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ABSTRACT

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Emission concentrations of carbonaceous aerosols, carbon dioxide (CO₂), carbon monoxide (CO), and fine particulate matter (PM2.5) from open burning of agricultural residues in the rice, corn, and sugarcane field was measured by field and chamber experiments to develop field emission factors (EF) and emission inventory of these pollutants, which are specific to field burning practice in Thailand. Emissions of these pollutants from the open burning of agricultural residues have been reviewed to investigate order of magnitude of emission factors, including contribution of black carbon (BC) and organic carbon (OC) from global sources and share of agricultural residues open burning source. The emission loads were estimated by considering amount of biomass burned and emission factor.

Amount of biomass burned was determined by biomass load, fraction burned, combustion efficiency, and burned area. From field experiments, suggested sampling area of agricultural residues in paddy field is 1×2 m², and corn and sugarcane fields are 2×2 m² to obtain representative samples. Biomass load results from field experiments are irrigated rice straw 360±140 g/m², rain-fed rice straw 507±305 g/m², corn residues (leaves, stem, and envelope) 610 ± 153 g/m², and sugarcane leaves 1,007±233 g/m², respectively. Usually, in the field that farmers burned agricultural residues, no residue has been moved out of the field before burning, so fraction burn is 100%. After paddy field burning, straw is totally burned and remaining part in the field is stubble, so combustion efficiency (CE) of straw is 100%. Burning in sugarcane field is done before harvesting to harvest easily. Total sugarcane leaves is burned (100% CE). Corn residues consist of 19% leaves, 42%±2% stem, and 39%±2% envelope. The CE of corn residues is 67%±22%.

The EF was developed by measuring emission concentrations from field experiments; however, the field EF was varied due to surrounding parameters, especially moisture and wind condition. Therefore, the research has developed methodology to measure field emission concentrations by open burn simulated chamber to reduce

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

A Burned area

BCBlack carbon

Biomass load BL

 \mathbf{C} Carbon

Cloud condensation nuclei **CCN**

CCS Commercial Cane Sugar

CE Combustion efficiency

CO Carbon monoxide

Carbon dioxide CO_2

EC Elemental carbon

EF **Emission factor**

ER Emission ratio

FB Fraction burn

Giga gram (thousand metric ton) Gg

GPS Global positioning system

H Hydrogen ha Hectare

hPa

Hectopascals **IPCC** Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Burned biomass M

MCE Modified combustion efficiency

Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer **MODIS**

N Nitrogen

Office of Agricultural Economics OAE

OC Organic carbon

PCD Pollution Control Department

PM Particulate matter