

# **Green Initiatives**

**Northeast Pavement Preservation Partnership**

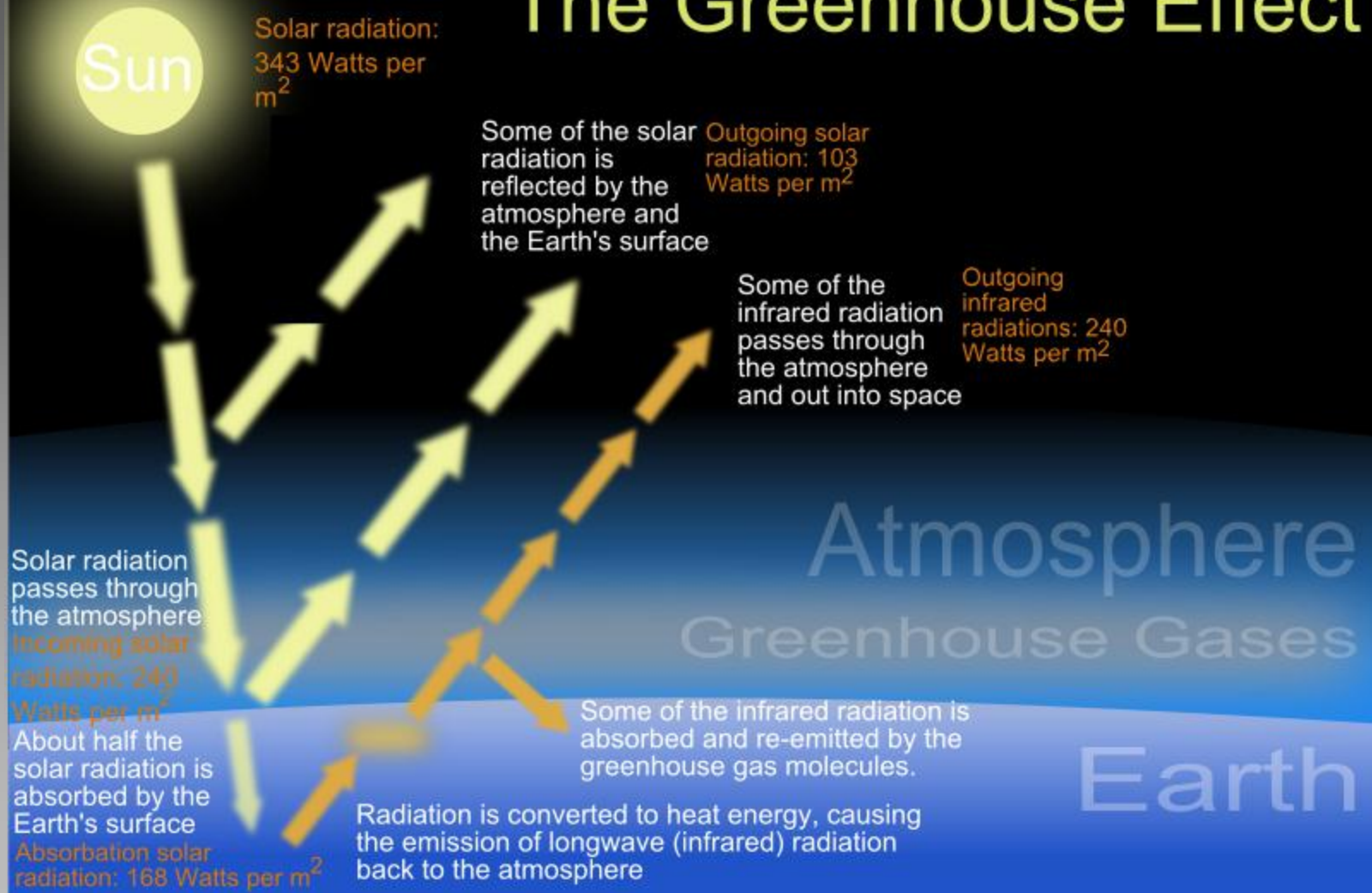
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# The Greenhouse Effect



# Background

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- GHG in the atmosphere absorbs and emits radiation within the thermal infrared range.
- The primary greenhouse gases in the Earth's atmosphere are **water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, ozone and gases containing fluorine.**
- Greenhouse gases greatly affect the temperature of the Earth

# Energy Use Components

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- **Raw Materials - extract, transport, process**
- **Mixing/Heating/Production**
- **Jobsite Transport**
- **Jobsite Installation**

# Energy and GHG Equivalencies

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## 1 Gallon Diesel Fuel

- 140,000 BTUs
- 22 lb CO<sub>2</sub>

## 1 Kilowatt Electrical Power

- 3,412 BTUs
- 0.5 lb CO<sub>2</sub>

# Energy and GHG Determinations

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## Partial Process Comparisons

