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Nevada Cement Company - Fernley, NV plant

An Environmental Product Declaration



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About this EPD

This is a cradle-to-gate environmental product declaration (EPD) for cements produced by Nevada Cement Company at its Fernley, NV 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



Nevada Cement Company

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The Nevada Cement Company is a subsidiary of Eagle Materials. The Fernley Cement plant provided both LCI and meta-data for limestone extraction, clinker production and cement manufacture for reference year 2021. 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).





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- 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.
- Type IP (ASTM C595 [13]) — Portland-pozzolan cement is a hydraulic cement in which the pozzolan constituent is up to 40 % by mass of the blended cement.

Pozzolan concrete additive (Class - N) as per ASTM C618 Standard specification of coal ash and raw calcined natural pozzolan for use in concrete

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| 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 | 04/21/2023 – 5 years |
| Declared Unit | 1 metric ton of cement |

EPD Information

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| Program Operator | ASTM International |
| Declaration Number | EPD #453 |
| 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 2020 [3].

This EPD was independently verified by ASTM in accordance with ISO 14025 and the reference PCR:

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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

Nevada Cement Company & Production Facility

Headquartered in Fernley, Nevada Cement Company (a subsidiary of Eagle Materials) has been the leader in producing 500,000 tons of high-quality cements annually for the Northern Nevada and California markets since 1964.

Facility Name: Fernley Cement Plant, Nevada Cement Company
1290 W Main St, Fernley, NV 89408

Product Description

This EPD reports environmental transparency information for five cement types and a Class N pozzolan additive produced by Nevada Cement Company at its Fernley, NV plant. Cements are hydraulic binders and are manufactured by grinding cement clinker and other main or minor 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. Cements are sold in bulk as well as packaged.

Products and Standards

| Inputs | Type I/II LA ASTM C150 | Type I/II ASTM C150 | Type II ASTM C595 | Type I/II (H) ASTM C150 | Type IP ASTM C595 | Class - N ASTM C681 |
|------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Clinker | 93% | 94% | 82% | 96% | 69% | 0% |
| Gypsum | 4% | 4% | 5% | 4% | 4% | 0% |
| Limestone | 1% | 1% | 13% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Natural Pozzolan | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 24% | 100% |
| Others | 2% | 1% | <1% | <1% | 1% | <1% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |



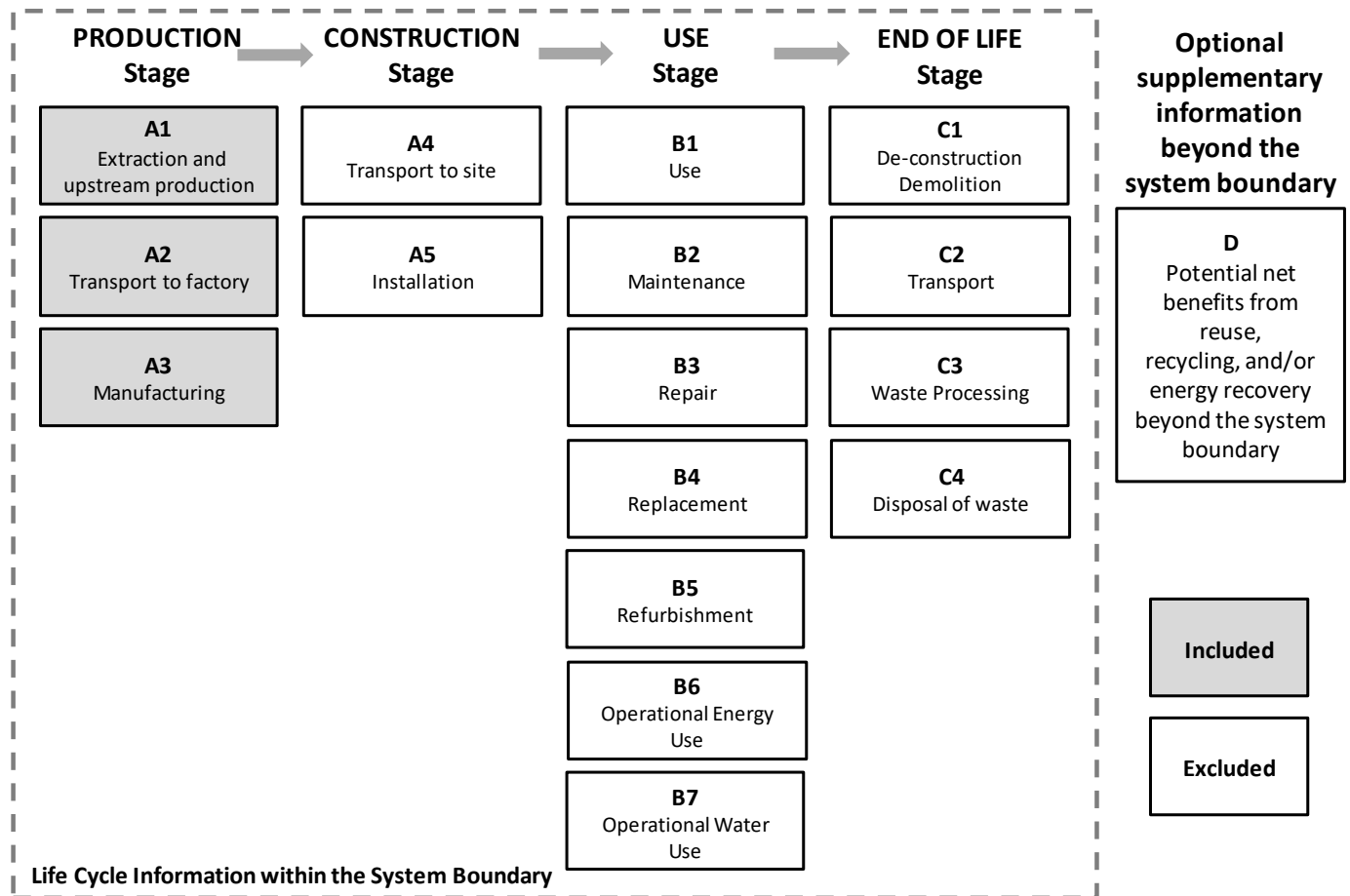


Declared Unit

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 Fernley cement plant sources its limestone supply from two nearby quarries.



