



VERIFICATION OPINION DECLARATION GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Apex Companies, LLC (Apex) was engaged to conduct an independent verification of the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reported by General Mills Inc. (General Mills) for the period stated below. This verification declaration applies to the related information included within the scope of work described below.

Total GHG emissions were verified according to the reporting and verification standards noted below. The Science Based Target Initiative (SBTi) target boundaries were reviewed for alignment with the SBTi Corporate Manual and SBTi criteria, but were not independently validated by Apex per the SBTi standards.

The determination of the GHG emissions is the sole responsibility of General Mills. General Mills is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the GHG statement in accordance with the criteria. Apex's sole responsibility was to provide independent verification on the accuracy of the GHG emissions reported, and on the underlying systems and processes used to collect, analyze and review the information. Apex is responsible for expressing an opinion on the GHG statement based on the verification. Verification activities applied in a limited level of assurance verification are less extensive in nature, timing and extent than in a reasonable level of assurance verification.

Boundaries of the reporting company GHG emissions covered by the verification:

- Operational Control
- Worldwide
- Exclusions
 - emissions associated with refrigerant losses

Types of GHGs: CO₂, N₂O, CH₄

GHG Emissions Statement:

GHG Scope/Category	GHG Protocol (metric tons CO ₂ equivalent)	SBTi Target Boundary (metric tons CO ₂ equivalent)*
Scope 1	317,900	317,900
Scope 2 (location-based)	514,700	514,700
Scope 2 (market-based)	74,100	74,100
Scope 3	19,234,400	15,727,500
Category 1 – Purchased Goods and Services	8,809,400	7,940,700
Category 2 – Capital Goods	499,900	-
Category 3 – Fuel and Energy Related Activities	222,500	221,800
Category 4 – Upstream Transportation & Distribution	3,506,500	3,506,500
Category 5 – Waste Generated in Operations	73,700	73,700

Category 6 – Business Travel (Air Travel)	8,100	8,100
Category 7 – Employee Commuting	53,700	-
Category 9 – Downstream Transportation and Distribution	1,342,100	-
Category 10 – Processing of Sold Products	42,000	42,000
Category 11 – Use of Sold Products	3,545,200	3,545,200
Category 12 – End of Life Treatment of Sold Products	1,126,700	389,500
Category 14 – Franchises	4,600	-

* SBTi target boundaries have been reviewed for alignment with the SBTi Corporate Manual and SBTi criteria *but* have not been independently validated by Apex Companies per the SBTi standards.

Data and information supporting the Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 GHG emissions statement were in some cases estimated rather than historical in nature.

Period covered by GHG emissions verification:

- June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022

Criteria against which verification conducted:

- World Resources Institute (WRI)/World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Scope 1 and 2)
- WRI/WBCSD Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Accounting and Reporting Standard (Scope 3)

Reference Standard:

- ISO 14064-3 Second Edition 2019-04: Greenhouse gases -- Part 3: Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements

Level of Assurance and Qualifications:

- Limited
- This verification used a materiality threshold of $\pm 5\%$ for aggregate errors in sampled data for each of the above indicators.
- It is possible that actual Scope 1 emissions are materially different than reported, as there may be quantities of additional fuels, beyond natural gas, that have not previously been reported by several sites. The quantities of these fuels and their associated emissions are unknown at this time.
- An older set of Ecoinvent EEIO emission factors is being used to calculate several categories of Scope 3 emissions (Purchased Goods & Services, Capital Goods, Use of Sold Products, Upstream Transportation and Distribution, Waste Generated in Operations, Employee Commuting, Processing of Sold Products, and End of Life Treatment of Sold Products). GHG Protocol requires use of the most recent available factors when calculating emissions.

GHG Verification Methodology:

Evidence-gathering procedures included but were not limited to:

- Interviews with relevant personnel of General Mills;



- Review of documentary evidence produced by General Mills;
- Review of General Mills data, information systems, and methodology for collection, aggregation, analysis, and review of information used to determine GHG emissions during site visits to General Mills Joplin Plant, General Mills Joplin-Pet Plant, General Mills Murfreesboro Plant, and General Mills Wellston Plant; and
- Audit of sample of data used by General Mills to determine GHG emissions.

Verification Opinion:

Based on the process and procedures conducted, there is no evidence that the GHG emissions opinion declaration shown above:

- is not materially correct and is not a fair representation of the GHG emissions data and information; and
- has not been prepared in accordance with the WRI/WBCSD GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Scope 1 and 2) and WRI/WBCSD Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Value Chain Accounting and Reporting Standard (Scope 3).

It is our opinion that General Mills has established appropriate systems for the collection, aggregation, and analysis of quantitative data for determination of these GHG emissions for the stated period and boundaries.

Statement of independence, impartiality, and competence

Apex is an independent professional services company that specializes in Health, Safety, Social and Environmental management services including assurance with over 30 years history in providing these services.

No member of the verification team has a business relationship with General Mills, its Directors or Managers beyond that required of this assignment. We conducted this verification independently and to our knowledge there has been no conflict of interest.

Apex has implemented a Code of Ethics across the business to maintain high ethical standards among staff in their day-to-day business activities.

The verification team has extensive experience in conducting assurance over environmental, social, ethical and health and safety information, systems and processes, has over 20 years combined experience in this field and an excellent understanding of Apex's standard methodology for the verification of greenhouse gas emissions data.

Attestation:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cody Lorentson'.

Cody Lorentson, Technical Reviewer
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March 6, 2023

This verification statement, including the opinion expressed herein, is provided to General Mills and is solely for the benefit of General Mills in accordance with the terms of our agreement. We consent to the release of this statement by you to CDP in order to satisfy the terms of CDP disclosure requirements but without accepting or assuming any responsibility or liability on our part to CDP or to any other party who may have access to this statement.