- Starts at a specific point in the process

## From The Earth Concept Comparisons

- Includes total energy going back to raw materials extracted from the earth

# Energy Use for Pavement Construction

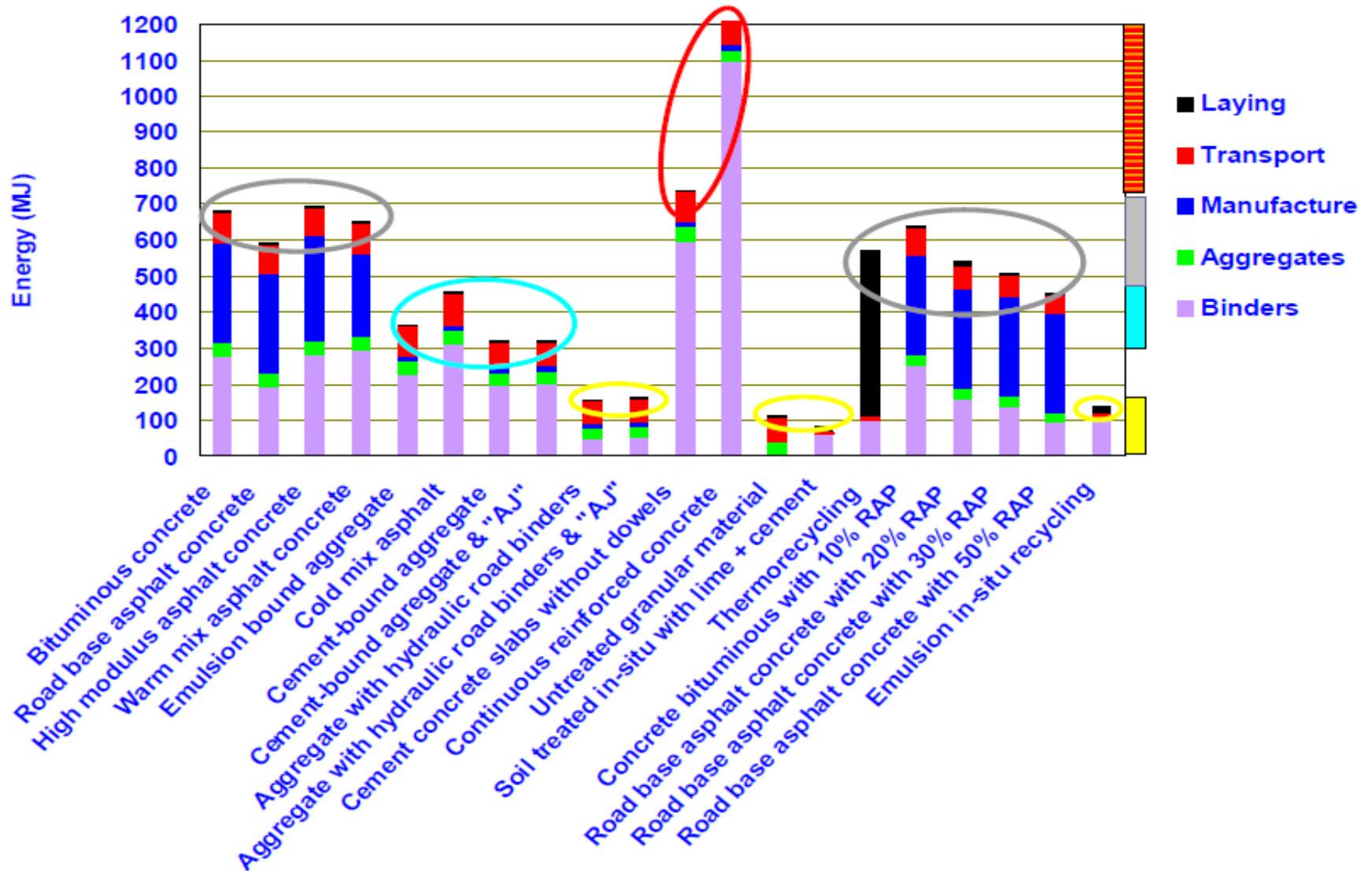
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The Environmental Road of the Future:  
Life Cycle Analysis, Energy Consumption and  
Greenhouse Gas Emissions

*Chappat & Bilal, Colas Group, 2003*

- Analysis of energy use and GHG emissions for highway materials and processes
- Includes Binders, Aggregates, Manufacture, Transport and Laying

## Energy consumption per ton of laid material





# Energy Use Amounts

| Product         | BTU/ Ton | lb CO <sub>2</sub> / Ton |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Steel           | 21,600 m | 7,080                    |
| Plastic         | 6,800 m  | 2,200                    |
| Portland Cement | 4,300 m  | 1,960                    |
| Asphalt Cement  | 4,200 m  | 570                      |
| Hot Mix Prod    | 236 m    | 44                       |
| Aggregate       | 30 m     | 12                       |
| Transport/mile  | 1.2 m    | 0.2                      |

# Total Energy and GHG Emissions for Product Types

| Product Type | BTU/ Ton | lb CO <sub>2</sub> / Ton |
|--------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Hot Mix AC   | 586 m    | 108                      |
| Warm Mix AC  | 563 m    | 106                      |
| Plain PCC    | 635 m    | 268                      |
| CRCP         | 1,055 m  | 400                      |
| HIR          | 490 m    | 84                       |
| CIR          | 90 m     | 20                       |

