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Platform updates, subscription cost increases, fall office hours, training opportunities, and more!

Read on to learn about updated scope 3 purchasing emission factors, corrected CH₄ and N₂O electricity emission factors, corrections to scope 2 steam and chilled water calculations (coming soon), and improved graph processing speeds! Read about all updates on the [SIMAP Update Log](#).

Important note: We have postponed the SIMAP price increase to September 11th, 2023. [Upgrade now](#) to lock in the current rate. Details below.

Summer 2023 emission factor updates

We released several minor emission factor and calculation updates and corrections this month. You may see a slight change in your results, but any changes reflect a more accurate estimate of your emissions.

What changed?



New scope 3 purchasing emission factors: The [EPA EEIO purchasing emission factor data set](#) that we released earlier this year (v1.0) is being retired by the EPA. We updated SIMAP to the most current emission factors that uses the same categories (v1.1.1). More recently, the EPA released a newer data set that has twice as many categories! We plan to incorporate this in a future update. The current categories will continue to be available. See the [purchasing data guidance page](#) for more details.



Corrected CH₄ and N₂O electricity emission factors: The years affected were 2018 through the present. The effect will be minimal -- your scope 2 emissions should change by <5%, and your total footprint should change by <1%.



Improved graph processing speed: You will notice a greatly reduced load time for all graphs on the [Results](#) and [Reports](#) tabs, especially if you have a large data set!



Notebook entries can be edited: To help with documentation, you can now edit your own historic [notebook entries](#).



Coming soon: Updated calculations for custom fuel mix for steam and chilled water: Currently, a custom fuel mix (CFM) entered for scope 2 steam or chilled water is only applied when the scope 2 custom fuel mix method was selected. We are updating this so that the steam and chilled water CFM is applied regardless of which scope 2 method you select. *We will be reaching out to affected institutions directly by email before this change goes into place.*

Read about these and all other updates on the [SIMAP Update Log](#).

SIMAP price increase, effective September 11th, 2023

We have postponed the SIMAP price increase to September 11th to give you more time to upgrade at the current rate. To ensure we can continue to provide a cutting-edge tool and enhanced user support, SIMAP annual license fees will be increased on September 11th, 2023. The prices will increase as follows:

- Tier 1 will increase from \$400/year to \$500/year
- Tier 2 will increase from \$600/year to \$750/year

[Upgrade your account](#) before September 11th to lock in the current rate. Any new subscription purchase will be added on to your current expiration date.

Signatories to one of the Second Nature Presidents' Climate Leadership Commitments will continue to receive a 40% discount on the subscription price.

Sign up for the SIMAP Nitrogen Working Group



The SIMAP Nitrogen Working Group leads research, development, application, and communication for campus nitrogen footprints. The goals of the group are to 1) enhance outreach and communication around the campus nitrogen footprint; 2) work to fill in nitrogen emission factor gaps in SIMAP; 3) provide recommendations for best practices on data collection and validation. [Fill out this form](#) to sign up for the Nitrogen Working Group.

Check out the [slides from our Nitrogen Footprint Webinar](#), held in July 2023.

New times for SIMAP office hours



[Schedule a 15-minute one-on-one session](#) with the SIMAP team through our updated SIMAP office hours. Starting August 30th, you can register for a 15-minute time slot at our new times this fall: Mondays from 3-4pm ET and Wednesdays from 4-5pm ET. After scheduling, you will receive a calendar invite with a Teams meeting link.

Note: Office hours will be canceled on September 4th for Labor Day

Up to two 15-minute sessions per institution per quarter, or 8 total per year. Need more support? Contact us at simap@unh.edu for additional support options beyond our office hours.

Register for courses for the UNH Carbon Footprinting Certificate

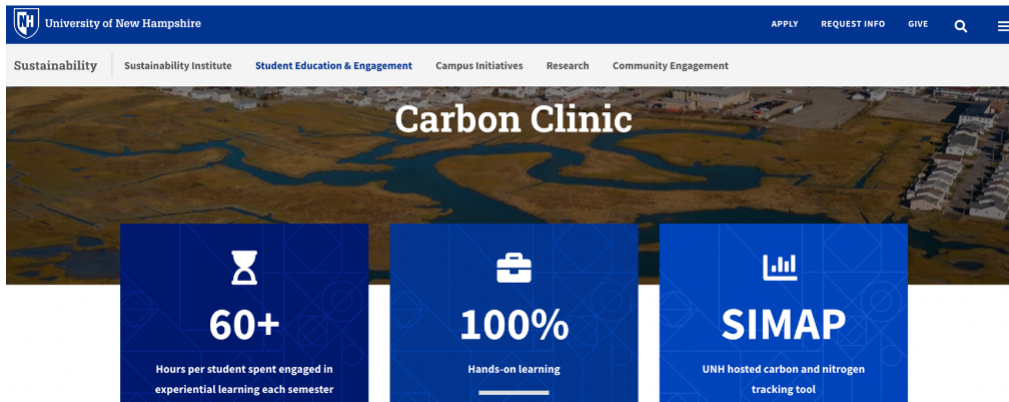


Register now for fall courses for the [UNH Carbon Footprinting Certificate](#). You can take the half-day virtual courses individually or as part of the certificate. The courses are taught by SIMAP team members Jenn Andrews and Dr. Alley Leach.

- [Introduction to Carbon Footprinting](#) | September 7
- [Carbon Footprinting: Data Collection and Calculations](#) | September 28
- [Interpreting and Communicating Your Carbon Footprint Results](#) | October 19
- [Calculating Your Scope 3 Carbon Footprint](#) | November 9

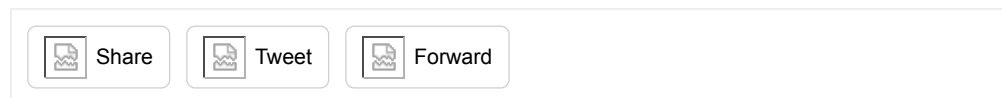
We may offer additional sections in late fall 2023. We can also offer custom trainings. Contact us at simap@unh.edu for more information.

UNH Carbon Clinic Spring 2024 Applications Open



Piloted in spring of 2022, the new [Carbon Clinic](#) is an exciting opportunity for regional businesses, nonprofits, municipalities, and communities to partner with UNH students in a semester-long course. [Apply here](#), or contact us at simap@unh.edu with any questions. We are currently accepting client applications for spring 2024.

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