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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Golder Associates Ltd. (Golder) has been retained by the Ministry of Environment (MOE) under General Service Agreement Contract EQB-08-100 dated December 13, 2007 (Contract) to carry out an inventory of greenhouse gas (GHG) generation from landfills in British Columbia (BC). The objectives of this assessment are to:

- Develop first-order kinetic methane generation model parameters for selected landfills based on precipitation and Golder's experience in British Columbia;
- Estimate methane generation for the years 2008, 2012, 2016 and 2020 from all operating municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills under Provincial jurisdiction that have a disposal rate greater than 10,000 tonnes/year in 2006. The Provincial definition of MSW includes demolition, land clearing and construction waste (DLC) materials and associated landfills; and
- Model methane generation for the scenarios of a woodwaste landfill in a wet and dry climate, and compare this with that of a municipal solid waste landfill.

This report summarizes the information and methodology used in our assessment, and presents the results of our inventory. A draft report was submitted on January 14, 2008 as required by our Contract.

Golder appreciates the input provided by the Province, Regional District and municipal personnel, many of whom, due to Christmas vacations, had limited time to provide the information.

## **2.0 APPROACH**

Landfill gas (LFG) that is produced by the anaerobic decomposition of municipal solid waste generally contains 55 to 65 % methane and 35 % to 45 % carbon dioxide by volume. These proportions can change due to different waste types or if there is oxygen intrusion into the waste. At this time, only the methane in LFG is considered to be a GHG. The carbon dioxide that is a component of LFG is considered to be a part of the natural carbon cycle and is not considered to be a GHG. Other trace gases in the LFG are currently neglected when analyzing the GHG potential of LFG.

This GHG inventory is intended to be a screening level assessment of GHG generation from municipal solid waste landfills in British Columbia that operate under Provincial jurisdiction. Landfills on lands subject to Federal jurisdiction, closed landfills, and proposed landfills are not included in the inventory. Modelling of GHG generation was carried out using a simple first-order kinetic model that has only two input parameters in addition to waste tonnage (total weight basis) for each year:

- Ultimate methane yield ( $L_0$ ) – The maximum amount of methane that could be expected to be produced by a unit weight of waste, given an infinite period for it to decompose, in cubic metres of methane per tonne of waste disposed ( $m^3/tonne$ ); and
- Methane generation rate constant ( $k$ ) – A factor for quantifying the rate that landfilled waste decays and produces methane, in  $years^{-1}$ .

For both  $L_0$  and  $k$ , it has been assumed, due to the lack of information for all landfills and for simplicity, that the waste composition at all British Columbia landfills (except for the Ecowaste Landfill which only accepts DLC waste) is the same.

A relationship between the model parameters and precipitation has been developed in this report based on published data and Golder's experience in British Columbia. This relationship was used to model methane generation for most landfills. However, site-specific model parameters back-calculated by Golder (based on project experience at these landfills) have been used to model methane generation at the Vancouver Landfill, the Cache Creek Landfill, and the Foothills Boulevard Landfill.

DLC waste, where it is identified separately, is included as MSW, although its short-term and medium-term LFG generation rates are less than those of MSW landfills. This is a conservative assumption with respect to potential GHG generation.

Waste disposal information was either provided by the MOE or obtained directly from the landfill owners (i.e., Regional Districts and Municipalities). The only exception was the Cache Creek Landfill, information for which was obtained from the Operations and Closure Plan 2005 for the landfill. Most landfills did not have all of the required information, and some have very little information. For these landfills, Golder estimated waste disposal for each year based on BC Stats population statistics for the particular Regional District, assuming waste disposal to be approximately proportional to population. This was carried out by assuming that the waste tonnages were proportional to waste disposed at the landfill, with the baseline being the date of the oldest data of actual measured waste tonnage at the landfill.

Modelling was only carried out for waste that has been placed since 1977. Waste placed prior to 1977 was neglected in the analysis because:

- Experience indicates that such old waste has a low methane generation rate since all readily degradable components that generate significant quantities of methane will already have decomposed and produced methane in the past;
- Waste disposal rates were typically lower than those at present;
- For virtually all landfills, the annual waste tonnages placed prior to 1977 are highly uncertain; and
- Older waste may have been burned at the landfill, or there may have been landfill fires that affected the waste.

Modelling was only carried out for landfills having a waste disposal rate of 10,000 tonnes/year or more in 2006. This cut-off was selected because:

- GHG generation at a small landfill is considered to be less (on a per tonne of waste basis) due to opportunities for air intrusion and aerobic decomposition of the waste, for example, due to a lack of daily cover or thinner lifts of waste;
- Landfills that are this small generally lack the infrastructure and personnel to support a “best practice”<sup>1</sup> LFG collection project to reduce GHG emissions. Many likely do not have electrical power supply to the site or a full-time attendant;
- Compared with larger landfills, the cost of a “best practice” GHG emission reductions project would be relatively high;
- 10,000 tonnes per year of waste is about 2 % of the waste received at the Vancouver Landfill or the Cache Creek Landfill, the two largest municipal solid waste landfills in the Province. In this context, such small landfills are insignificant generators of GHG emissions compared with the largest landfills; and
- The 35 largest landfills are estimated to account for more than 90 % of all MSW disposed in 2006 at Provincially regulated landfills in British Columbia.

There are approximately 92 municipal solid waste landfills that are currently operating in British Columbia under Provincial jurisdiction. Of these, 35 have been identified as having a waste disposal rate of 10,000 tonnes/year or more in 2006.

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<sup>1</sup> “Best practice” would typically include instruments to accurately and continuously monitor and record the flow rate of methane collected, and an enclosed flare or LFG utilization facility.

For the limited scope to complete this inventory, it was not possible to carry out more detailed analyses. Therefore, it must be recognized that the actual methane generation at each landfill may differ from the model predictions of methane generation due to the following factors:

- a) Methane generation depends on the anaerobic degradability of each component of the waste, and thus, waste composition has a significant effect on methane generation. The composition of waste varies from landfill to landfill and has varied with time historically. For example, prior to the mid 1990's, yard waste was routinely landfilled. However, it is now largely banned at most landfills. Site-specific waste composition could not be included in the model due to the lack of such data at individual landfills;
- b) The design of each landfill varies. Some landfills are either lined with an engineered liner or natural impermeable soil, while others are underlain by permeable soils. Some landfills have a greater thickness of waste than others, and some have leachate collection systems under the entire landfill while others do not. These are some of the factors that can affect methane generation;
- c) The operation of each landfill varies, especially with regard to past practices. Historically, garbage was burned at some landfills, but this is no longer an acceptable practice. Some landfills have historically used little daily or intermediate cover, while the practice today is to apply daily and intermediate cover. Low permeability intermediate cover is applied at some landfills, while at others, the intermediate cover is relatively permeable. Some landfills are contoured to promote precipitation runoff, while at other landfills, most precipitation (that does not evaporate) infiltrates into the waste. These are some of the factors that can affect methane generation;
- d) Most landfills do not have a complete record of the tonnage of waste disposed since 1977. Some landfills do not have weigh scales to measure the weight of waste disposed. Thus, there is uncertainty regarding the quantity of waste placed in the landfills;
- e) Where records of waste placement do not exist, Golder assumed waste disposal rates based on available BC Stats population statistics for a limited number of years. However, the per capita waste disposal rate may have changed during these years. In addition, the Regional District boundaries on which the population statistics are reported may have been modified between reporting periods, and Regional Districts may have closed landfills and diverted the waste to the existing landfills, thus potentially inflating historical quantities at these existing operating landfills. Thus, there is uncertainty regarding waste quantities assumed based on population statistics; and

- f) The assumption that LFG generation can be modelled using a single-phase first-order kinetic model may not be accurate, particularly for DLC landfills or materials. Wood can be a very large proportion of the waste in a DLC landfill. This wood is inferred to be able to generate LFG for a very long time (i.e., one hundred years or more), and a first-order kinetic model may not be the best representation of LFG generation in this case.

At a few landfills, LFG generation studies have been conducted by others. However, for consistency of treatment, the results of these studies were not included in our analysis.

### **3.0 INFORMATION ON LANDFILLS**

Table 1 lists the 35 landfills in British Columbia under Provincial jurisdiction with a waste disposal rate of 10,000 tonnes/year or more in 2006, the tonnage landfilled in 2006, the total tonnage of waste estimated to have been landfilled at each landfill between 1977 and 2007, the estimated date the landfill was opened, and its projected closure date. These are the only landfills that have been considered in this inventory. Figure 1 shows the locations of these landfills in British Columbia. The Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) is also known as Metro Vancouver. On February 15, 2008, the Comox-Strathcona Regional District (RDCS) is scheduled to be partitioned into the Comox Valley Regional District and the Strathcona Regional District.

One landfill, the “Tofino stump dump”, had a reported waste disposal rate of 21,000 tonnes in 2006. However, this landfill was not included in the inventory since the waste is tree stumps and not municipal solid waste.

Table 2 provides a list of the landfills and the waste tonnages used as input to the model. The blue font data were provided to Golder. The green font data were obtained from reports by the Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC). The black font data are values assumed or estimated by Golder.

### **4.0 COMMON METHANE GENERATION MODELS**

Methane generation models are simplified representations of the natural processes of methane generation in a landfill. Model parameters generally depend on the characteristics of the waste in a particular landfill, and should be selected based on site-specific information for the landfill being modelled, if available. Among the different landfill methane generation models that have been developed in the past, the more well-known ones are:

- Simple first-order model;
- Multi-phase first-order model; and
- Zero order model.



Other methane generation models have been proposed in previous studies, but many of them are variants of the simple and multi-phase first-order models. Some of these alternative models are described in USEPA (2005b).

#### 4.1.1 Simple First-order Model

The simple first-order model is the most widely used methane generation model in North America to date, and has been adopted by the USEPA in their LandGEM model. This model assumes that methane generation follows an exponential trend and uses the following equation to model methane generation:

$$Q_{CH_4} = \sum kL_o M e^{-kt}$$

where:

- $\sum$  indicates summation;
- $k$  is the methane generation rate constant or the first-order rate constant in year<sup>-1</sup>. It is strongly influenced by moisture content, with higher values associated with higher waste moisture contents;
- $L_o$  is the ultimate methane yield in cubic metres of methane per tonne of waste (m<sup>3</sup>/tonne). The tonnage of waste is expressed in terms of total weight. While it is often thought of as a constant, it can vary depending on the moisture content of the waste. Water is required in the anaerobic decomposition of waste to generate methane, and thus, higher moisture content would promote methane generation, leading to higher  $L_o$  values;
- $M$  is the tonnage of waste, on a total weight basis, disposed in a given year;
- $t$  is the time point of interest in years after the waste is placed, and
- $Q_{CH_4}$  is the methane generation rate in cubic metres per year (or tonnes/year after conversion).

The simple first-order model requires three input parameters –  $M$  (annual tonnage),  $L_o$  (ultimate methane yield) and  $k$  (methane generation rate constant). The annual tonnage ( $M$ ) can be obtained from records maintained by the operator or manager of the landfill. The parameters  $L_o$  and  $k$  depend on the waste composition, moisture content, temperature, pH, particle size, and availability of nutrients. Of these factors for municipal solid waste, the most important are waste composition and moisture content of the waste. Previous studies (SWANA 2005) demonstrated that  $L_o$  and  $k$  depend, to some extent, on the average annual precipitation that a landfill receives. Thus, it would be reasonable to select these model parameters based on the precipitation at the landfill being modelled.

The main advantage of the simple first-order model is its simplicity. This model uses a simple equation with three parameters that can be input into any spreadsheet program for methane generation modelling. However, the assumption of a single value of  $L_0$  and  $k$  to represent the waste may not be appropriate for all landfills. In such cases, the multi-phase first-order model described below could be a better option.

#### **4.1.2 Multi-phase First-order Model**

The multi-phase first-order model is a variant of the simple first-order model. The multi-phase model first divides the annual tonnages into two or more sets of tonnage with different degradability (e.g., rapid-decaying, slow-decaying and non-decaying). The simple first-order model is then run concurrently on each set of annual tonnage, and the methane generation from each set is summed to generate the annual methane generation rate.

The basic equation used in the multi-phase first-order model is the same as the one used in the simple first-order model. SWANA (2005) referenced a study indicating that multi-phase models were better than simple first-order models, but only by a narrow margin. SWANA's (1998) own study did not indicate better regression coefficient values for the multi-phase model compared with the simple first-order model. However, in landfills with waste composition that has varied significantly with time, or where the waste composition varies considerably from that of household/commercial type of municipal solid waste, the multi-phase first-order model might generate more realistic results.

The multi-phase model was not selected for the present modelling exercise because waste composition data were not available for most landfills, and there was virtually no data available for the change of waste composition with time at the 35 landfills considered in this assessment.

#### **4.1.3 Zero Order Model**

In contrast to the first-order models, the zero order model does not assume an exponential trend for methane generation. The rationale behind the zero order model is that methane generation is directly proportional to the quantity of waste available for anaerobic decomposition, but is limited by other factors within the landfill besides the quantity of waste (e.g., temperature, pH and moisture). The zero order model predicts that methane generation will be high during the initial phase of waste disposal, will reach a maximum level shortly after commencement of waste disposal, and will remain at the maximum level for some time. However, as more organics are consumed, the waste will become depleted of decomposables and the rate of methane generation will decrease to close to zero.

The zero order model uses the same parameters as the first-order models (i.e., M, L<sub>o</sub> and k). The equation for modelling is:

$$Q_{CH_4} = \sum kL_oM$$

The L<sub>o</sub> is the same as the one used in the first-order models. However, the k in the zero order model represents the percentage of ultimate production released per year, and is not the same constant used in the first order model.

The zero order model was not selected for the present modelling exercise because the usage of the simple first-order model in North America is more widespread than that of the zero order model.

## 5.0 METHANE GENERATION MODELLING FOR MSW LANDFILLS

### 5.1 USEPA LandGEM Model

This study uses the USEPA's LandGEM model (USEPA, 2005a) to model methane generation. This model was selected for this assessment because it is simple to use and is the most well-known and commonly used methane generation model in North America to date. The equation used in the LandGEM model is:

$$Q_{CH_4} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=0.1}^1 kL_o \left( \frac{M_i}{10} \right) e^{-kt_{i,j}}$$

where:

- $\sum$  indicates summation;
- i is time increment in one year;
- n is the total number of years being modelled;
- j is time increment in 0.1 years;
- k is the methane generation rate constant or the first-order rate constant in year<sup>-1</sup>;
- L<sub>o</sub> is the ultimate methane yield in cubic metres of methane per tonne of waste (m<sup>3</sup>/tonne);
- M<sub>i</sub> is the tonnage of waste, on a total weight basis, disposed in i<sup>th</sup> year;
- t<sub>i,j</sub> is the age of the j<sup>th</sup> portion of M<sub>i</sub> disposed in the i<sup>th</sup> year; and
- Q<sub>CH<sub>4</sub></sub> is the methane generation rate in cubic metres per year (or tonnes/year after conversion).

The LandGEM model is a slightly modified version of the simple first-order model. It requires the same input parameters as the simple first-order model (i.e., M, L<sub>o</sub> and k) and assumes that L<sub>o</sub> and k are the same throughout the entire modelling period. However, the LandGEM model divides the tonnage in a particular year into ten equal portions, and calculates the methane generation between the end of each portion and the end of that

particular year using the simple first-order equation. The model then sums the methane generation from each of the ten portions to generate the methane generation rate for that year.

Similar to the simple first-order model, the main advantage of the LandGEM model is its simplicity, and the main disadvantage of the model is its lack of flexibility in assessing the effects of varying waste composition on methane generation. However, since the waste composition in the BC landfills considered in this study has been assumed to be the same for all landfills as explained below, the use of the LandGEM model in this assessment is considered to be adequate.

## 5.2 Model Parameter Variations with Precipitation

As mentioned in section 4.1.1, the parameters  $L_0$  (ultimate methane yield) and  $k$  (methane generation rate constant) depend largely on waste composition and moisture content of the waste. The effects of waste composition on  $L_0$  and  $k$  for a mixed waste (e.g., municipal solid waste) are not easily quantifiable since the waste composition can change, but waste composition studies have not been conducted on an annual basis at any landfills in BC to track such change. Thus, for simplicity, it has been assumed that different waste composition at different landfills does not affect the  $L_0$  and  $k$  values used in our analysis. The exception is the waste at the Ecowaste Landfill, which is of a much different composition (i.e., DLC) than that at the other landfills. Specific parameters were selected for the waste at this landfill.

Moisture content is a factor known to affect  $k$  and  $L_0$ , and thus, a relationship involving waste moisture content was sought. Since there is very little waste moisture content data for the 35 BC landfills,  $L_0$  and  $k$  have been correlated with average annual precipitation.

Golder has been involved on projects at the Vancouver Landfill, the Cache Creek Landfill, and the Foothills Boulevard Landfill that involved the back-calculation of methane generation parameters from methane collection flow measurements. The Vancouver Landfill parameters were derived from measured LFG collection from two cells of different waste ages, while the parameters for the other two landfills were based on only a single year of flow measurements. In addition, the City of Toronto provided more than 8 years of methane collection data for the Keele Valley Landfill that were used to back-calculate parameters. However, none of these four landfills are completely enveloped with geomembrane liner and cover systems, and thus, there is uncertainty regarding the efficiency of methane collection with respect to methane generation. For all of these landfills, a methane collection efficiency has been assumed, and, based on Golder's opinion, this efficiency ranges from 65 % to 90 %. Others (SWANA 2005) also recognized the need to account for collection efficiency. Thus, the back-calculated parameters are associated with some uncertainty since the actual methane collection efficiency is unknown.

Another approach adopted by others (e.g., SWANA 2005) for a different purpose is to only model LFG collection and not attempt to extrapolate what LFG generation might be. However, the present study requires estimation of methane generation, and thus, this approach was not adopted.

The available data in SWANA (2005) include plots of  $L_o$  and  $k$  with precipitation for 13 landfills in the United States. The data were of actual LFG recovery. For the present modelling study, the  $L_o$  values provided in the SWANA study were increased by one-third based on the assumption of 75% methane collection efficiency. However, the actual collection efficiency at these landfills is unknown. Only the data for 12 of the 13 landfills were used. The SWANA (2005) data point for the landfill with about 47 inches of precipitation was neglected because it appears to have an anomalous  $L_o$  value compared with the other data.

Notwithstanding the fact that such back-calculations have their limitations, these analysis results have been combined with the available data for 12 landfills in SWANA (2005) to develop relationships between  $L_o$  and precipitation, and  $k$  and precipitation. These data and the resulting relationships developed by Golder are shown on Figures 2 and 3. The relationships are as follows:

$$L_o \text{ (m}^3 \text{ methane/tonne of waste)} = 0.031 \times \text{Precipitation} + 100$$

$$k \text{ (/year)} = 0.00013 \times \text{Precipitation} - 0.019$$

where “Precipitation” is the average annual precipitation at the landfill in millimetres.

It should be noted that Golder’s back-calculated parameters for the Vancouver Landfill are within the range of parameters derived by the USEPA (2005) for wet multiple placement landfills (correcting for the fact that the parameters in the USEPA study were correlated with gas flow rate, not methane generation, and assuming 75% collection efficiency).

### **5.3 Modelling of Methane Generation for Each Landfill**

For each landfill, the average annual precipitation for the nearest Environment Canada weather station was obtained from the available 1971-2000 Climate Normals posted on their website ([http://www.climate.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca/climate\\_normals/index\\_e.html](http://www.climate.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca/climate_normals/index_e.html)), or was obtained by interpolation between the two nearest stations. The only exception was for the Sechelt Landfill. Precipitation at this location is understood to be significantly different from that reported at the nearest Environment Canada weather station with climate normals (Gibsons), and thus, an average annual precipitation of 1,100 mm was used for this landfill based on MOE (1993). Table 3 summarizes the inferred precipitation at each landfill and the calculated  $L_o$  and  $k$  values for each landfill.

All landfills except the following four used the above relationship between model parameters and precipitation:

- Vancouver Landfill – Model parameters were from Golder project files, and values were derived from back-calculation of available LFG collection data. These values were used to predict LFG generation from Phase 1 (Cell F), and were determined to be a reasonably good predictor of LFG collection from this phase. DLC waste was neglected as input to the tonnage of waste landfilled in this particular case (this is the only landfill in the analysis where DLC is excluded from the waste tonnage input to the model) because the back-calculation analysis neglected DLC waste. For those years that the DLC waste tonnage was not identified separately, Golder assumed that 25% of the total waste was DLC;
- Cache Creek Landfill – Model parameters were from Golder (2004) and were based on back-calculation;
- Ecowaste Landfill – Model parameters ( $L_o = 75 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonne}$  and  $k = 0.019$ ) were assumed considering that DLC has a lower short and medium term LFG generation rate than the household and commercial waste that predominates at other MSW landfills. The  $k$  value was selected based on Laquidara (1986) for hard to degrade material, and the  $L_o$  was selected considering available LFG collection data for the Ecowaste Landfill (GNH 2006). LFG generation by DLC waste is characterized by a limited quantity of rapid to moderately decomposable waste, with the large majority of waste being slowly decomposable wood. Thus, a single-phase first-order LFG generation model may not represent the LFG generation process very well; and
- Foothills Boulevard Landfill – Model parameters were from Golder's project files, and the model parameter values were derived from back-calculation of LFG collection data.

The results of the modelling are discussed below.

Plots of methane generation as tonnes  $\text{CO}_2\text{e}$  with time for each landfill are provided in Appendix I. Plots of average methane and landfill gas generation rates in cubic feet per minute (cfm), assuming landfill gas is 55% methane and 45% carbon dioxide by volume, with time for each landfill are provided in Appendix II.

Table 4 summarizes the predicted methane generation for each landfill in tonnes of methane per year, tonnes  $\text{CO}_2\text{e}$  per year, and equivalent automobile tonnes  $\text{CO}_2\text{e}$  emissions per year for each of 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020. Appendix III provides the supporting calculations for assuming that the average automobile in Canada produces 3 tonnes  $\text{CO}_2\text{e}$  per year. Tables 5, 6, 7 and 8 list the landfills in the order of  $\text{CO}_2\text{e}$  production (from highest to lowest) for each of years 2008, 2012, 2016 and 2020.

The 35 landfills are estimated to generate, in total, the following total amounts of methane per year:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Tonnes of Methane</b>	<b>Equivalent Tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> (CO<sub>2</sub>e)</b>	<b>Equivalent Number of Automobiles</b>
2008	118,000	2,474,000	825,000
2012	137,000	2,872,000	957,000
2016	147,000	3,079,000	1,026,000
2020	153,000	3,204,000	1,068,000

#### 5.4 Accuracy of Model

Golder carried out analysis of the R<sup>2</sup> value for L<sub>0</sub> and k using the associated feature in Microsoft Excel. The R<sup>2</sup> value can be interpreted as a statistical measure of how well a regression line approximates the actual data points. An R<sup>2</sup> value of 1.0 indicates a perfect fit, and a value of zero indicates no correlation. The R<sup>2</sup> values for L<sub>0</sub> and k with respect to the best-fit relationship with precipitation provided in Section 5.2 are summarized below, with p = precipitation (mm) and “x” is the multiplication symbol.

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Relationship</b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>
L <sub>0</sub>	$L_0 = 0.031 \times p + 100$	0.41
k	$k = 0.00013 \times p - 0.019$	0.79

The best estimate of the methane generation rate would be the model’s predicted value. We are confident that for about 80 % of predictions using this model, the actual value of methane generation for a given precipitation level will be within about 45 % of the predicted value.

## 6.0 WOODWASTE LANDFILLS

The decomposition of wood in anaerobic landfills is very slow, and hence, landfill gas production from wood in anaerobic landfills is very slow. However, the anaerobic decomposition rate for wood is anticipated to vary with moisture content of the waste and particle size. There is very little technical literature that discusses the rate of anaerobic decomposition and/or methane generation from wood in landfills. Reported decomposition rates for wood in landfills range from 0 to 3 % (Micales & Skog, 1997) to 2.5 % to 4 % after 19 to 29 years (Gardner et. al, 2002). Gardner et. al (2002) reported that the wood samples that were collected from the landfill and tested in a laboratory had an average moisture content of 44% to 59 % on a wet weight basis, which is considered to represent the water content of wood in a moist landfill.

Assuming a 3 % carbon loss due to anaerobic decomposition in 25 years for moist wood in a landfill, a methane generation rate on the order of 0.3 m<sup>3</sup> per year per tonne of wood is calculated (see Appendix IV). By comparison, MSW landfills in wet climates with waste that is less than 10 years old generate on the order of 1 to 20 m<sup>3</sup> methane per tonne of MSW. Thus, the methane generation rate from moist woodwaste landfills is considered to be on the order of 2 % to 30 % of that from a MSW landfill, located in a wet climate, with relatively recent waste.

There is currently insufficient information to derive a relationship between moisture content and the rate of anaerobic decomposition of wood. However, woodwaste in a relatively dry climate is anticipated to have a methane generation rate that is significantly less than 0.3 m<sup>3</sup> per year per tonne of wood.

Based on the above and at this time, we do not recommend that the methane generated by woodwaste landfills be included in the present inventory of methane emissions from landfills in British Columbia for the following reasons:

- On a per tonne basis, methane generation at woodwaste landfills is considered to be much less than that from municipal solid waste landfills;
- Woodwaste landfills that are largely logs or stumps are even more susceptible to air intrusion (due to the coarse particles) than municipal solid waste landfills, and thus, a significant portion of such waste may not be anaerobic and generating methane;
- Many woodwaste landfills are small, thus increasing the potential for air intrusion into the waste such that conditions are not favourable for anaerobic decomposition and the production of methane;
- Woodwaste landfills generally have even less data available from which to estimate the quantity of landfilled wastes than municipal solid waste landfills. The vast majority of wastes deposited in such landfills are not weighed and few even have a topographic plan. Particle size can significantly influence methane generation, with logs and stumps being relatively low generators of methane compared with sawdust or hogfuel. Considerable effort, including site visits, would be required to obtain data needed for a proper inventory; and
- Log yard waste landfills can consist of significant quantities of soil mixed with the waste. The soil does not degrade and produce methane.



## 7.0 QA/QC

The input data received from the MOE and others were checked for reasonableness, and corrections were made if we were aware of any errors in the data. It was necessary to make corrections to only a few data either due to discrepancies with landfill annual report data or unrealistic waste growth projections (e.g., due to misplaced decimal point).

The spreadsheet model used for the modelling had been developed and checked prior to this project. The spreadsheet was modified for this project and compared with the output generated by LandGEM. For the quality assurance scenarios modelled, the spreadsheet replicated the LandGEM output for methane generation.

Data that were input to the model and the calculations shown in Appendices I and II were checked by the other team member. The report was reviewed and checked by both members of Golder who have signed this report.

## 8.0 CLOSING COMMENTS

As explained in Section 2 of this report, actual methane generation at each landfill may differ from the model predictions of methane generation due to numerous factors. Site-specific studies are required to better quantify LFG generation at any particular landfill.

Table 9 provides the additional information that was collected for the landfills, but was not required for the purposes of this report.

Golder Associates Ltd. (Golder) has prepared this report in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the landfill gas engineering profession currently practicing under similar conditions in British Columbia, subject to the time limits and physical constraints of the scope of work for this project. No warranty, express or implied, is made.

We trust that the information presented in this report is sufficient for your immediate needs. Should you have any questions or require clarification of any issues addressed herein, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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**TABLE 1  
LIST OF LANDFILLS**

Regional District	Acronym	Landfill	No.	2006 Disposal (Tonnes) <sup>2,3</sup>	Total Quantity of Waste Landfilled between 1977 and 2007 (Tonnes) <sup>3</sup>	Year Open	Closure Year
Alberni-Clayoquot	ACRD	Alberni Valley	L1	22,000	549,000	1974	2096
Bulkley-Nechako	RDBN	Knockholt	L2	12,500	119,000	1995	2035
Capital	CRD	Hartland	L3	160,260	4,793,000	1950's	2045
Cariboo	CaribooRD	Gibraltar	L4	15,162	63,000	2003	2042
Central Kootenay	RDCK	Central	L5	11,000	387,000	1981	2047
		Ootischenia	L6	11,000	519,000	1970's	2040
Central Okanagan	RDCO	Glenmore	L7	116,218	2,324,000	1966	2050
		Westside	L8	28,000	473,000	N/A <sup>4</sup>	2012
Columbia Shuswap	CSRD	Salmon Arm	L9	17,751	302,000	1970's	2081
Comox-Strathcona	RDSCS	Comox Valley	L10	30,000	744,000	1964	2032
		Campbell River	L11	25,000	661,000	1960's	2015
East Kootenay	RDEK	Central Subregion	L12	32,203	231,216	2000	2030
		Columbia Regional	L13	15,294	336,000	1972	2032
Fraser-Fort George	RDFFG	Foothills	L14	85,950	2,328,000	1974	2040
Fraser Valley	FVRD	Bailey	L15	31,584	715,000	1950's	2034
		Mini's Pit	L16	17,854	427,000	1973	2050
Greater Vancouver	GVRD <sup>5</sup>	Vancouver <sup>1</sup>	L17	759,598	14,884,626	1966	2037
		Cache Creek	L18	481,313	7,701,936	1989	2010
		Ecowaste	L19	193,380	4,408,000	1979	2020
Kitimat-Stikine	RDKS	Thornhill	L20	10,000	205,000	1970's	2010
		Terrace	L21	10,000	290,000	1962	2009
Kootenay Boundary	RDKB	McKelvey Creek	L22	11,000	284,000	1980	2030
Nanaimo	RDN	Nanaimo	L23	75,000	1,565,934	1940's	2024
North Okanagan	NORD	Vernon	L24	37,937	774,000	1980	2050
		Armstrong	L25	12,857	231,000	1910	2019
Northern Rockies	NRRD	Ft. Nelson	L26	12,069	81,000	2000	2050
Okanagan-Similkameen	RDOS	Campbell Mtn	L27	49,758	1,251,000	1972	2040
Peace River	PRRD	Ft. St. John	L28	34,000	680,000	1975	2009
		Bessborough	L29	18,736	87,148	2002	2050
Sunshine Coast	SCRD	Sechelt	L30	12,515	358,000	1973	2030
Squamish-Lillooet	SLRD	Squamish	L31	15,037	284,000	1978	2008
Skeena-Queen	SQCRD	Prince Rupert	L32	11,027	202,000	1991	2066
Thompson-Nicola	TNRD	Mission Flats	L33	49,806	1,266,000	1975	2057
		Lower Nicola	L34	13,410	141,000	1972	2015
		Heffley Creek	L35	11,726	120,000	1970	2018

Notes: <sup>1</sup> Disposal includes DLC, but DLC was neglected in LFG generation modelling.

<sup>2</sup> Italics indicates Golder's estimate of waste disposal in 2006.

<sup>3</sup> Quantities include MSW and DLC; tonnages with estimates have been rounded to the nearest thousand.

<sup>4</sup> "N/A" means that the information was not provided.

<sup>5</sup> Also known as Metro Vancouver.



**TABLE 3**  
**INFERRED PRECIPITATION AND MODEL PARAMETERS**

Regional District	Acronym	Landfill	No.	Precipitation (mm/yr)	L <sub>o</sub> (m <sup>3</sup> CH <sub>4</sub> /tonne)	k (year <sup>-1</sup> )
Alberni-Clayoquot	ACRD	Alberni Valley	L1	1,911	159	0.229
Bulkley-Nechako	RDBN	Knockholt	L2	500	116	0.046
Capital	CRD	Hartland	L3	1,003	131	0.111
Cariboo	CaribooRD	Gibraltar	L4	510	116	0.047
Central Kootenay	RDCK	Central	L5	755	123	0.079
		Ootischenia	L6	755	123	0.079
Central Okanagan	RDCO	Glenmore	L7	381	112	0.031
		Westside	L8	381	112	0.031
Columbia Shuswap	CSRD	Salmon Arm	L9	669	121	0.068
Comox-Strathcona	RDCS	Comox Valley	L10	1,179	137	0.134
		Campbell River	L11	1,452	145	0.170
East Kootenay	RDEK	Central Subregion	L12	383	112	0.031
		Columbia Regional	L13	430	113	0.037
Fraser-Fort George	RDFFG	Foothills	L14	644	112	0.050
Fraser Valley	FVRD	Bailey	L15	1,501	147	0.176
		Mini's Pit	L16	1,765	155	0.210
Greater Vancouver	GVRD <sup>1</sup>	Vancouver	L17	1,008	150	0.160
		Cache Creek	L18	236	100	0.020
		Ecowaste	L19	1,277	75	0.019
Kitimat-Stikine	RDKS	Thornhill	L20	1,322	141	0.153
		Terrace	L21	1,322	141	0.153
Kootenay Boundary	RDKB	McKelvey Creek	L22	775	124	0.082
Nanaimo	RDN	Nanaimo	L23	1,163	136	0.132
North Okanagan	NORD	Vernon	L24	410	113	0.034
		Armstrong	L25	488	115	0.044
Northern Rockies	NRRD	Ft. Nelson	L26	452	114	0.040
Okanagan-Similkameen	RDOS	Campbell Mtn	L27	332	110	0.024
Peace River	PRRD	Ft. St. John	L28	466	114	0.042
		Bessborough	L29	482	115	0.044
Sunshine Coast	SCRD	Sechelt	L30	1,100	134	0.124
Squamish-Lillooet	SLRD	Squamish	L31	2,367	173	0.289
Skeena-Queen	SQCRD	Prince Rupert	L32	2,594	180	0.318
		Mission Flats	L33	279	109	0.017
Thompson-Nicola	TNRD	Lower Nicola	L34	322	110	0.023
		Heffley Creek	L35	409	113	0.034

Note: <sup>1</sup> Also known as Metro Vancouver.

**TABLE 4  
PREDICTED METHANE GENERATION**

Regional District	Acronym	Landfill	No.	2008			2012			2016			2020		
				CH <sub>4</sub> /year	CO <sub>2</sub> e/year	Equivalent Emissions	CH <sub>4</sub> /year	CO <sub>2</sub> e/year	Equivalent Emissions	CH <sub>4</sub> /year	CO <sub>2</sub> e/year	Equivalent Emissions	CH <sub>4</sub> /year	CO <sub>2</sub> e/year	Equivalent Emissions
				(tonnes)	(tonnes)	(No. of Automobiles)	(tonnes)	(tonnes)	(No. of Automobiles)	(tonnes)	(tonnes)	(No. of Automobiles)	(tonnes)	(tonnes)	(No. of Automobiles)
Alberni-Clayoquot	ACRD	Alberni Valley	L1	2,163	45,433	15,144	2,230	46,833	15,611	2,203	46,262	15,421	2,140	44,948	14,983
Bulkley-Nechako	RDBN	Knockholt	L2	333	6,983	2,328	445	9,351	3,117	539	11,320	3,773	617	12,959	4,320
Capital	CRD	Hartland	L3	12,875	270,381	90,127	13,690	287,482	95,827	14,660	307,858	102,619	15,767	331,108	110,369
Cariboo	CaribooRD	Gibraltar	L4	210	4,418	1,473	394	8,279	2,760	546	11,475	3,825	672	14,119	4,706
Central Kootenay	RDCK	Central	L5	961	20,189	6,730	947	19,888	6,629	937	19,669	6,556	929	19,509	6,503
		Ootischenia	L6	1,053	22,117	7,372	1,014	21,293	7,098	985	20,692	6,897	965	20,255	6,752
Central Okanagan	RDCO	Glenmore	L7	3,622	76,071	25,357	4,270	89,679	29,893	4,978	104,528	34,843	5,754	120,828	40,276
		Westside	L8	767	16,106	5,369	919	19,301	6,434	871	18,287	6,096	771	16,184	5,395
Columbia Shuswap	CSRD	Salmon Arm	L9	798	16,750	5,583	961	20,190	6,730	1,101	23,114	7,705	1,222	25,655	8,552
Comox-Strathcona	RDSC	Comox Valley	L10	2,449	51,420	17,140	2,574	54,045	18,015	2,647	55,579	18,526	2,689	56,476	18,825
		Campbell River	L11	2,284	47,960	15,987	2,360	49,551	16,517	2,398	50,357	16,786	1,216	25,536	8,512
East Kootenay	RDEK	Central Subregion	L12	476	9,996	3,332	759	15,935	5,312	1,023	21,474	7,158	1,270	26,672	8,891
		Columbia Regional	L13	587	12,326	4,109	703	14,762	4,921	811	17,032	5,677	913	19,164	6,388
Fraser-Fort George	RDFFG	Foothills	L14	4,515	94,822	31,607	4,864	102,139	34,046	5,149	108,129	36,043	5,383	113,034	37,678
Fraser Valley	FVRD	Bailey	L15	2,905	61,005	20,335	3,172	66,610	22,203	3,447	72,386	24,129	3,738	78,494	26,165
		Mini's Pit	L16	1,710	35,908	11,969	2,062	43,305	14,435	2,323	48,788	16,263	2,554	53,633	17,878
Greater Vancouver	GVRD <sup>2</sup>	Vancouver	L17	49,222	1,033,660	344,553	61,692	1,295,537	431,846	68,268	1,433,622	477,874	71,735	1,506,433	502,144
		Cache Creek	L18	8,791	184,614	61,538	10,401	218,417	72,806	9,601	201,625	67,208	8,863	186,123	62,041
		Ecowaste	L19	3,365	70,656	23,552	3,827	80,359	26,786	4,255	89,352	29,784	4,652	97,687	32,562
Kitimat-Stikine	RDKS	Thornhill	L20	904	18,983	6,328	789	16,578	5,526	428	8,995	2,998	232	4,880	1,627
		Terrace	L21	929	19,500	6,500	688	14,439	4,813	373	7,834	2,611	202	4,251	1,417
Kootenay Boundary	RDKB	McKelvey Creek	L22	770	16,160	5,387	810	17,002	5,667	839	17,609	5,870	859	18,046	6,015
Nanaimo	RDN	Nanaimo	L23	5,268	110,622	36,874	5,917	124,249	41,416	6,299	132,279	44,093	6,524	137,012	45,671
North Okanagan	NORD	Vernon	L24	1,357	28,487	9,496	1,612	33,852	11,284	1,908	40,060	13,353	2,251	47,263	15,754
		Armstrong	L25	478	10,044	3,348	572	12,006	4,002	664	13,946	4,649	757	15,891	5,297
Northern Rockies	NRRD	Ft. Nelson	L26	214	4,486	1,495	327	6,872	2,291	436	9,158	3,053	542	11,380	3,793
Okanagan-Similkameen	RDOS	Campbell Mtn	L27	1,603	33,673	11,224	1,818	38,172	12,724	2,042	42,884	14,295	2,278	47,839	15,946
Peace River	PRRD	Ft. St. John	L28	1,305	27,413	9,138	1,311	27,528	9,176	1,110	23,310	7,770	940	19,738	6,579
		Bessborough	L29	264	5,543	1,848	478	10,036	3,345	690	14,485	4,828	904	18,980	6,327
Sunshine Coast	SCRD	Sechelt	L30	1,049	22,019	7,340	1,112	23,350	7,783	1,190	24,980	8,327	1,279	26,859	8,953
Squamish-Lillooet	SLRD	Squamish	L31	1,646	34,571	11,524	744	15,620	5,207	234	4,922	1,641	74	1,551	517
Skeena-Queen	SQCRD	Prince Rupert	L32	1,270	26,672	8,891	1,280	26,884	8,961	1,283	26,943	8,981	1,284	26,959	8,986
Thompson-Nicola	TNRD	Mission Flats	L33	1,268	26,623	8,874	1,438	30,188	10,063	1,617	33,956	11,319	1,807	37,949	12,650
		Lower Nicola	L34	186	3,911	1,304	260	5,457	1,819	333	6,985	2,328	304	6,375	2,125
		Heffley Creek	L35	228	4,796	1,599	329	6,909	2,303	425	8,920	2,973	477	10,026	3,342

Notes: <sup>1</sup> To obtain the approximate average annual methane flow rate in cubic feet per minute (cfm), divide CH<sub>4</sub>/year (tonnes) by 10.

<sup>2</sup> Also known as Metro Vancouver.