# Preservation Energy and GHG Emissions Determinations

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- Ton comparisons not applicable
- Determine Energy and GHG by square yard (area) for typical installations
- Annualize by determining energy and GHG per year of life extension provided

# Preservation Process Designs

| Treatment      | Quantities                       | Life Ext. |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Hot Mix AC     | 1.5 inch                         | 5-10 yr   |
| HIR            | 1.5 inch                         | 5-10 yr   |
| Chip Seal      | .44 gal - 38 lb/ yd <sup>2</sup> | 3-6 yr    |
| Type II Slurry | 16 lb/ yd <sup>2</sup>           | 3-5 yr    |
| Crack Seal     | 1 lin ft/ yd <sup>2</sup>        | 1-3 yr    |
| Crack Fill     | 2 lin ft/ yd <sup>2</sup>        | 1-2 yr    |
| Fog Seal       | 0.10 gal/ yd <sup>2</sup>        | 1 yr      |

# Construction and Rehabilitation Process Designs

| Process          | Quantities   | Life  |
|------------------|--------------|-------|
| New Construction | 4"AC/6" base | 20 yr |
| Hot Mix Rehab    | 4"AC         | 15 yr |
| Warm Mix Rehab   | 4"AC         | 15 yr |

# Energy and GHG Determinations

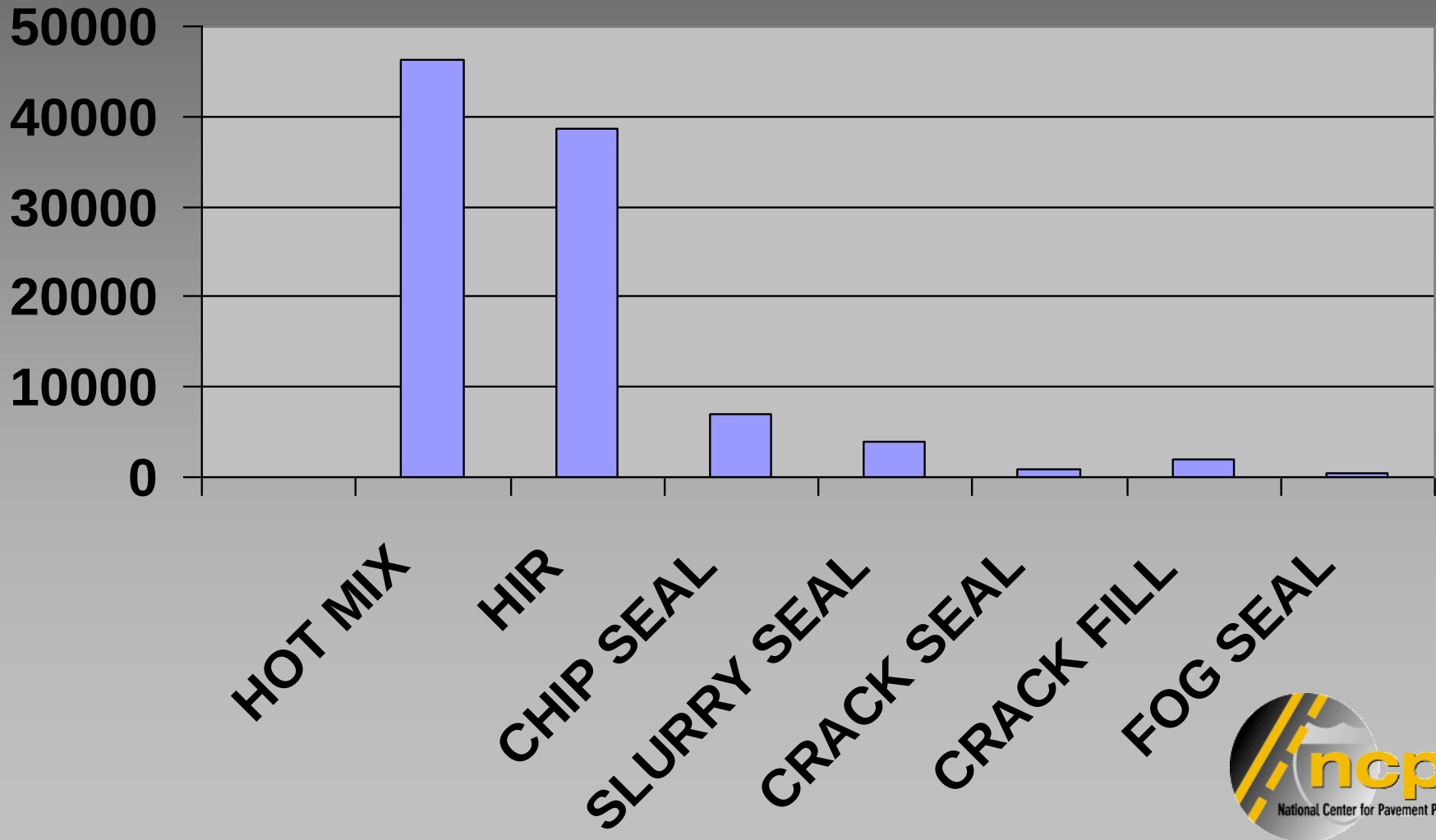
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Energy and GHG emissions for preservation processes are calculated for the entire process including raw materials, quantities used in the process, product manufacturing, transportation, and installation.

