can work with engineers to custom design mixes per building element as required based on project requirements.

Considerations for Specifiers and Suppliers:

- Tools that utilize a database are limited to data submitted in the region
- GWP reduction levels may or may not be achievable based on specific available raw materials
- GWP reduction levels should be considered a guide on the possibilities
- Write the spec for the desired kgCO₂e without prescribing the mix properties
- Consider accepting 56 day performance ILO 28 day that is typically considered.

Thank you for your time!

Questions?