**TABLE 5**  
**PREDICTED GHG GENERATION IN 2008**

Rank	Landfill	Regional District	CO <sub>2</sub> e/year	Equivalent Emissions
			(tonnes)	(No. of Automobiles)
1	Vancouver	Greater Vancouver	1,033,660	344,553
2	Hartland	Capital	270,381	90,127
3	Cache Creek	Greater Vancouver	184,614	61,538
4	Nanaimo	Nanaimo	110,622	36,874
5	Foothills	Fraser-Fort George	94,822	31,607
6	Glenmore	Central Okanagan	76,071	25,357
7	Ecowaste	Greater Vancouver	70,656	23,552
8	Bailey	Fraser Valley	61,005	20,335
9	Comox Valley	Comox-Strathcona	51,420	17,140
10	Campbell River	Comox-Strathcona	47,960	15,987
11	Alberni Valley	Alberni-Clayoquot	45,433	15,144
12	Mini's Pit	Fraser Valley	35,908	11,969
13	Squamish	Squamish-Lillooet	34,571	11,524
14	Campbell Mtn	Okanagan-Similkameen	33,673	11,224
15	Vernon	North Okanagan	28,487	9,496
16	Ft. St. John	Peace River	27,413	9,138
17	Prince Rupert	Skeena-Queen	26,672	8,891
18	Mission Flats	Thompson-Nicola	26,623	8,874
19	Ootischenia	Central Kootenay	22,117	7,372
20	Sechelt	Sunshine Coast	22,019	7,340
21	Central	Central Kootenay	20,189	6,730
22	Terrace	Kitimat-Stikine	19,500	6,500
23	Thornhill	Kitimat-Stikine	18,983	6,328
24	Salmon Arm	Columbia Shuswap	16,750	5,583
25	McKelvey Creek	Kootenay Boundary	16,160	5,387
26	Westside	Central Okanagan	16,106	5,369
27	Columbia Regional	East Kootenay	12,326	4,109
28	Armstrong	North Okanagan	10,044	3,348
29	Central Subregion	East Kootenay	9,996	3,332
30	Knockholt	Bulkley-Nechako	6,983	2,328
31	Bessborough	Peace River	5,543	1,848
32	Heffley Creek	Thompson-Nicola	4,796	1,599
33	Ft. Nelson	Northern Rockies	4,486	1,495
34	Gibraltar	Cariboo	4,418	1,473
35	Lower Nicola	Thompson-Nicola	3,911	1,304

**TABLE 6**  
**PREDICTED GHG GENERATION IN 2012**

Rank	Landfill	Regional District	CO <sub>2</sub> e/year	Equivalent Emissions
			(tonnes)	(No. of Automobiles)
1	Vancouver	Greater Vancouver	1,295,537	431,846
2	Hartland	Capital	287,482	95,827
3	Cache Creek	Greater Vancouver	218,417	72,806
4	Nanaimo	Nanaimo	124,249	41,416
5	Foothills	Fraser-Fort George	102,139	34,046
6	Glenmore	Central Okanagan	89,679	29,893
7	Ecowaste	Greater Vancouver	80,359	26,786
8	Bailey	Fraser Valley	66,610	22,203
9	Comox Valley	Comox-Strathcona	54,045	18,015
10	Campbell River	Comox-Strathcona	49,551	16,517
11	Alberni Valley	Alberni-Clayoquot	46,833	15,611
12	Mini's Pit	Fraser Valley	43,305	14,435
13	Campbell Mtn	Okanagan-Similkameen	38,172	12,724
14	Vernon	North Okanagan	33,852	11,284
15	Mission Flats	Thompson-Nicola	30,188	10,063
16	Ft. St. John	Peace River	27,528	9,176
17	Prince Rupert	Skeena-Queen	26,884	8,961
18	Sechelt	Sunshine Coast	23,350	7,783
19	Ootischenia	Central Kootenay	21,293	7,098
20	Salmon Arm	Columbia Shuswap	20,190	6,730
21	Central	Central Kootenay	19,888	6,629
22	Westside	Central Okanagan	19,301	6,434
23	McKelvey Creek	Kootenay Boundary	17,002	5,667
24	Thornhill	Kitimat-Stikine	16,578	5,526
25	Central Subregion	East Kootenay	15,935	5,312
26	Squamish	Squamish-Lillooet	15,620	5,207
27	Columbia Regional	East Kootenay	14,762	4,921
28	Terrace	Kitimat-Stikine	14,439	4,813
29	Armstrong	North Okanagan	12,006	4,002
30	Bessborough	Peace River	10,036	3,345
31	Knockholt	Bulkley-Nechako	9,351	3,117
32	Gibraltar	Cariboo	8,279	2,760
33	Heffley Creek	Thompson-Nicola	6,909	2,303
34	Ft. Nelson	Northern Rockies	6,872	2,291
35	Lower Nicola	Thompson-Nicola	5,457	1,819



**TABLE 7**  
**PREDICTED GHG GENERATION IN 2016**

Rank	Landfill	Regional District	CO <sub>2</sub> e/year	Equivalent Emissions
			(tonnes)	(No. of Automobiles)
1	Vancouver	Greater Vancouver	1,433,622	477,874
2	Hartland	Capital	307,858	102,619
3	Cache Creek	Greater Vancouver	201,625	67,208
4	Nanaimo	Nanaimo	132,279	44,093
5	Foothills	Fraser-Fort George	108,129	36,043
6	Glenmore	Central Okanagan	104,528	34,843
7	Ecowaste	Greater Vancouver	89,352	29,784
8	Bailey	Fraser Valley	72,386	24,129
9	Comox Valley	Comox-Strathcona	55,579	18,526
10	Campbell River	Comox-Strathcona	50,357	16,786
11	Mini's Pit	Fraser Valley	48,788	16,263
12	Alberni Valley	Alberni-Clayoquot	46,262	15,421
13	Campbell Mtn	Okanagan-Similkameen	42,884	14,295
14	Vernon	North Okanagan	40,060	13,353
15	Mission Flats	Thompson-Nicola	33,956	11,319
16	Prince Rupert	Skeena-Queen	26,943	8,981
17	Sechelt	Sunshine Coast	24,980	8,327
18	Ft. St. John	Peace River	23,310	7,770
19	Salmon Arm	Columbia Shuswap	23,114	7,705
20	Central Subregion	East Kootenay	21,474	7,158
21	Ootischenia	Central Kootenay	20,692	6,897
22	Central	Central Kootenay	19,669	6,556
23	Westside	Central Okanagan	18,287	6,096
24	McKelvey Creek	Kootenay Boundary	17,609	5,870
25	Columbia Regional	East Kootenay	17,032	5,677
26	Bessborough	Peace River	14,485	4,828
27	Armstrong	North Okanagan	13,946	4,649
28	Gibraltar	Cariboo	11,475	3,825
29	Knockholt	Bulkley-Nechako	11,320	3,773
30	Ft. Nelson	Northern Rockies	9,158	3,053
31	Thornhill	Kitimat-Stikine	8,995	2,998
32	Heffley Creek	Thompson-Nicola	8,920	2,973
33	Terrace	Kitimat-Stikine	7,834	2,611
34	Lower Nicola	Thompson-Nicola	6,985	2,328
35	Squamish	Squamish-Lillooet	4,922	1,641

**TABLE 8  
PREDICTED GHG GENERATION IN 2020**

Rank	Landfill	Regional District	CO <sub>2</sub> e/year	Equivalent Emissions
			(tonnes)	(No. of Automobiles)
1	Vancouver	Greater Vancouver	1,506,433	502,144
2	Hartland	Capital	331,108	110,369
3	Cache Creek	Greater Vancouver	186,123	62,041
4	Nanaimo	Nanaimo	137,012	45,671
5	Glenmore	Central Okanagan	120,828	40,276
6	Foothills	Fraser-Fort George	113,034	37,678
7	Ecowaste	Greater Vancouver	97,687	32,562
8	Bailey	Fraser Valley	78,494	26,165
9	Comox Valley	Comox-Strathcona	56,476	18,825
10	Mini's Pit	Fraser Valley	53,633	17,878
11	Campbell Mtn	Okanagan-Similkameen	47,839	15,946
12	Vernon	North Okanagan	47,263	15,754
13	Alberni Valley	Alberni-Clayoquot	44,948	14,983
14	Mission Flats	Thompson-Nicola	37,949	12,650
15	Prince Rupert	Skeena-Queen	26,959	8,986
16	Sechelt	Sunshine Coast	26,859	8,953
17	Central Subregion	East Kootenay	26,672	8,891
18	Salmon Arm	Columbia Shuswap	25,655	8,552
19	Campbell River	Comox-Strathcona	25,536	8,512
20	Ootischenia	Central Kootenay	20,255	6,752
21	Ft. St. John	Peace River	19,738	6,579
22	Central	Central Kootenay	19,509	6,503
23	Columbia Regional	East Kootenay	19,164	6,388
24	Bessborough	Peace River	18,980	6,327
25	McKelvey Creek	Kootenay Boundary	18,046	6,015
26	Westside	Central Okanagan	16,184	5,395
27	Armstrong	North Okanagan	15,891	5,297
28	Gibraltar	Cariboo	14,119	4,706
29	Knockholt	Bulkley-Nechako	12,959	4,320
30	Ft. Nelson	Northern Rockies	11,380	3,793
31	Heffley Creek	Thompson-Nicola	10,026	3,342
32	Lower Nicola	Thompson-Nicola	6,375	2,125
33	Thornhill	Kitimat-Stikine	4,880	1,627
34	Terrace	Kitimat-Stikine	4,251	1,417
35	Squamish	Squamish-Lillooet	1,551	517


**TABLE 9  
OTHER LANDFILL INFORMATION**

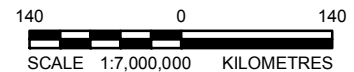
Regional District	Acronym	Landfill	No.	Owner If Not RD	Population Served	Existing Waste Area (ha)	Waste Area at Closure (ha)	Average 2006 LFG Flow (scfm)	Average 2006 CH <sub>4</sub> (% vol)
Alberni-Clayoquot	ACRD	Alberni Valley	L1		29,000	9	15	None	N/A
Bulkley-Nechako	RDBN	Knockholt	L2		20,000	N/A	N/A	None	N/A
Capital	CRD	Hartland	L3		360,000	29	43	650	52
Cariboo	CaribooRD	Gibraltar	L4		N/A	3		None	N/A
Central Kootenay	RDCK	Central	L5		N/A	5	30	None	N/A
		Ootischenia	L6		N/A	5	32	None	N/A
Central Okanagan	RDCO	Glenmore	L7	Kelowna	N/A	81	142	60	52
		Westside	L8		N/A	N/A	N/A	None	N/A
Columbia Shuswap	CSRD	Salmon Arm	L9		N/A	7	22	None	N/A
Comox-Strathcona	RDCS	Comox Valley	L10		50,000	10	10	None	N/A
		Campbell River	L11		50,000	7	7	None	N/A
East Kootenay	RDEK	Central Subregion	L12		N/A	1	40	None	N/A
		Columbia Regional	L13		N/A	6	12	None	N/A
Fraser-Fort George	RDFFG	Foothills	L14		85,000	23	80	215	45
Fraser Valley	FVRD	Bailey	L15	Chilliwack	N/A	31	35	None	N/A
		Mini's Pit	L16	Maple Ridge	N/A	8	14	None	N/A
Greater Vancouver	GVRD <sup>1</sup>	Vancouver	L17	Vancouver	963,000	225	225	2,800	52.6
		Cache Creek	L18	Cache Creek/Wastech	N/A	30	36	510	55
		Ecowaste	L19	Ecowaste	N/A	70	117	235	50
Kitimat-Stikine	RDKS	Thornhill	L20		N/A	7	7	None	N/A
		Terrace	L21	Terrace	N/A	8	N/A	None	N/A
Kootenay Boundary	RDKB	McKelvey Creek	L22		N/A	N/A	N/A	None	N/A
Nanaimo	RDN	Nanaimo	L23		N/A	22	22	250	51
North Okanagan	NORD	Vernon	L24		62,166	5	14	None	N/A
		Armstrong	L25		N/A	1	4	60-100	56
Northern Rockies	NRRD	Ft. Nelson	L26		4,200	2	10	None	N/A
Okanagan-Similkameen	RDOS	Campbell Mtn	L27		N/A	N/A	N/A	None	N/A
Peace River	PRRD	Ft. St. John	L28		N/A	11	15	None	N/A
		Bessborough	L29		12,000	2	140	None	N/A
Sunshine Coast	SCRD	Sechelt	L30		27,759	7	10	None	N/A
Squamish-Lillooet	SLRD	Squamish	L31	Squamish	N/A	5	5	None	N/A
Skeena-Queen	SQCRD	Prince Rupert	L32	Prince Rupert	N/A	6	15	None	N/A
Thompson-Nicola	TNRD	Mission Flats	L33	Kamloops	80,000	15	32	None	N/A
		Lower Nicola	L34		12,000	5	8	None	N/A
		Heffley Creek	L35		7,500	6	8	None	N/A

Note: <sup>1</sup> Also known as Metro Vancouver.



**LEGEND**

-  Approximate Location of Landfill





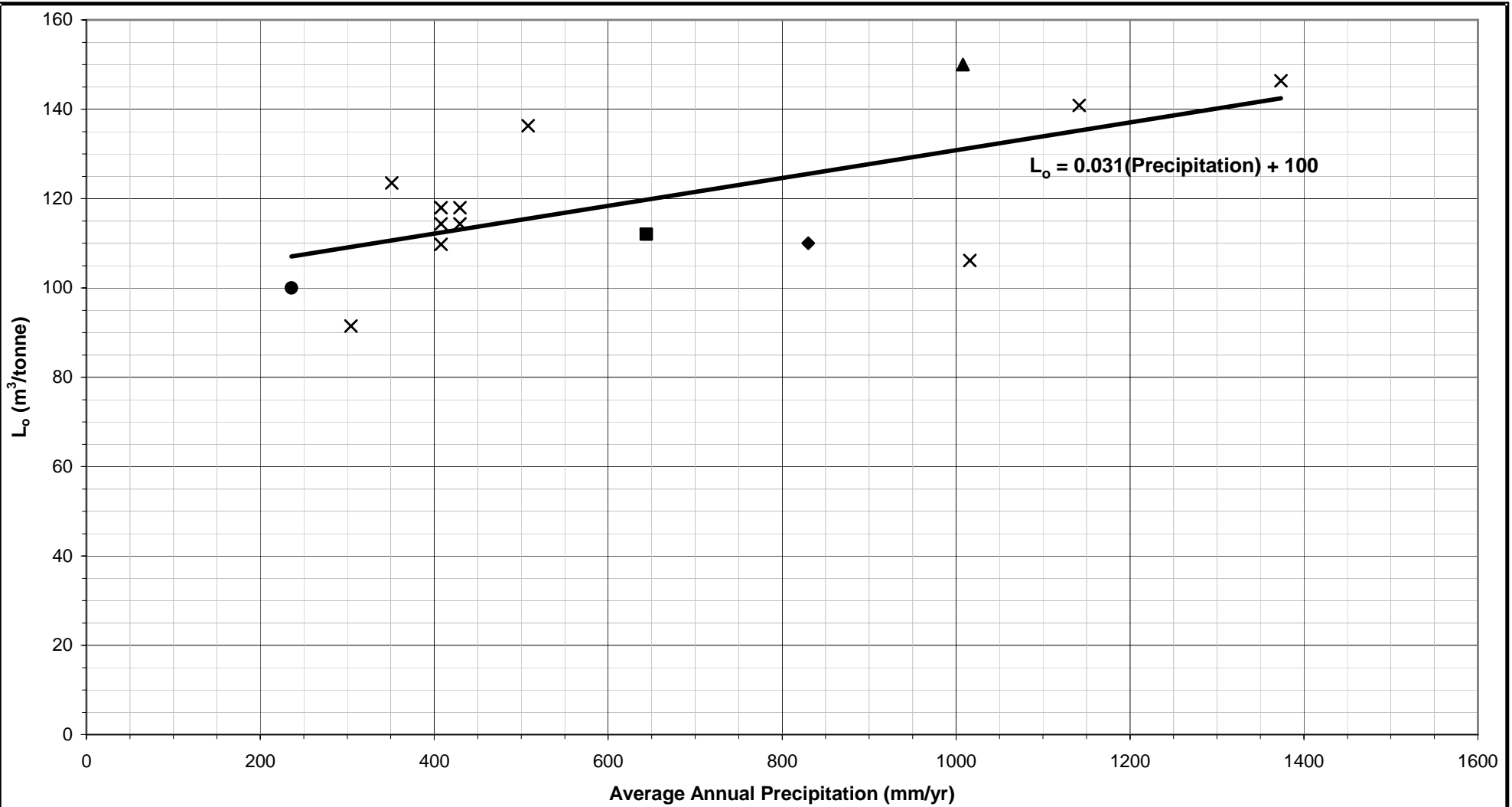
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1. Locations of the landfills are approximate.
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- Foothills Boulevard Landfill
- ◆ Keele Valley Landfill
- ▲ Vancouver Landfill

**NOTES**

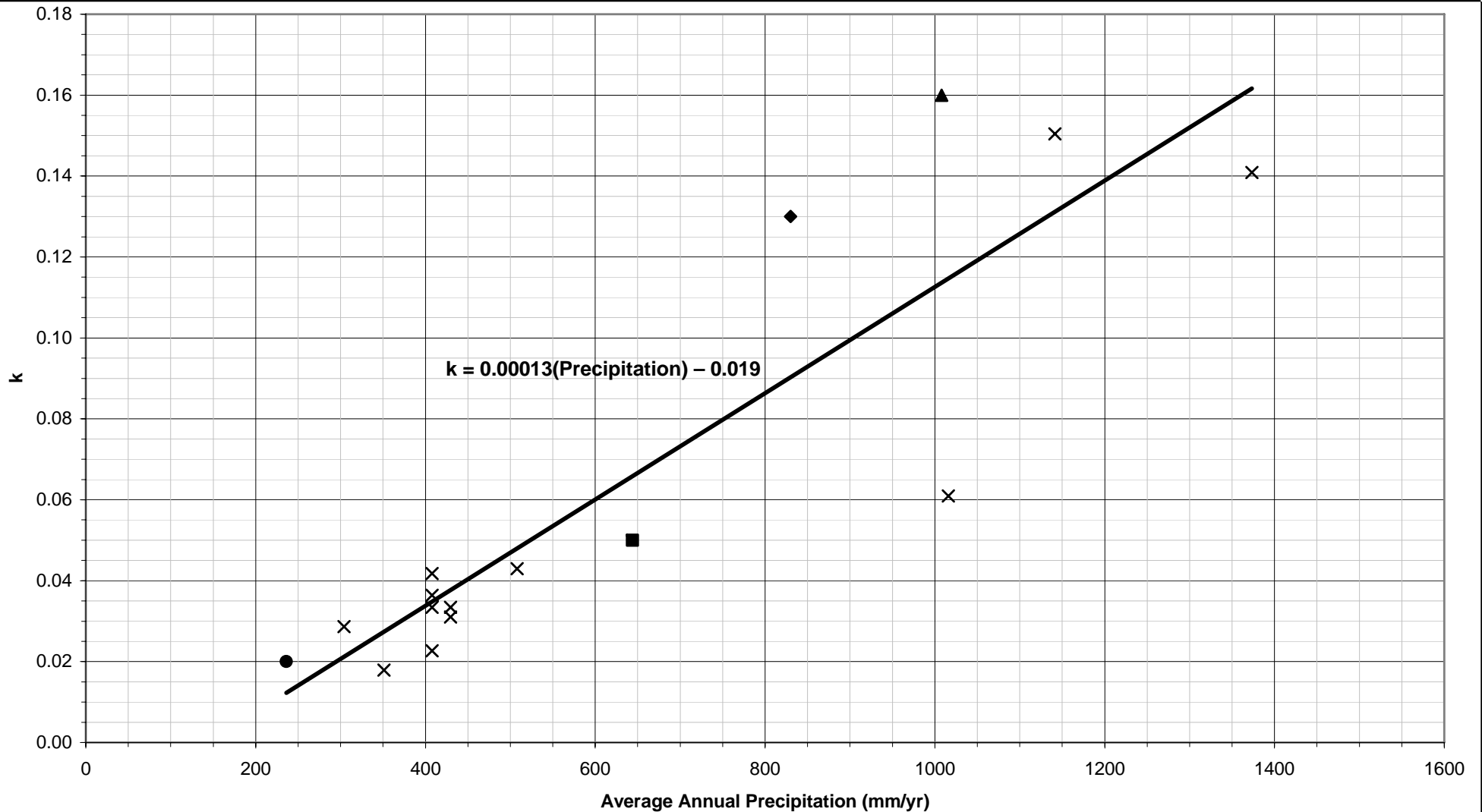
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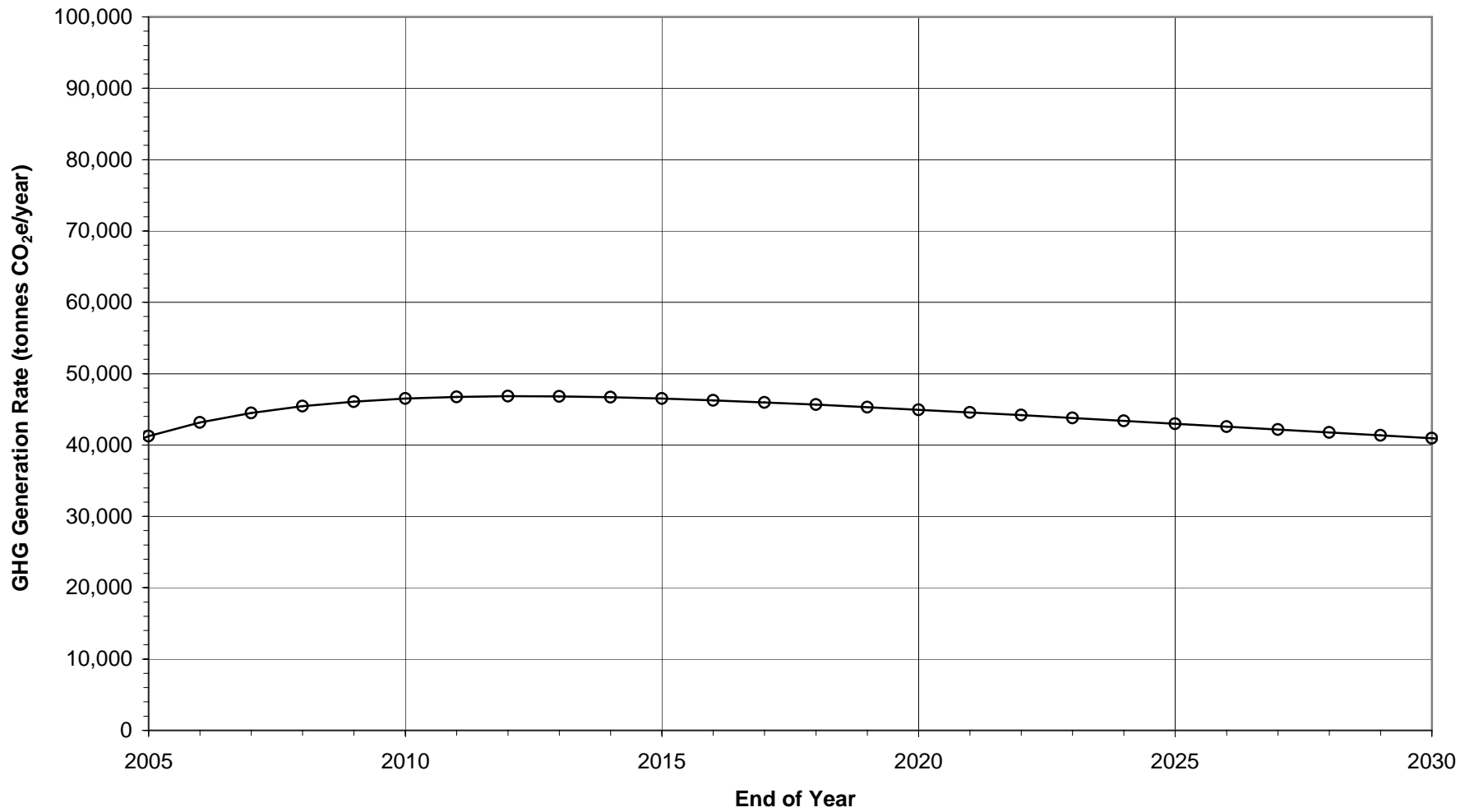
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## **APPENDIX I**

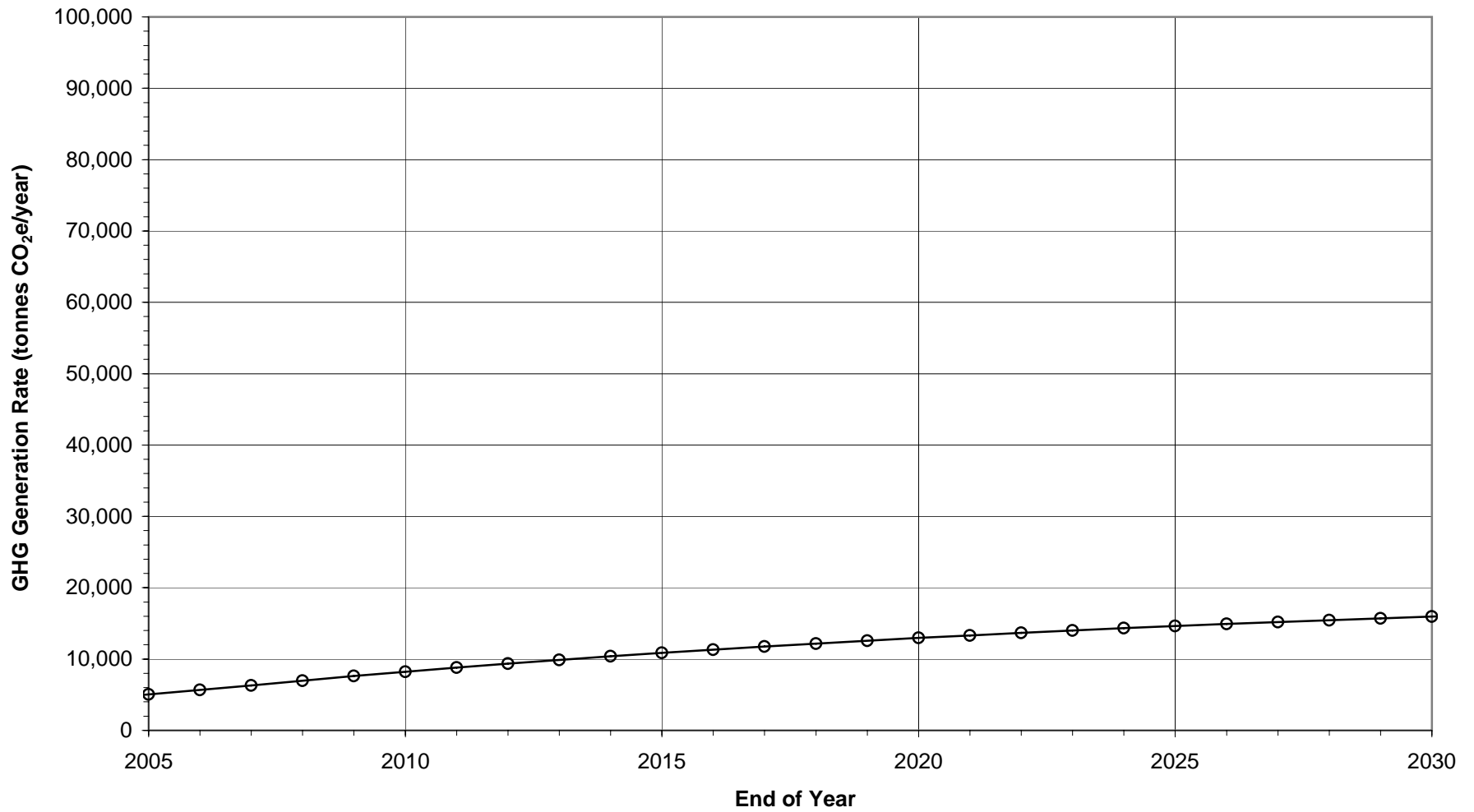
**PLOTS OF METHANE GENERATION AS CO<sub>2</sub>E WITH TIME  
FOR EACH LANDFILL**

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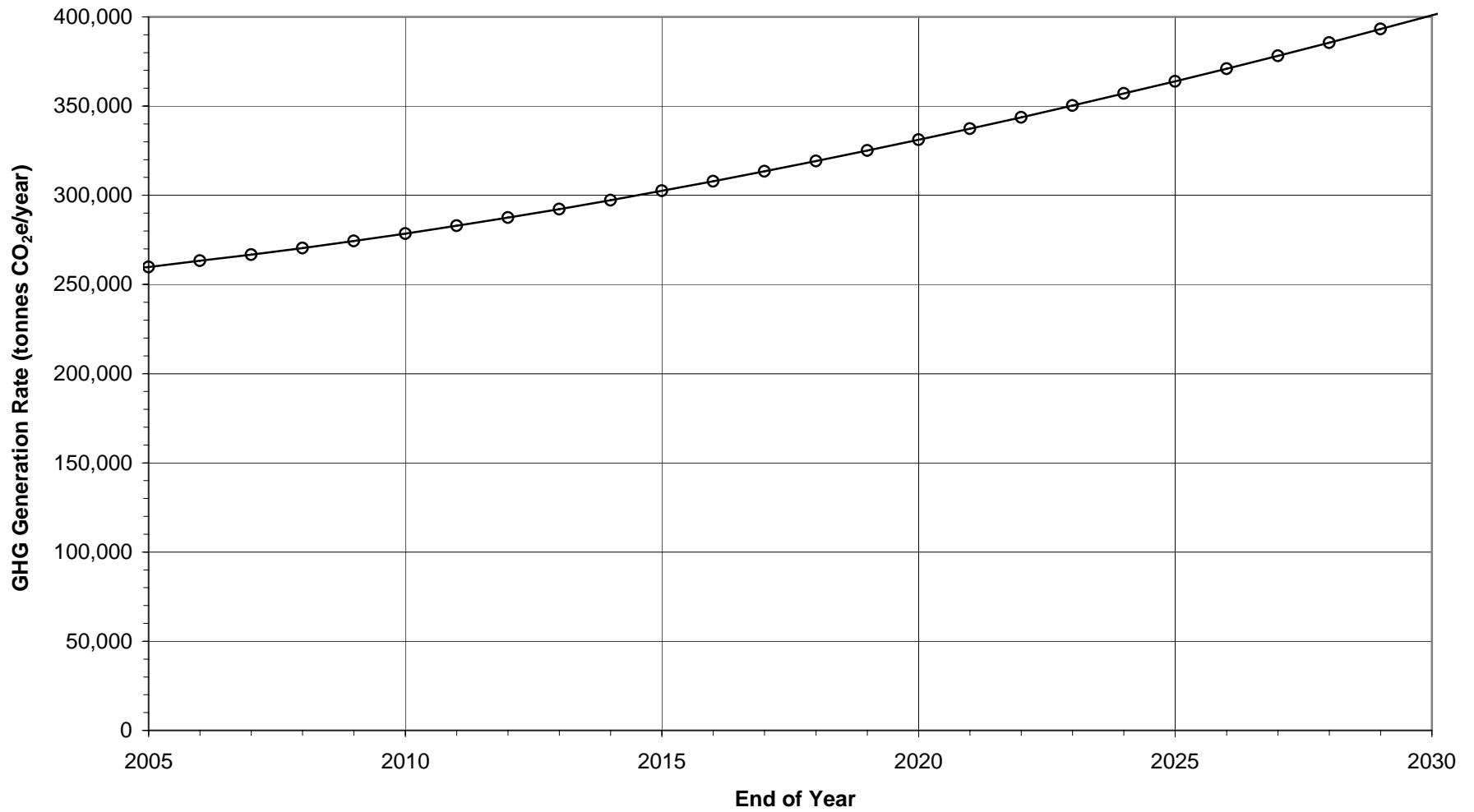