# Energy and GHG Emissions per Yard<sup>2</sup>

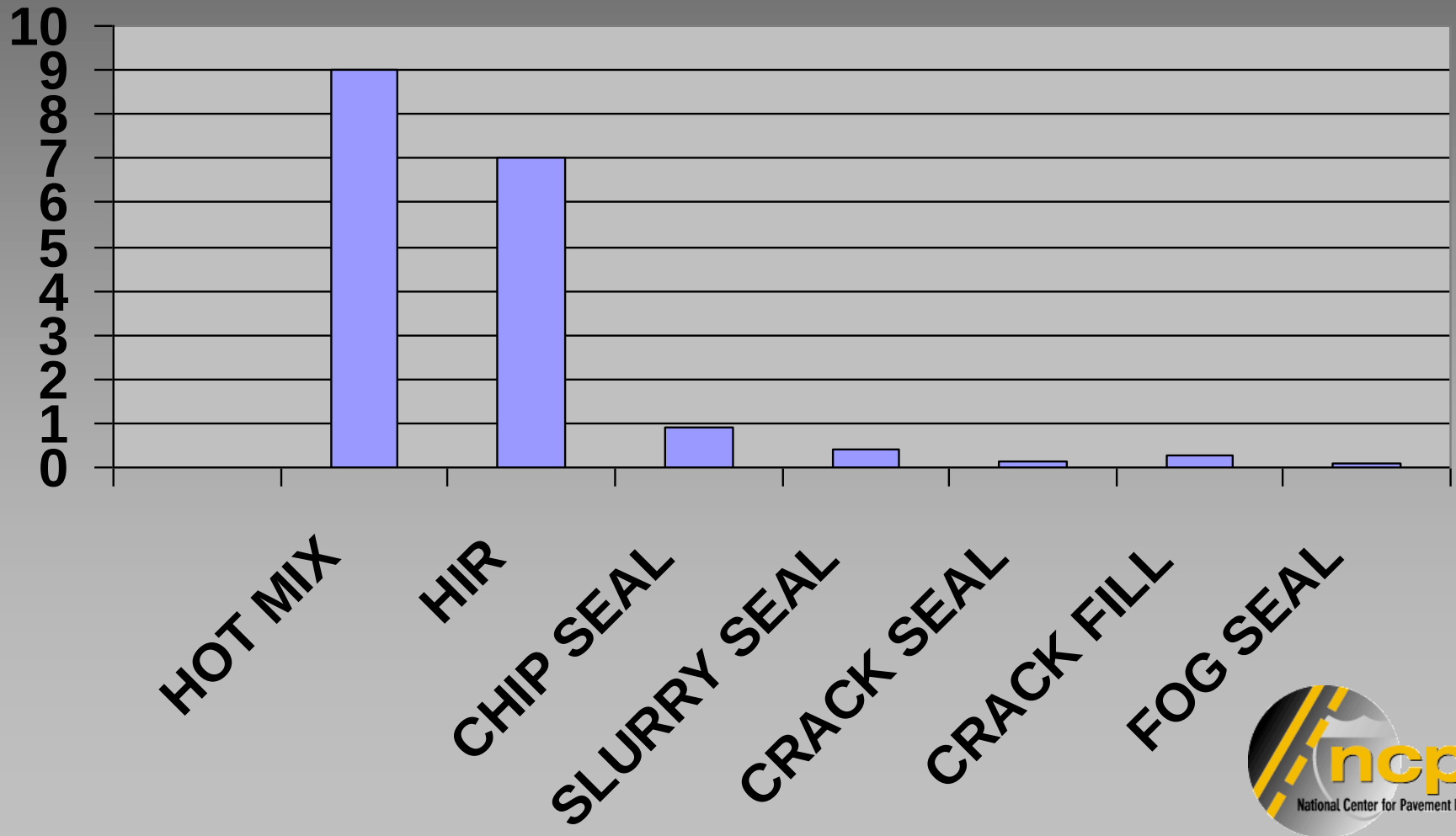
| Process     | BTU/ yd <sup>2</sup> | lb CO <sub>2</sub> / yd <sup>2</sup> |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Hot Mix AC  | 46,300               | 9.0                                  |
| HIR         | 38,700               | 7.0                                  |
| Chip Seal   | 7,030                | 0.90                                 |
| Slurry Seal | 3,870                | 0.40                                 |
| Crack Seal  | 870                  | 0.14                                 |
| Crack Fill  | 1,860                | 0.25                                 |
| Fog Seal    | 500                  | 0.07                                 |

