

1 How To Use This Report

Reporting on the results of a life cycle study is at best an awkward process. The complexity of such a study can lead to the necessary, but sometimes tedious, reporting of much detail. For life cycle analysis, the devil is truly in the details.

We recognize, however, that there are many types of readers who may find an interest in the results of our work. Therefore, we have presented our study at three different levels of detail: one for the policymaker interested in “cutting to the quick,” one for the more technically oriented staff often supporting policy decisions, and one for the “hard core” life cycle practitioner. This approach has undoubtedly led to some redundancy in our presentation. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause, but hope that (at least for those who bothered to stop here first before diving into the report) most will find this approach more economical in targeting the appropriate level of detail needed.

Here is a road map for finding your way around this report:

For a quick and concise description of the study and its results, see...

- Executive Summary (starting on page iii)

For the 2nd level of detail providing more information on how we conducted the study and a more detailed discussion of results, see...

- Section 1.0 Technical Overview. This overview is can be read without any need to reference later sections (including the bibliography at the end).

For the “hard core” details of our modeling and a detailed discussion of the results see...

- Section 2.0 through Section 11.0. The reader can start from section 2.0 to get a complete and detailed description of the study.

Each of the three levels described above is essentially free standing and can be read independently to get a full perspective on the study.

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