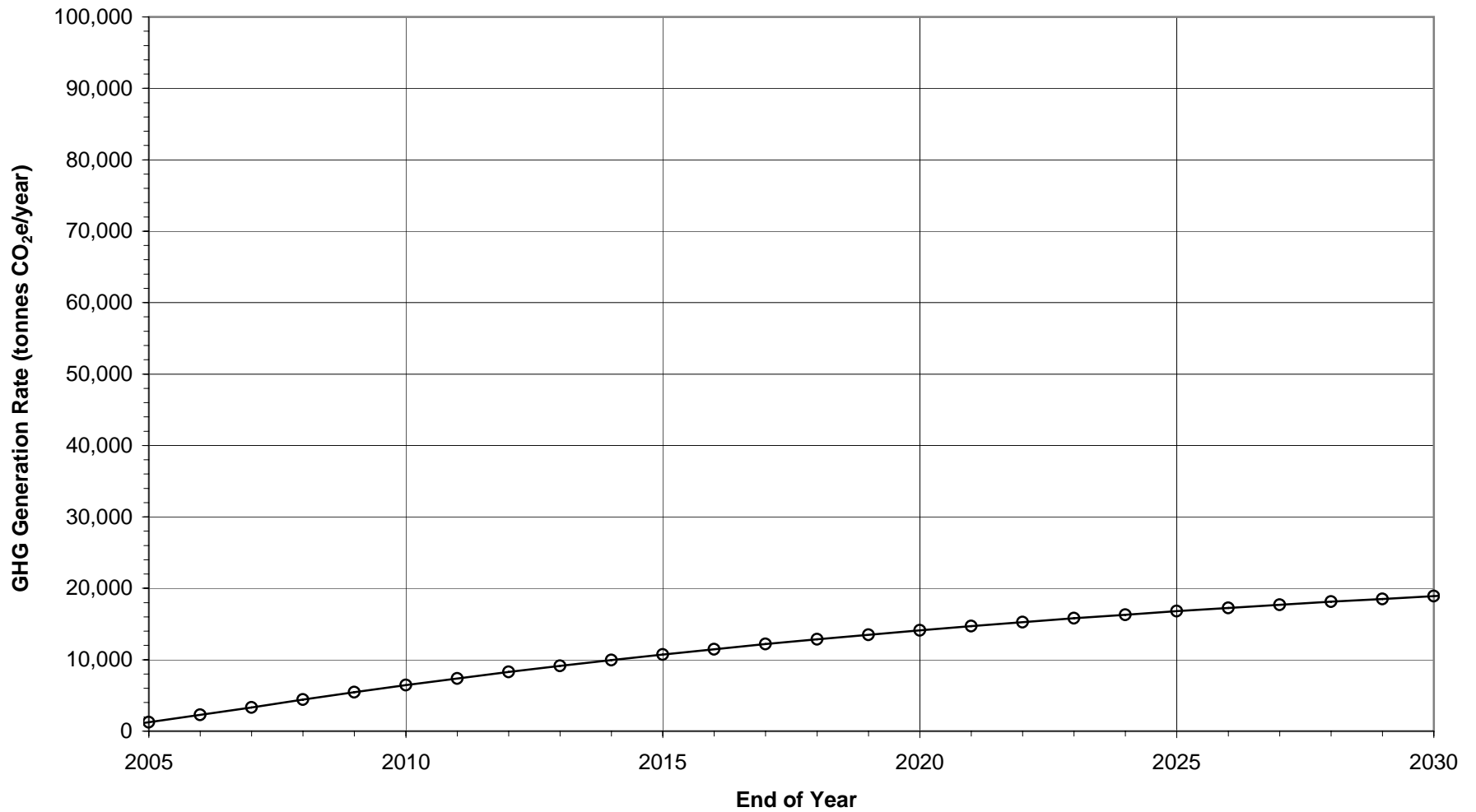
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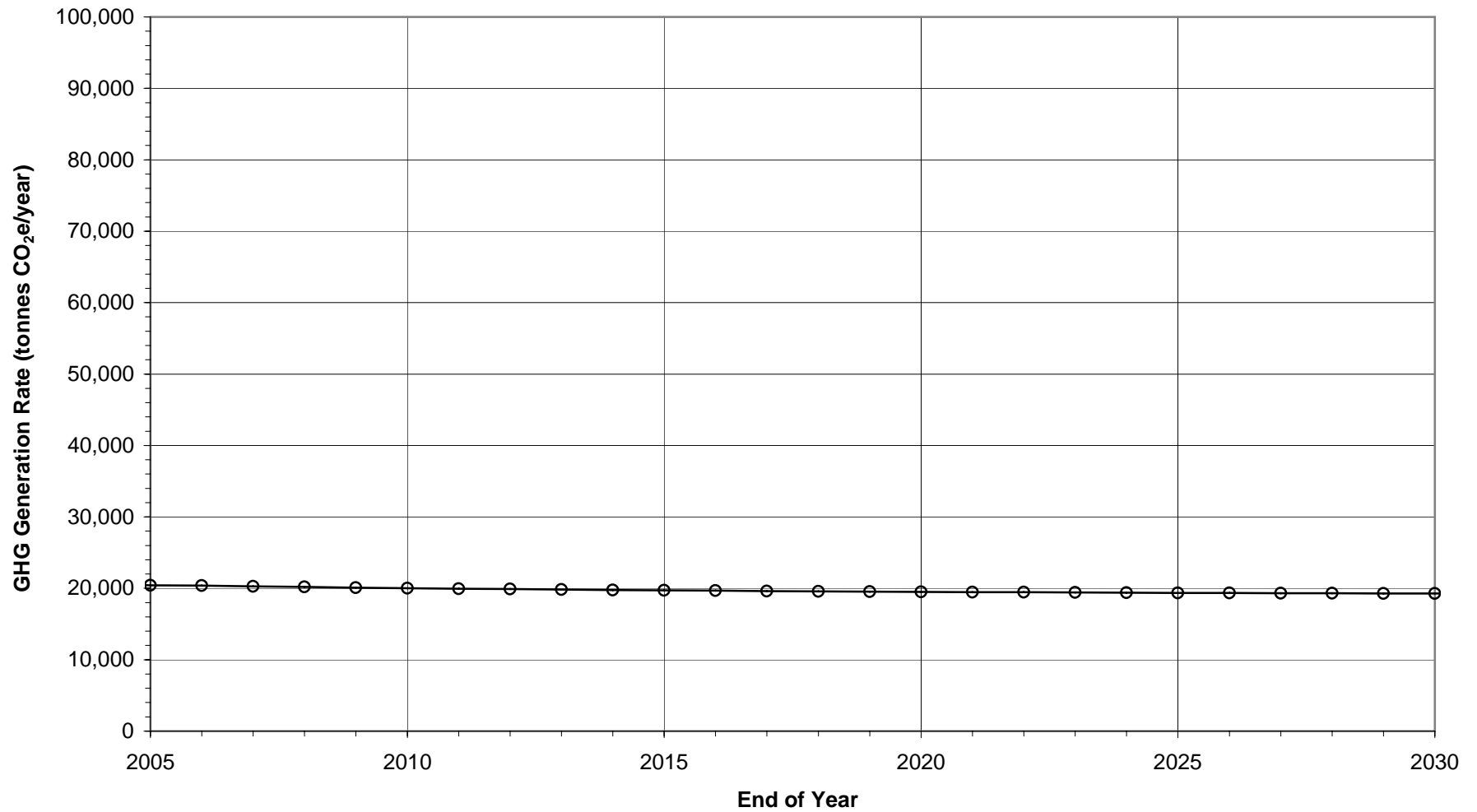
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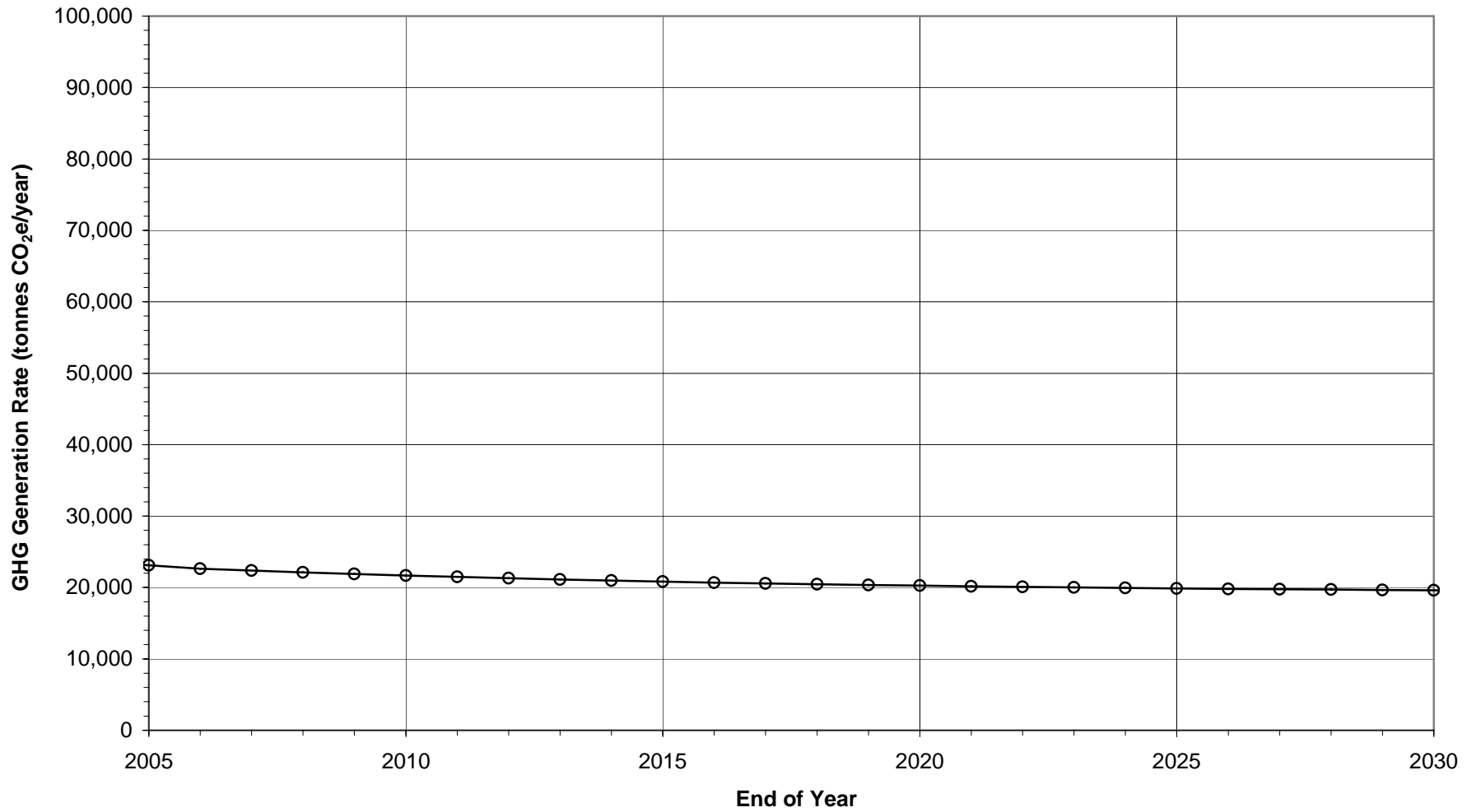
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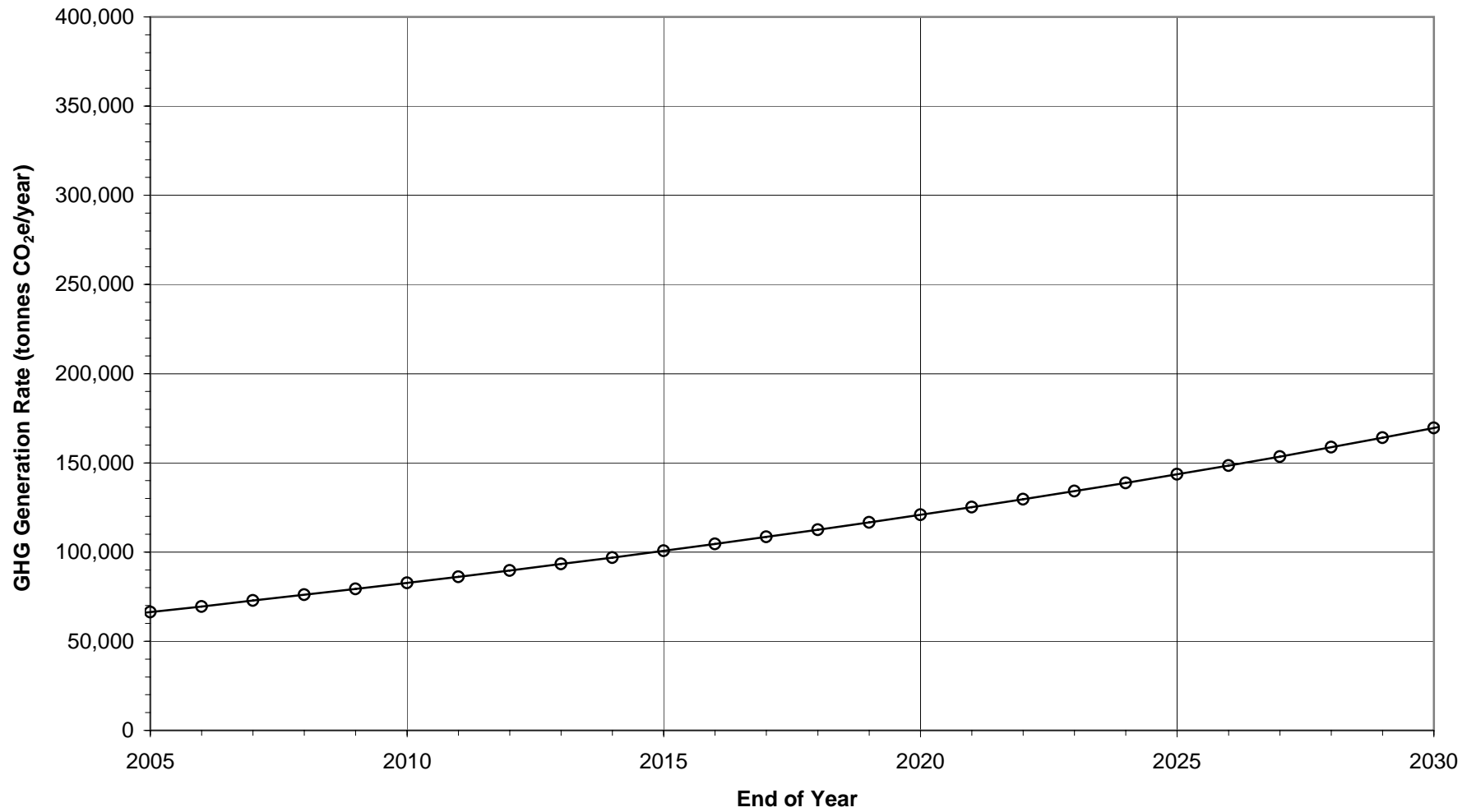
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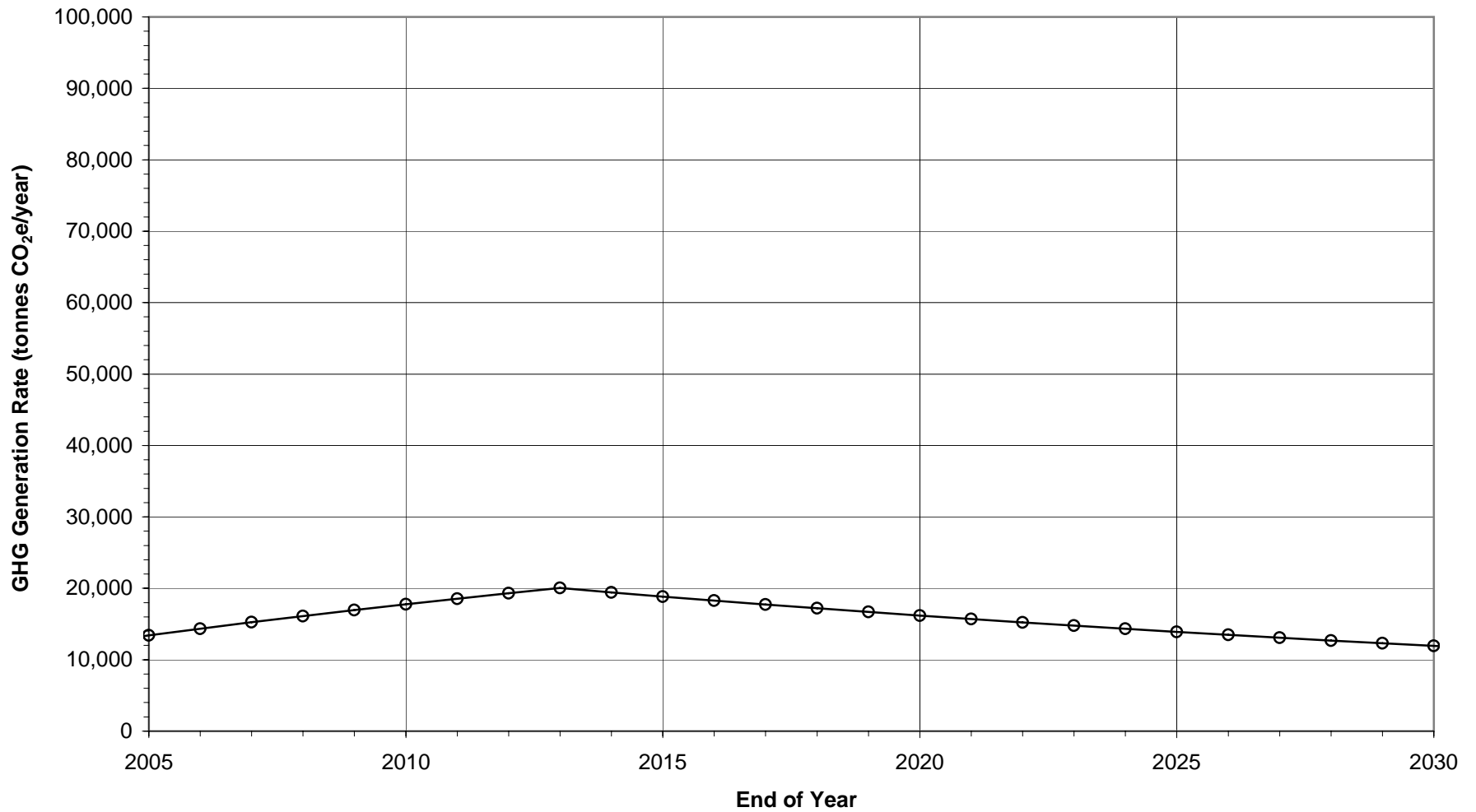
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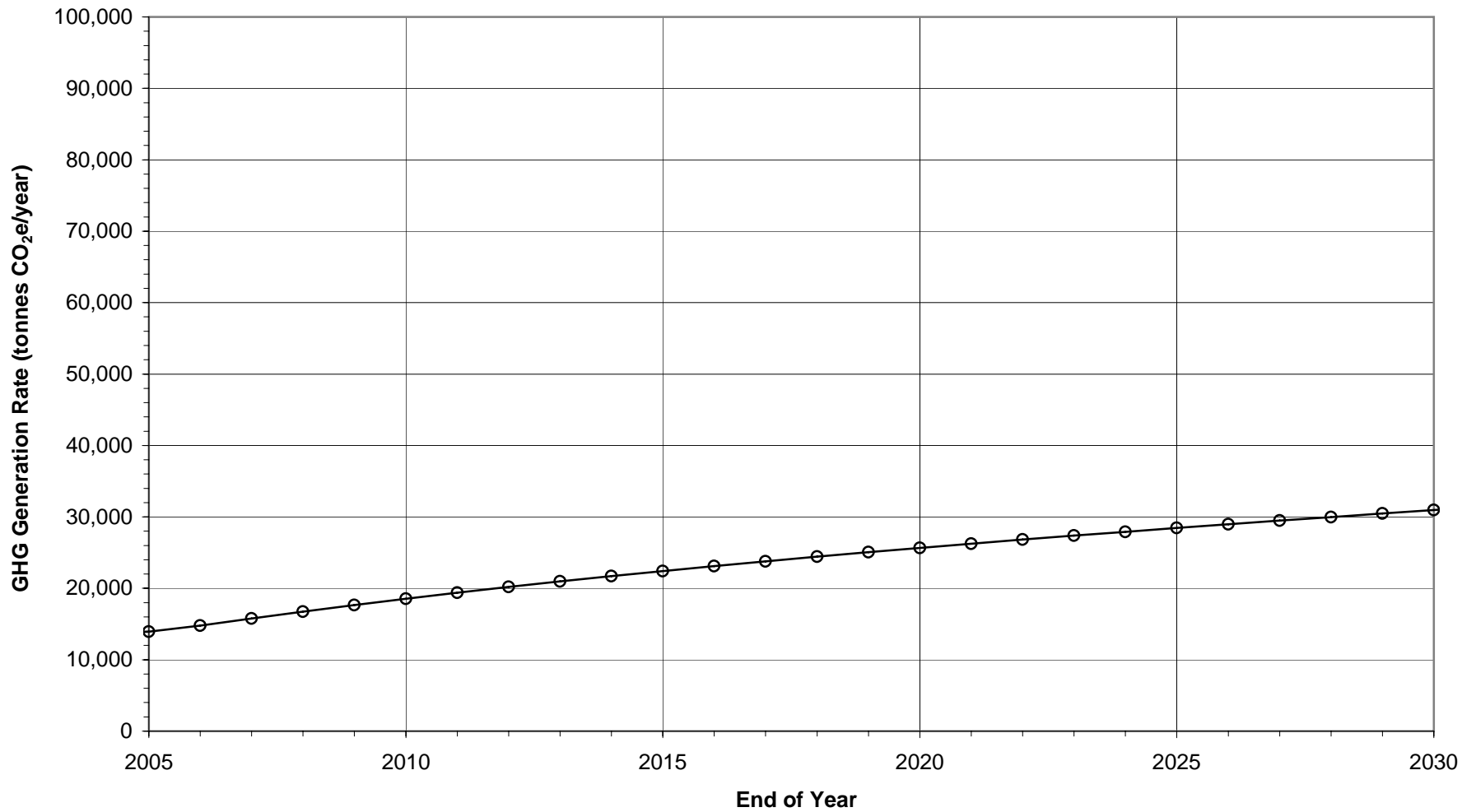
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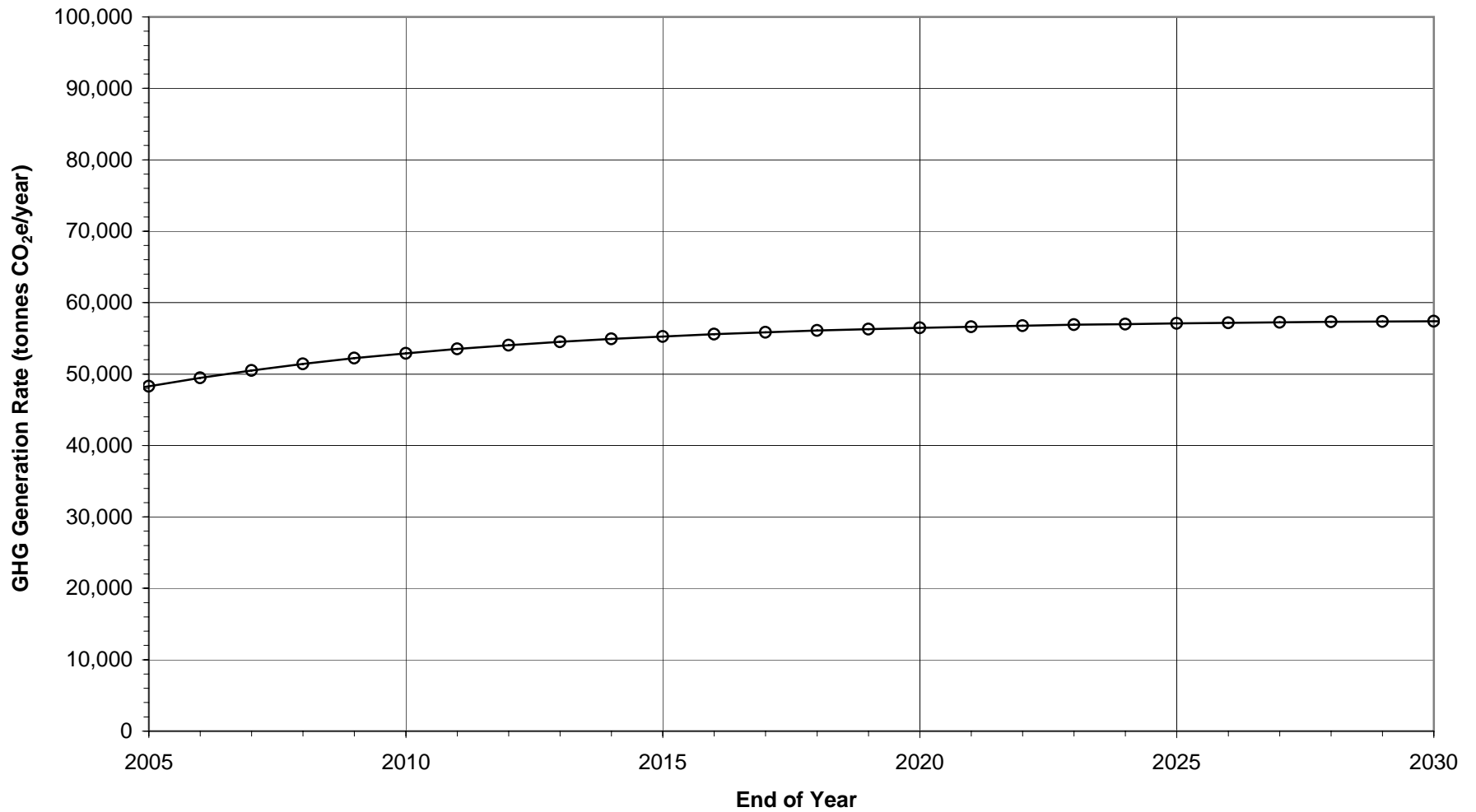


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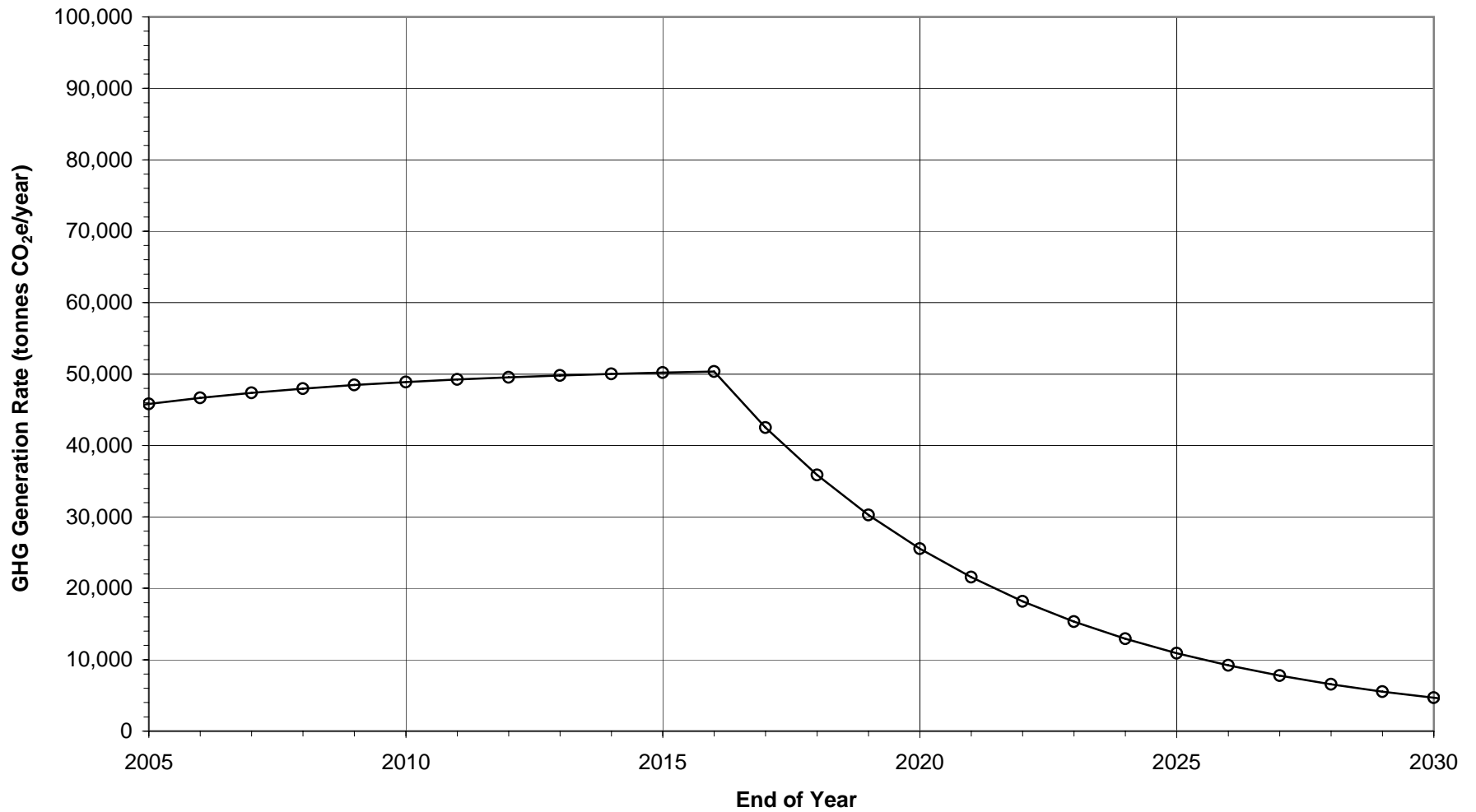




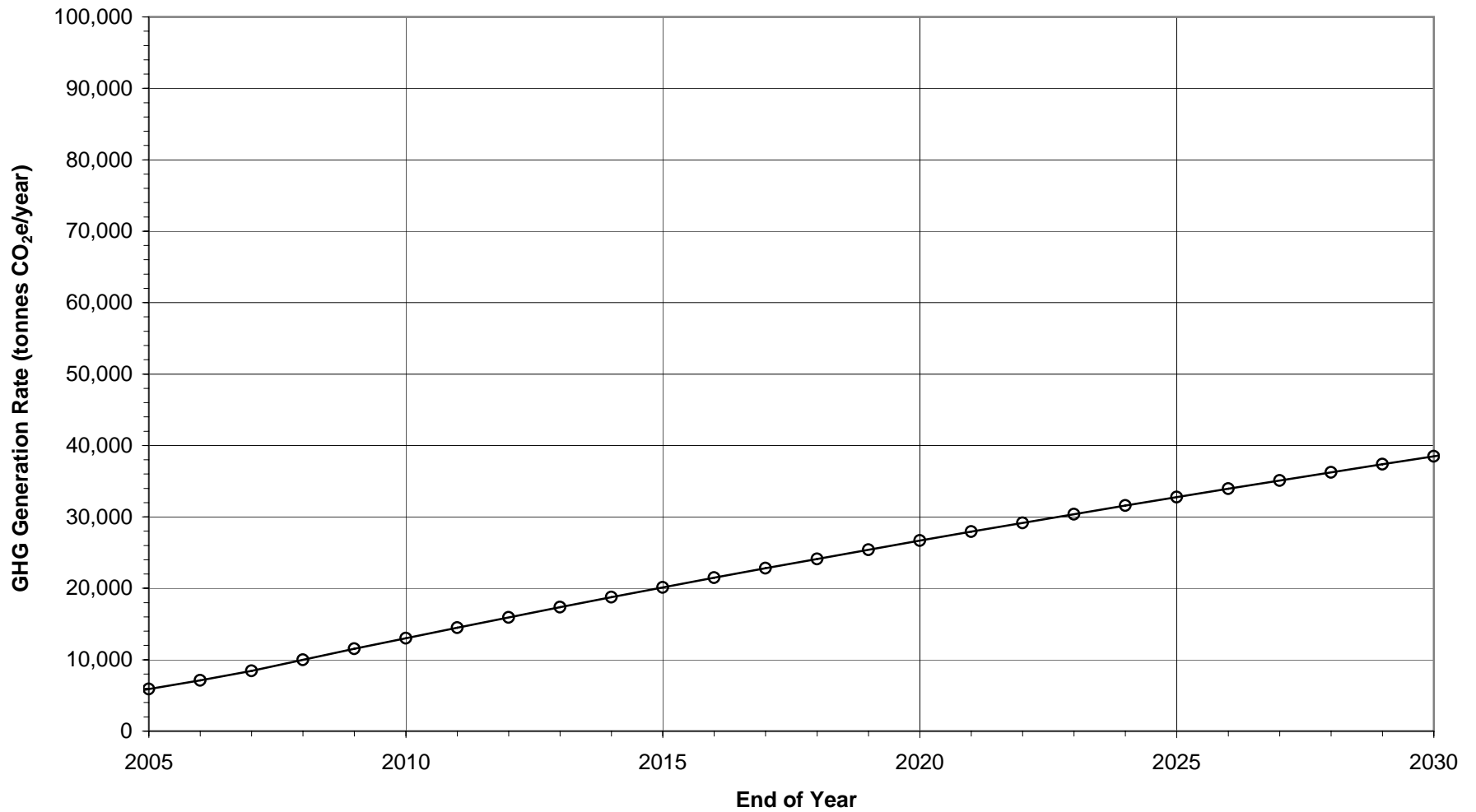
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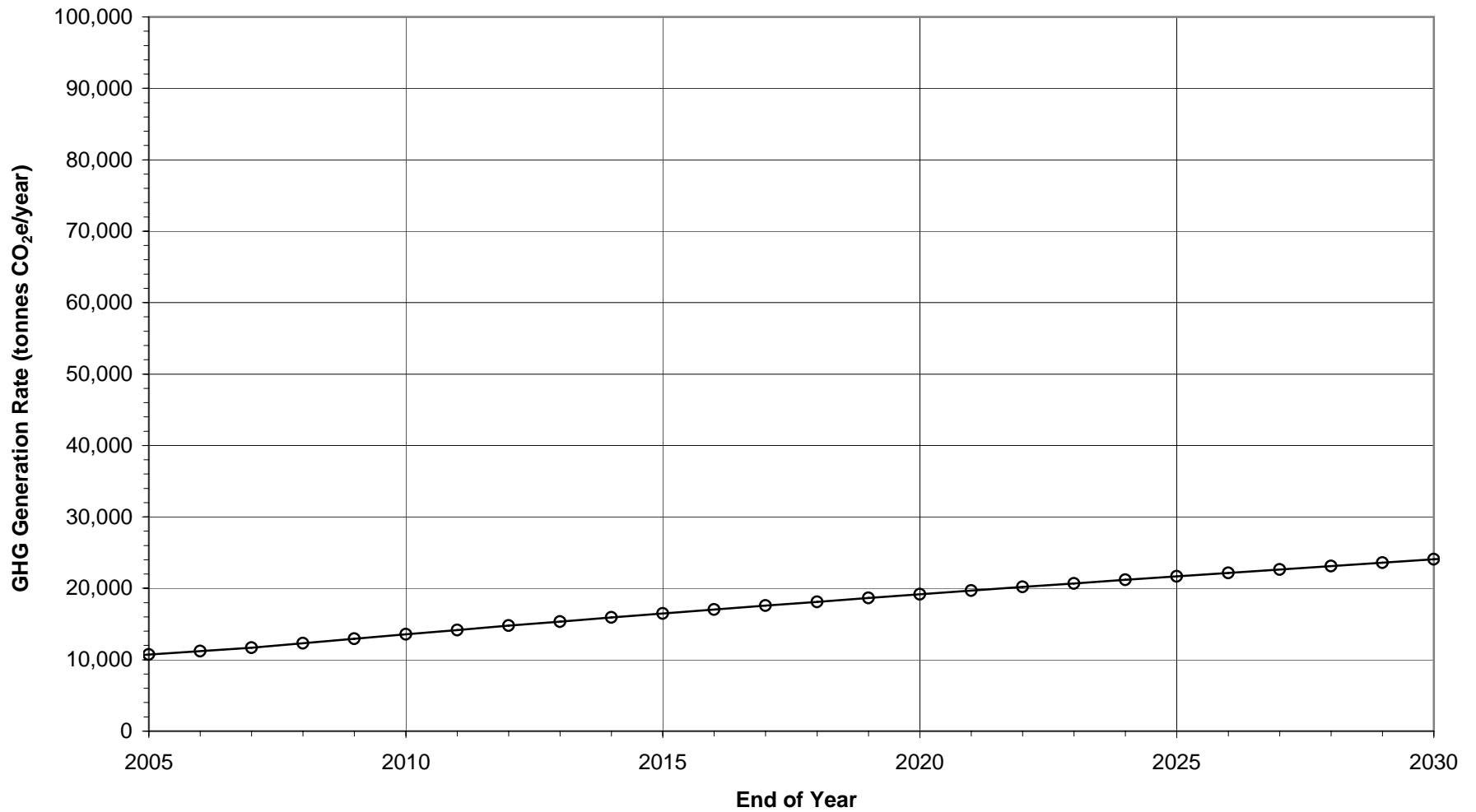
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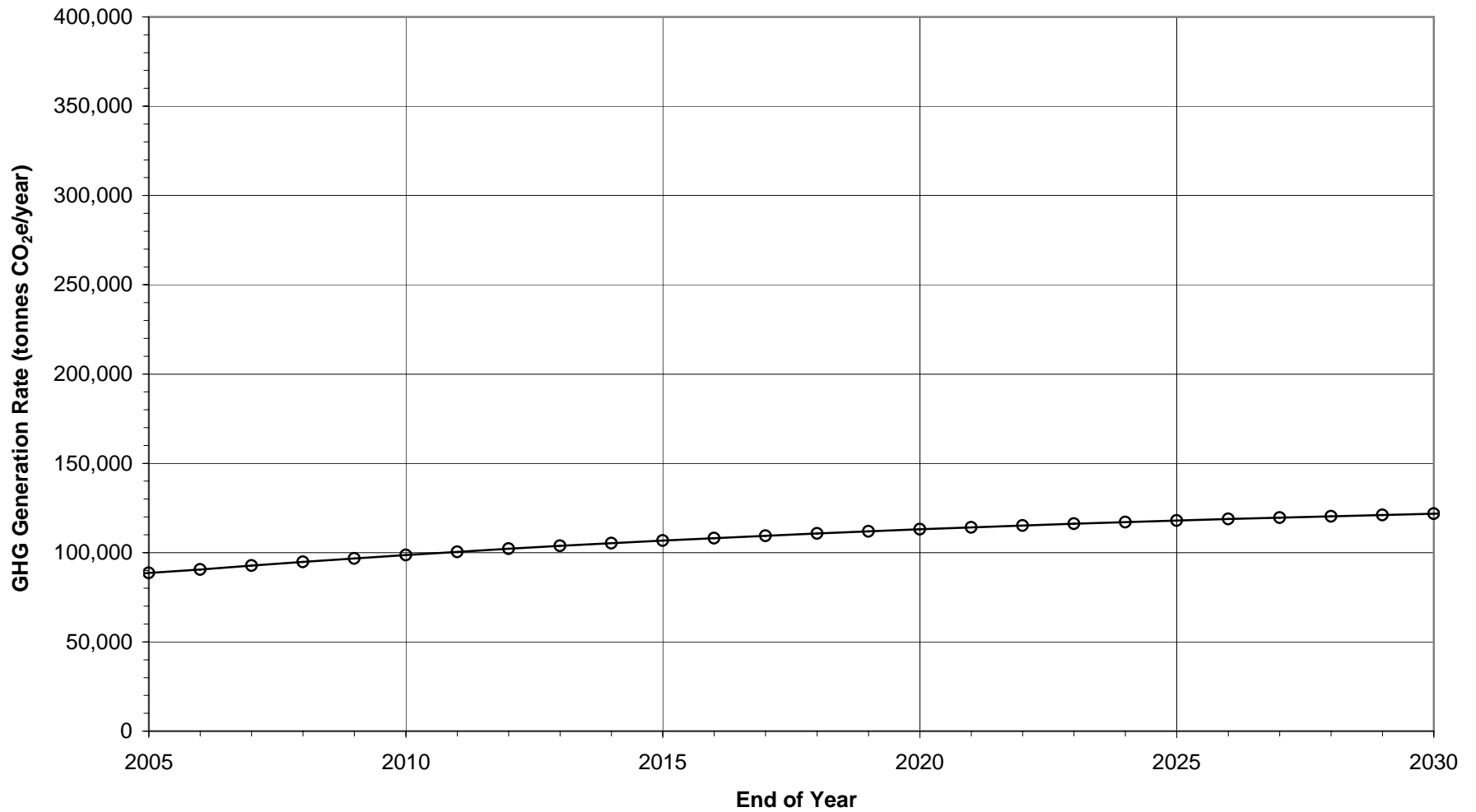
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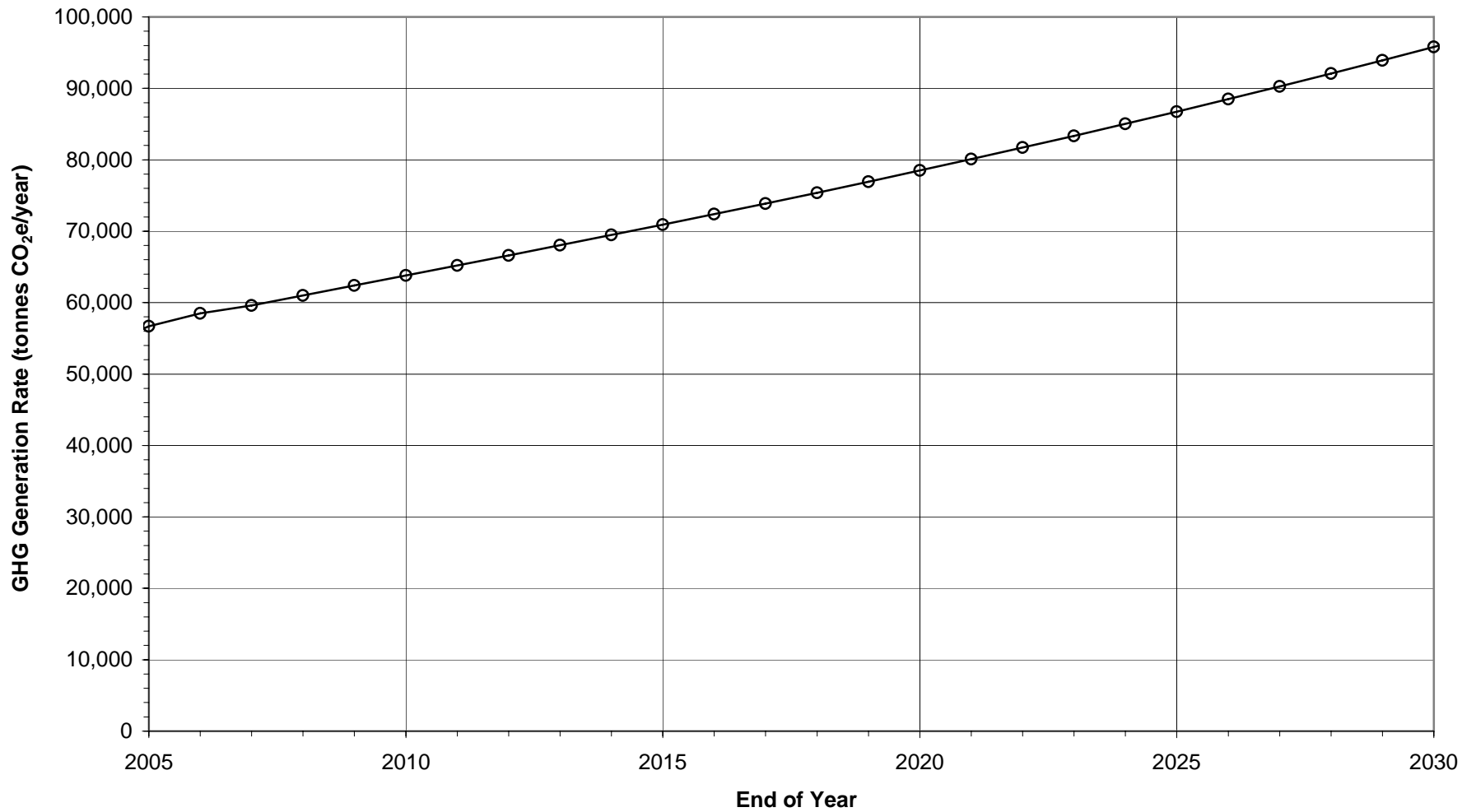
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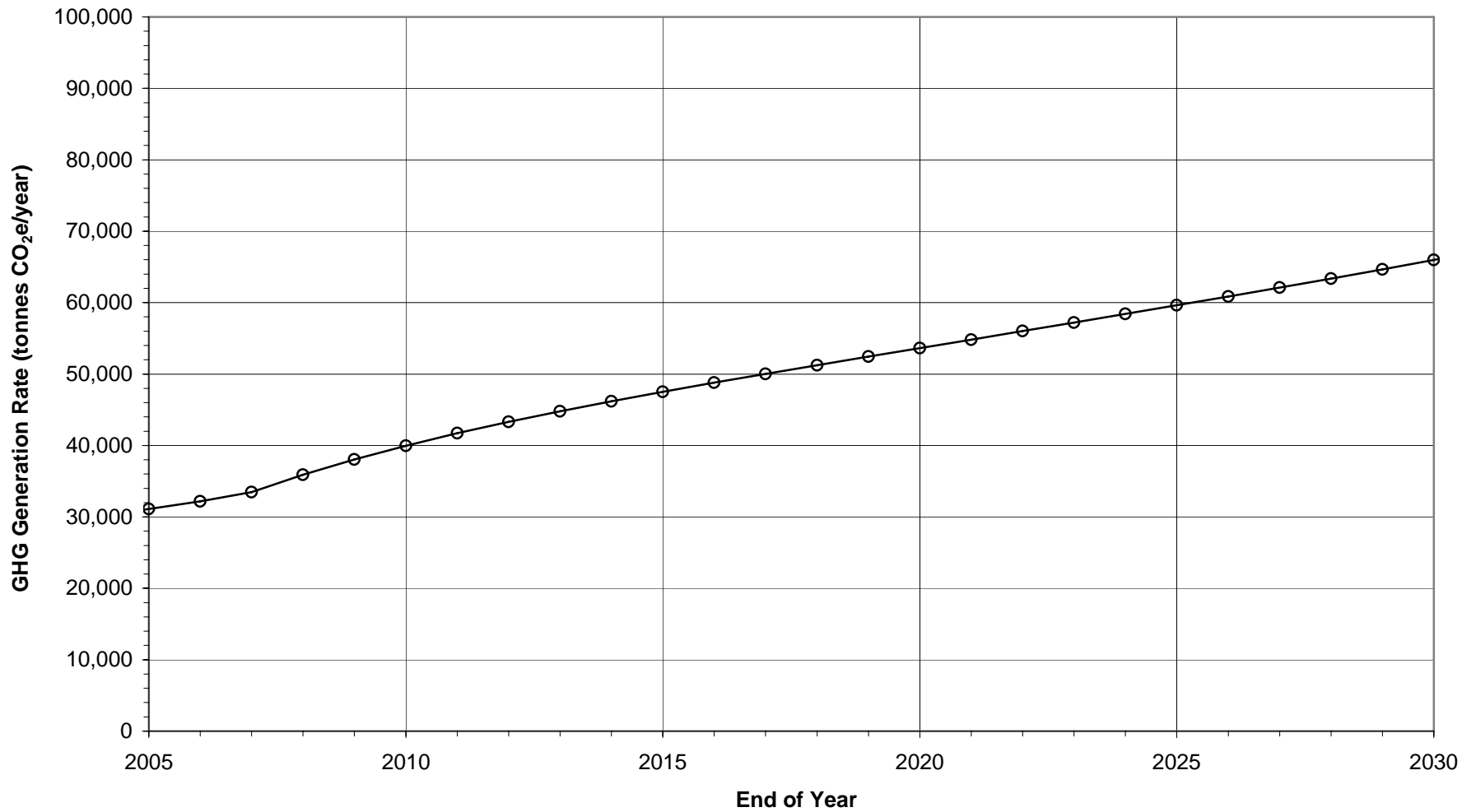
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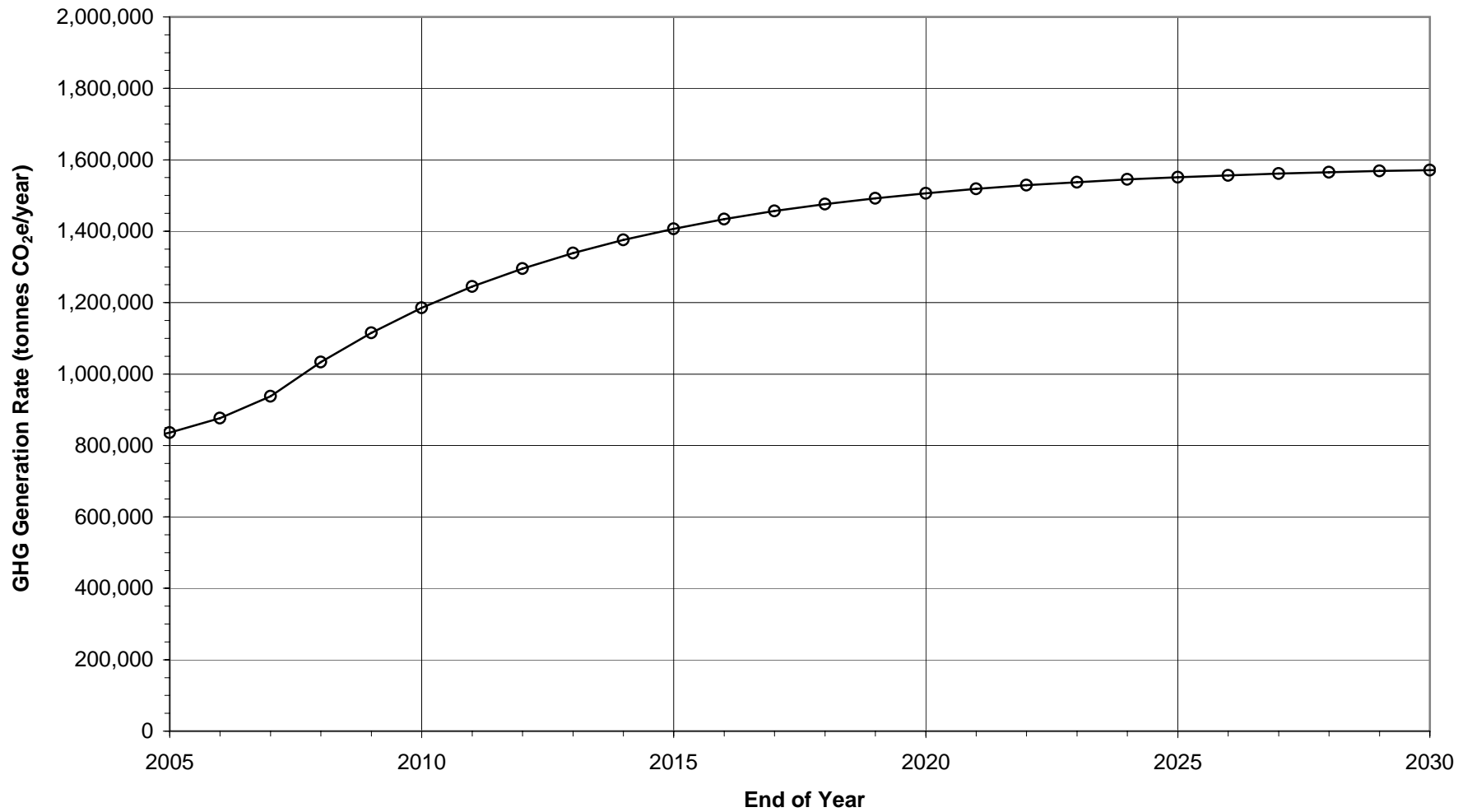
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Bailey Sanitary Landfill, Chilliwack, BC  
( $L_o = 147 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.176/\text{year}$ )**