# Energy Use for Preservation Processes (BTU/ yd<sup>2</sup>)





# GHG Emissions For Preservation Processes (lb CO<sub>2</sub>/ yd<sup>2</sup>)



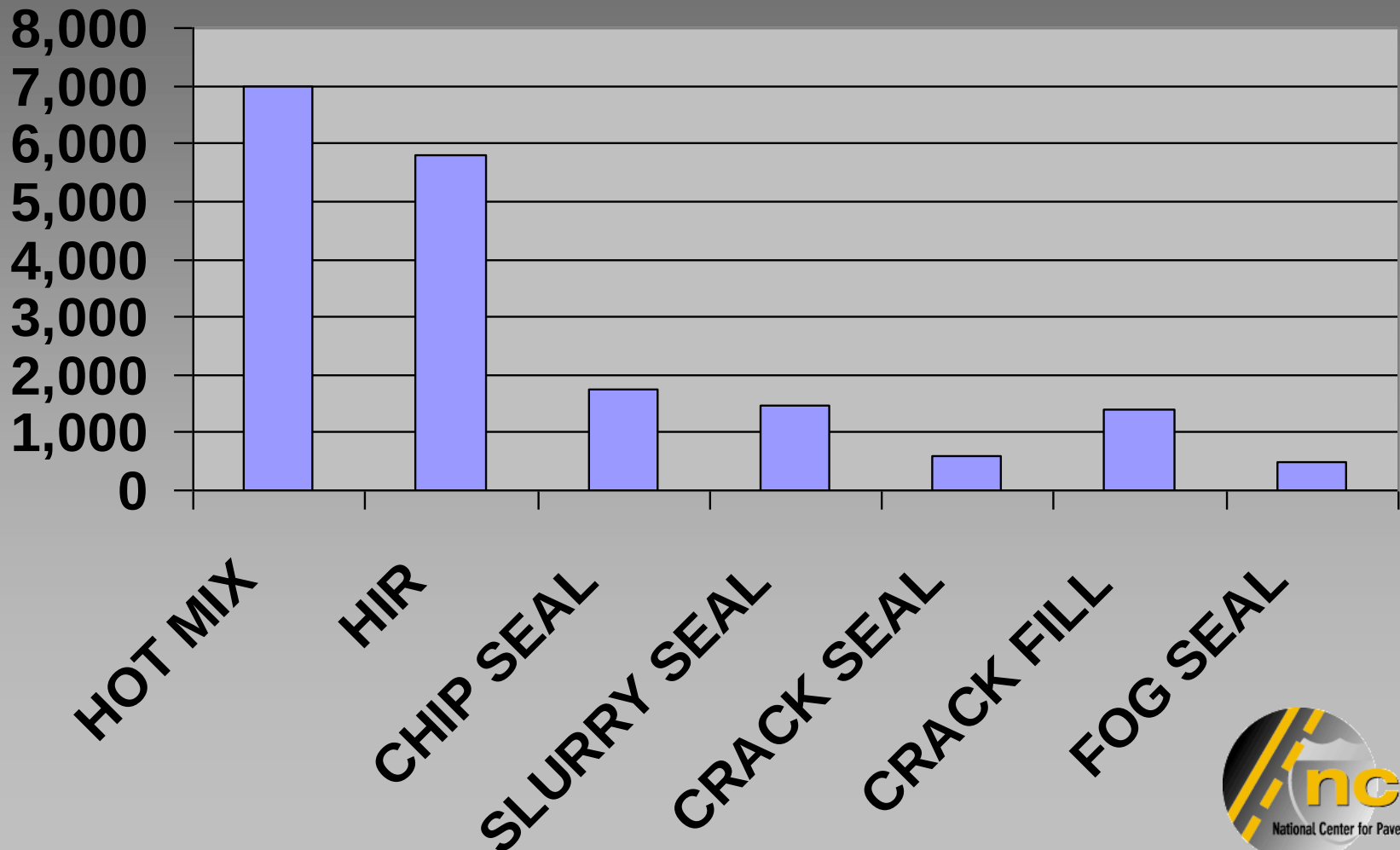
# Construction and Rehabilitation Energy and GHG Emissions

| Process                            | BTU/ yd <sup>2</sup> | lb/ CO <sub>2</sub> / yd <sup>2</sup> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| New Construction<br>(4"AC/6" base) | 156,820              | 24.1                                  |
| 4 inch Hot Mix                     | 112,800              | 20.9                                  |
| 4 inch Warm Mix                    | 108,500              | 20.5                                  |

