

# ALU Software Lesson



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# Goal of Session



- **Distribute and load software**
  - for those who have laptops
- **Introduce interface to the program**
- **Create a session and enter data**
  - Using N fertilizer data as an example
- **Enter activity data in Module I**
  - Using ALU workbook
- **Assign emission factors in Module II**
- **Review calculations in Module III**
- **Conduce Quality Control/Quality Assurance**
- **Create an emissions report**

# Loading ALU Software



- **Distribute software and workbook example**
- **Load software**
  - Follow instructions file
- **Open software and create database file**
  - NOTE: can create multiple databases
- **Enter user name**
- **Distribute workbook example**
  - N Fertilization
- **Ready to use the software!**

A blue tractor is pulling a white fertilizer trailer across a lush green field. The tractor is positioned on the left side of the frame, and the trailer extends towards the right. The field is vibrant green with some small yellow flowers scattered throughout. In the background, there are rolling green hills and a few trees under a clear blue sky. A semi-transparent black box with a grid pattern is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text.

# Emissions from N Fertilizer

# Background for N Fertilizers



- **Fertilizer application to soils influences soil  $N_2O$  emissions**
- **Direct soil  $N_2O$  emissions**
  - Processes of nitrification and denitrification
- **Indirect soil  $N_2O$  emissions**
  - Processes of volatilization, leaching and runoff of N
  - Leads to  $N_2O$  emissions at other sites or in waterways
- **Mineral N fertilizer additions are a key driver of these processes**

# Equation: Direct Soil N<sub>2</sub>O



## EQUATION 11.1

### DIRECT N<sub>2</sub>O EMISSIONS FROM MANAGED SOILS (TIER 1)

$$N_2O_{Direct-N} = N_2O-N_{Ninputs} + N_2O-N_{OS} + N_2O-N_{PRP}$$

Where:

$$N_2O-N_{Ninputs} = \left[ \left[ (F_{SN} + F_{ON} + F_{CR} + F_{SOM}) \cdot EF_1 \right] + \left[ (F_{SN} + F_{ON} + F_{CR} + F_{SOM})_{FR} \cdot EF_{1FR} \right] \right]$$

$$N_2O-N_{OS} = \left[ \left( F_{OS,CG,Temp} \cdot EF_{2CG,Temp} \right) + \left( F_{OS,CG,Trop} \cdot EF_{2CG,Trop} \right) + \left( F_{OS,F,Temp,NR} \cdot EF_{2F,Temp,NR} \right) + \left( F_{OS,F,Temp,NP} \cdot EF_{2F,Temp,NP} \right) + \left( F_{OS,F,Trop} \cdot EF_{2F,Trop} \right) \right]$$

$$N_2O-N_{PRP} = \left[ \left( F_{PRP, CPP} \cdot EF_{3PRP, CPP} \right) + \left( F_{PRP, SO} \cdot EF_{3PRP, SO} \right) \right]$$

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# Equation: Indirect Soil N<sub>2</sub>O Volatilization



## EQUATION 4.32

N<sub>2</sub>O FROM ATMOSPHERIC DEPOSITION OF N (TIER 1b)

$$N_{2O_{(G-SOIL)}-N} = \{(N_{FERT} \cdot Frac_{GASF}) + [\sum_T(N_{(T)} \cdot Nex_{(T)} + N_{SEWSLUDGE}] \cdot Frac_{GASM}\} \cdot EF_4$$

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# Equation: Indirect Soil N<sub>2</sub>O Leaching/Runoff



## EQUATION 4.36

DEPOSITED N FROM LEACHING/RUNOFF (EXPANDED AS TO SEWAGE SLUDGE)

$$N_{2O(L-SOIL)-N} = (N_{FERT} + \{ \sum_T (N_{(T)} \cdot Nex_{(T)}) \cdot [1 - (Frac_{FUEL-AM} + Frac_{FEED-AM} + Frac_{CNSL-AM})] \} + N_{SEWSLUDGE}) \cdot Frac_{LEACH} \cdot EF_5$$

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# Session: A Key Concept



- Three steps for completing an inventory for emission sources in ALU software
  - Enter activity data
  - Assign emission factors
  - Calculate emissions using IPCC equation
- All steps are accomplished through a session that is created when initiating data entry in a primary data element for ALU
- Each session includes a specific spatial domain
  - Entire country or regions within the country
  - Trade-off between one session for country relative to sessions for different regions
- Each session is for a specific year
  - i.e., an inventory year

# Quality Assurance/Quality Control



- Review the inventory data for errors
  - Typographical errors/data processing errors
  - Poor data
  - Inappropriate use of data
  - False assumptions
- Quality Control – Review by inventory compiler
- Quality Assurance – Review by expert (s) who is not involved with the inventory
  - Experts from another ministry, universities, international organizations
- QA/QC will often uncover errors before reporting to the UNFCCC

# Creating Emission Reports



- ALU software has two options for creating emissions reports
  - Standard reports – provide all calculations from the program
  - UNFCCC reports – follow the format of the secretariat's software for Modules 4 and 5
- Reports are exported in a format that can be opened in MS Excel
  - Can do additional operations in excel, such as graphing
- Reports can be included as supplementary material to national communication with the UNFCCC or in national inventory report



**Create an Example**