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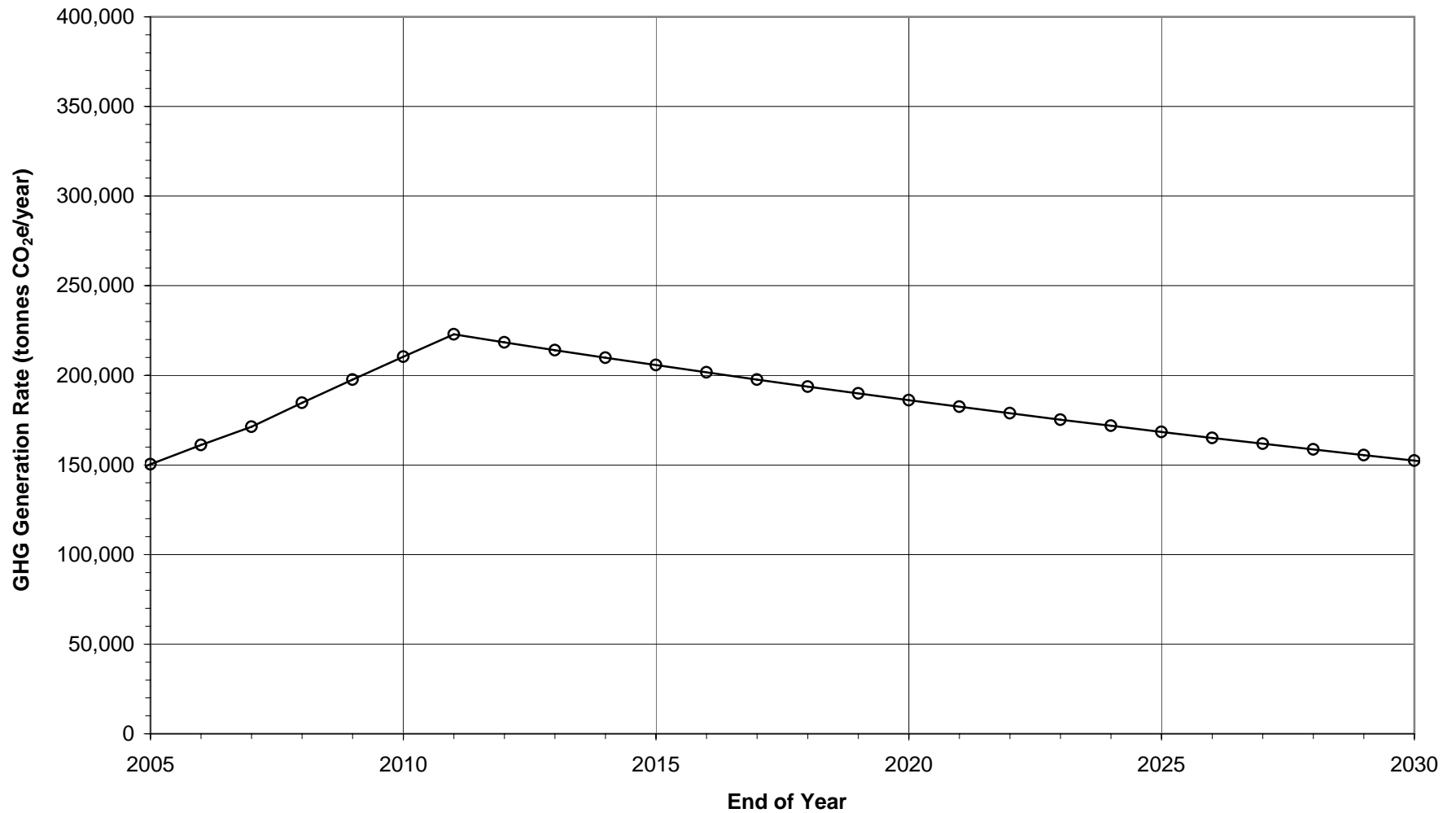


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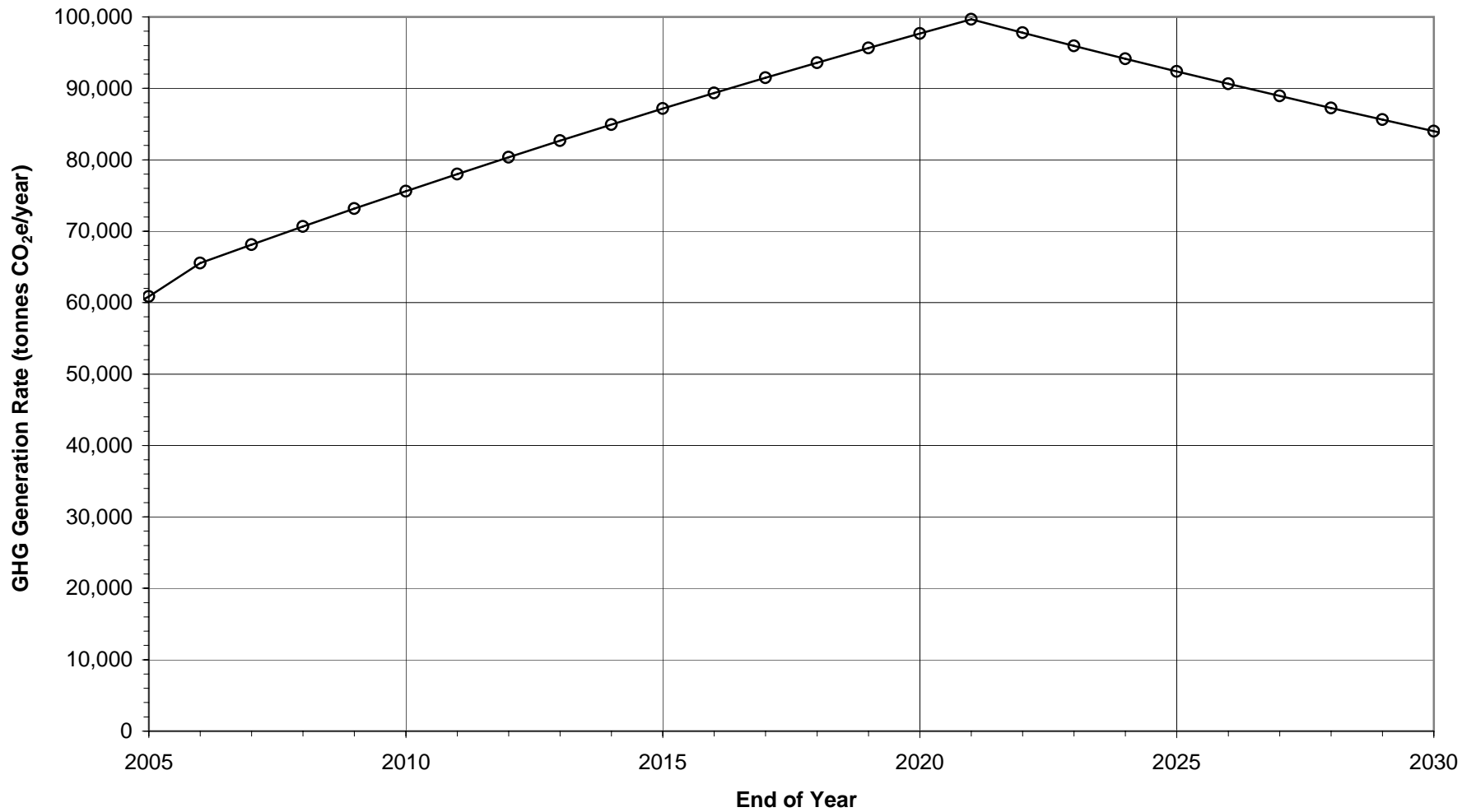




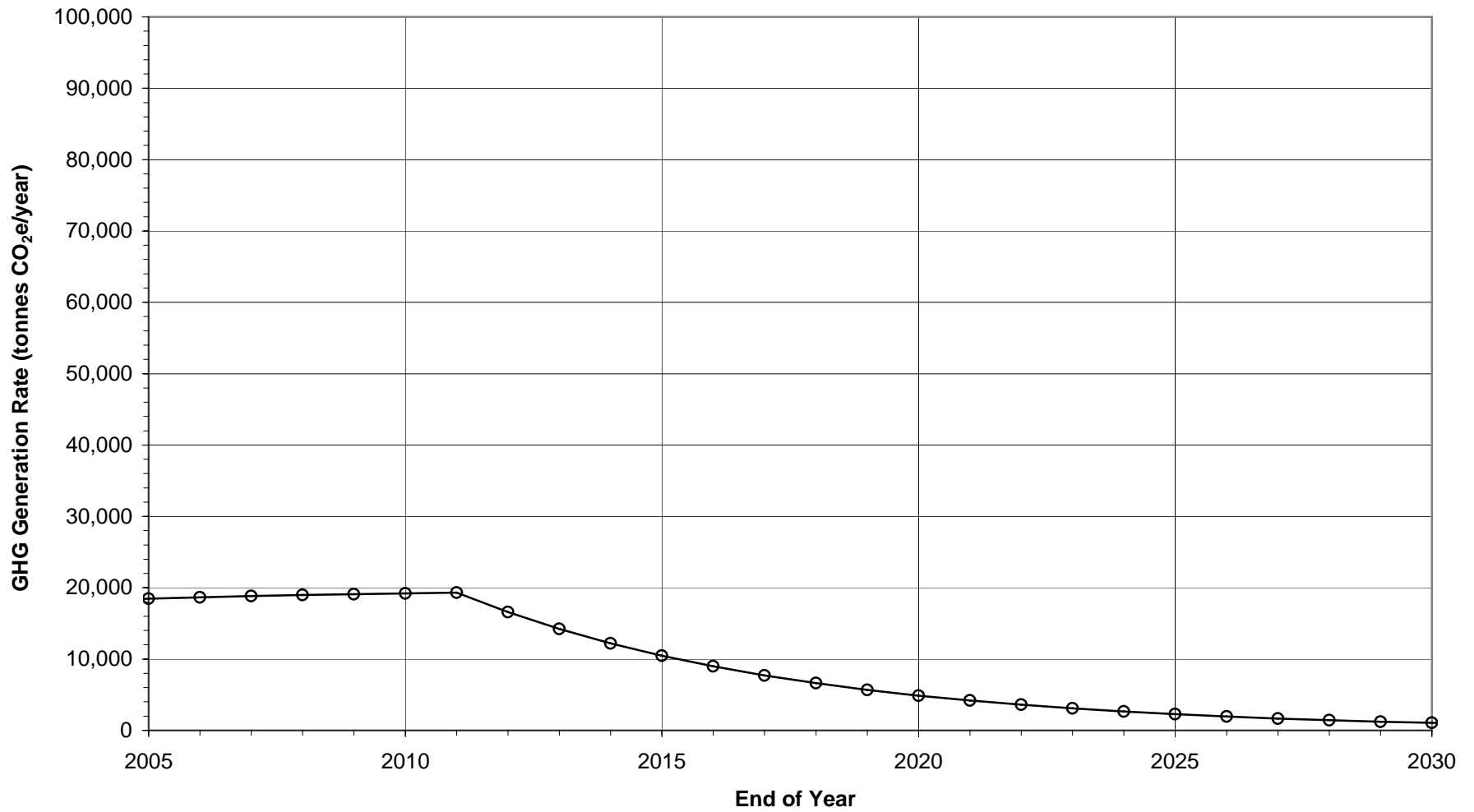
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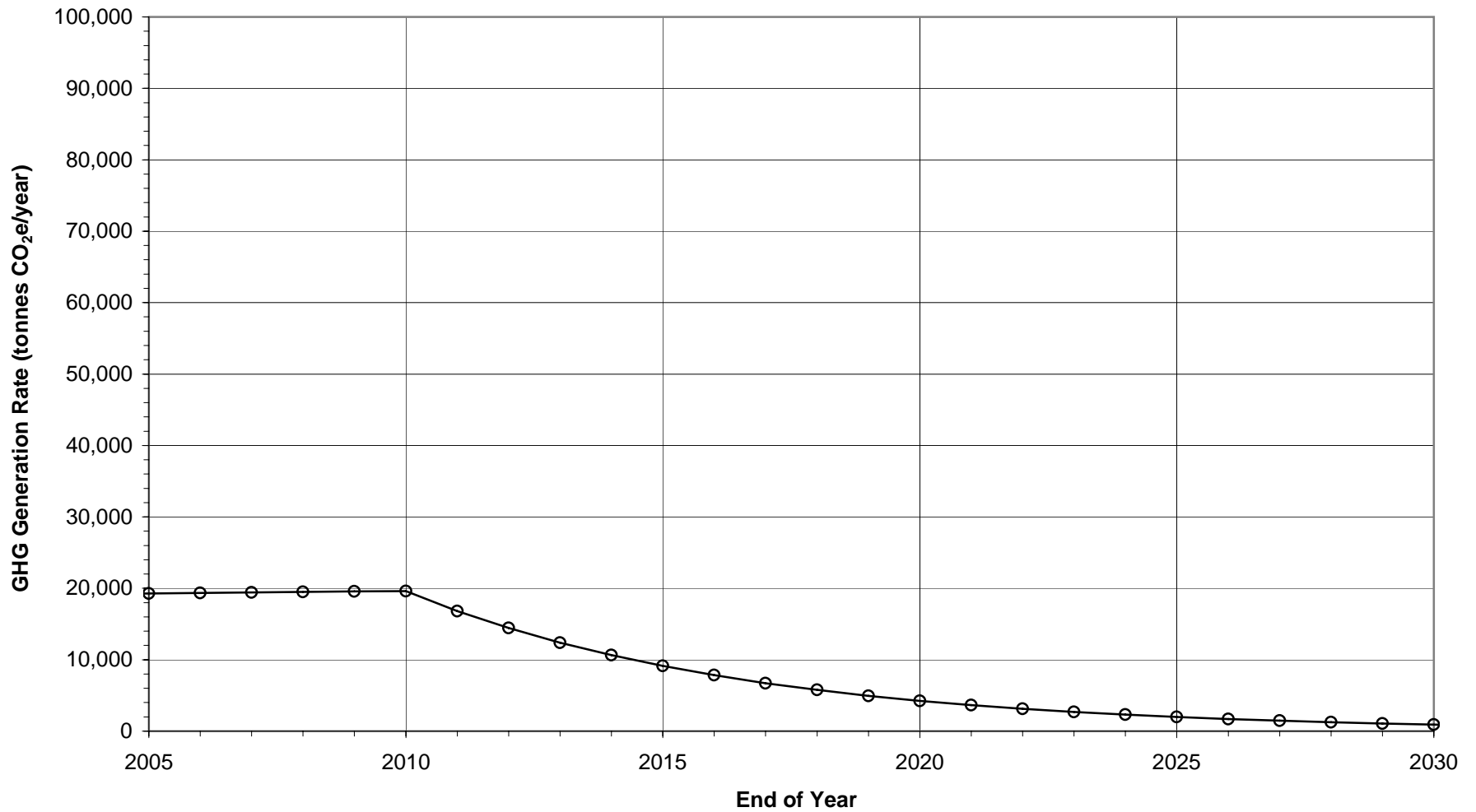
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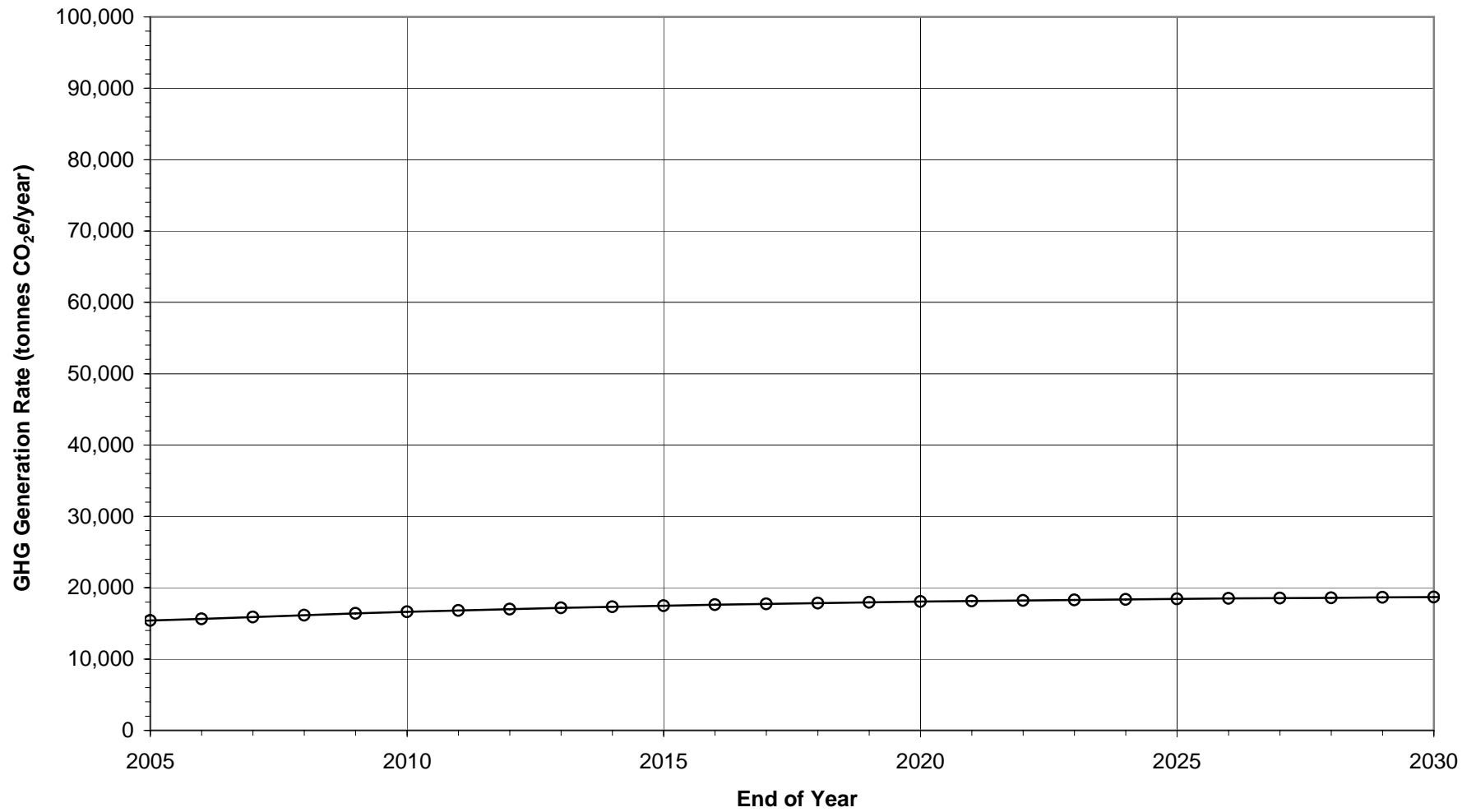
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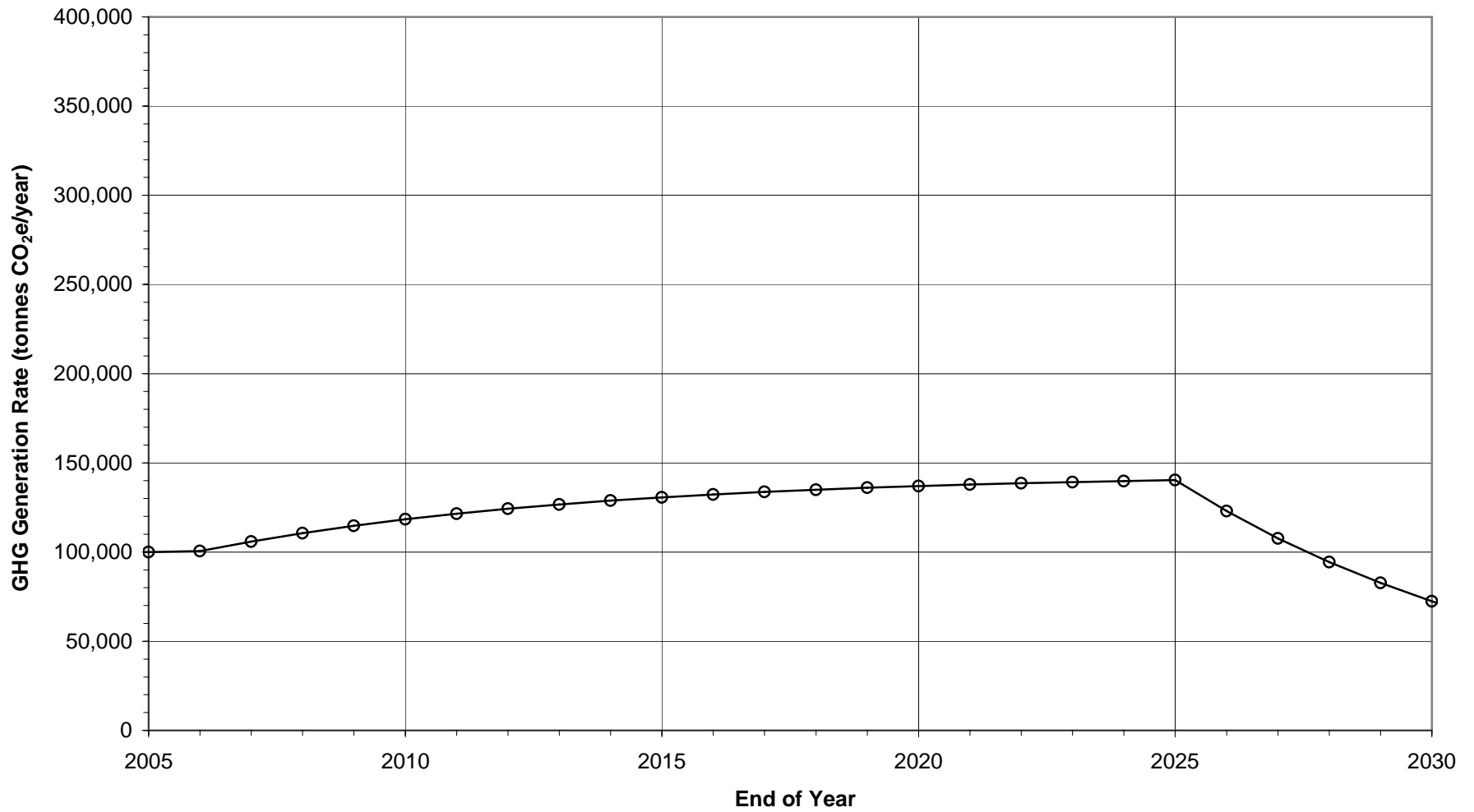
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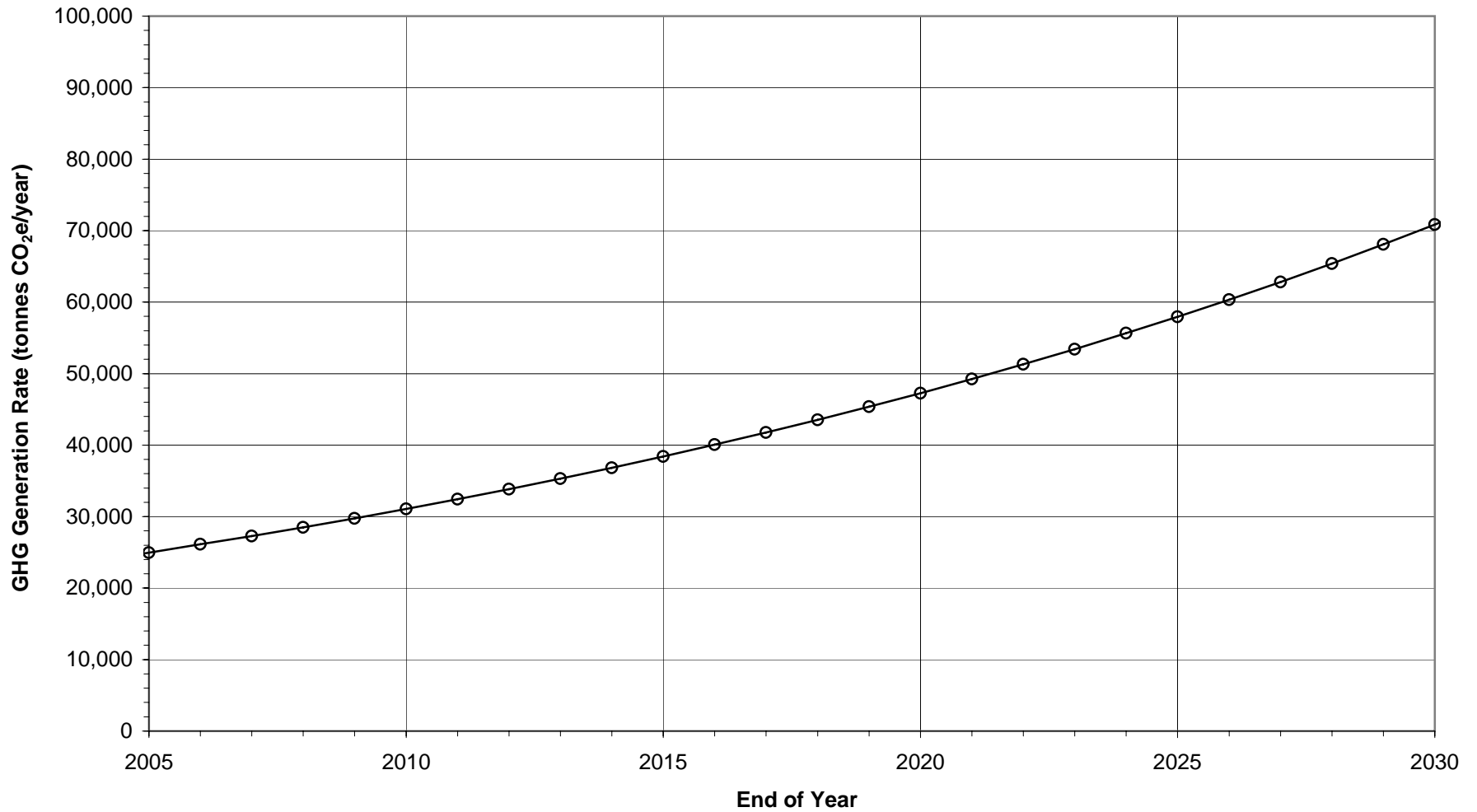
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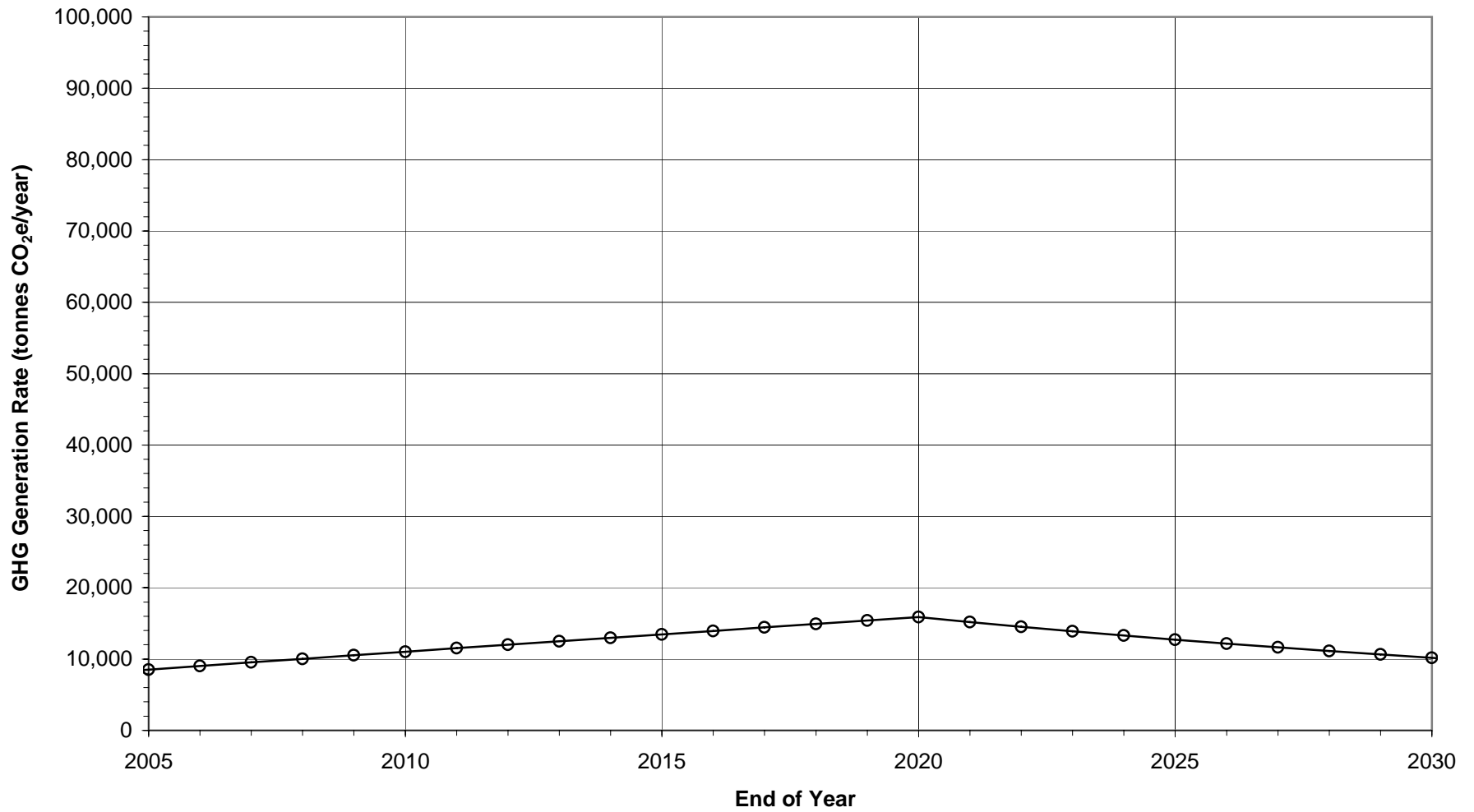
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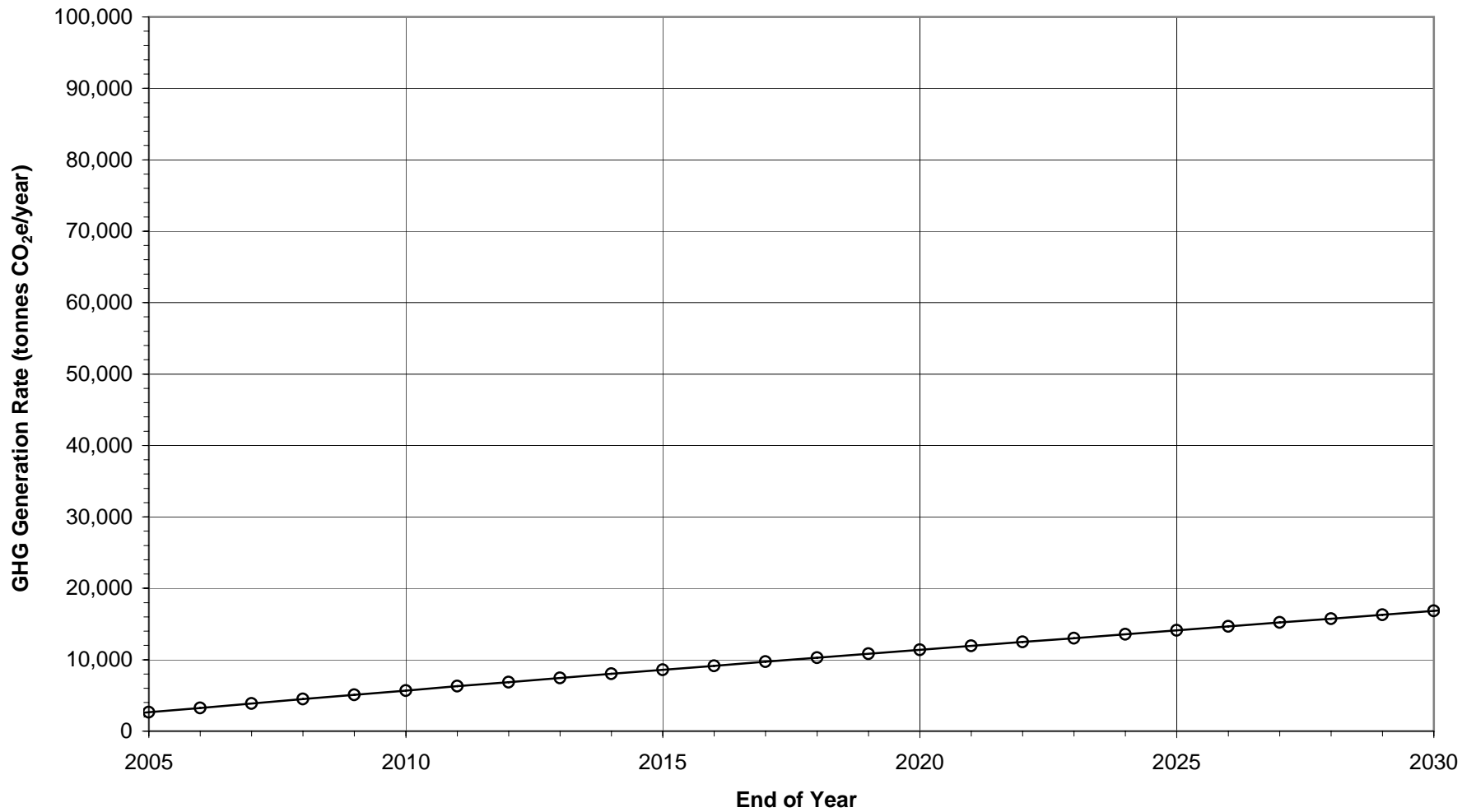


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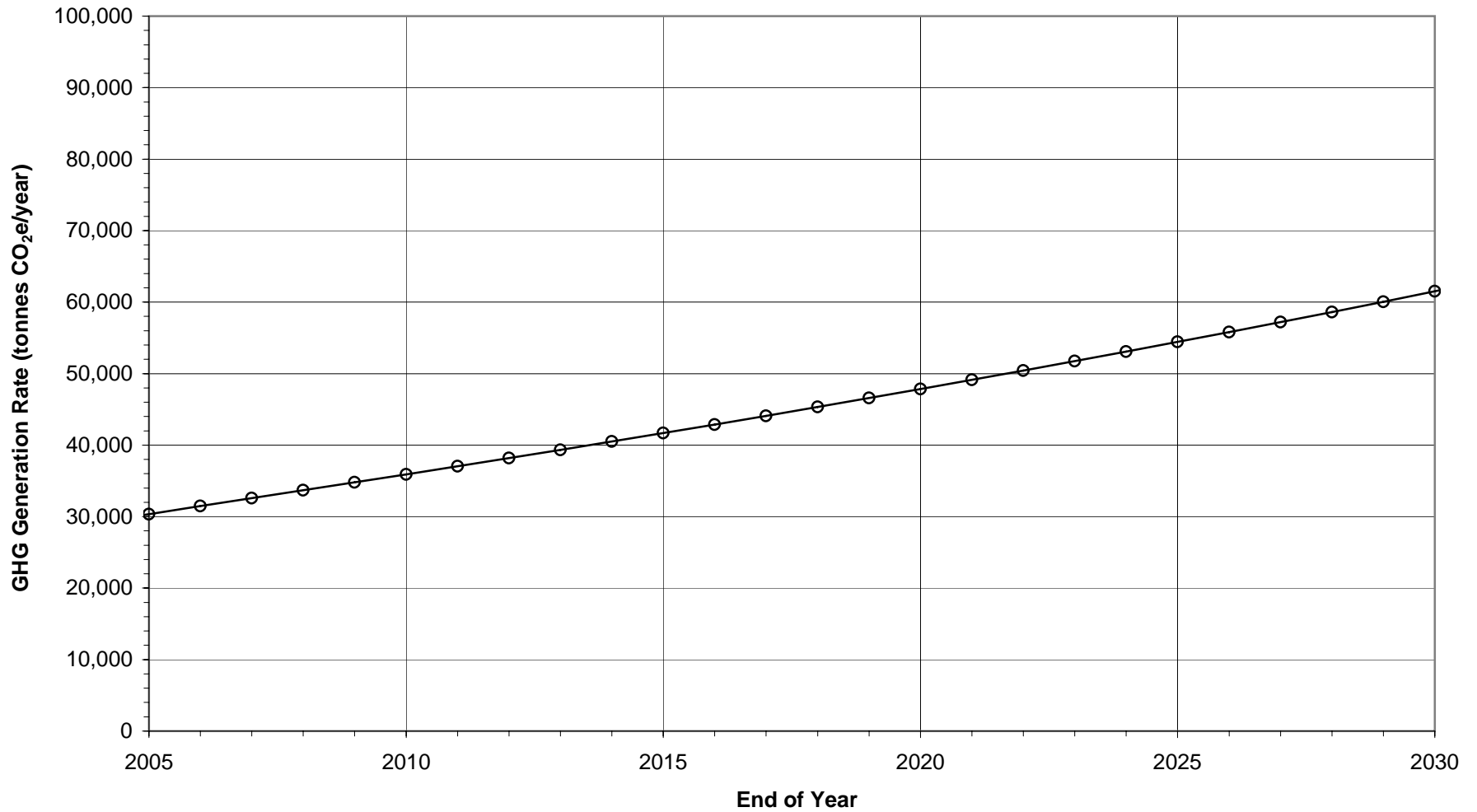