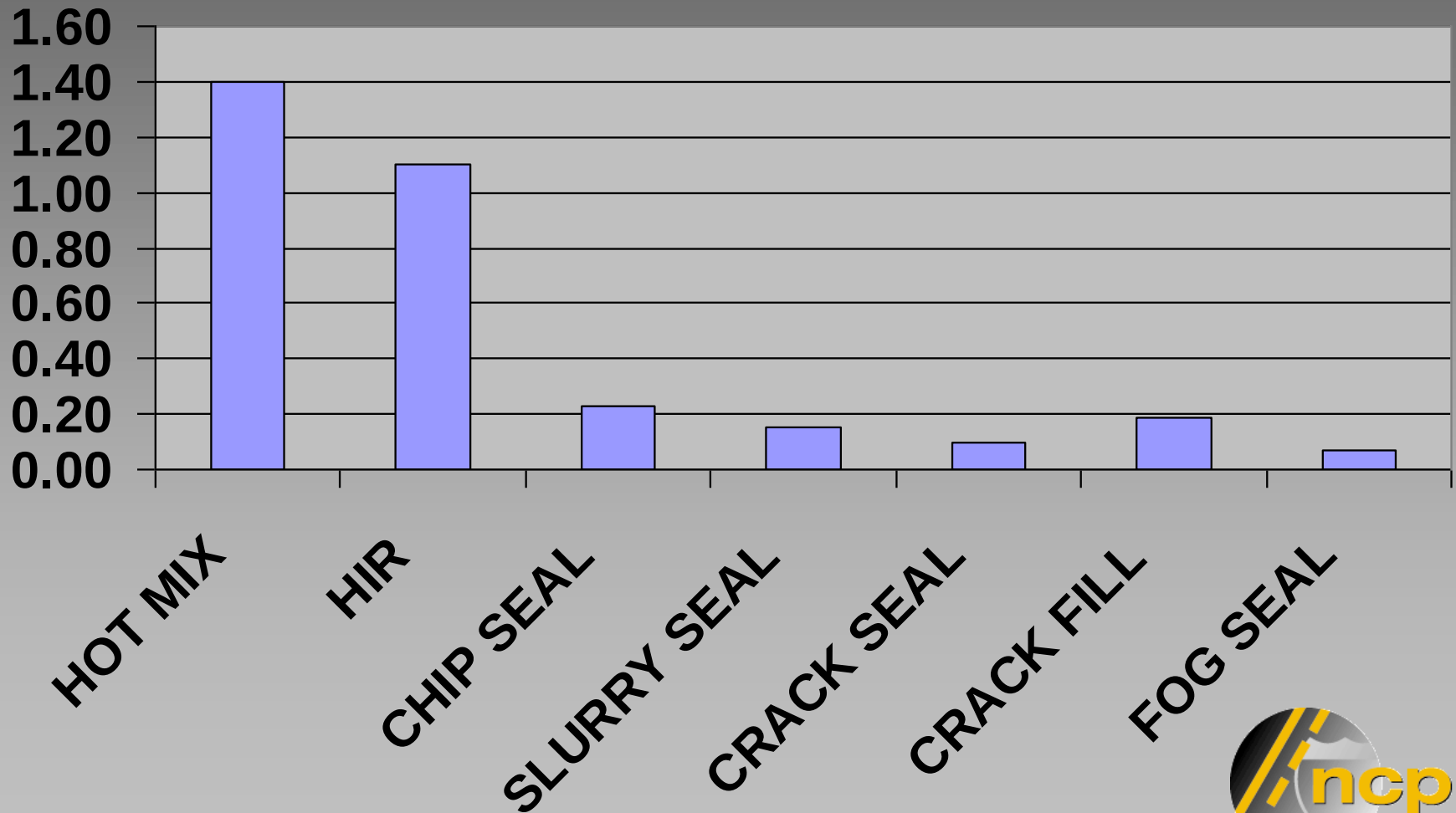
# Annualized Energy and GHG

| Process     | BTU/ yd <sup>2</sup> / yr | lb CO <sub>2</sub> / yd <sup>2</sup> / yr |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Hot Mix     | 4,660 – 9,320             | 0.9 - 1.8                                 |
| HIR         | 3,870 – 7,740             | 0.7 - 1.4                                 |
| Chip Seal   | 1,170 – 2,340             | .15 - .30                                 |
| Slurry Seal | 968 – 1,935               | .10 - .20                                 |
| Crack Seal  | 290 - 870                 | .05 - .14                                 |
| Crack Fill  | 930 – 1,860               | .13 - .25                                 |
| Fog Seal    | 500                       | .07                                       |

# Annual Energy Use (BTU/ yd<sup>2</sup>/ yr)



# Annual GHG (lb CO<sub>2</sub>/ yd<sup>2</sup>/ yr)



# Annualized Energy and GHG for Construction and Rehabilitation

| Process     | Life | BTU/ yd <sup>2</sup> / yr | lb /CO <sub>2</sub> / yd <sup>2</sup> / yr |
|-------------|------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| New Const.  | 20   | 7,840                     | 1.2                                        |
| 4" Hot Mix  | 15   | 7,500                     | 1.3                                        |
| 4" Warm Mix | 15   | 7,210                     | 1.3                                        |

# Comparison of Annualized Energy Use Results

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## **Lowest Energy** (<1000 Btu/ yd<sup>2</sup>/ yr)

