Agriculture and Nature Expert Panel
Report to plenum

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Guidebook updates

- Recommend adoption of methodology for emissions of HCB (3Df)
  - Minor changes from version presented in 2019
- Recommend adoption of revised methodologies for 5B2 (biogas production), 3B (manure management) and 3D (emissions from soil)
  - Necessary to ensure a complete and consistent treatment of N gasses
Emission factor updates - NH$_3$ emissions

- For synthetic N fertilisers
  - Add application rate to the list of dependent variables
  - Investigate some inconsistencies in the underlying model
  - Advise delaying revision until 2022

- For emissions from livestock housing and manure storage
  - Emission factors based on median values of available measurements
  - Use mean not median values (harmonisation with IPCC)
  - ‘Hidden’ data?
  - Review by ad hoc group with expectation of a recommendation for adoption
Emission factor updates - NH$_3$ emissions

- For emissions from field-applied liquid manure
  - Ad hoc group
  - Investigate sensitivity of emissions to precipitation
  - Initially test using UK precipitation data

- For emissions from field-applied solid manure
  - "Hidden" data?
  - Use mean not median then recommend adoption
Process and resources

- Dissemination of information by Parties
  - Please ensure a wide dissemination of information concerning proposed updates and open review
  - Difficult to deal with major comments after the end of the open review

- More rigorous methodological development?
  - Suggestion that we need much more detailed development processes than has been traditional in TFEIP (i.e. closer to IPCC)
  - Not a problem – if the resources are made available
Other business

- Ammonia emissions from crops
  - Need a workshop to make progress
- Direct and indirect emissions of nitric oxide from soils
  - Hoping UK will undertake a review and methodology development
- International activities related to nitrogen
  - especially Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen
Workplan 2019-2020

- Method to estimate ammonia emissions from liquid manure applied to soil - assess sensitivity to rainfall
- Continue development of method to estimate ammonia emissions from synthetic fertilisers
- Revise methodology for direct emissions of nitric oxide
- Develop a methodology for indirect emissions of nitric oxide
- Continue the collaboration with TFRN (EPMAN/EPNB)
- Develop method to estimate ammonia emissions from crops
- Assess need for methodology for marine NH$_3$ emissions
- Assess consequences of refinement of agriculture chapter of IPCC (2006) on Guidebook