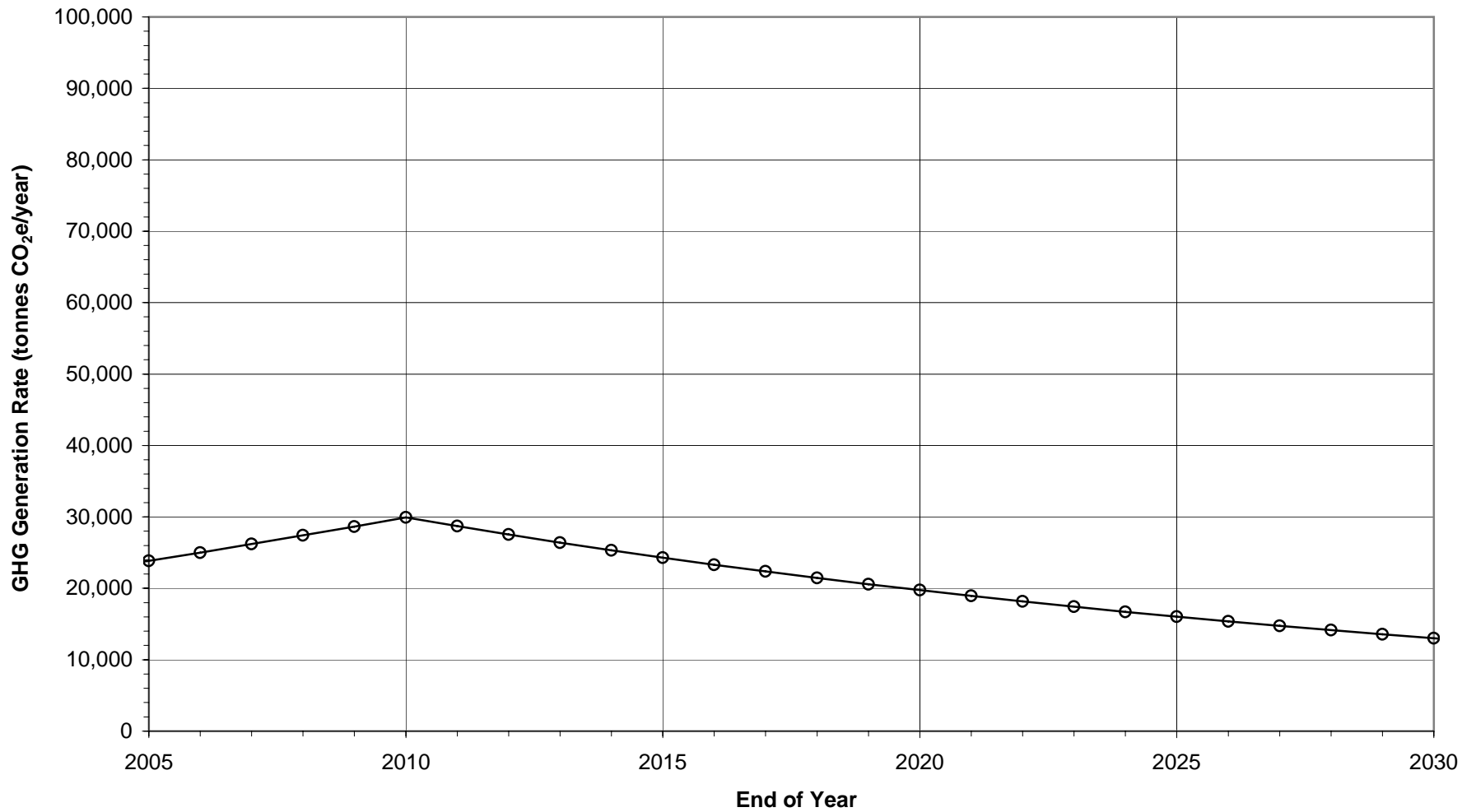
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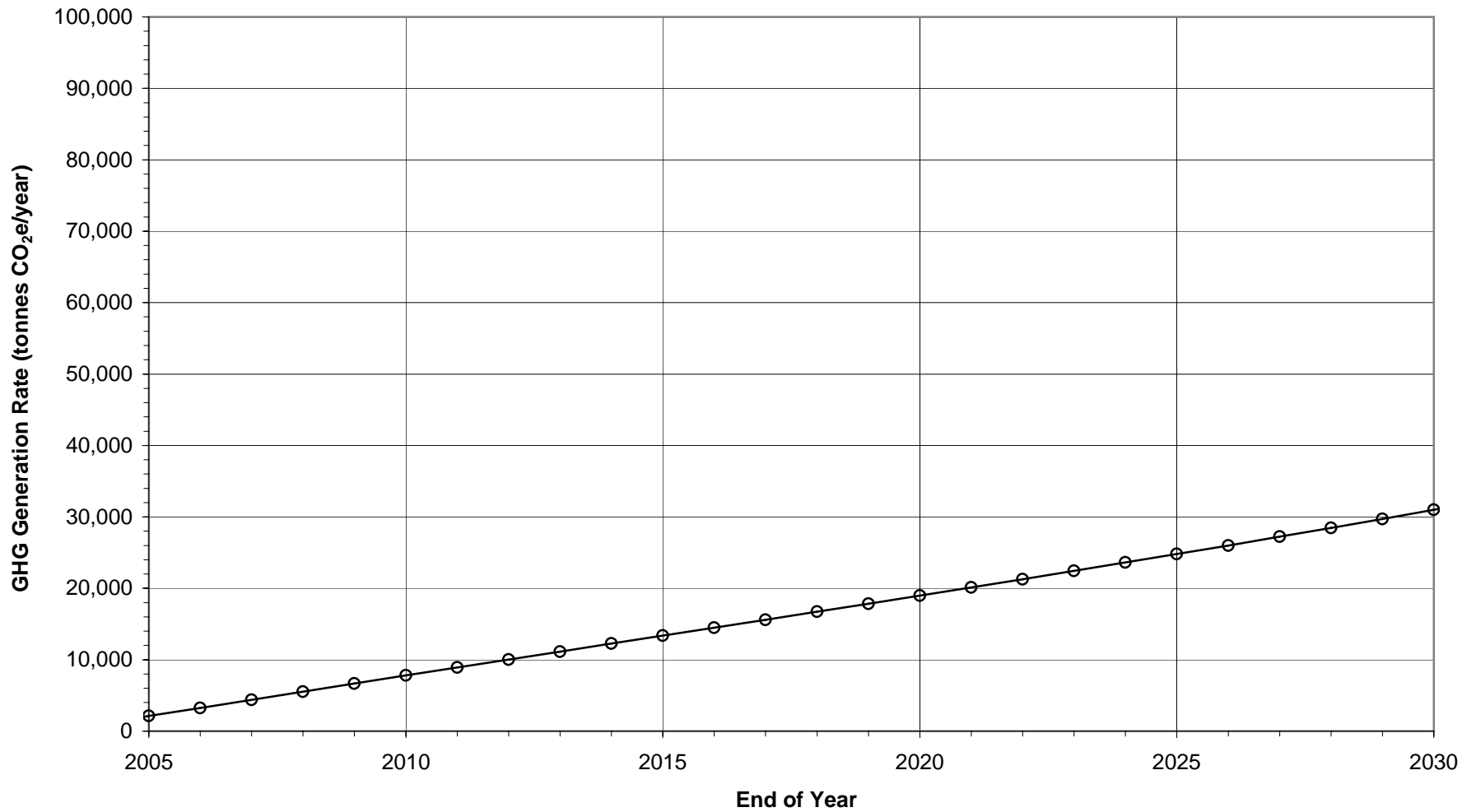
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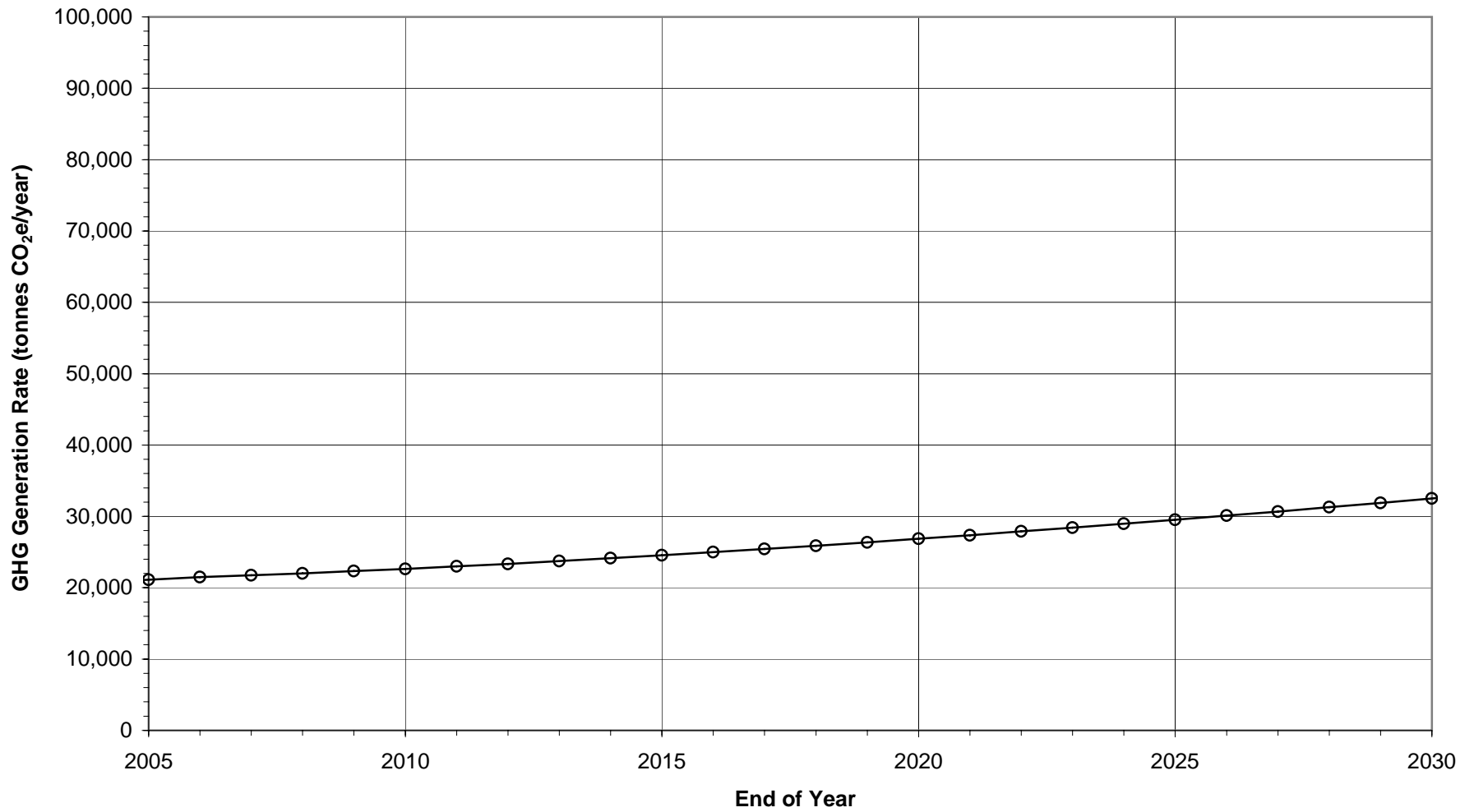
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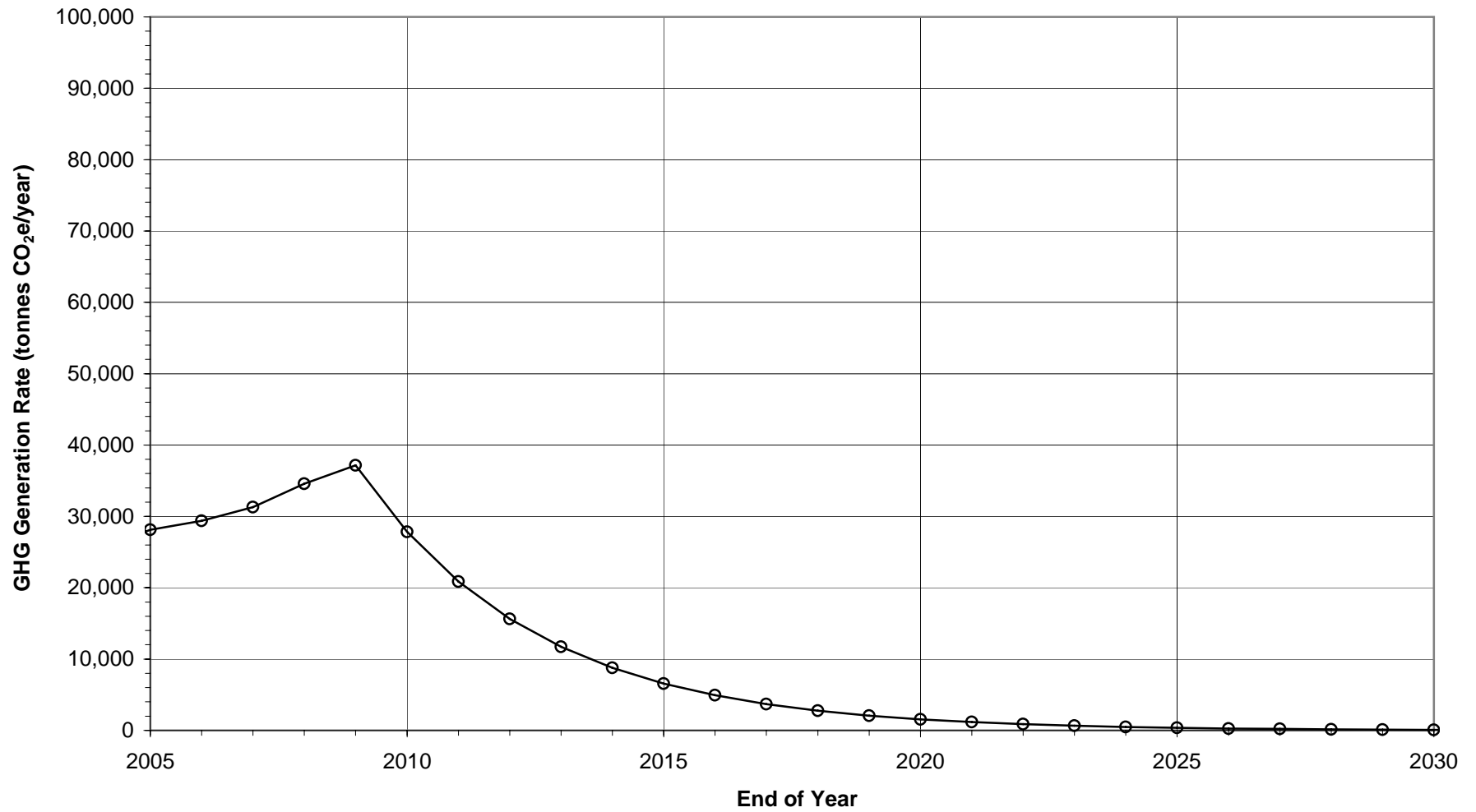
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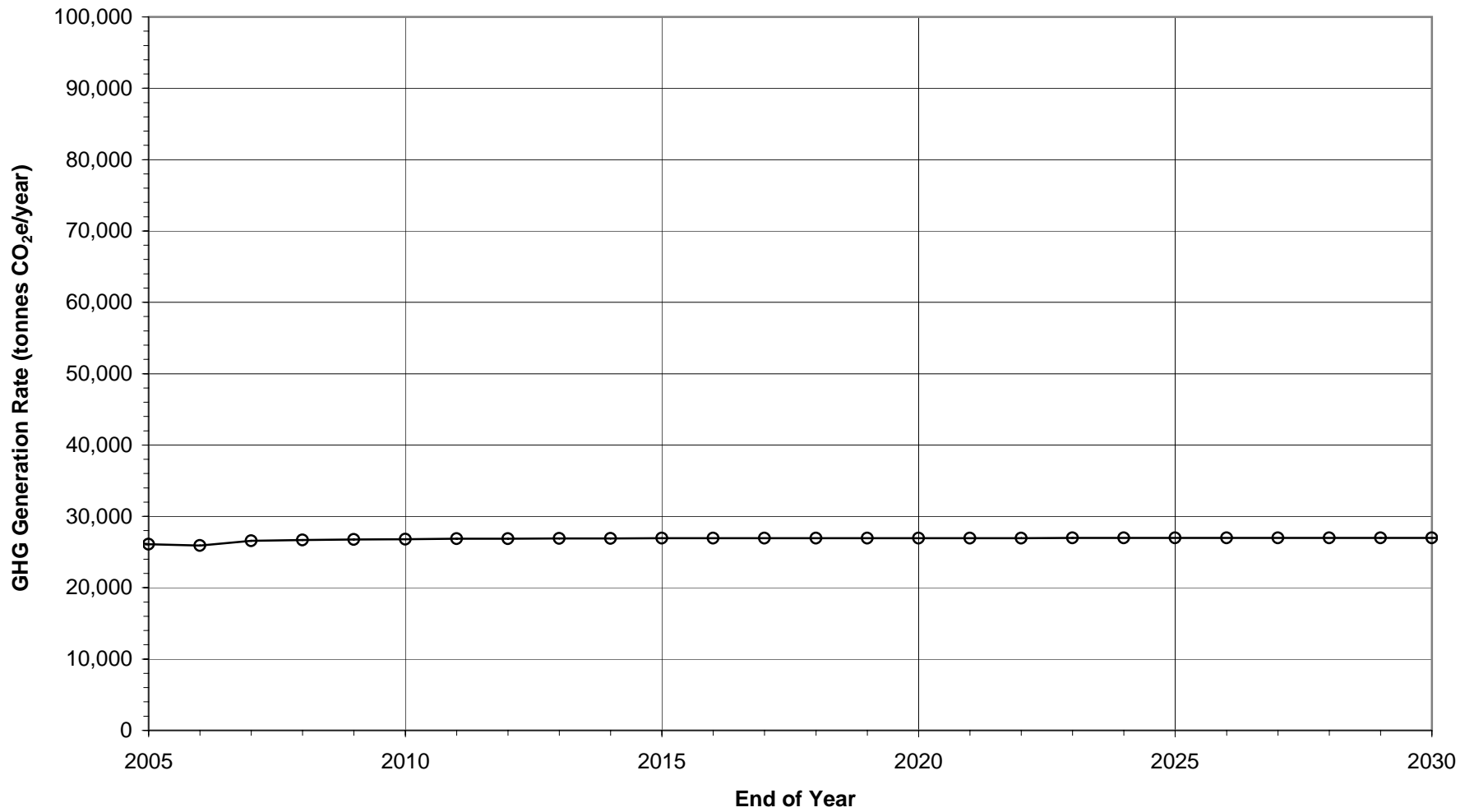
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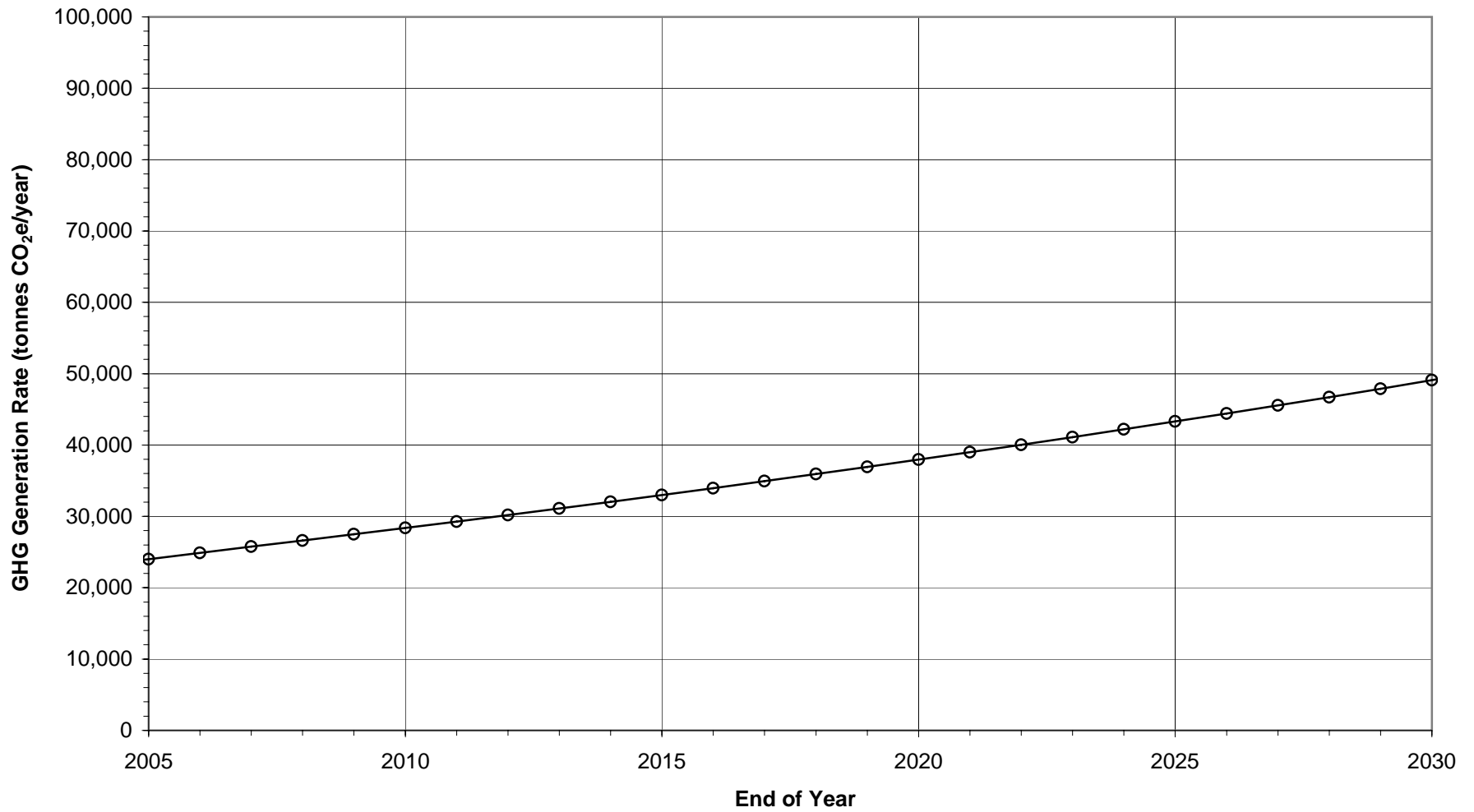
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**Greenhouse Gas Generation Rate  
Prince Rupert Landfill, Prince Rupert, BC  
( $L_o = 180 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.318/\text{year}$ )**

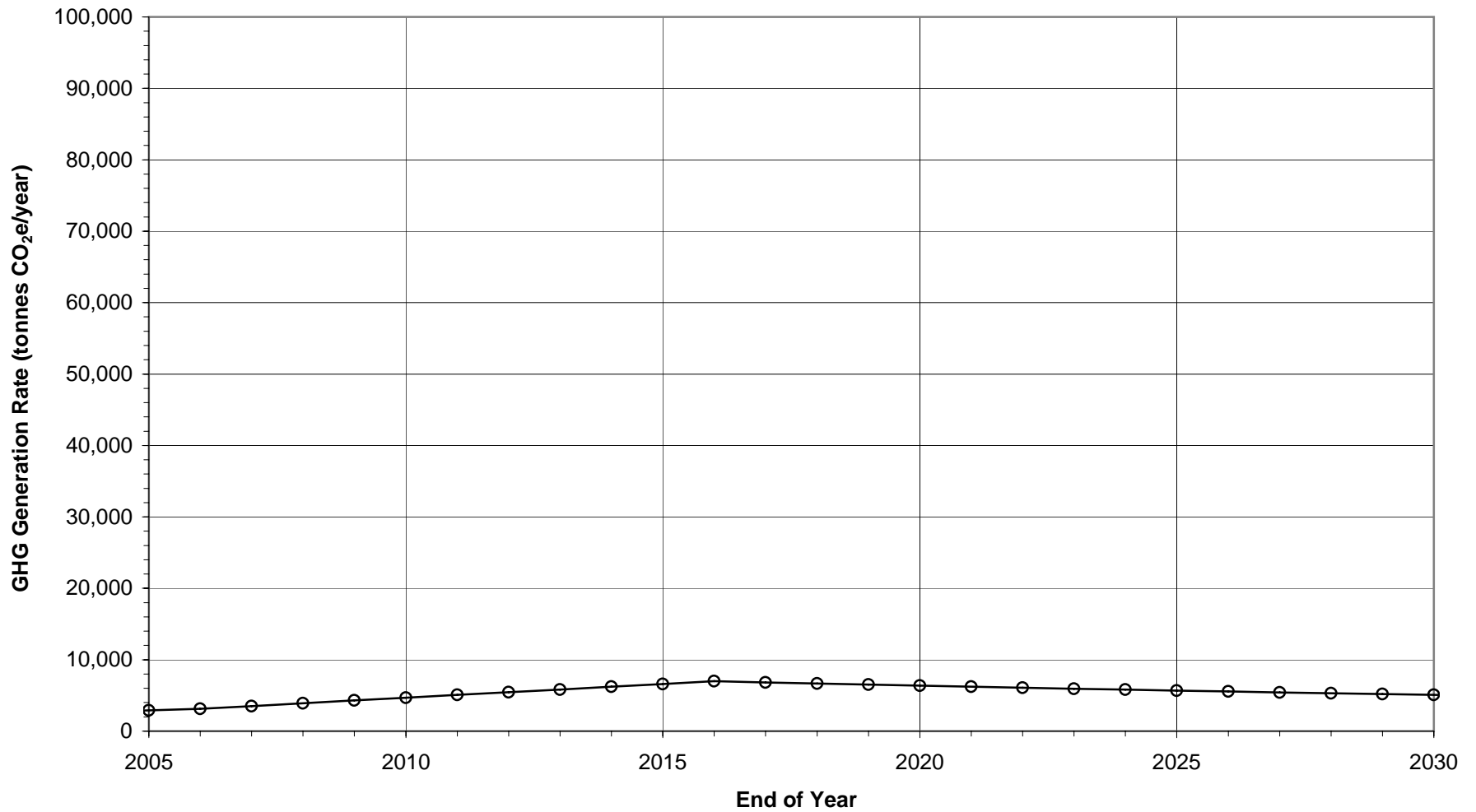


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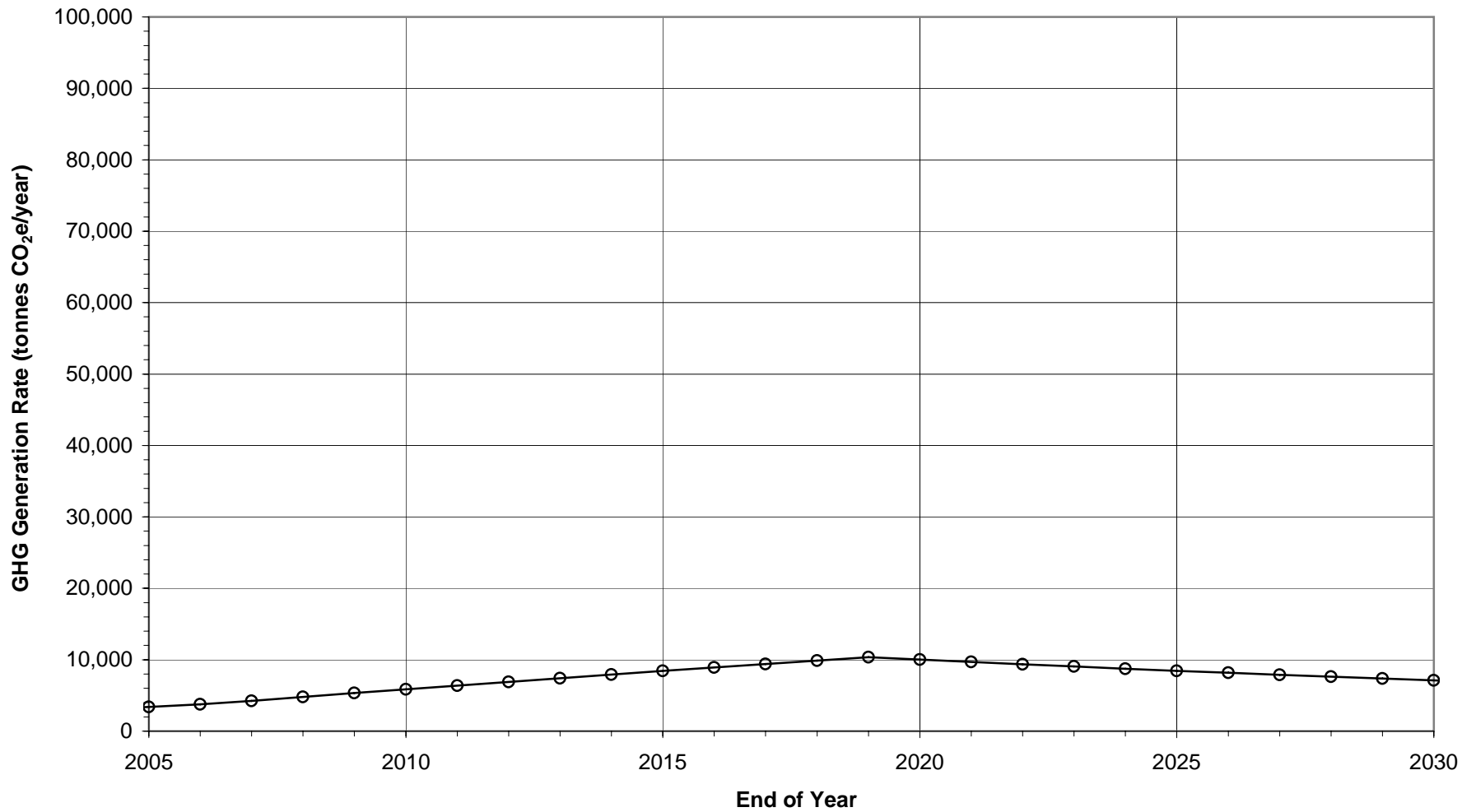




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Lower Nicola Landfill, Merritt, BC  
( $L_o = 110 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.023/\text{year}$ )**



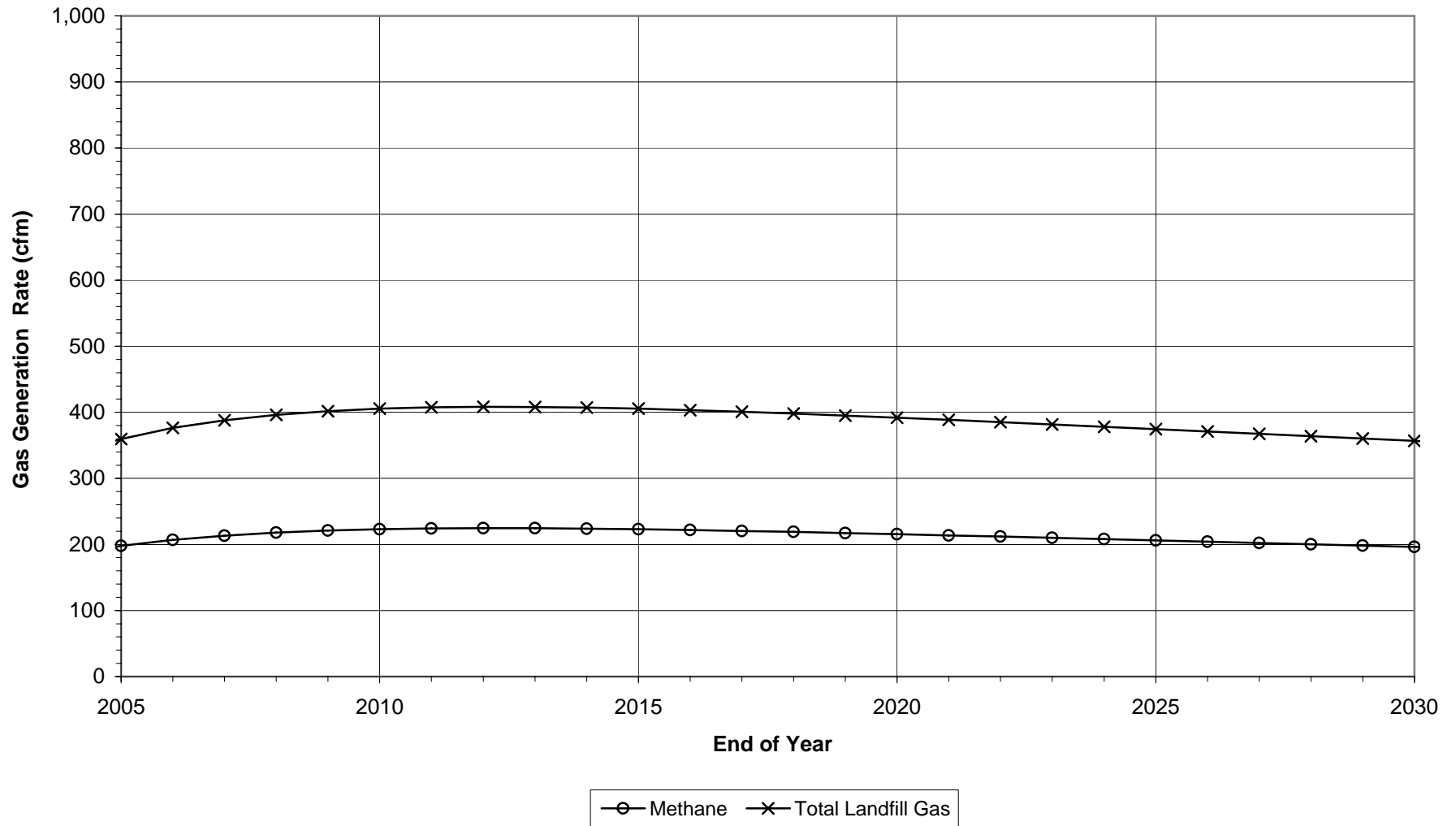
**Greenhouse Gas Generation Rate  
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( $L_o = 113 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.034/\text{year}$ )**



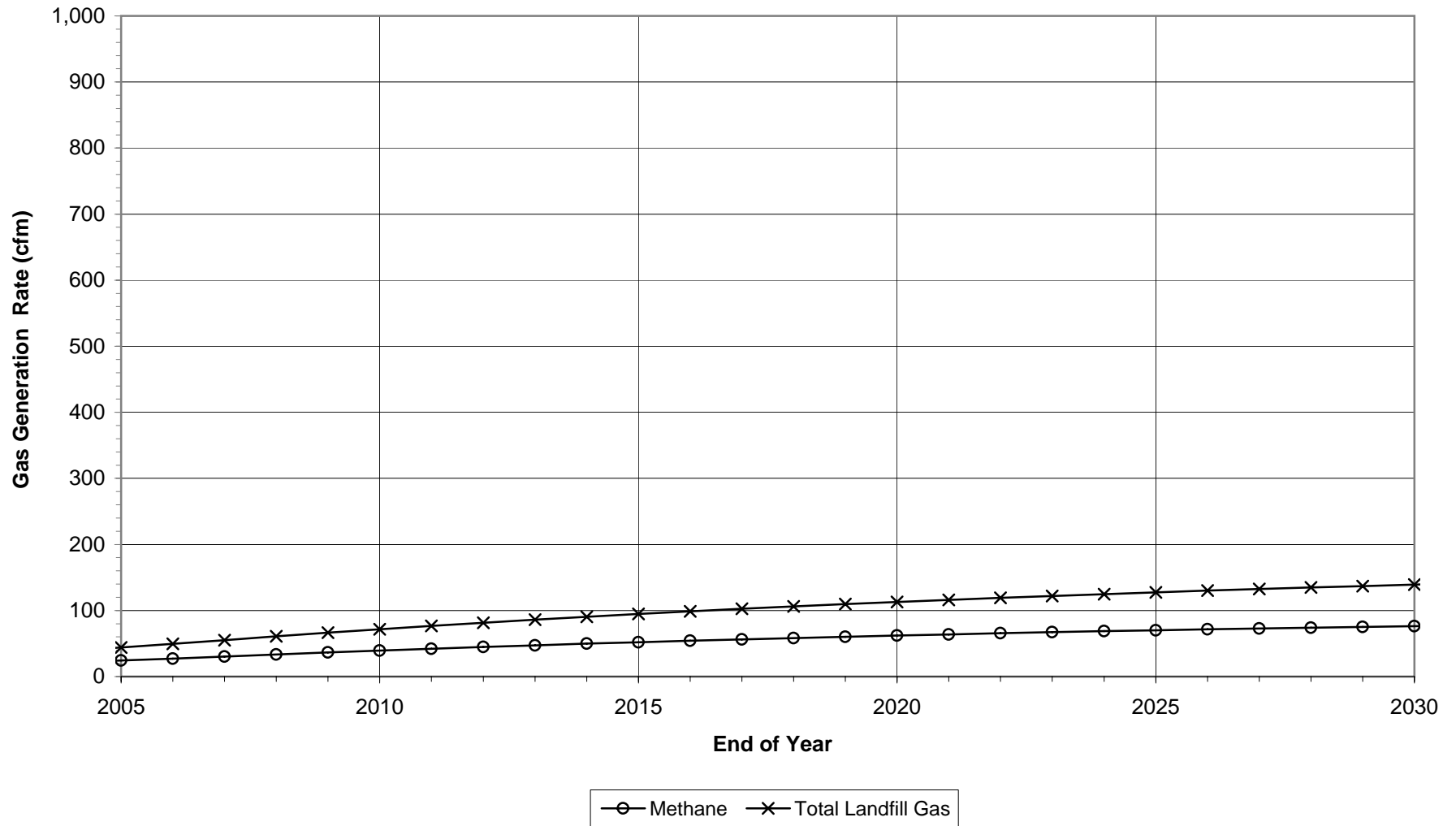
## **APPENDIX II**

**PLOTS OF METHANE AND LANDFILL GAS GENERATION  
FLOW RATES (CFM) WITH TIME FOR EACH LANDFILL**

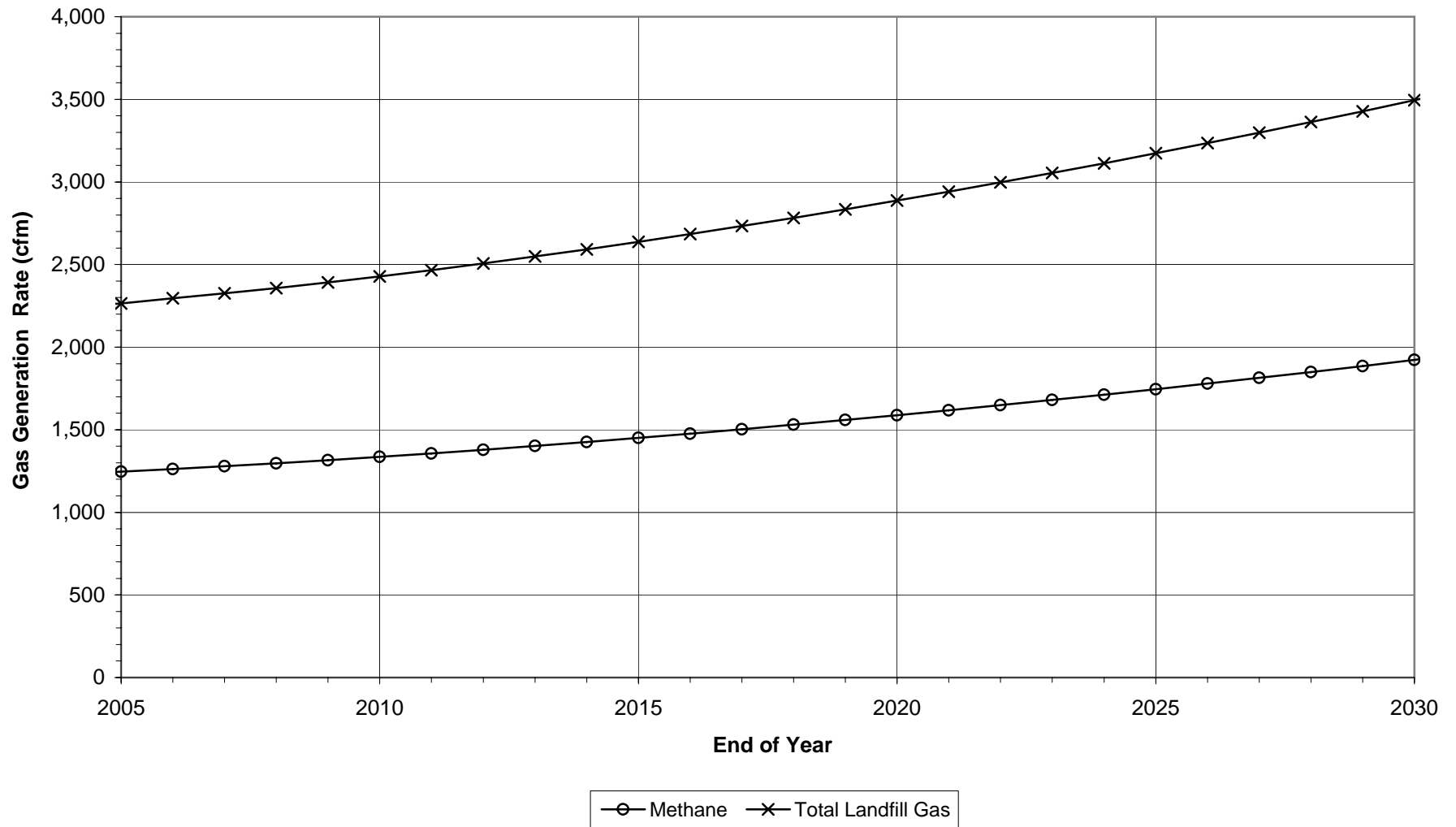
**Gas Generation Rate**  
**Alberni Valley Landfill, Port Alberni, BC**  
**( $L_o = 159 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.229/\text{year}$ )**



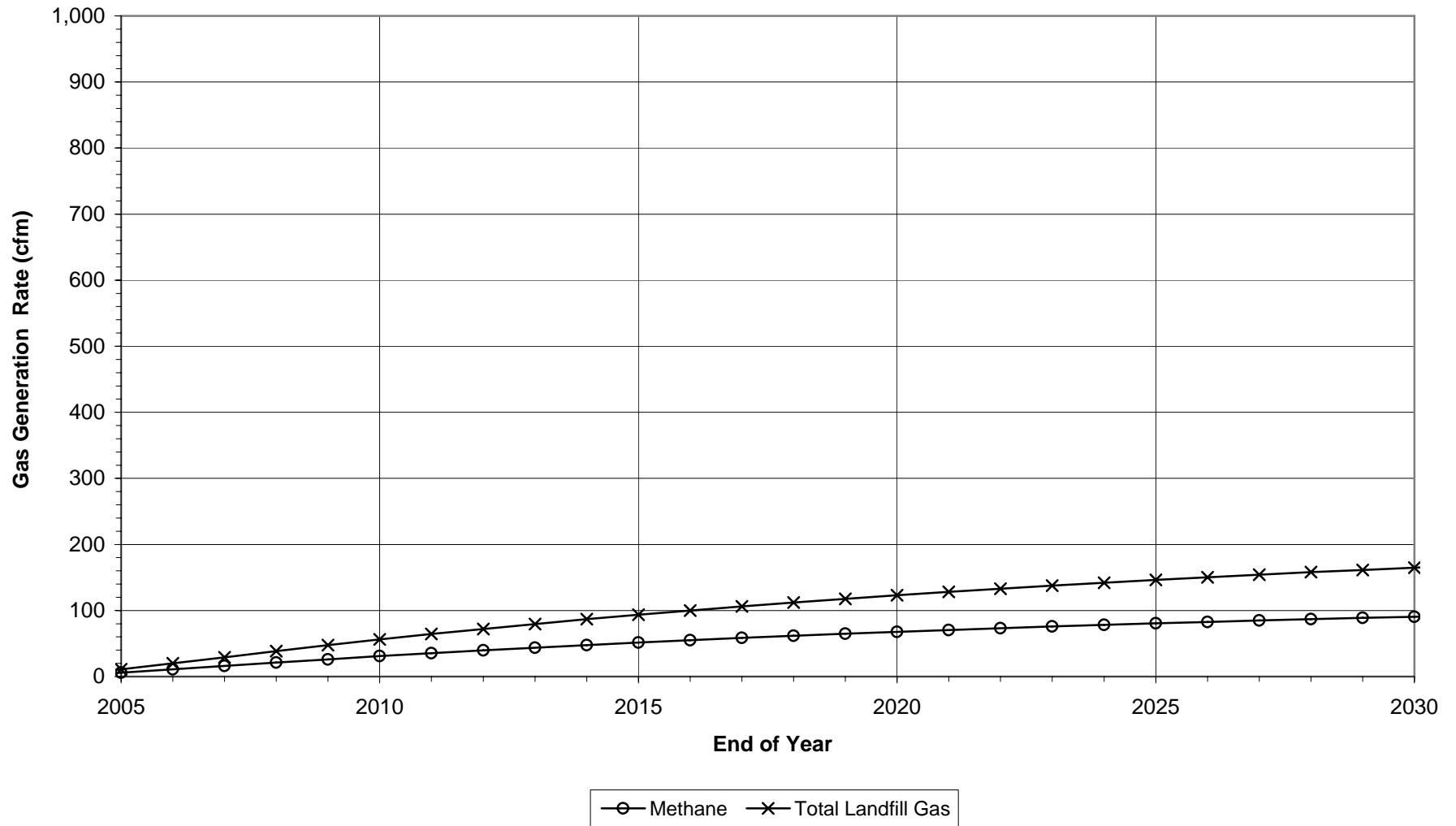
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**( $L_o = 116 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.046/\text{year}$ )**