- Crack Seal and Fog Seal

## **Medium Energy** (1000-3000 Btu/ yd<sup>2</sup>/ yr)

- Crack Fill, Slurry Seal, and Chip Seal

## **Highest Energy** (3,000-10,000 Btu/ yd<sup>2</sup>/ yr)

- Thin Hot Mix Overlay, HIR, New Construction, Hot Mix Rehabilitation, and Warm Mix Rehabilitation

# Comparison of Annualized GHG Emission Results

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## **Lowest Emission (<0.15 lb /CO<sub>2</sub>/ yd<sup>2</sup>/ yr)**

- Crack Seal, Fog Seal

## **Medium Emission (0.1-0.3 lb /CO<sub>2</sub>/ yd<sup>2</sup>/ yr)**

- Crack Fill, Slurry Seal, Chip Seal

## **Highest Emission (0.7-1.8 lb /CO<sub>2</sub>/ yd<sup>2</sup>/ yr)**

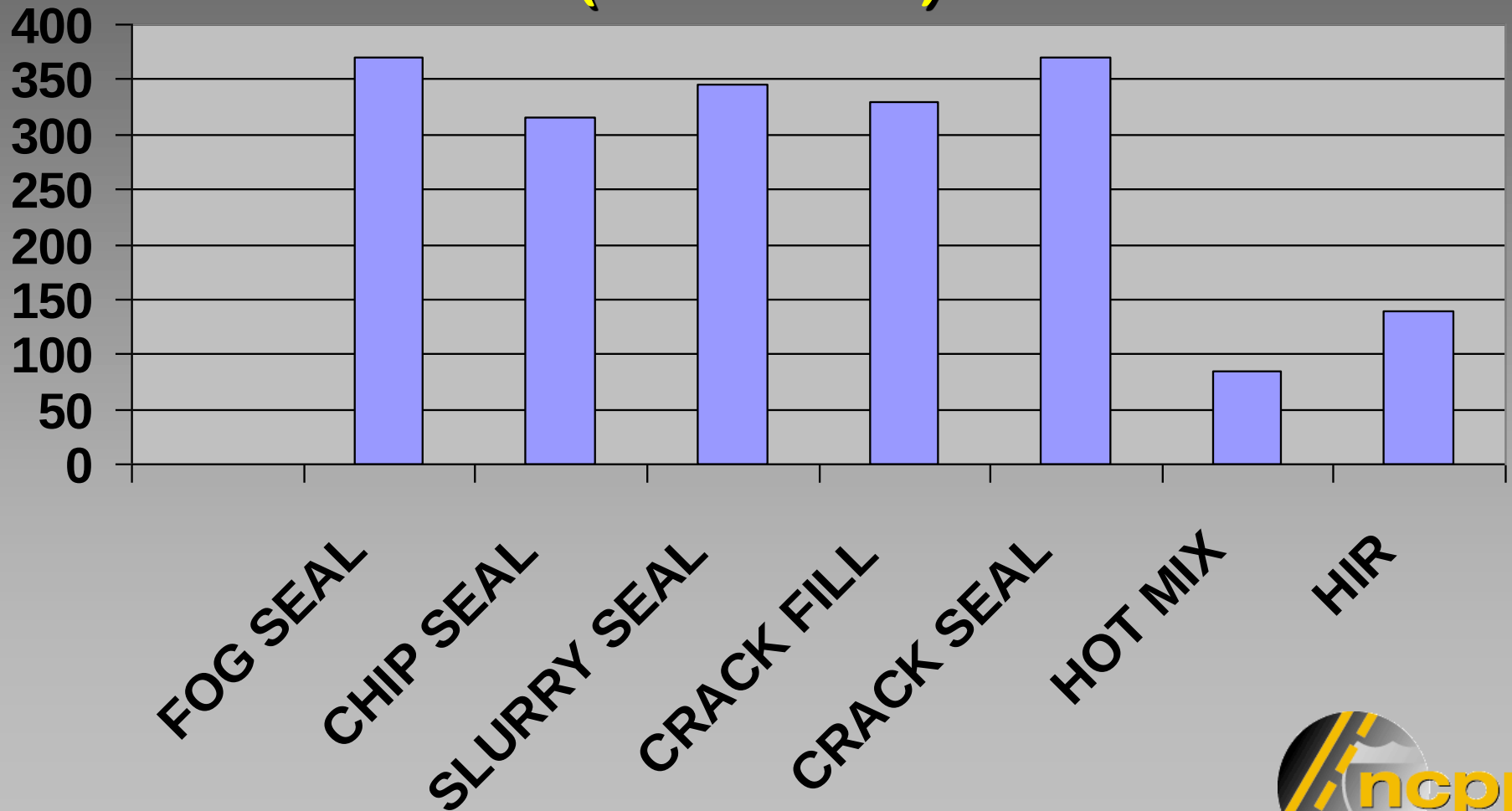
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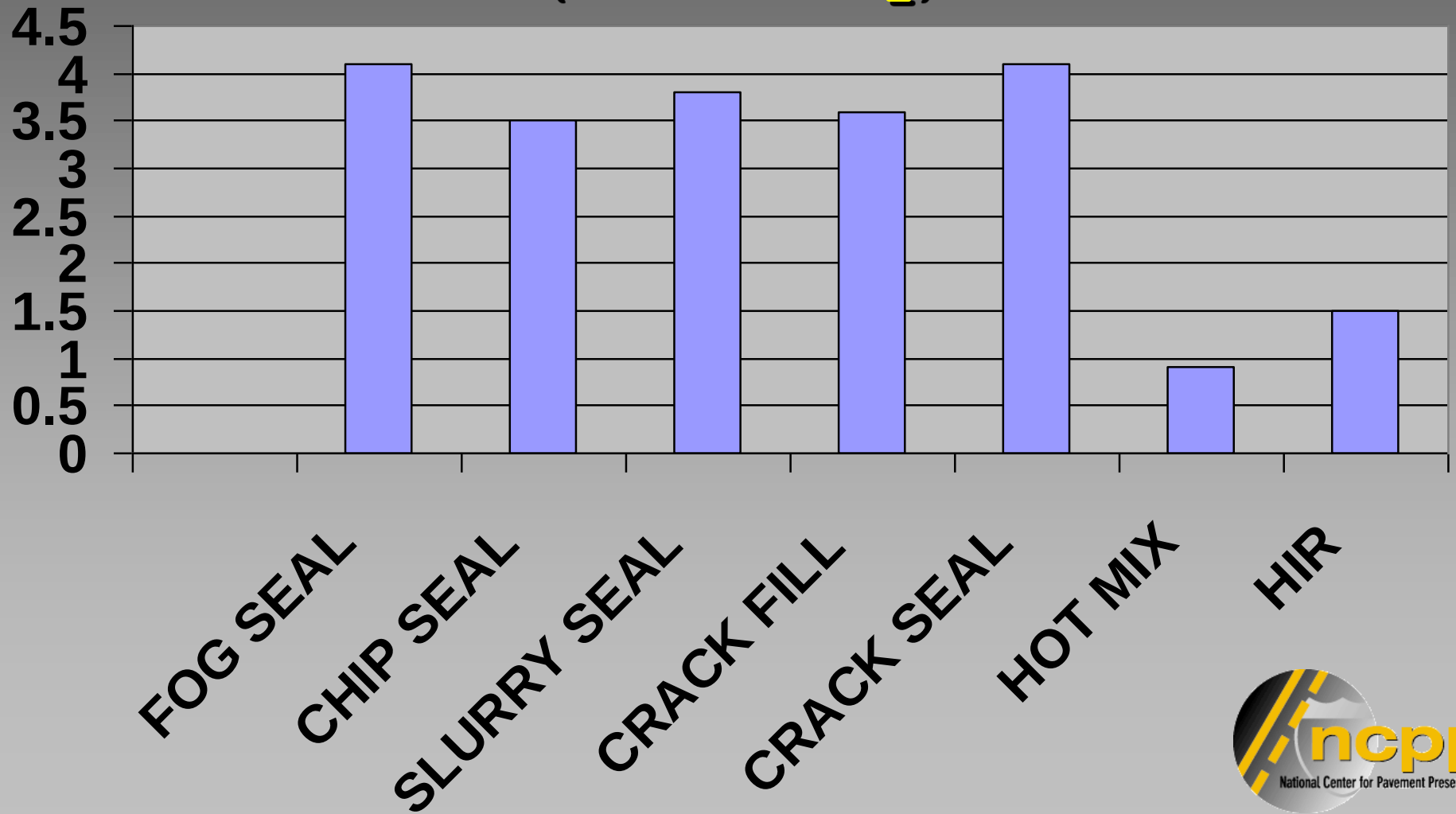
# Lane Mile Energy and GHG Savings compared with New Construction

| Process     | Life Ext | Fuel (gal) | GHG (ton) |
|-------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Fog Seal    | 1yr      | 370        | 4.1       |
| Chip Seal   | 4½ yr    | 315        | 3.5       |
| Slurry Seal | 4 yr     | 345        | 3.8       |
| Crack Fill  | 1½ yr    | 330        | 3.6       |
| Crack Seal  | 2 yr     | 370        | 4.1       |
| AC Overlay  | 7½ yr    | 85         | 0.9       |
| HIR         | 7½ yr    | 140        | 1.5       |

# Lane Mile Energy Savings compared with New Construction (Gal Fuel)



# Lane Mile GHG Reductions compared with New Construction (Tons CO<sub>2</sub>)



# Conclusions

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1. Pavement Preservation Processes use significantly less energy and have reduced GHG emissions per year of pavement life than Hot Mix and Warm Mix rehabilitation overlays, and New Construction

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2. Preservation processes require less energy and generate less GHG emissions due to use of strategic installations of specific materials in greatly reduced quantities than with new construction or rehabilitation.

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3. To minimize energy use and GHG emissions of pavement systems, Pavement Preservation Processes should be utilized to the maximum extent feasible considering pavement conditions

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