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 as 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 2021:

- quarrying 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 | <p>Data represents the prevailing technology in use at the Fernley facility. Whenever available, for all upstream and core material and processes, North American typical or average industry LCI datasets were utilized.</p> <p>The Fernley plant employes two kiln types - <i>a dry kiln and a second dry kiln with a preheater.</i></p> <p><i>Technological representativeness is characterized as "high".</i></p> |
| Geographic Coverage | <p>The geographic region considered is U.S.</p> <p><i>Geographical representativeness is characterized as "high".</i></p> |





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| Time Coverage | <p>Activity (primary) data are representative of 2021 calendar year (12 months).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fernley limestone extraction, - Fernley clinker production, - Fernley cement manufacturing, - In-bound/out-bound transportation data - primary data collected for quarry site and cement manufacturing plant. <p><i>Temporal representativeness is characterized as “high”.</i></p> |
| Completeness | <p>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 production profile for Nevada Cement Company cement products. The Fernley cement plant operates a continuous emissions monitoring system and reports emissions to the US EPA and state agencies. These data for 2021 were drawn on in the completion of this EPD. The completeness of the foreground process chain in terms of process steps is rigorously assessed.</p> |
| Consistency | <p>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</p> |
| Reproducibility | <p>External reproducibility is not possible as the source LCI data and subsequent LCA background reports are confidential.</p> |
| Transparency | <p>Activity datasets are disclosed in the project LCI compilation, and the background reports generated by the GCCA Tool.</p> |
| Uncertainty | <p>A <i>sensitivity check</i> 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.</p> |

Life Cycle Impact Assessment Results: Fernley 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 Fernley plant. Appended to this report are results per short ton of each cement type.

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 LA ASTM C150 | Type I/II ASTM C150 | Type II ASTM C595 | Type I/II (H) ASTM C150 | Type IP ASTM C595 | Class - N ASTM C681 |
|--|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Global warming potential, GWP 100, AR5 | kg CO2 eq | 1167 | 1171 | 1032 | 1192 | 885 | 40 |
| Ozone depletion potential, ODP | kg CFC-11 eq | 2.67E-05 | 2.67E-05 | 2.42E-05 | 2.62E-05 | 2.14E-05 | 5.55E-06 |
| Smog formation potential, SFP | kg O3 eq | 130 | 131 | 116 | 134 | 98 | 2.3 |
| Acidification potential, AP | kg SO2 eq | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 0.2 |
| Eutrophication potential, EP | kg N eq | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 0.2 |
| Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil mineral resources, ADP elements* | kg Sb eq | 2.62E-04 | 2.62E-04 | 2.44E-04 | 2.36E-04 | 2.18E-04 | 8.7E-05 |
| Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources, ADP fossil* | MJ LHV | 565 | 565 | 513 | 551 | 440 | 69 |
| Renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel), RPRE* | MJ LHV | 389 | 388 | 352 | 390 | 313 | 95 |
| Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material, RPRM* | MJ LHV | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel), NRPRE* | MJ LHV | 6899 | 6915 | 6164 | 6894 | 5336 | 660 |
| Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material, NRPRM* | MJ LHV | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Secondary materials, SM* | kg | 8 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Renewable secondary fuels, RSF * | MJ LHV | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-renewable secondary fuels, NRSF * | MJ LHV | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Recovered energy, RE* | MJ LHV | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consumption of freshwater, FW* | m3 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0.9 |
| Hazardous waste disposed, HWD* | kg | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.59 | 0.69 | 0.5 | 0 |
| Non-hazardous waste disposed, NHWD * | kg | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0 |





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| High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository, HLRW* | kg | x ¹⁾ | x ¹⁾ | x ¹⁾ | x ¹⁾ | x ¹⁾ | x ¹⁾ |
| Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository, ILLRW* | kg | x ¹⁾ | x ¹⁾ | x ¹⁾ | x ¹⁾ | x ¹⁾ | x ¹⁾ |
| Components for re-use, CRU* | kg | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Materials for recycling, MFR* | kg | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Materials for energy recovery, MER* | kg | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Recovered energy exported from the product system, EE* | MJ LHV | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Additional Inventory Parameters for Transparency

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| Global warming potential - biogenic, GWPbio* | kg CO ₂ eq | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.3 |
| Emissions from calcination* | kg CO ₂ eq | 486 | 488 | 429 | 503 | 364 | 0 |
| Emissions from combustion of waste from renewable sources* | kg CO ₂ eq | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Emissions from combustion of waste from non-renewable sources* | kg CO ₂ eq | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table Notes:

x¹⁾ – The GCCA EPD Tool does not support these indicators.

* Use caution when interpreting results for these categories

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

Nevada Cement Company’s manufacturing facilities comply with the U.S. environmental protection agency (EPA) and Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) regulations, monitor and report the emissions to air during the manufacturing process as per the following: EPCRA Section 313 Toxic Release Inventory reporting (U.S.) <https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program>, accessed 07-2022.





Air pollution abatement equipment used at Nevada Cement Company's plant consist of high temperature baghouses, water sprinklers and water trucks for dust control, wet scrubbers, activated carbon recirculating baghouses, selective noncatalytic reduction systems, and dry sorbent injection.

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