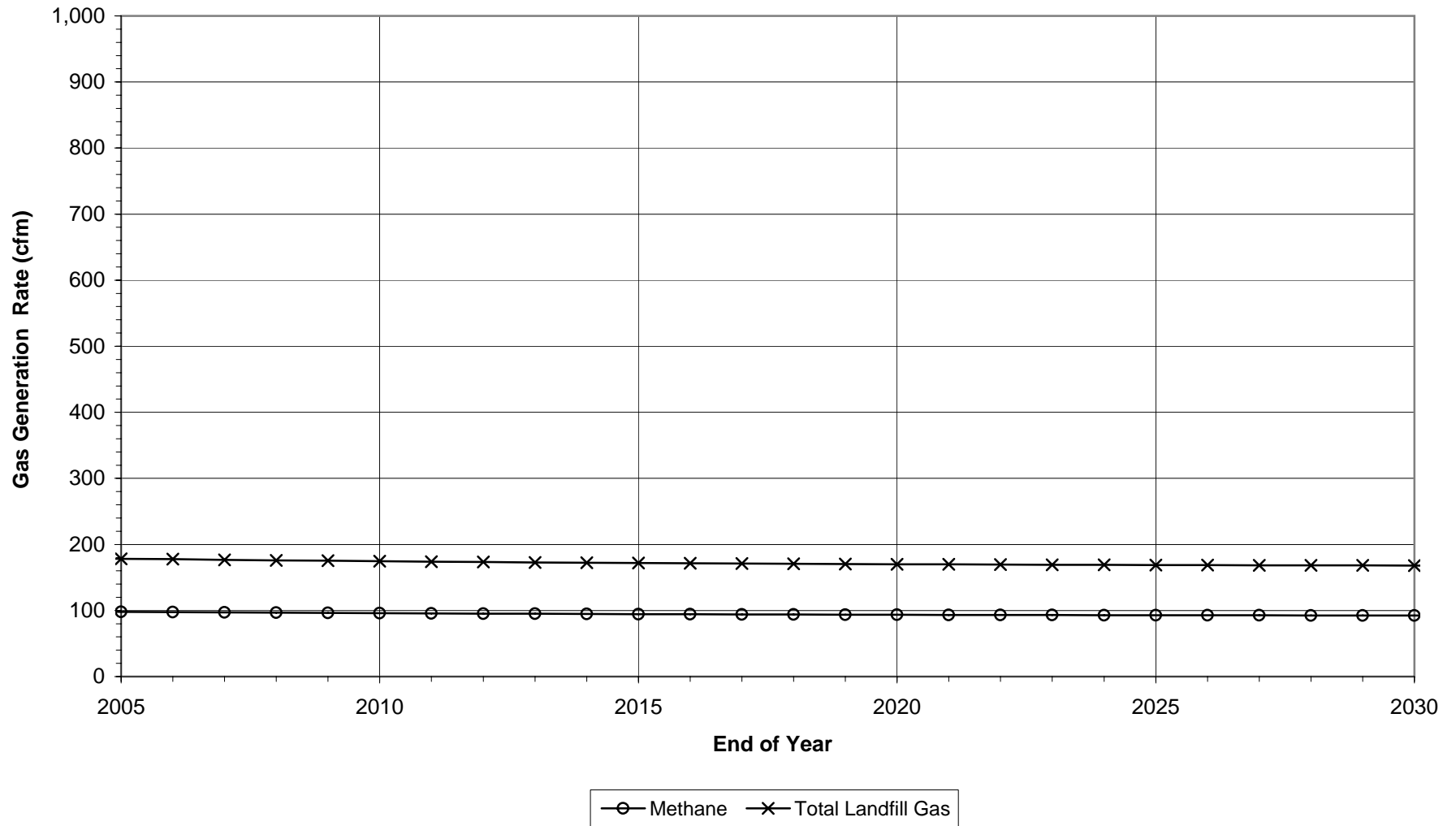
**Gas Generation Rate  
Hartland Landfill, Saanich, BC  
( $L_o = 131 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.111/\text{year}$ )**



**Gas Generation Rate**  
**Gibraltar Landfill, McLeese Lake, BC**  
**( $L_o = 116 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.047/\text{year}$ )**

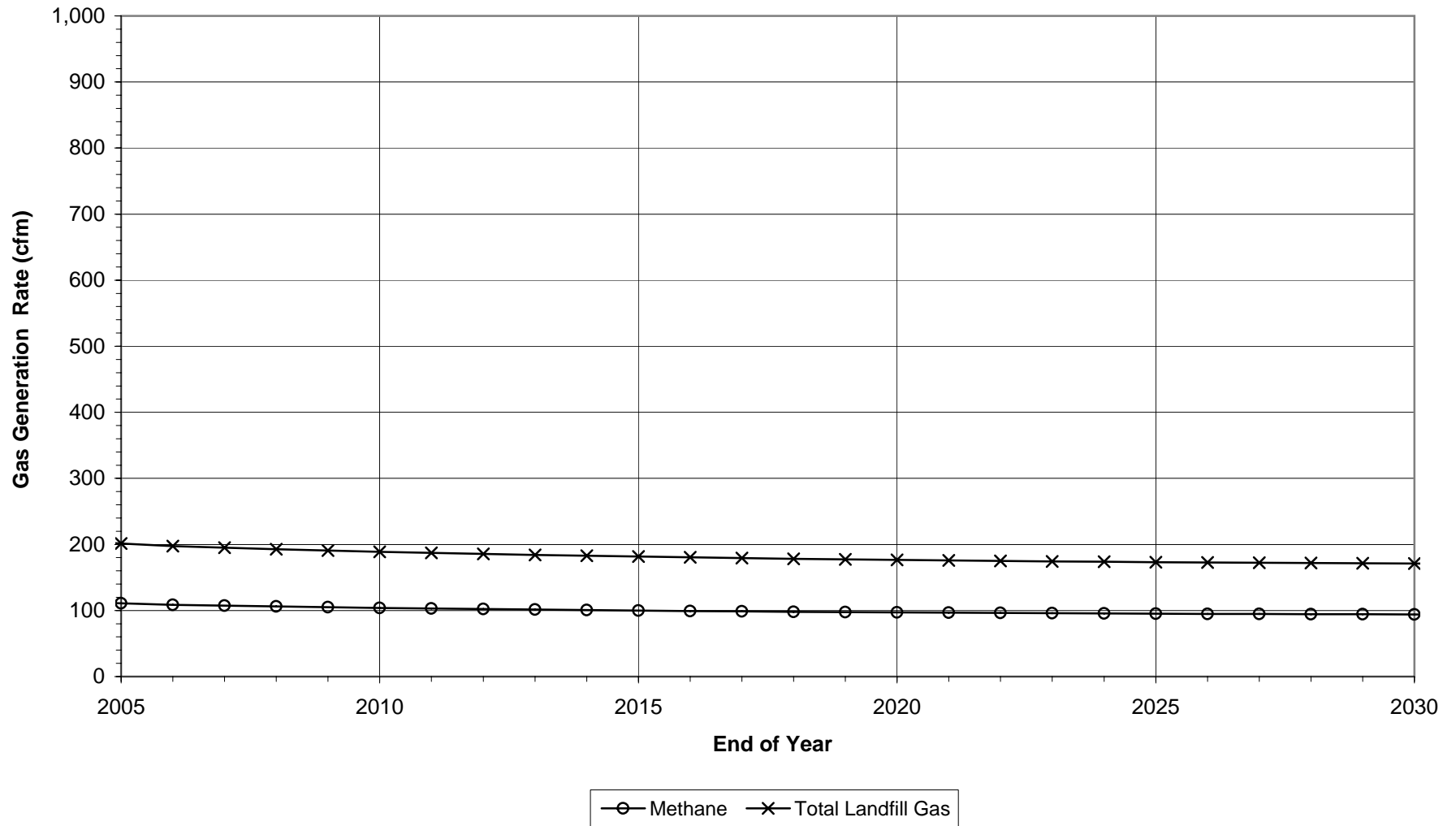


**Gas Generation Rate  
Central Landfill, Salmo, BC  
( $L_o = 123 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.079/\text{year}$ )**

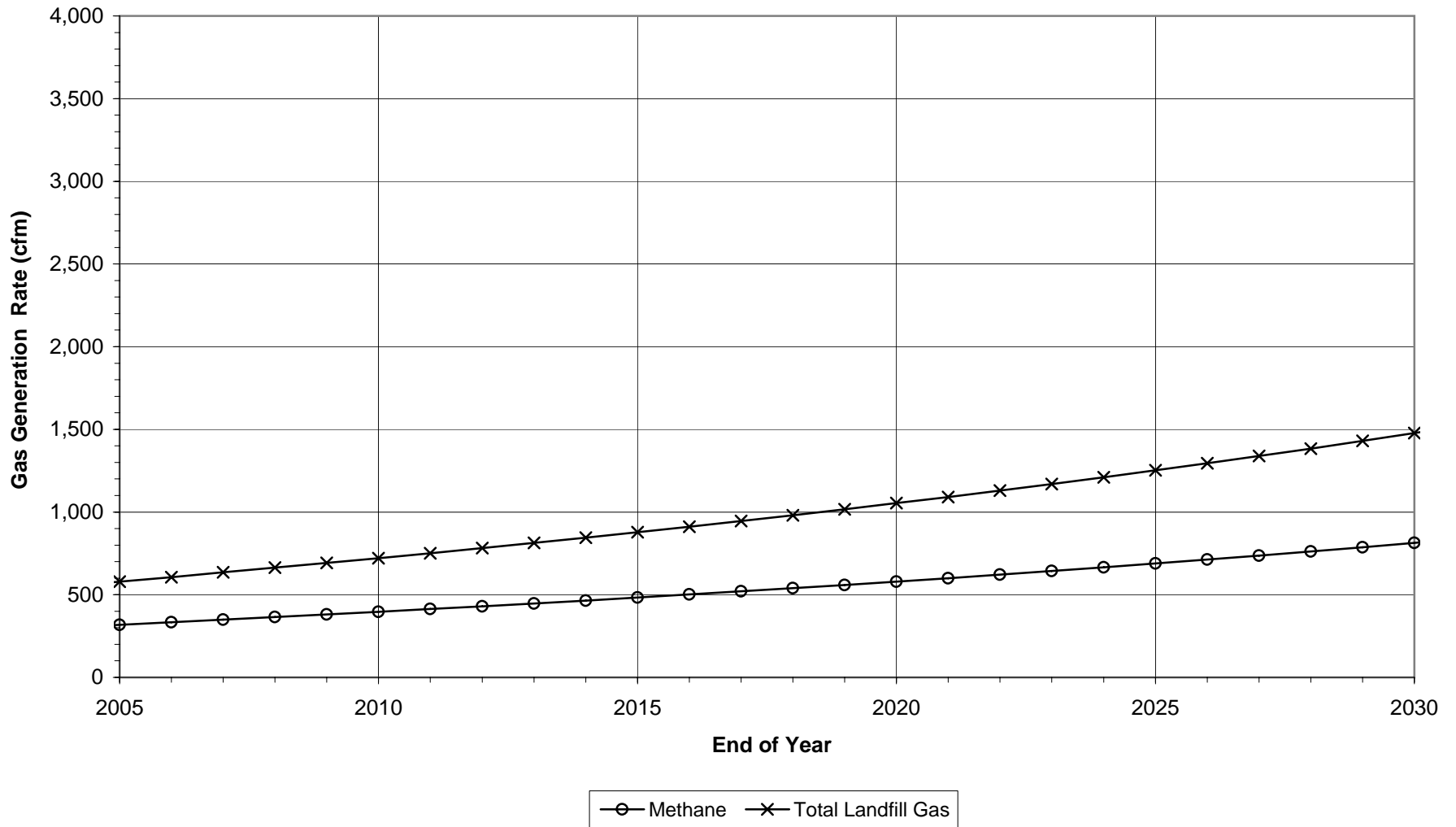




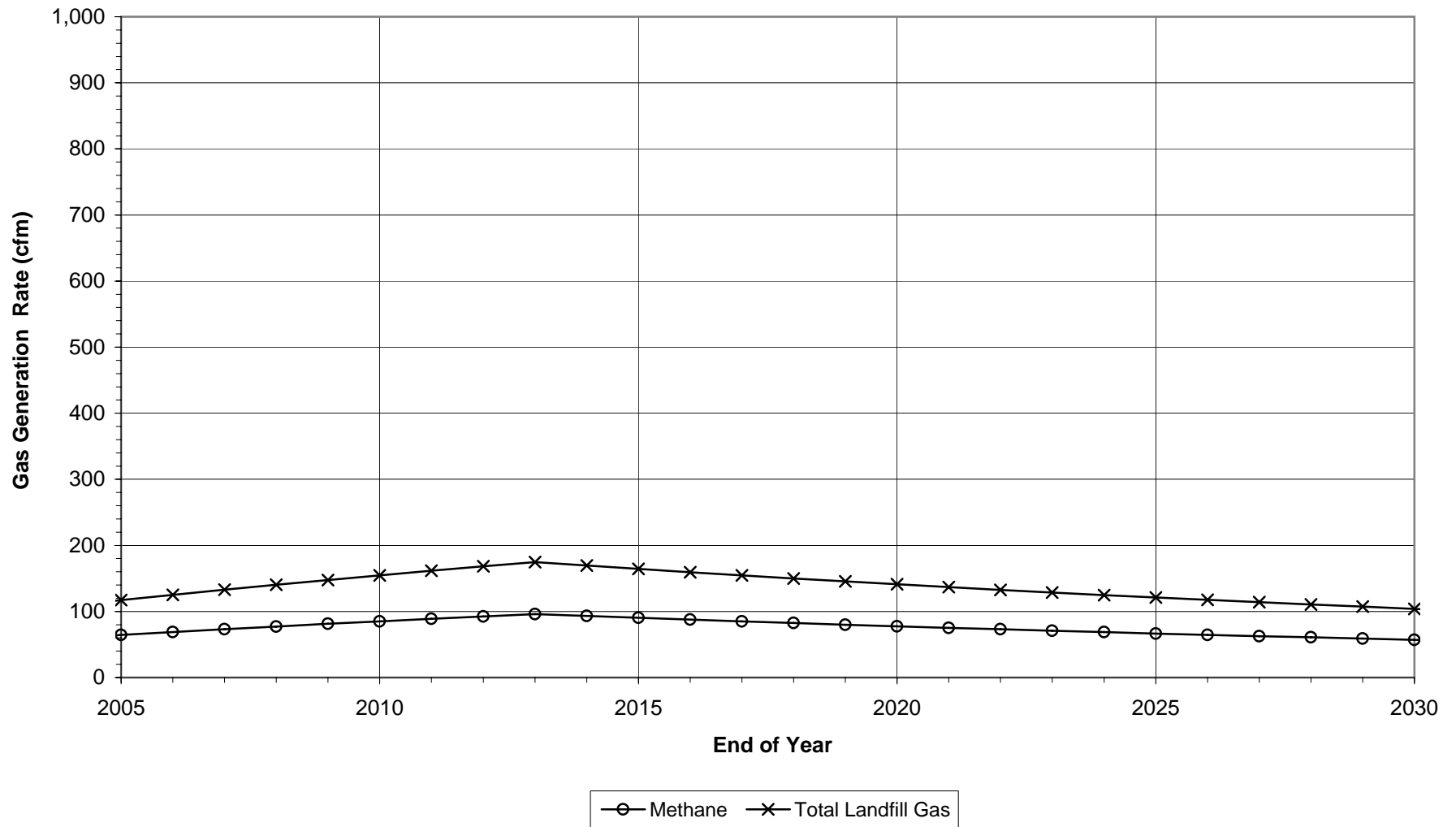
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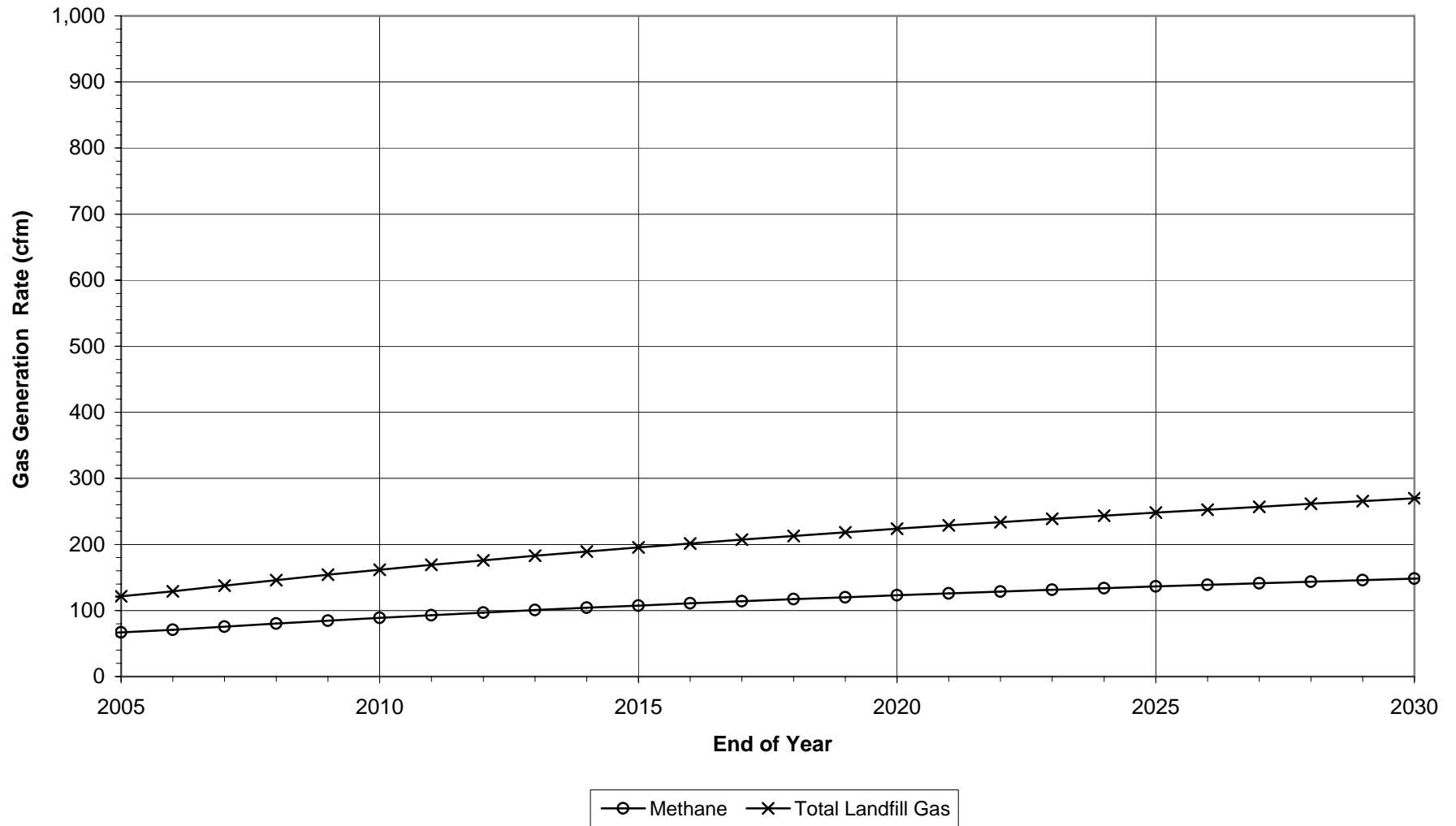
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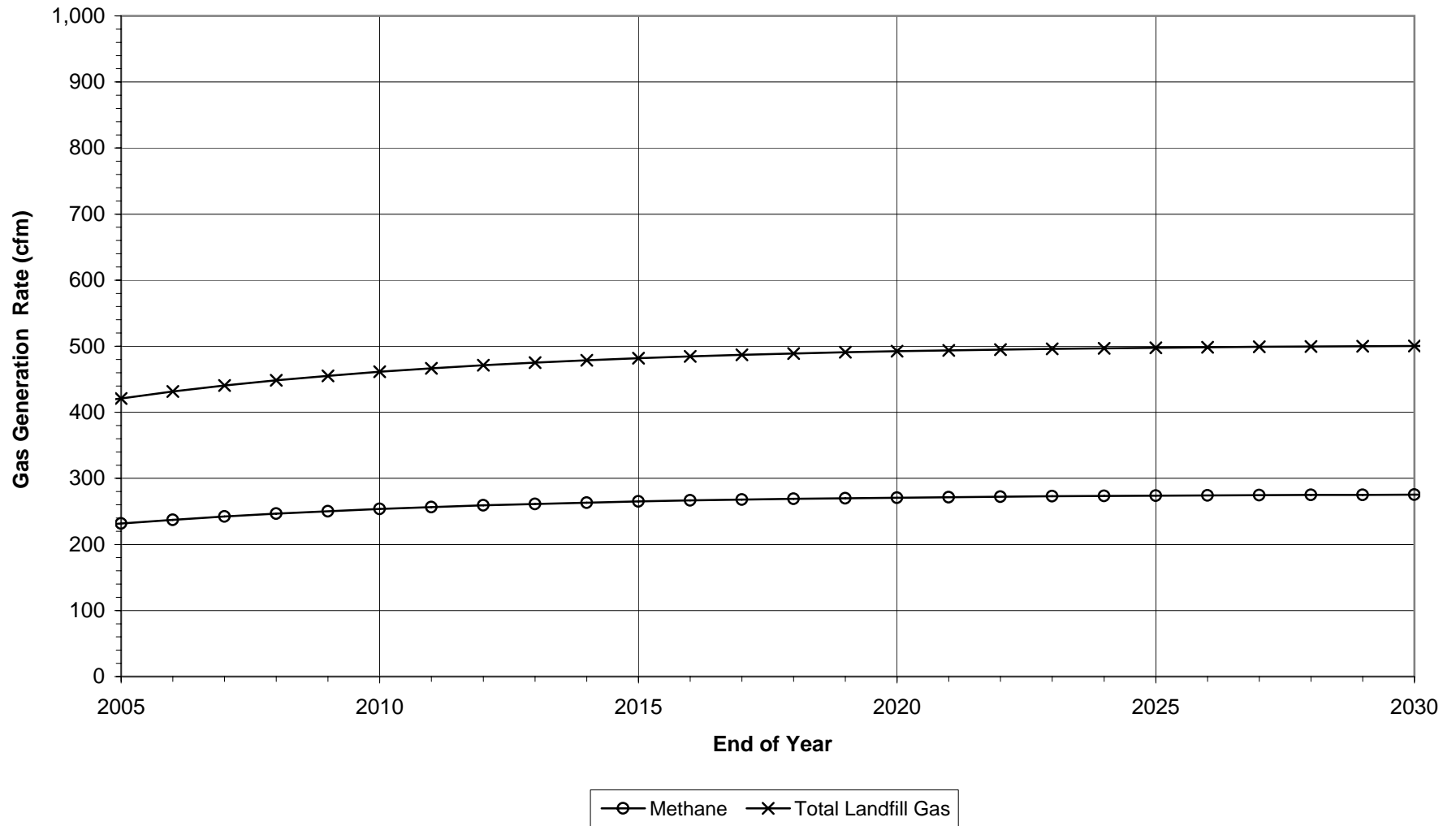
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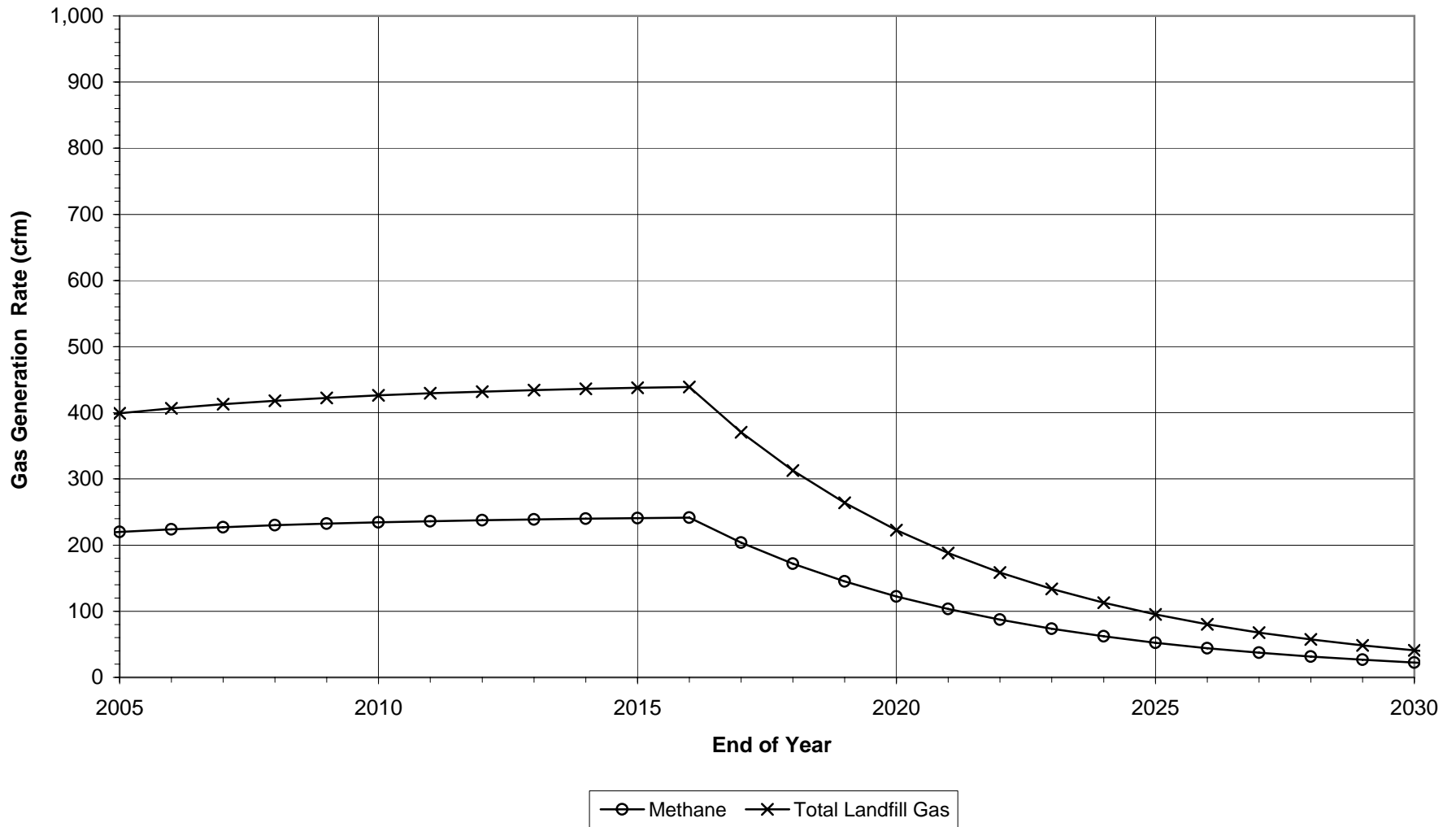
**Gas Generation Rate**  
**Salmon Arm Refuse Disposal Site, Salmon Arm, BC**  
 ( $L_o = 121 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.068/\text{year}$ )



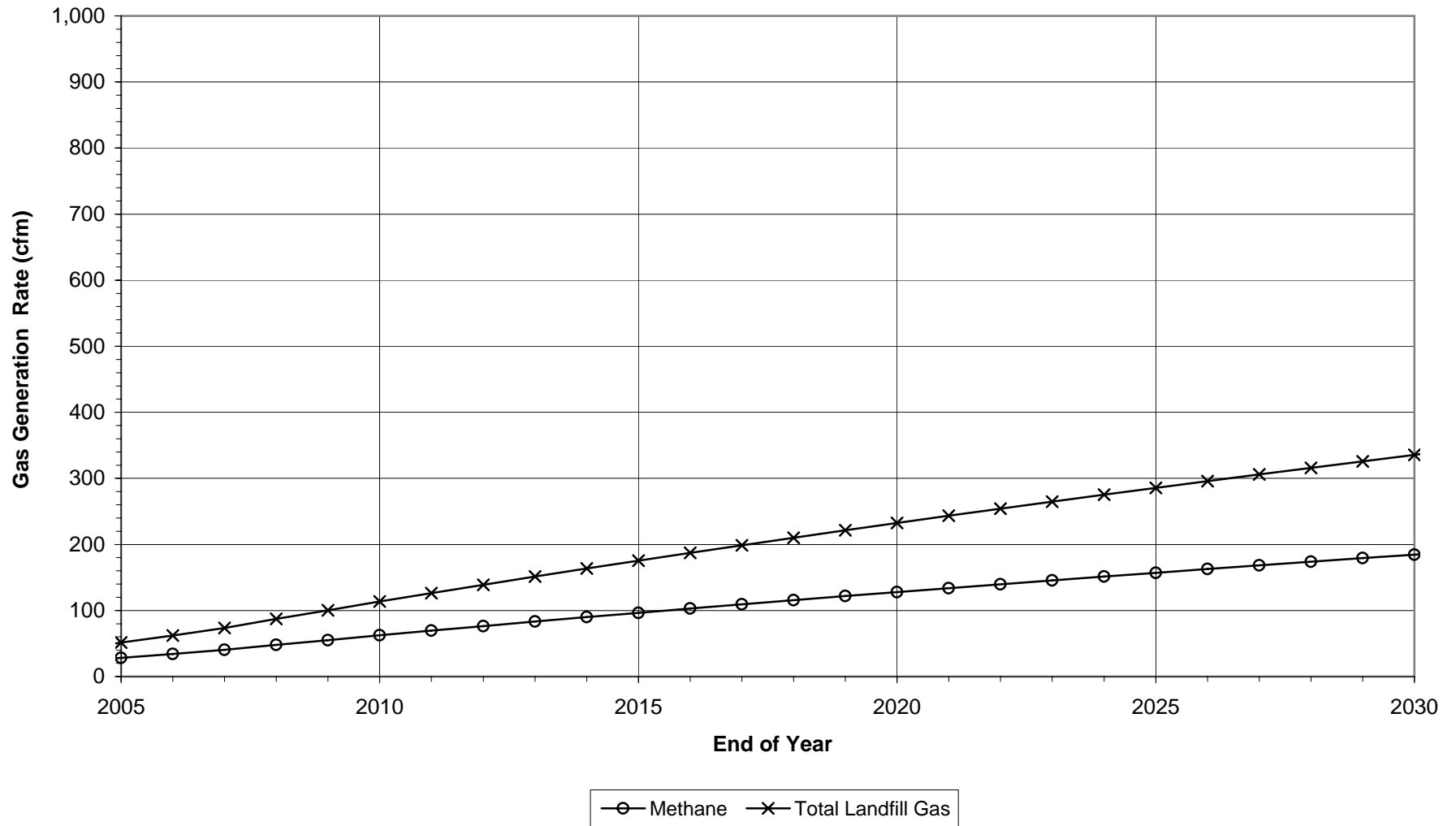
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 ( $L_o = 137 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.134/\text{year}$ )



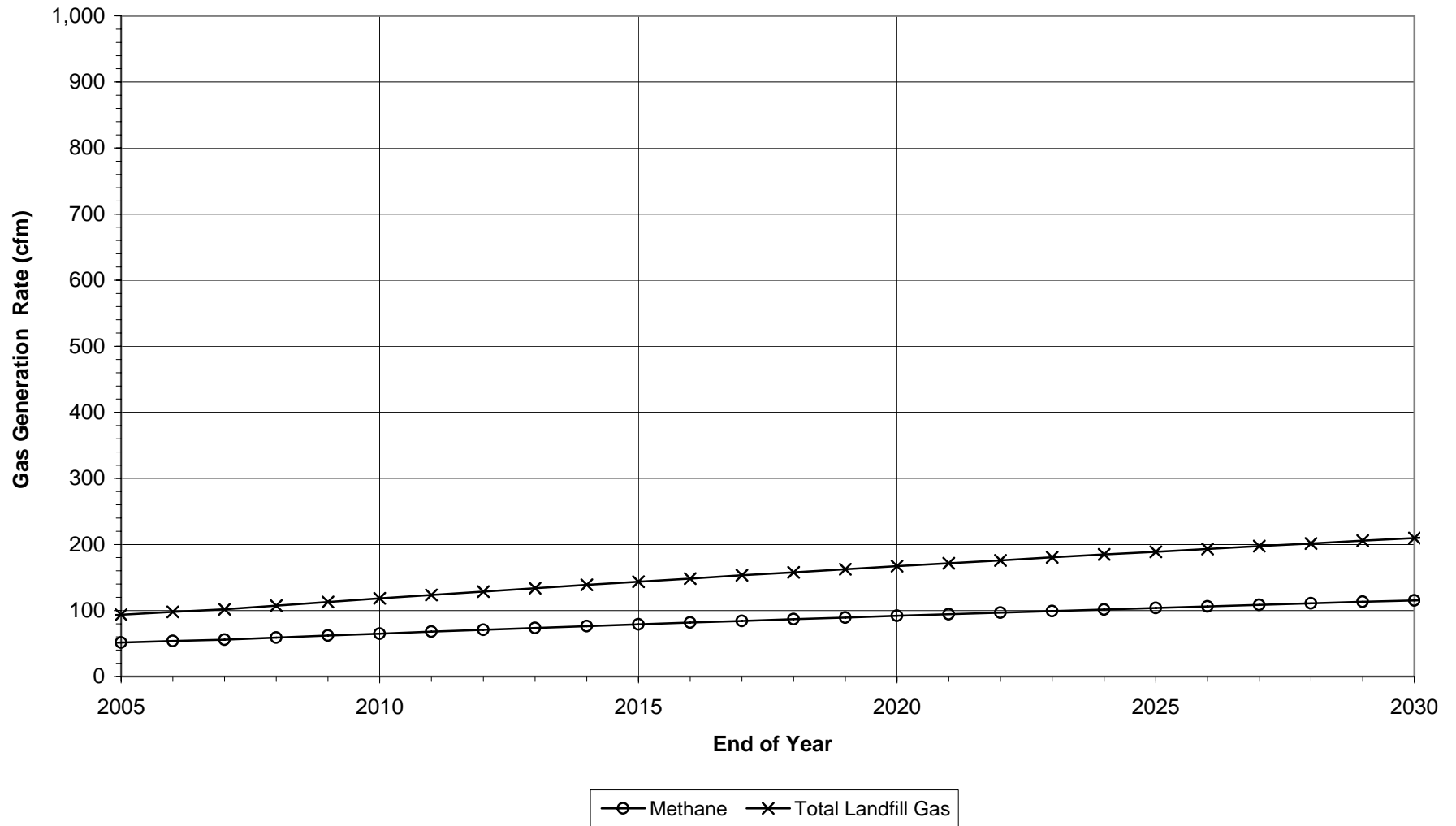
**Gas Generation Rate**  
**Campbell River Landfill, Campbell River, BC**  
 ( $L_o = 145 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.170/\text{year}$ )



**Gas Generation Rate**  
**Central Sub-Regional Landfill, Cranbrook, BC**  
 ( $L_o = 112 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.031/\text{year}$ )

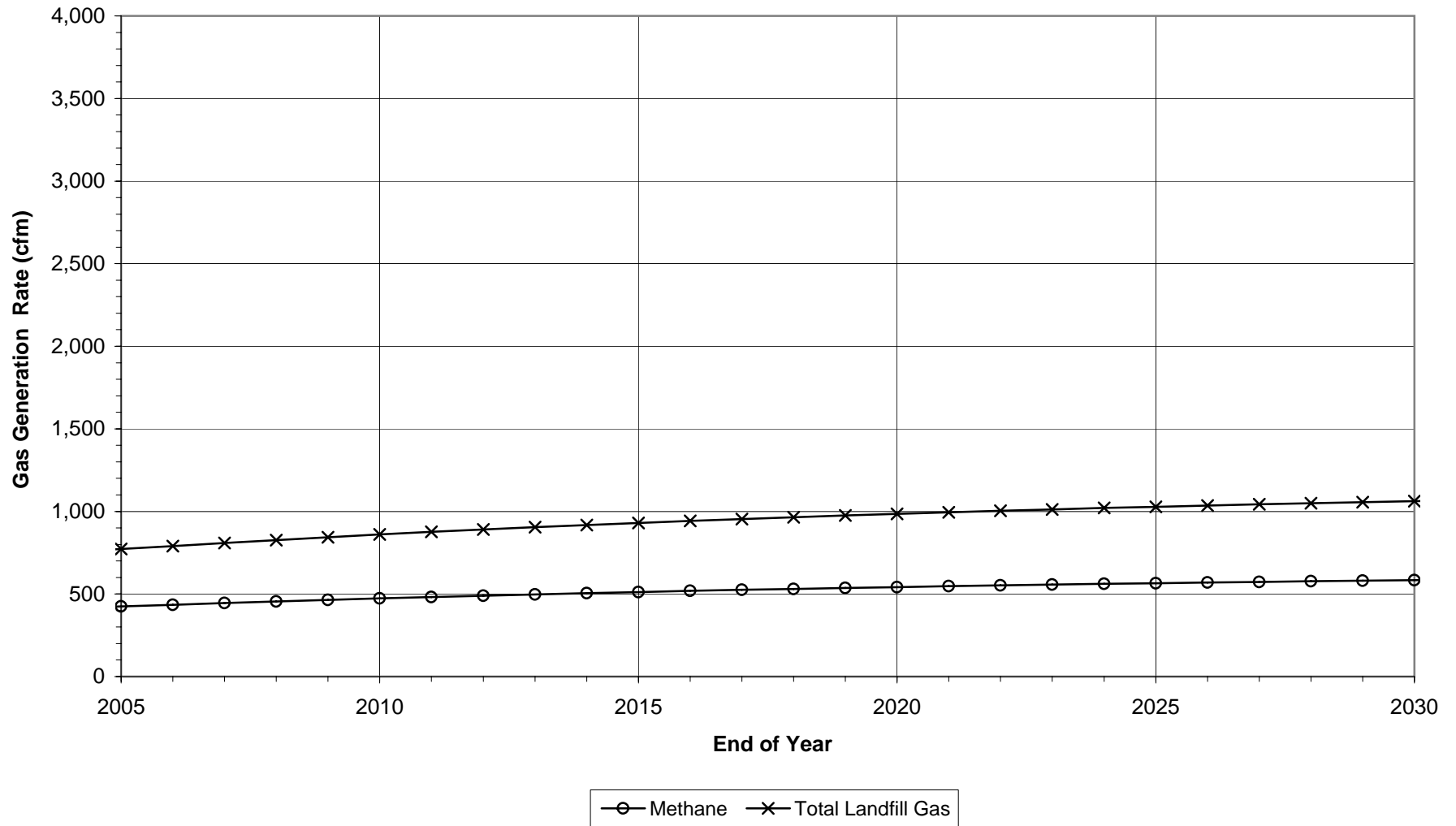


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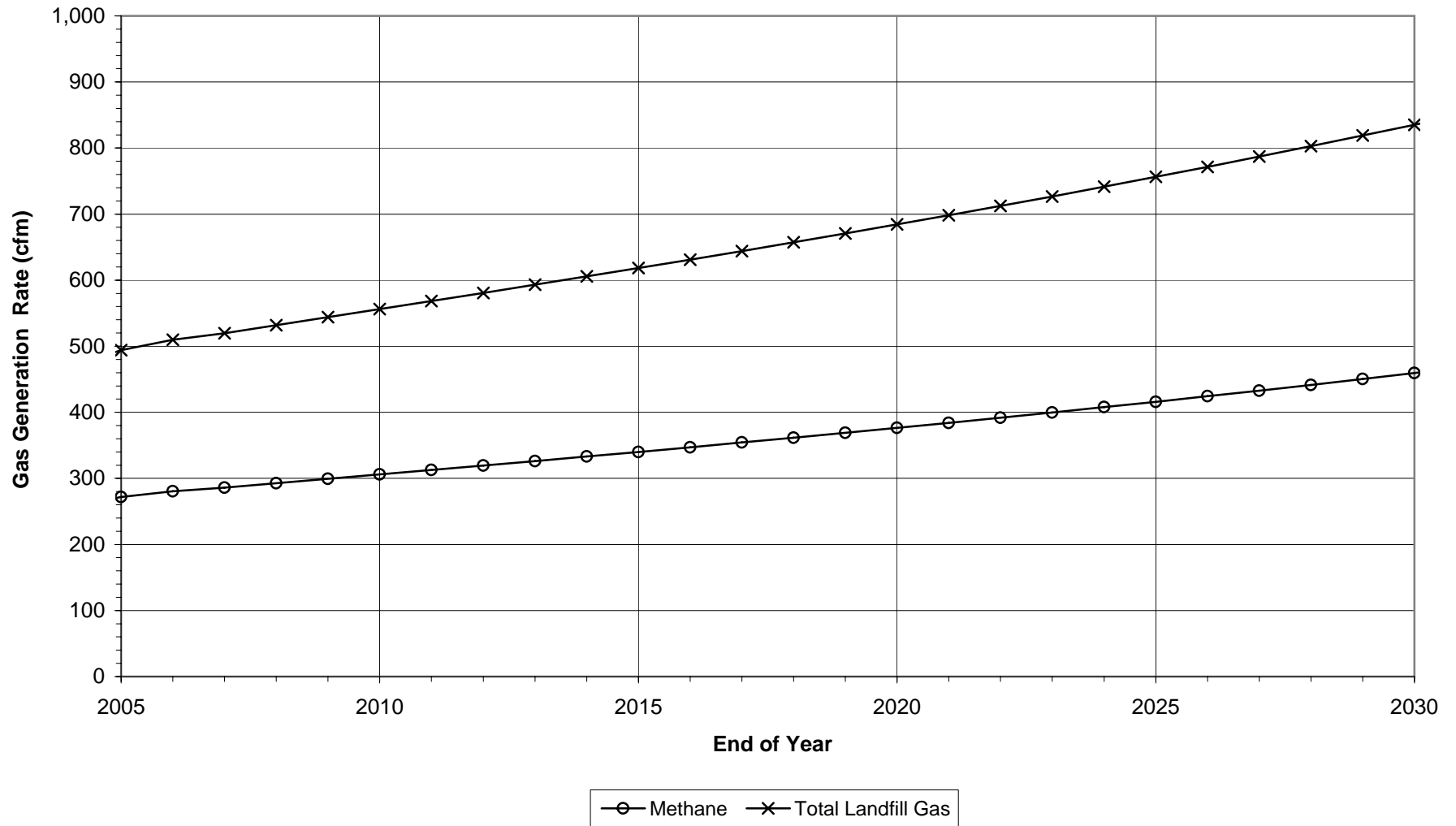




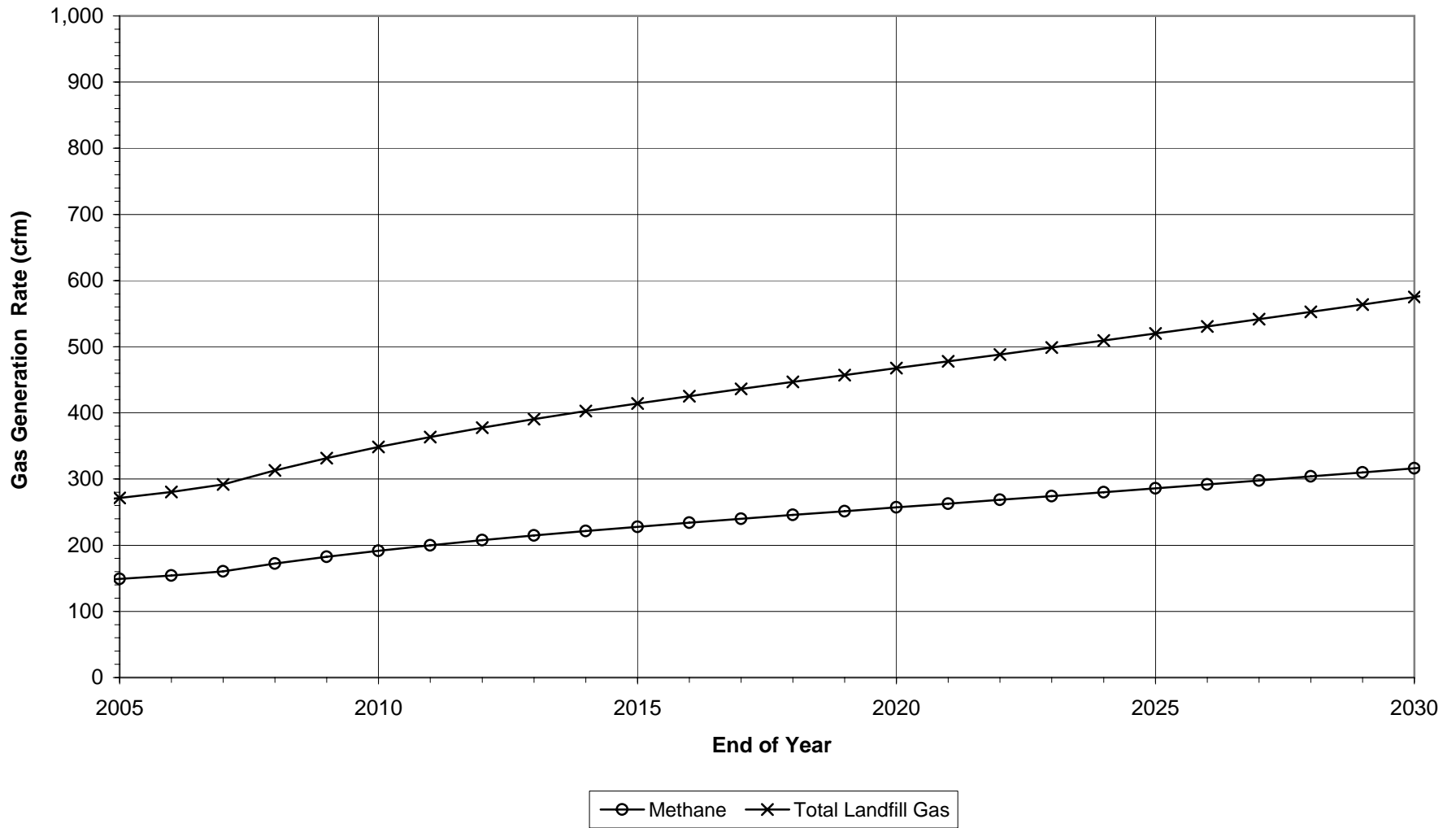
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**( $L_o = 112 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.05/\text{year}$ )**



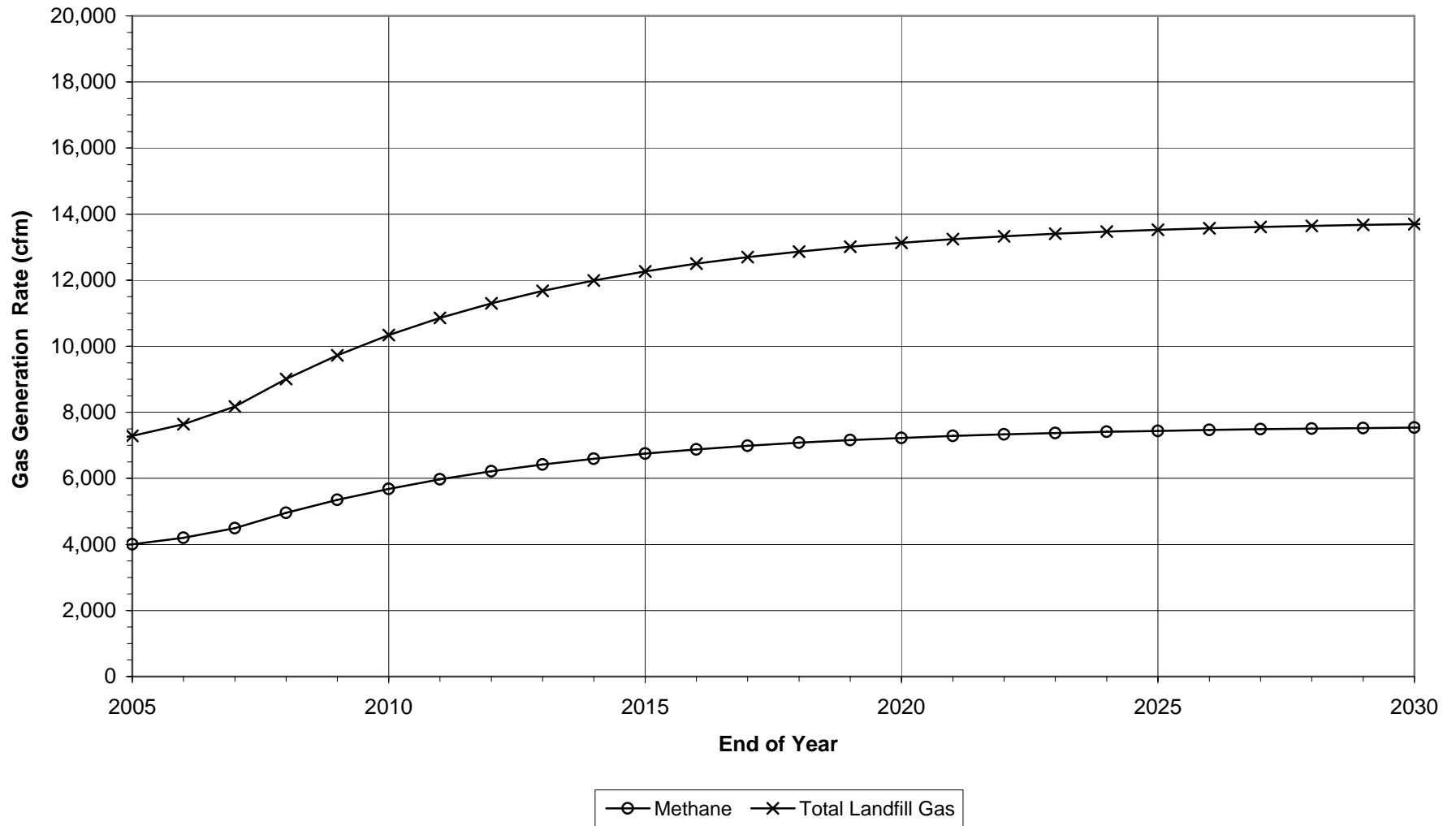
**Gas Generation Rate**  
**Bailey Sanitary Landfill, Chilliwack, BC**  
 ( $L_o = 147 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.176/\text{year}$ )



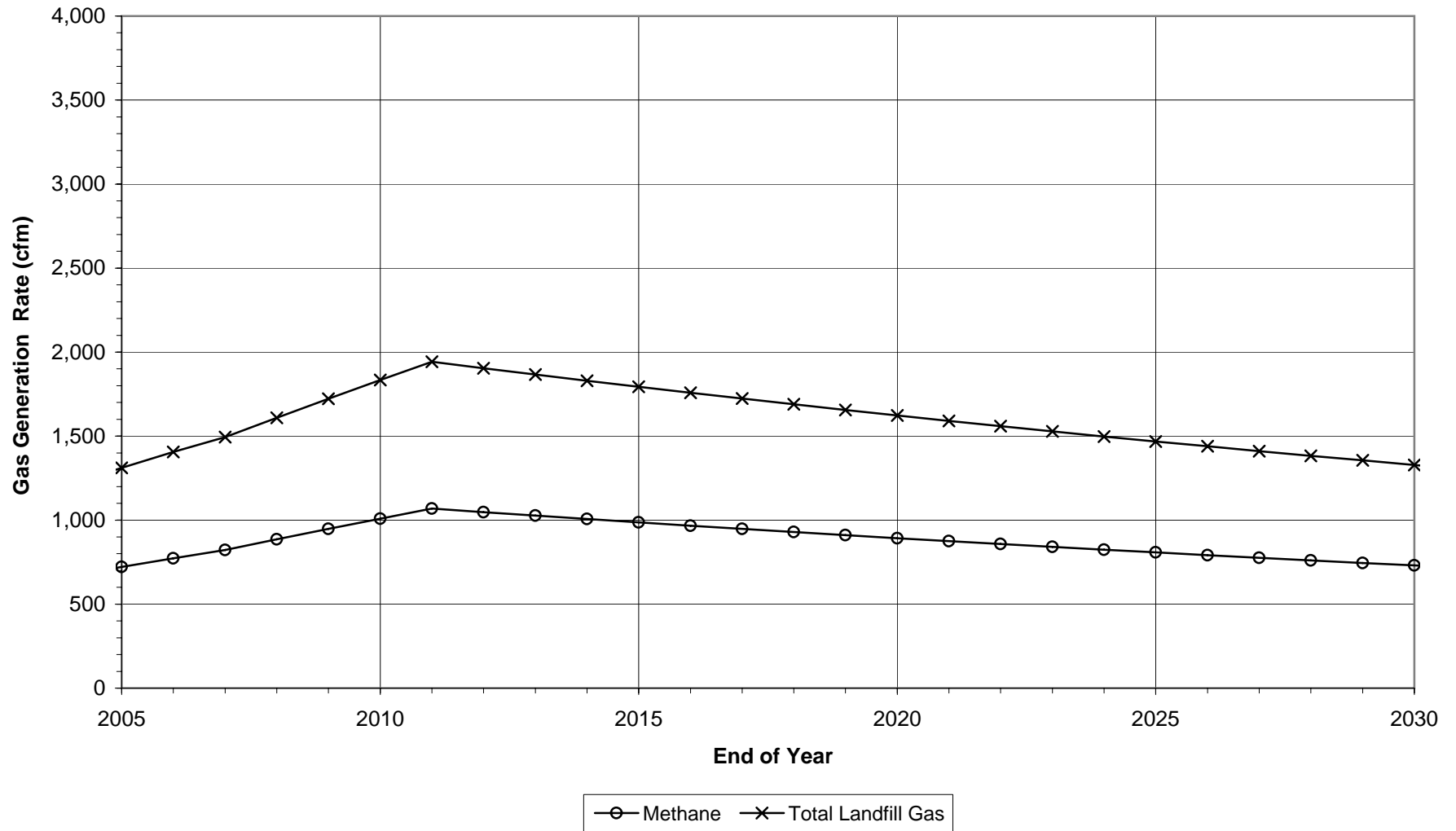
**Gas Generation Rate**  
**Mini's Pit Landfill, Mission, BC**  
**( $L_o = 155 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.210/\text{year}$ )**



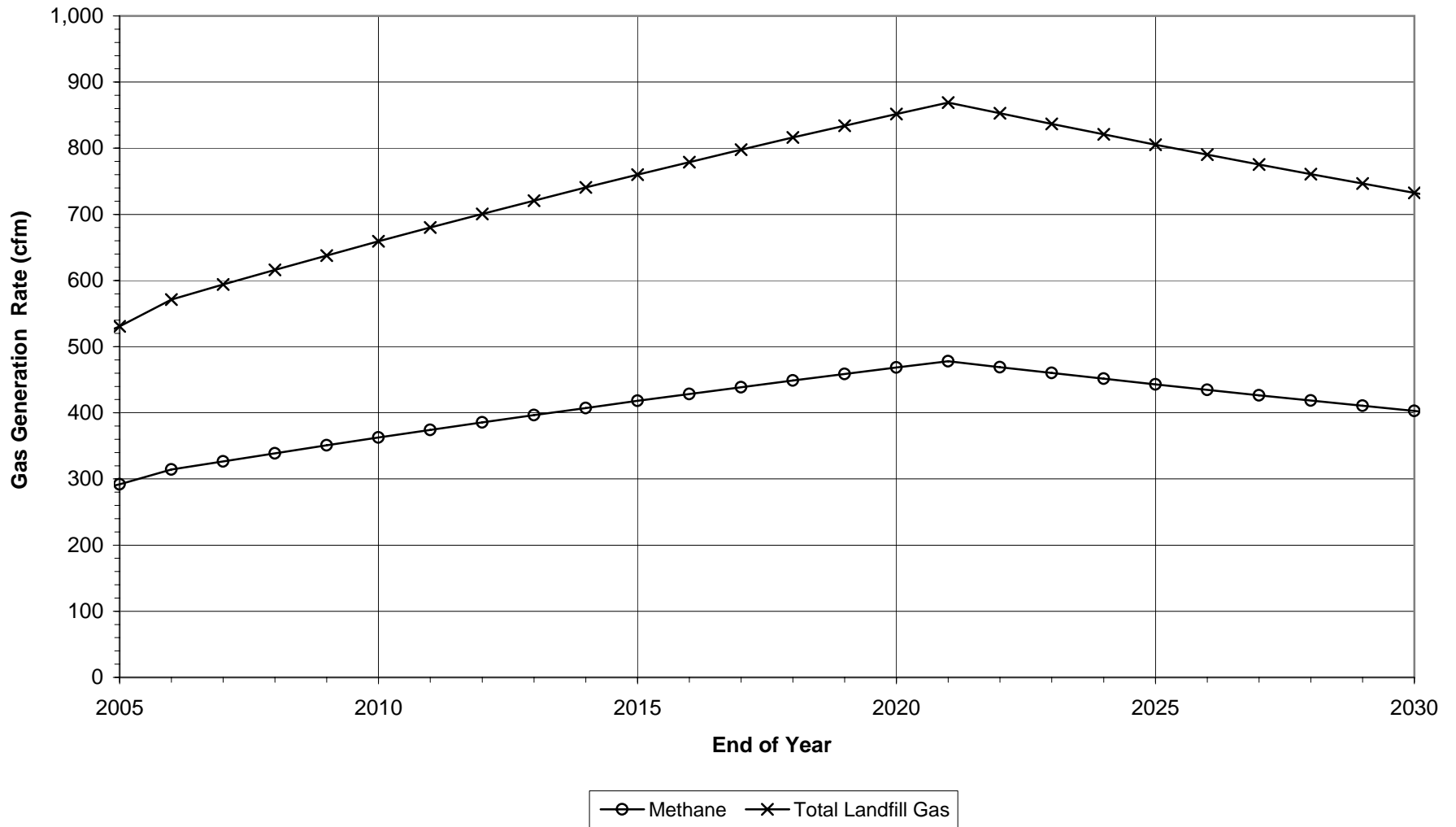
**Gas Generation Rate  
Vancouver Landfill, Delta, BC  
( $L_o = 150 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.16/\text{year}$ )**



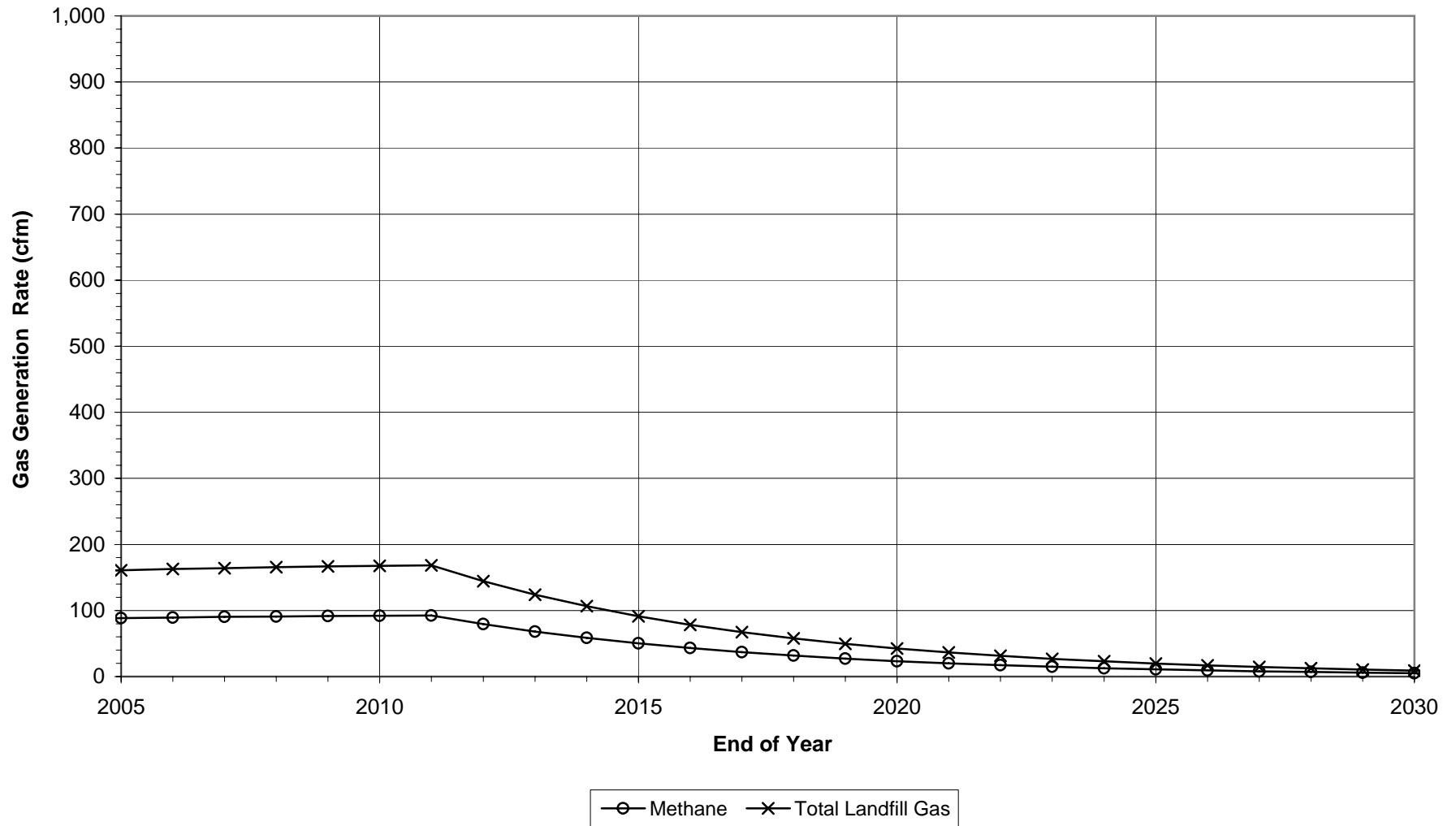
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 ( $L_o = 100 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.02/\text{year}$ )



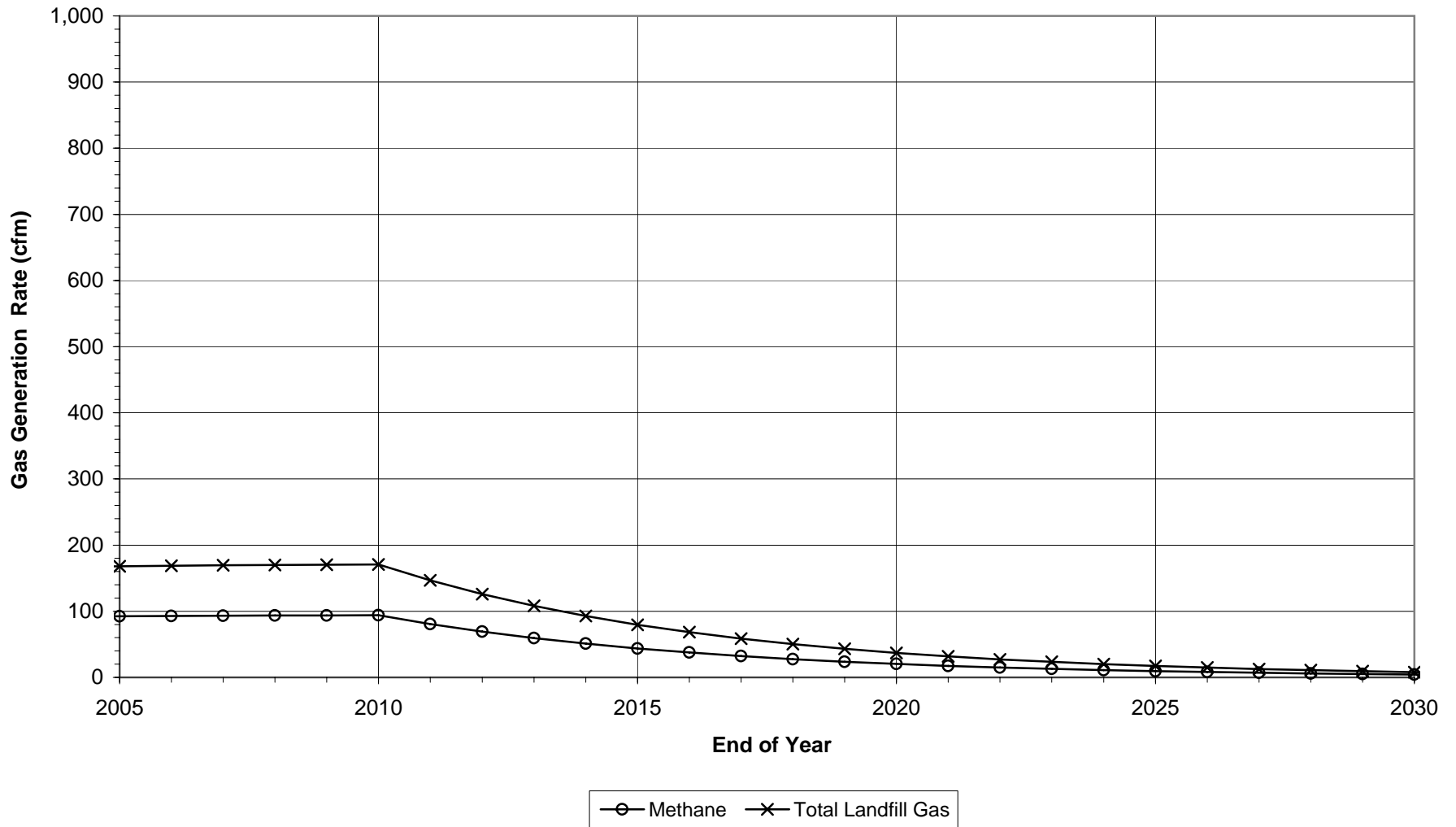
**Gas Generation Rate**  
**EcoWaste Landfill, Richmond , BC**  
**( $L_o = 75 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.019/\text{year}$ )**



**Gas Generation Rate  
Thornhill Landfill, Terrace, BC  
( $L_o = 141 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.153/\text{year}$ )**

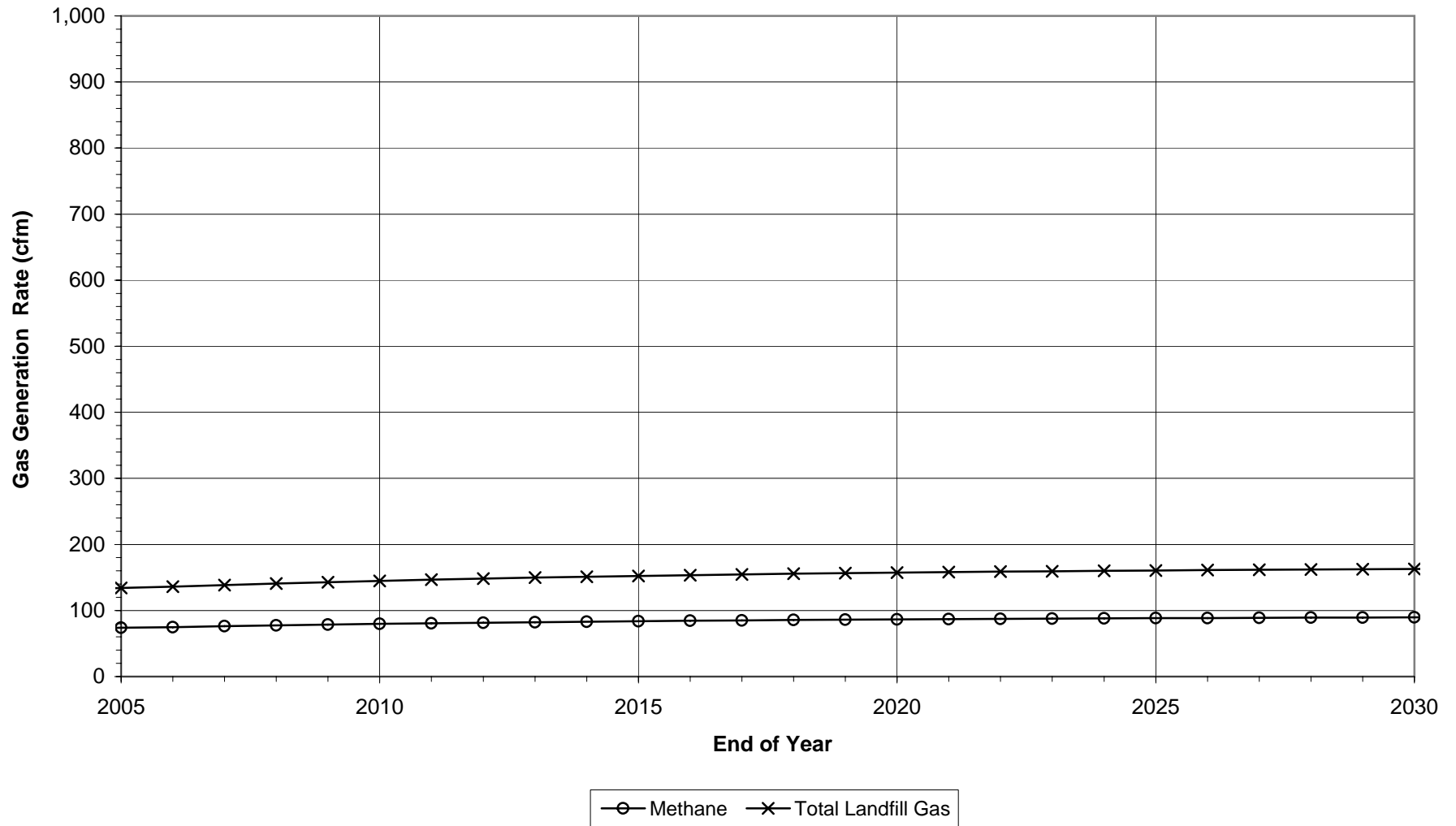


**Gas Generation Rate**  
**Terrace Landfill, Terrace, BC**  
**( $L_o = 141 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.153/\text{year}$ )**

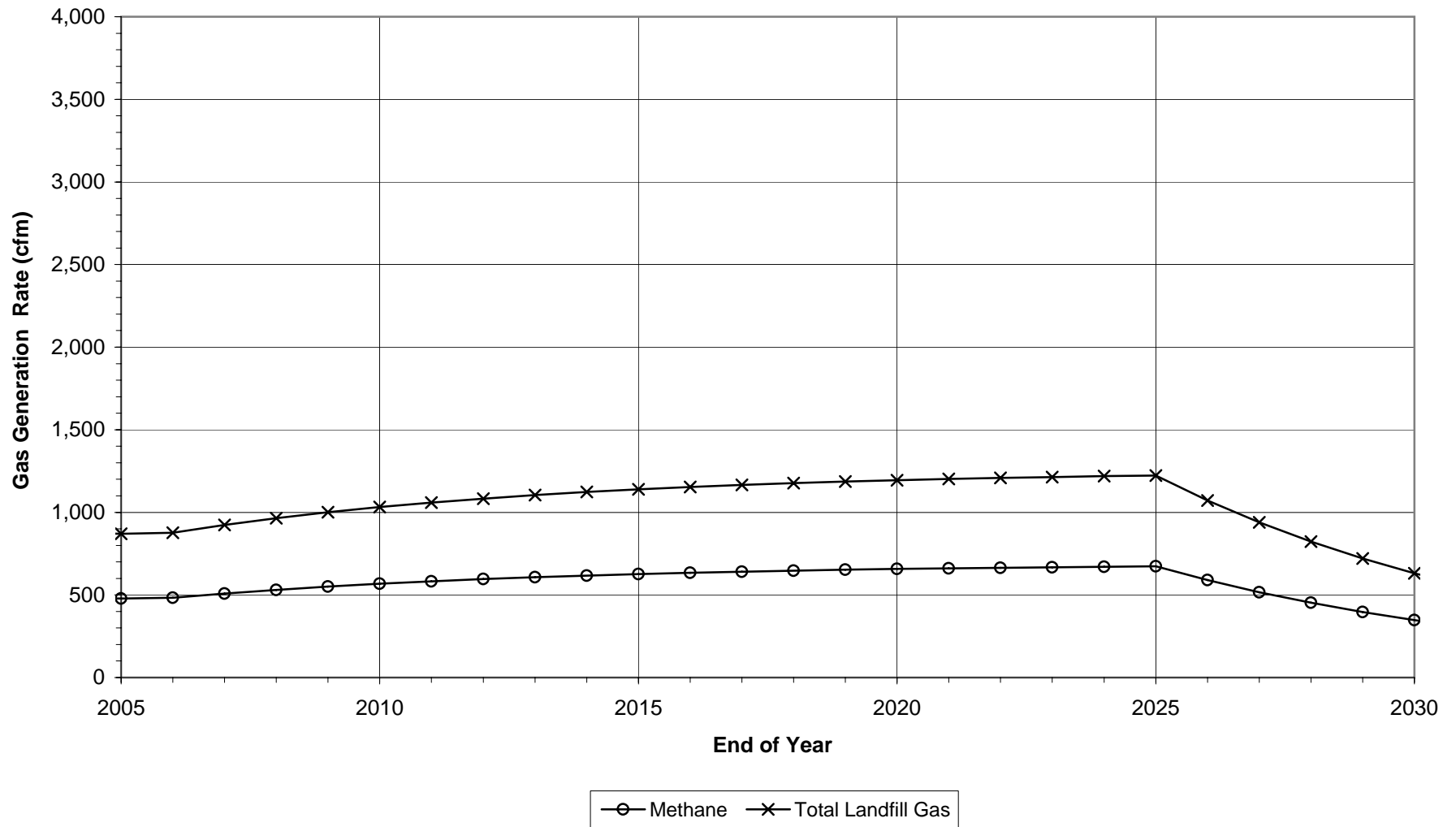




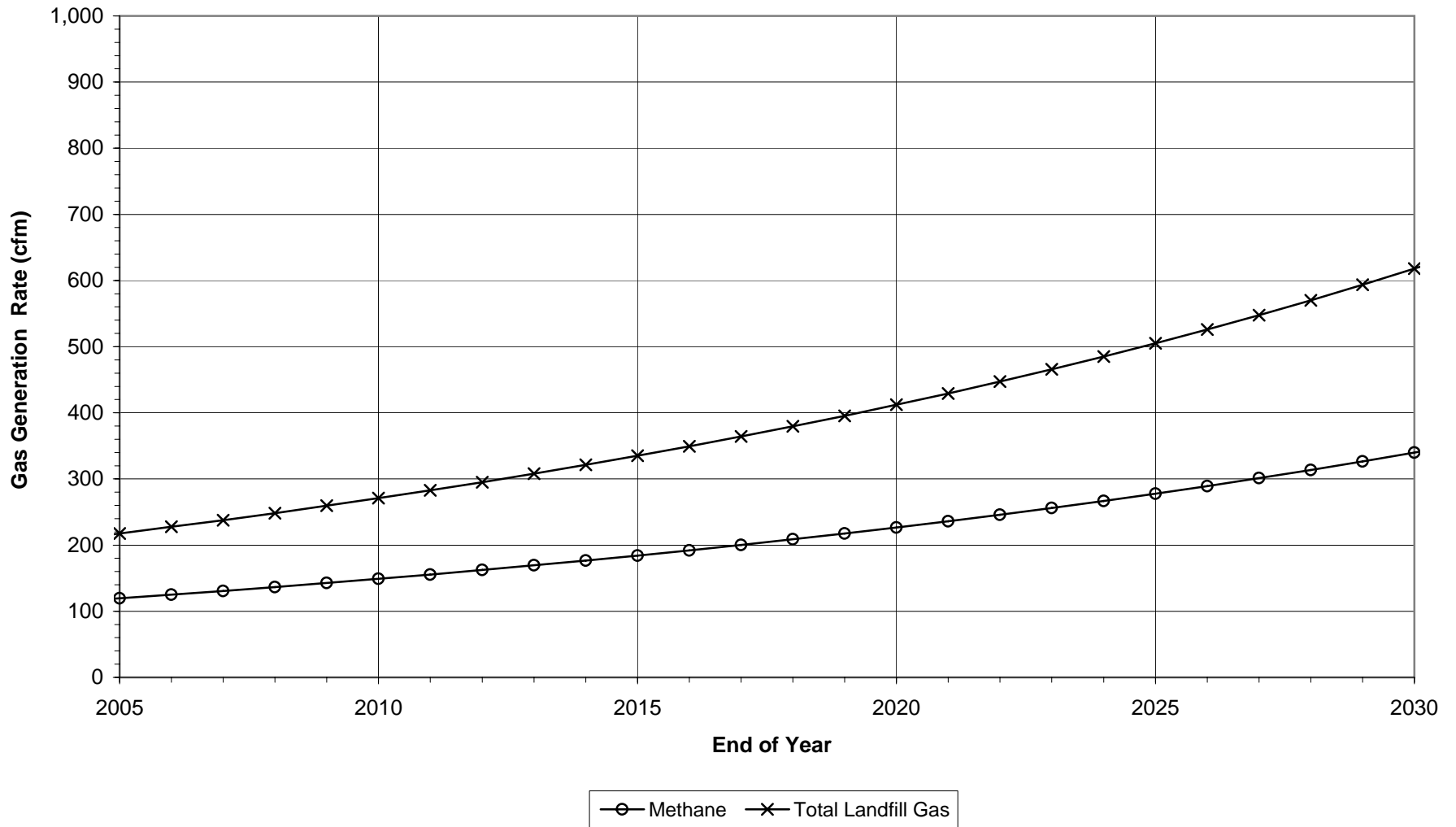
**Gas Generation Rate**  
**McKelvey Creek Landfill, Trail, BC**  
**( $L_o = 124 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.082/\text{year}$ )**



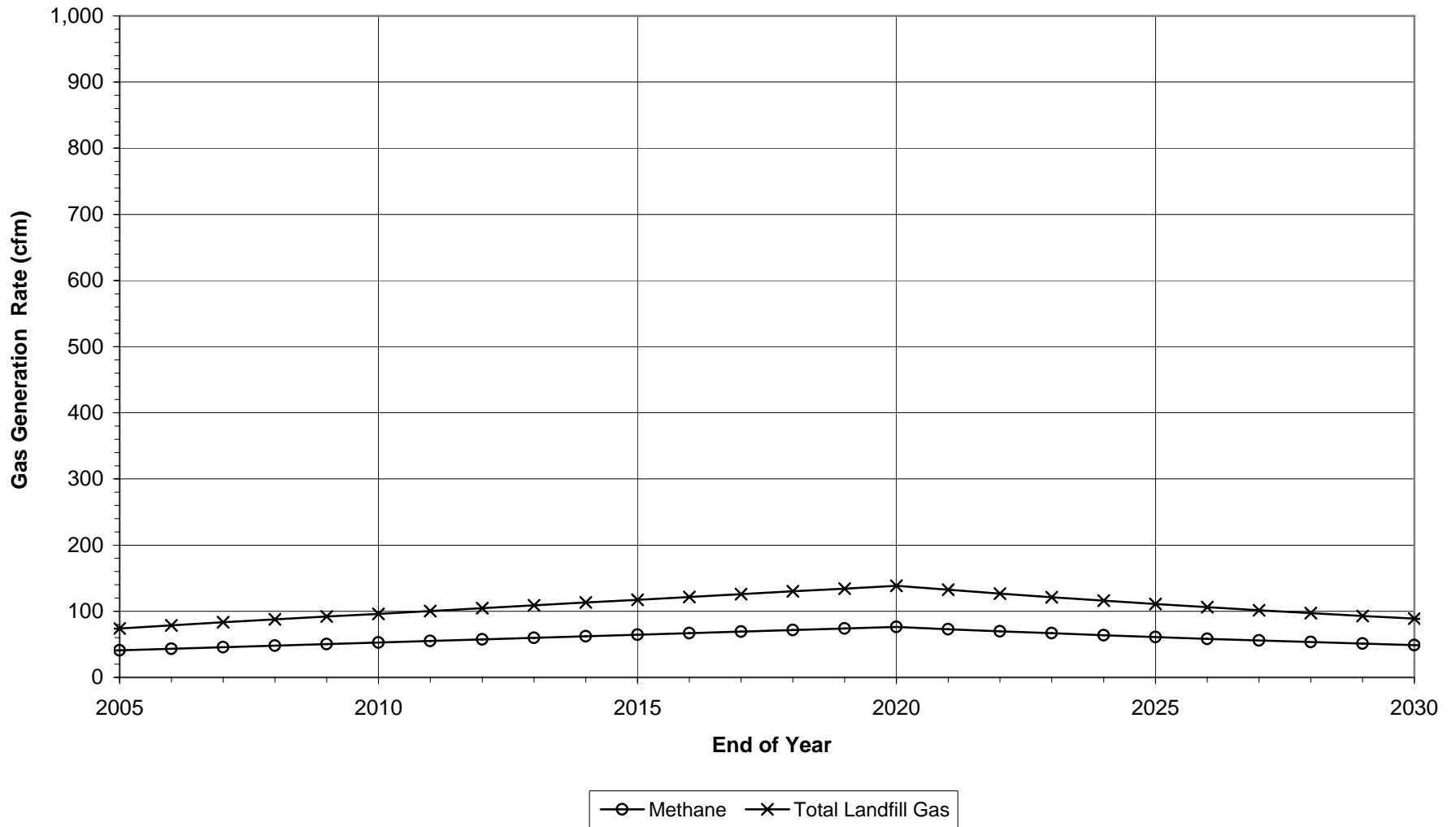
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Nanaimo Landfill, Nanaimo, BC  
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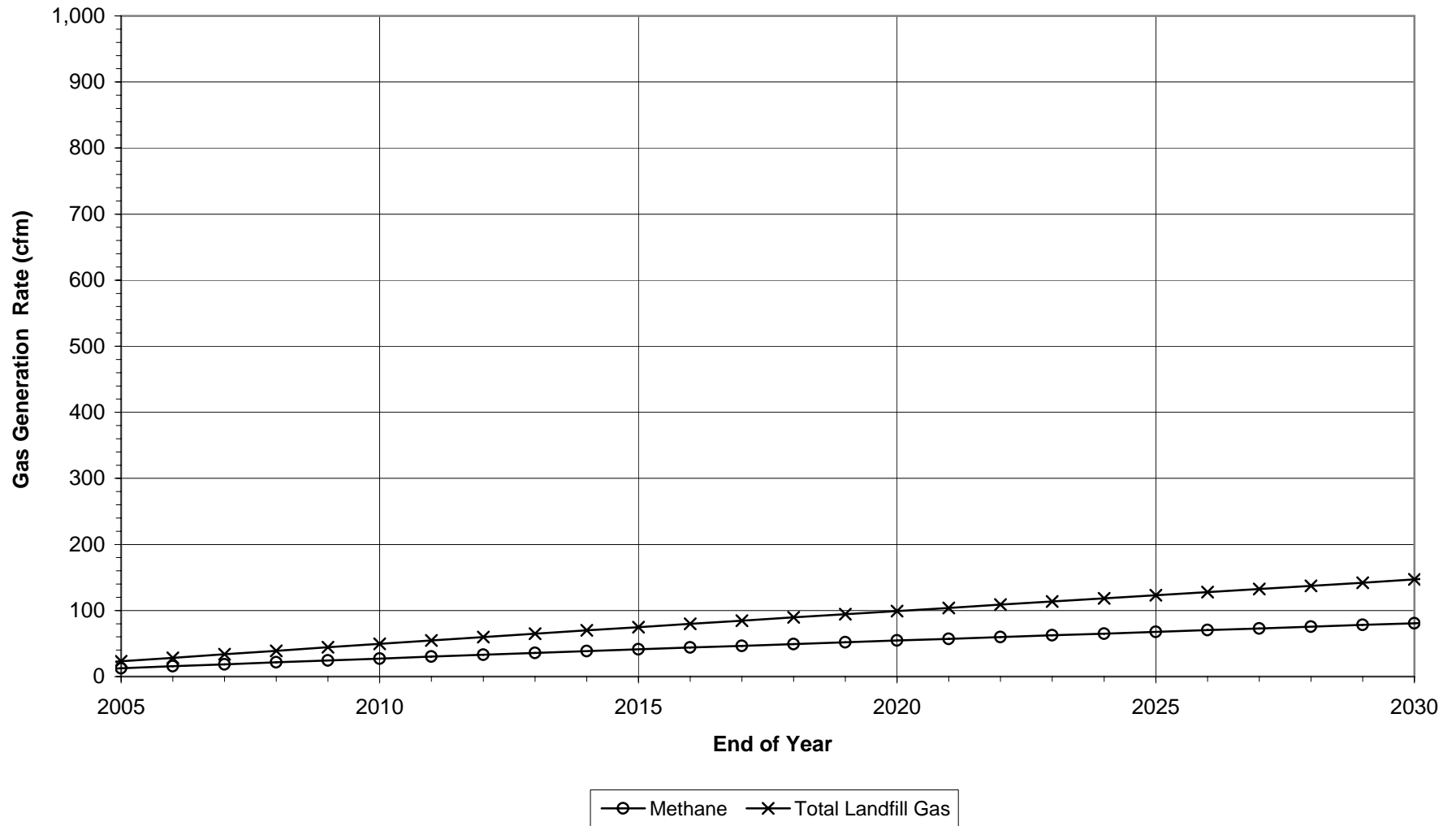
**Gas Generation Rate  
Vernon Landfill, Vernon, BC  
( $L_o = 113 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.034/\text{year}$ )**



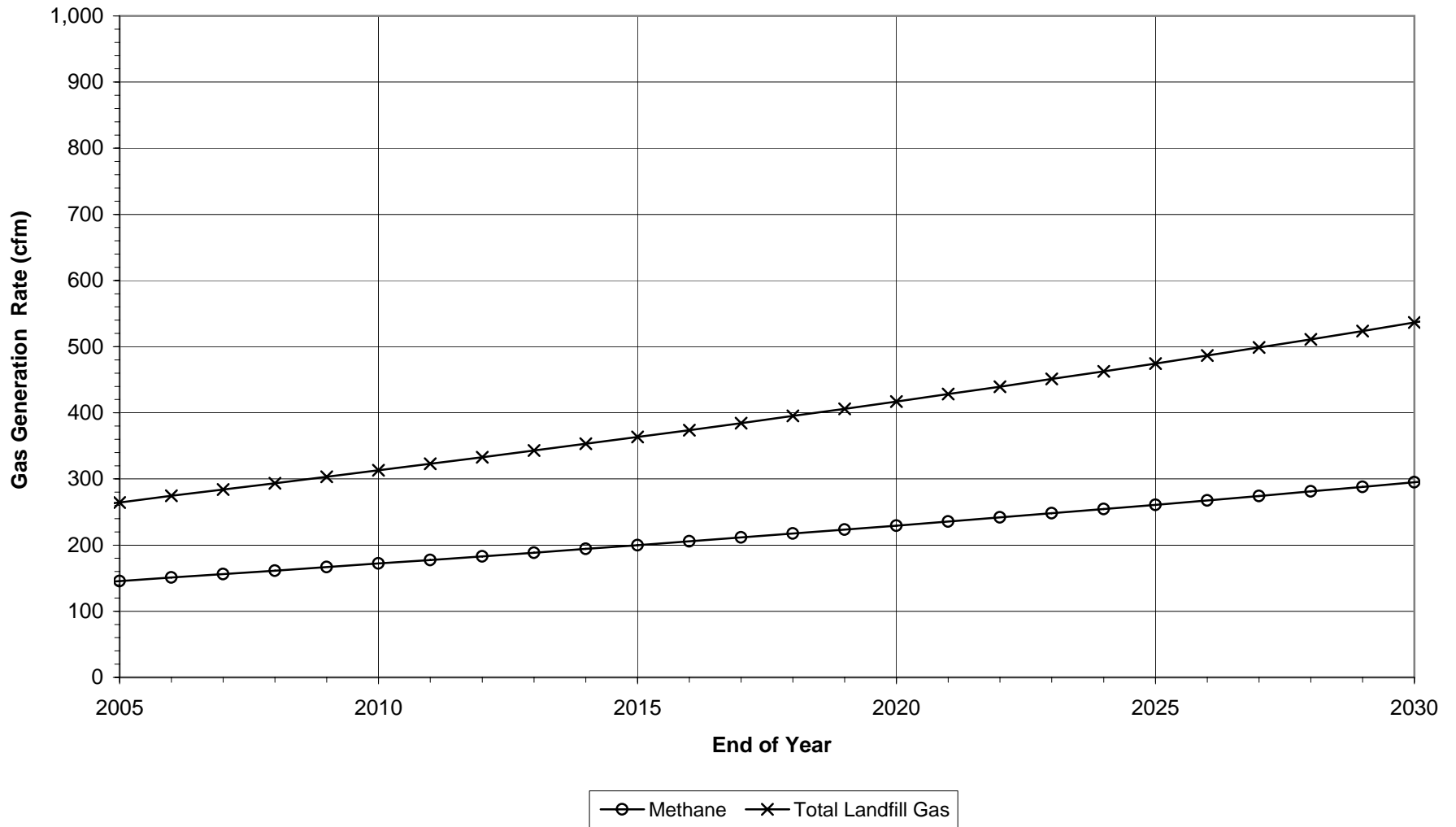
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( $L_o = 115 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.044/\text{year}$ )**



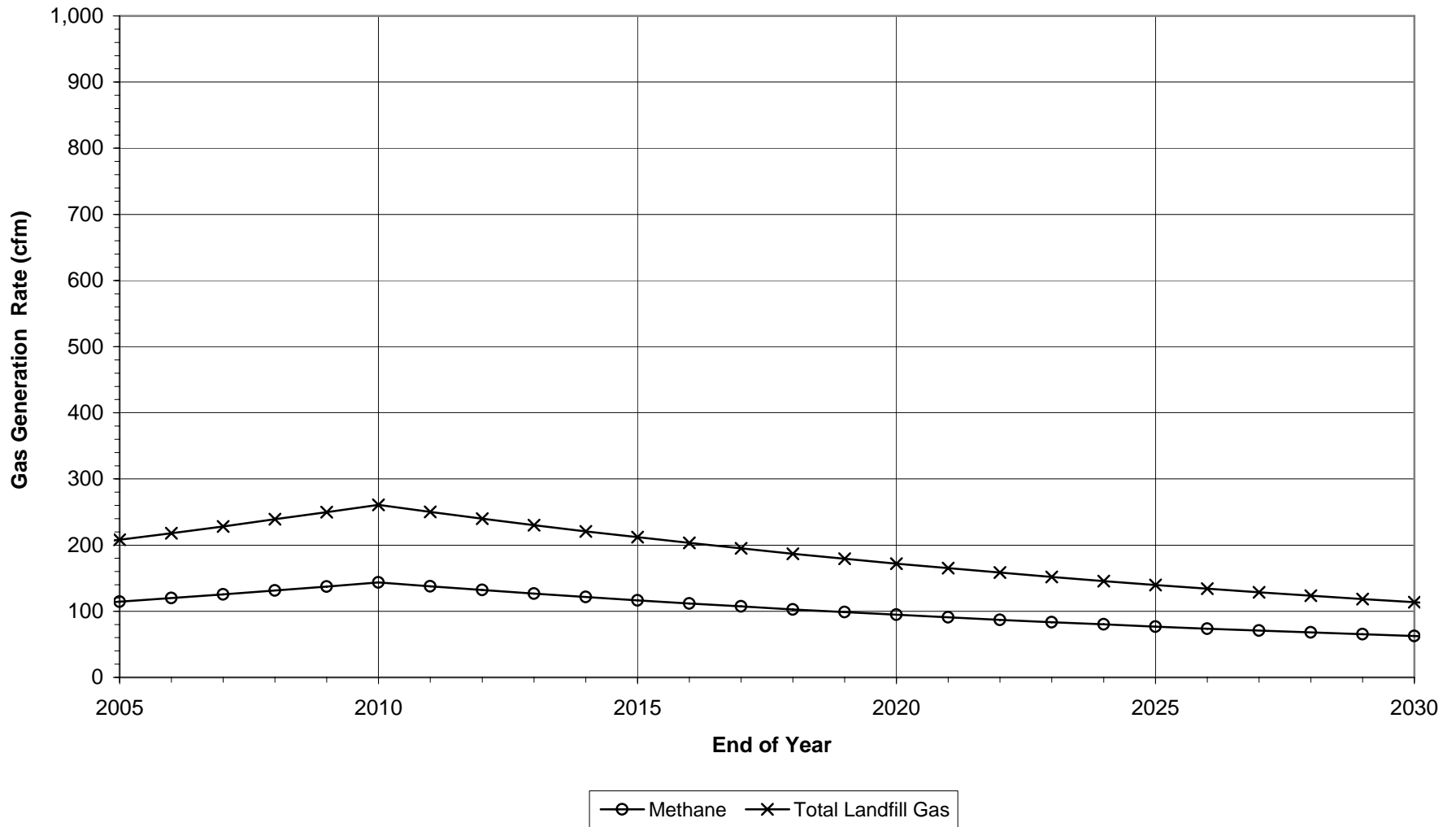
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**Fort Nelson Landfill, Fort Nelson, BC**  
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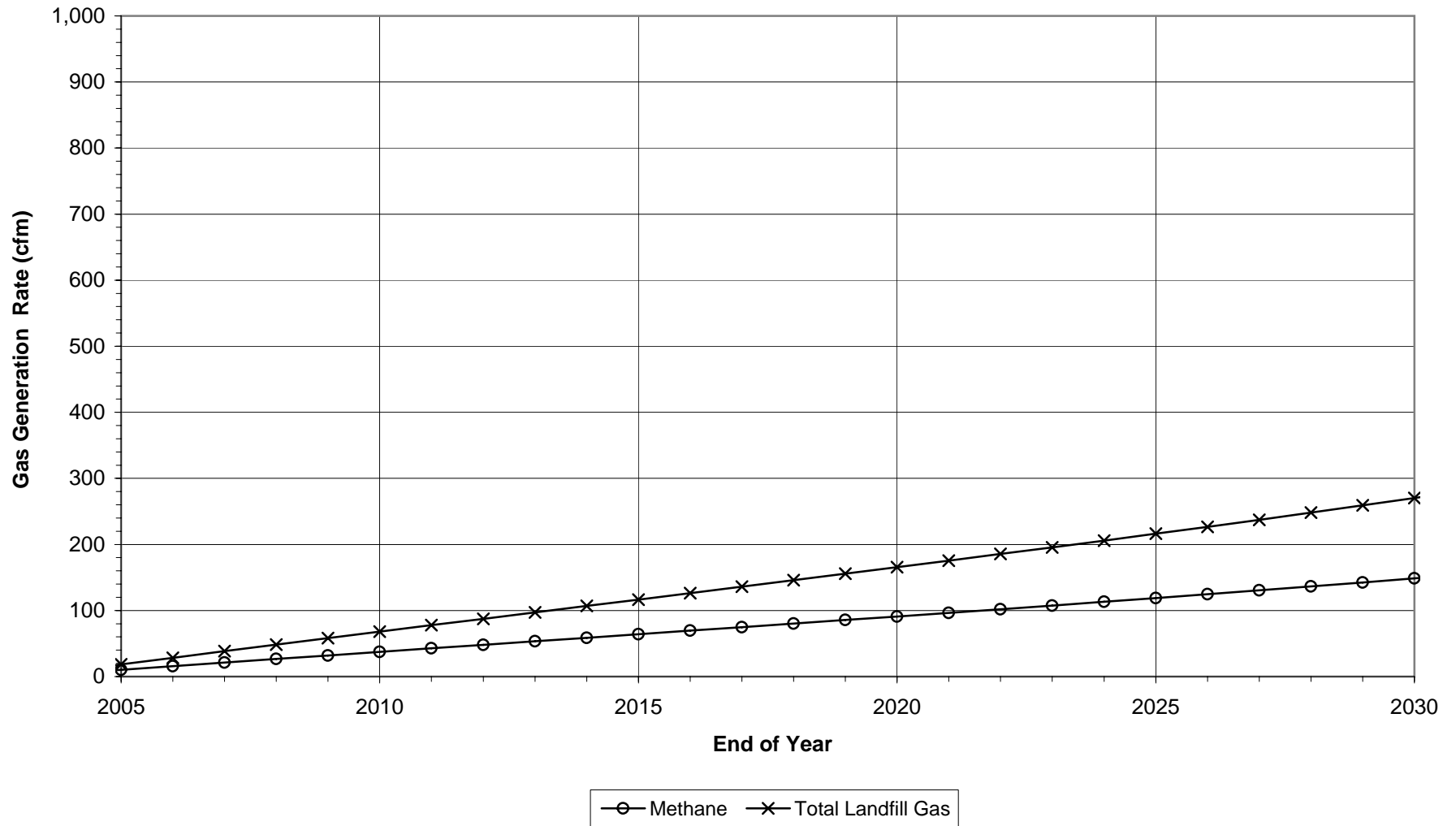
**Gas Generation Rate**  
**Campbell Mountain Landfill, Penticton, BC**  
 ( $L_o = 110 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.024/\text{year}$ )



**Gas Generation Rate**  
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 ( $L_o = 114 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.042/\text{year}$ )

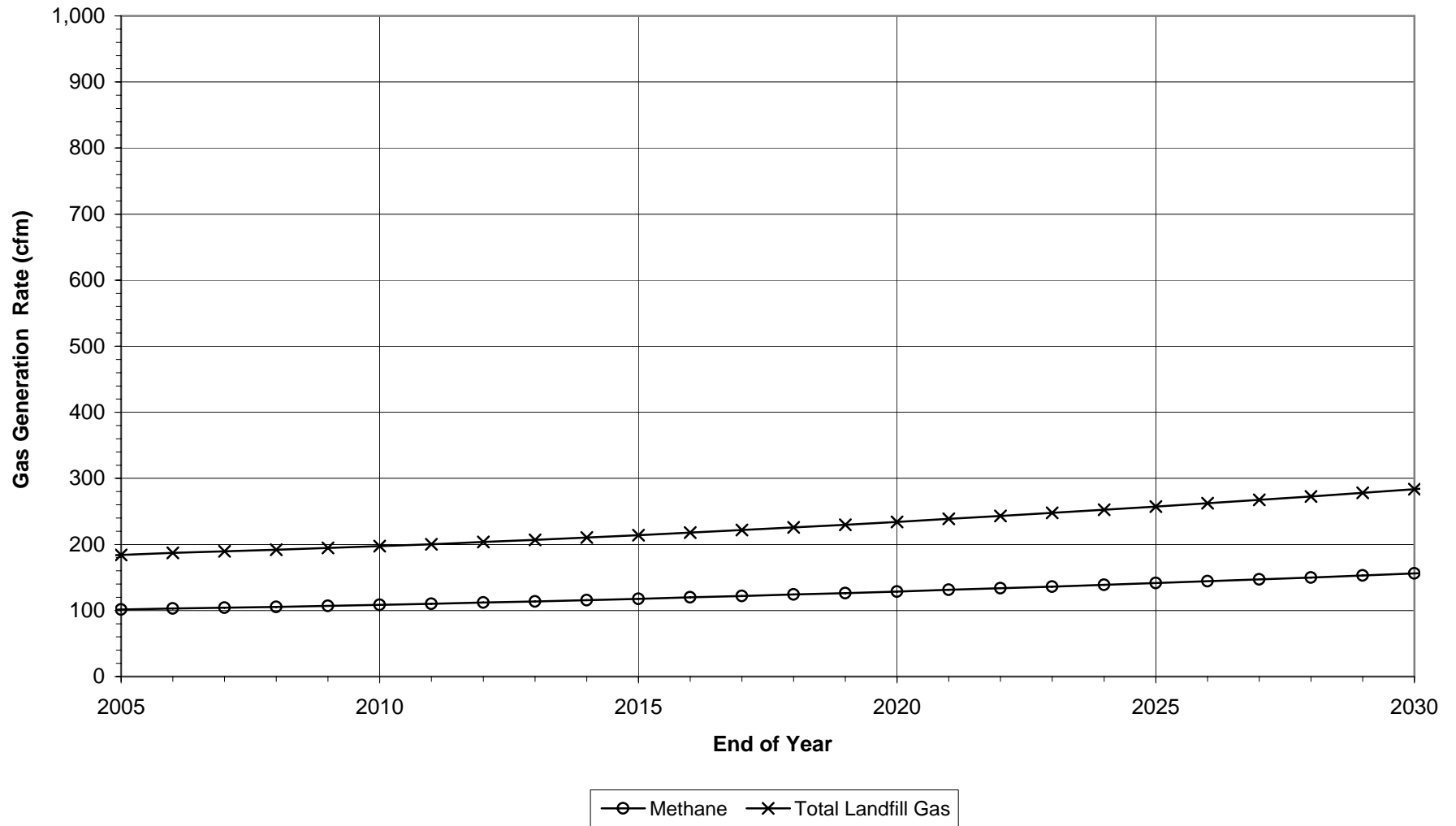


**Gas Generation Rate**  
**Bessborough Landfill, Dawson Creek, BC**  
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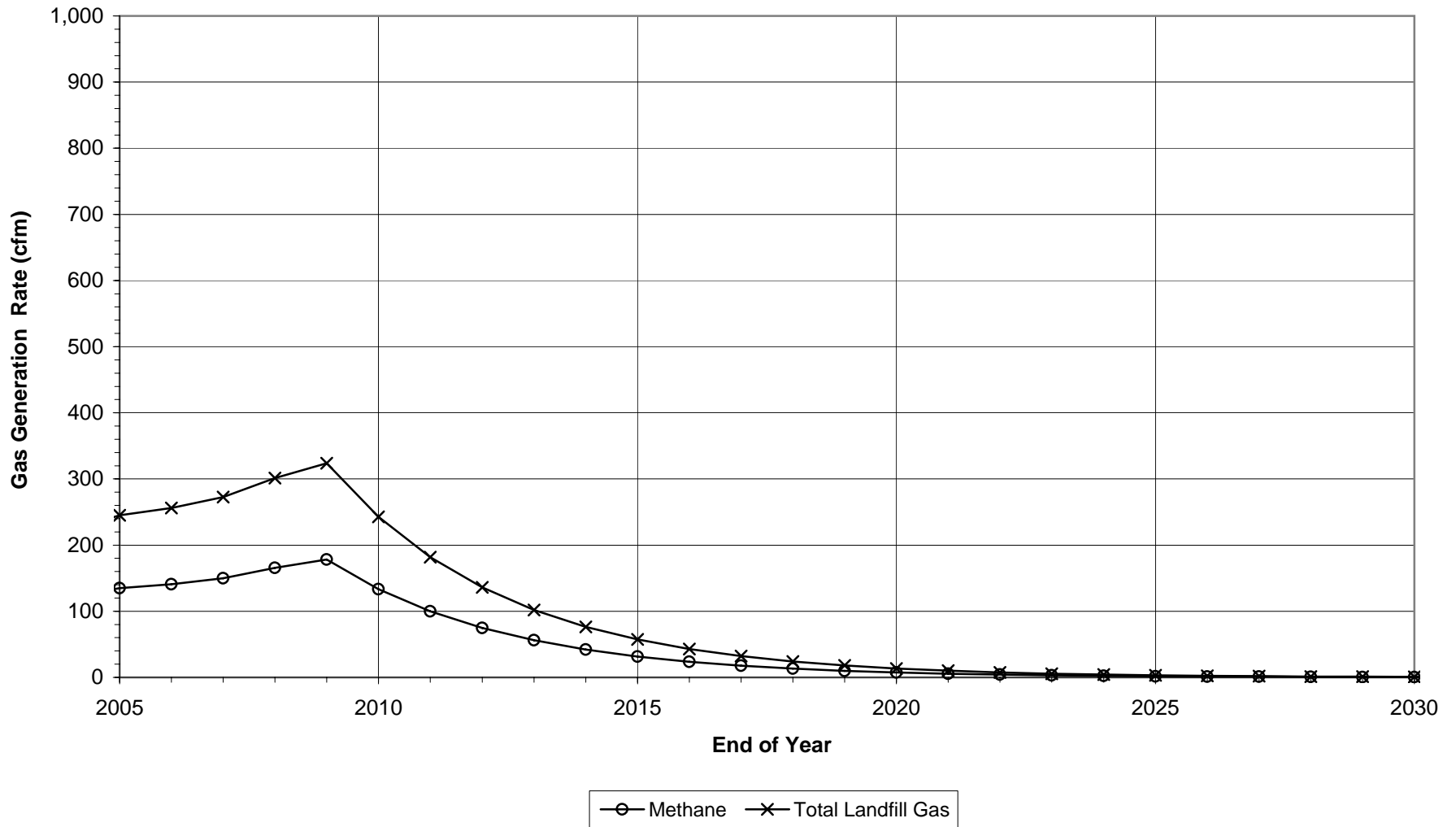




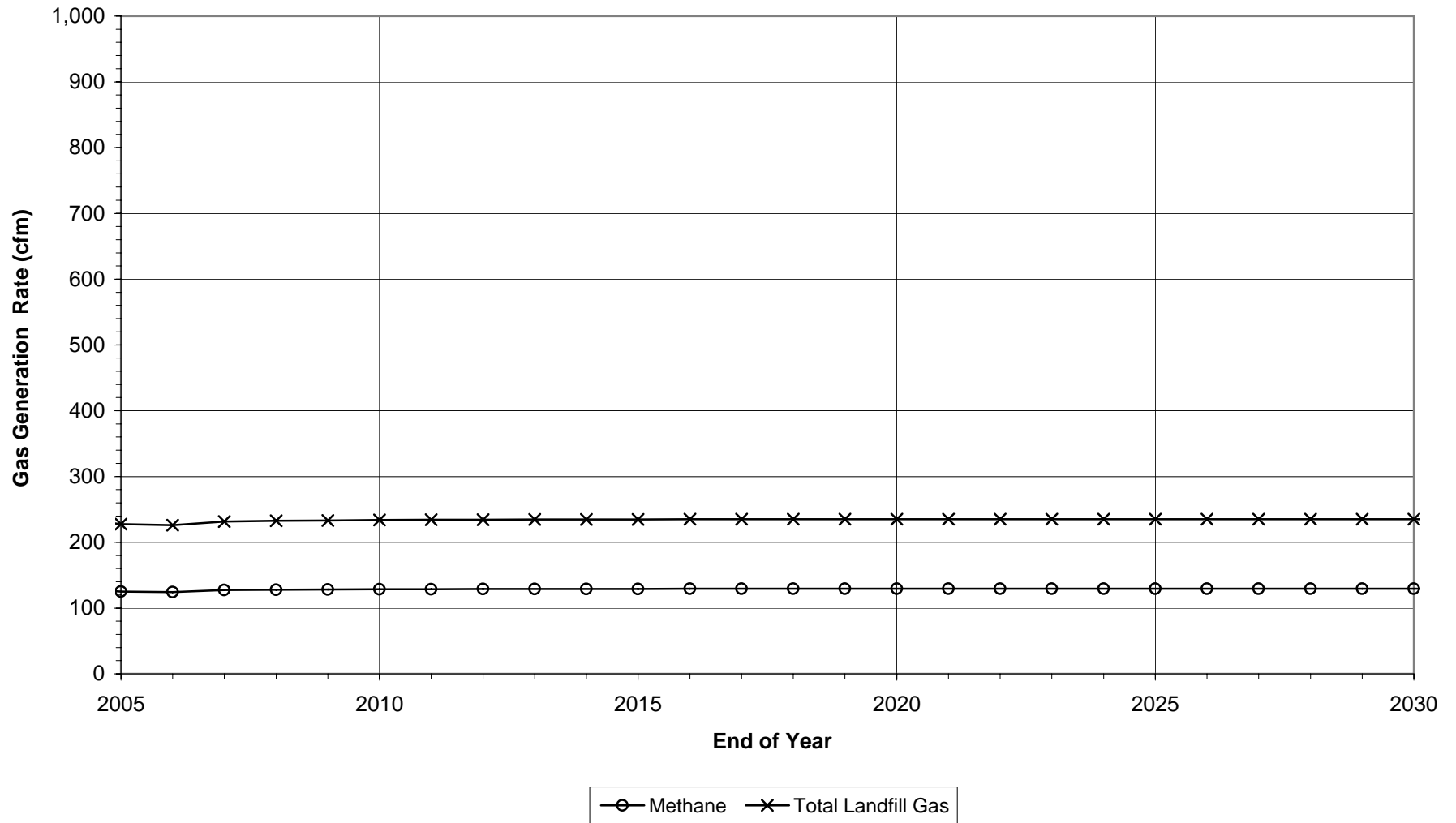
**Gas Generation Rate**  
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 ( $L_o = 134 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.124/\text{year}$ )



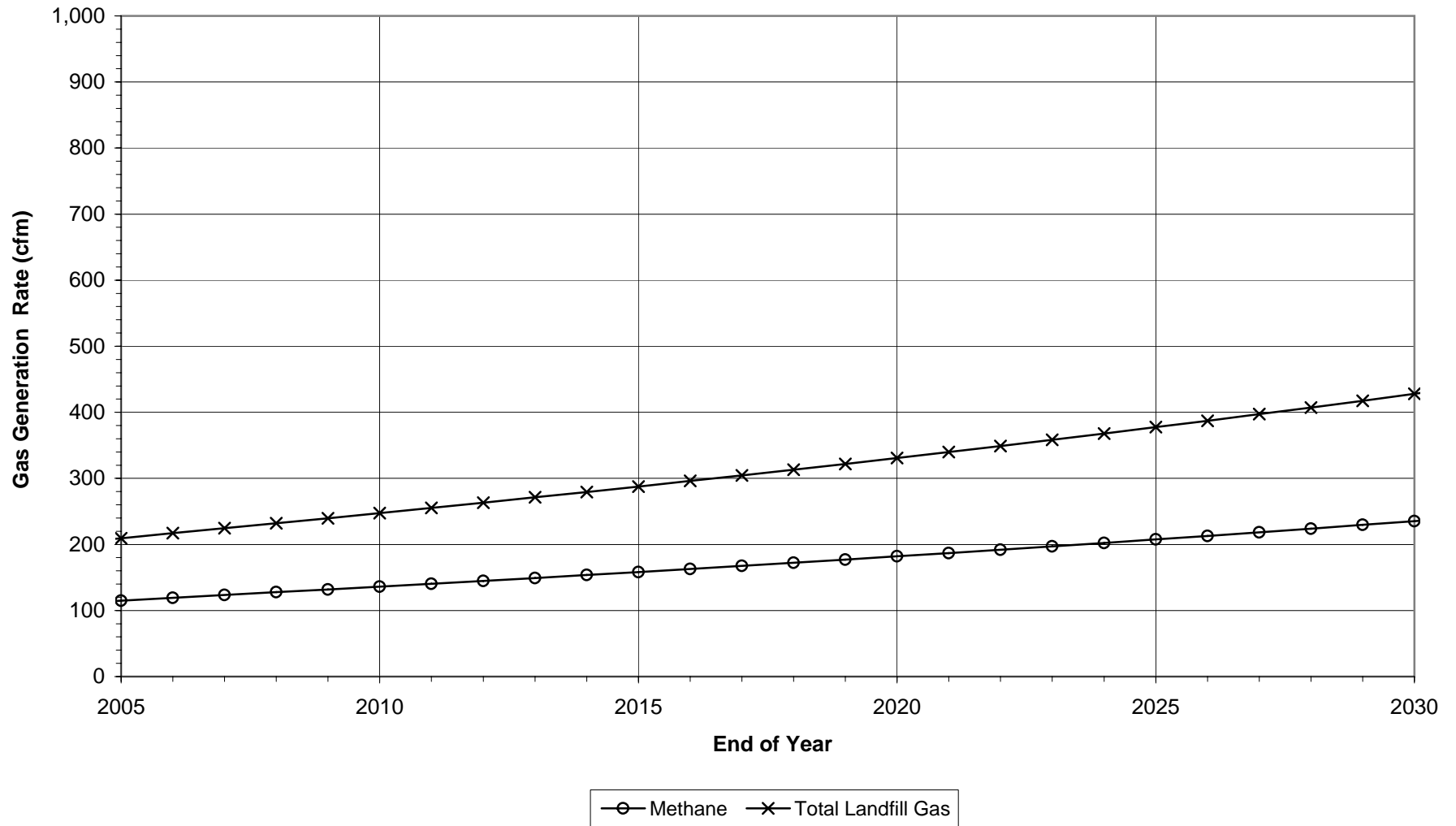
**Gas Generation Rate**  
**Squamish Landfill, Squamish, BC**  
**( $L_o = 173 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.289/\text{year}$ )**



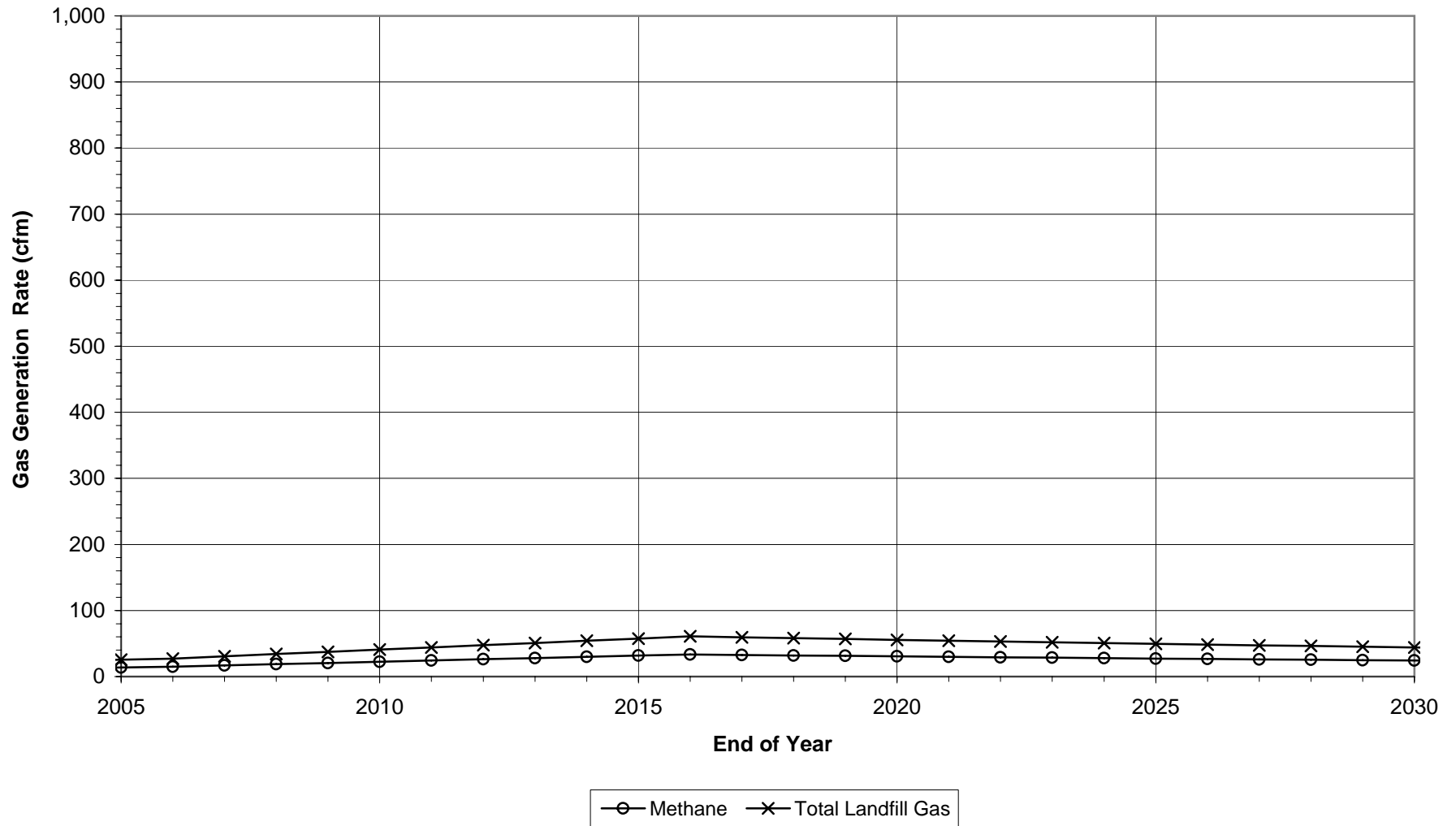
**Gas Generation Rate**  
**Prince Rupert Landfill, Prince Rupert, BC**  
**( $L_o = 180 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.318/\text{year}$ )**



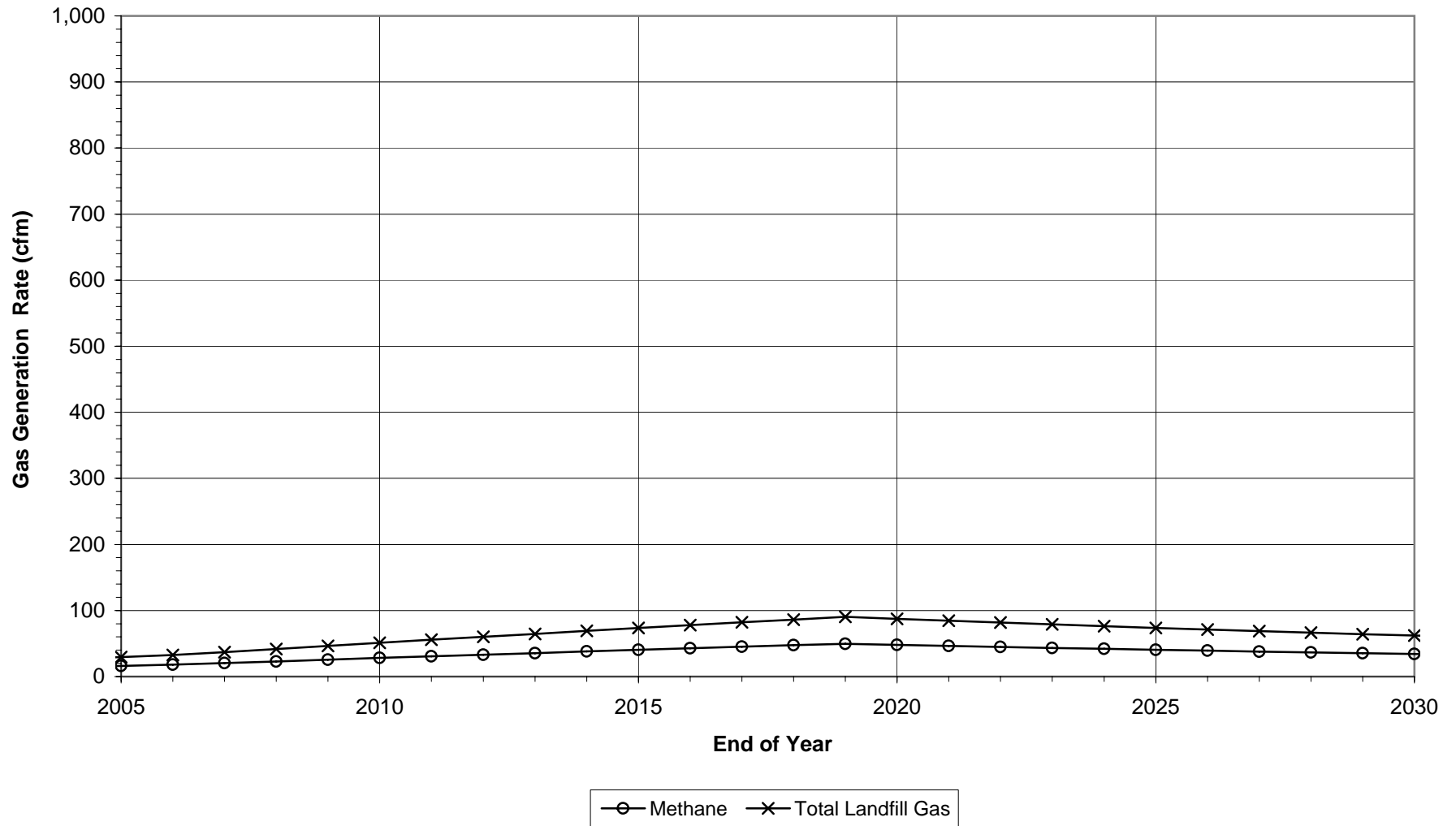
**Gas Generation Rate**  
**Mission Flats Landfill, Kamloops, BC**  
 ( $L_o = 109 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.017/\text{year}$ )



**Gas Generation Rate  
Lower Nicola Landfill, Merritt, BC  
( $L_o = 110 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.023/\text{year}$ )**



**Gas Generation Rate**  
**Heffley Creek Landfill, Heffley Creek, BC**  
**( $L_o = 113 \text{ m}^3/\text{tonnes}$ ,  $k = 0.034/\text{year}$ )**



**APPENDIX III**

**DETERMINATION OF AVERAGE AUTOMOBILE CO<sub>2</sub>E  
EMISSIONS IN CANADA**

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## **DETERMINATION OF AVERAGE AUTOMOBILE CO<sub>2</sub>e EMISSIONS IN CANADA**

From Table 2.3 of *Transportation and Climate Change: Options for Action, Options* paper of the Transportation Climate Change Table, November 1999, the number of cars (gasoline) vehicles in Canada was estimated to be 11.9 million in 1996.

The population of Canada in 1996 was 29,610,757 according to Statistics Canada (<http://www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/98-187-XIE/pop.htm>). The population of Canada in 2005 was 32,312,077. Assuming the number of vehicles is proportional to population, it is estimated that there were an additional 9% more cars in 2005 than in 1996, or 13 million cars.

According to the Canadian government's submission to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change "National Inventory Report, 1990-2005: Greenhouse Gas Sources and Sinks in Canada", Section 3.2.3, GHG emissions of light duty gasoline vehicles in 2005 was 41.2 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e.

Therefore, assuming "cars" in the 1996 report are equivalent to "light duty gasoline vehicles" in the National Inventory, the average automobile emissions in 2005 is estimated to be 41,200,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/13,000,000 cars, or approximately 3 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/car.



**APPENDIX IV**

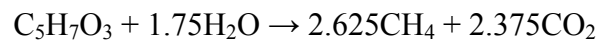
**ESTIMATE OF METHANE EMISSIONS FROM WOODWASTE  
IN LANDFILLS**

## ESTIMATE OF METHANE EMISSIONS FROM WOODWASTE IN LANDFILLS

Wood is approximately 50% carbon, 44% oxygen, and 6% hydrogen by dry weight, with trace amounts of nitrogen and other constituents. For this simplified analysis, the nitrogen and other trace constituents will be neglected. Thus, for each mole of carbon in wood, there are 0.66 moles of oxygen and 1.44 moles of hydrogen. Therefore, a simplified and very approximate formula for the chemical composition of wood is:



A very simplified equation representing the anaerobic decomposition of wood is:



The first (wood) term has a molecular weight of 115. The methane term has a molecular weight of 42. Therefore, the volume of methane produced per tonne of wood at 50% moisture content by wet weight if all the wood anaerobically decomposes and at a methane gas density of  $0.67 \text{ kg/m}^3$  at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  is:

$$\text{Methane (m}^3\text{)} = (42 * 500 \text{ kg}) / (115 * 0.67 \text{ kg/m}^3) = 272 \text{ m}^3 \text{ CH}_4/\text{tonne wood}$$

Assuming only 3% of wood decomposes anaerobically in 25 years (derived from Gardner et. al, 2002), the average methane production from wood is estimated to be on the order of  $0.33 \text{ m}^3/\text{year}$ . This is rounded to  $0.3 \text{ m}^3$  methane/year per tonne of wood at 50% moisture content by wet weight.