GHG Protocol: Scope 1 / 2 / 3 Summary

The Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol categorizes emissions into three scopes:

- Scope 1: Direct emissions from owned or controlled sources
- Scope 2: Indirect emissions from the generation of purchased electricity, steam, heating and cooling
- Scope 3: All other indirect emissions that occur in a company's value chain

Scope Examples Table

Natural gas boiler on-site -> Scope 1

Company vehicles (diesel trucks) -> Scope 1

Purchased electricity for office -> Scope 2

Centralized heating purchased -> Scope 2

Business travel (flights, taxis) -> Scope 3

Employee commuting (own cars) -> Scope 3

Raw material production -> Scope 3

Product use by customer -> Scope 3

End-of-life product disposal -> Scope 3

Scope Quiz: Questions and Answers

Q1: Electricity used in your main office -> Scope 2

Q2: Fuel burned by your company's delivery trucks -> Scope 1

Q3: Your employees drive their own cars to work -> Scope 3

Q4: Your customer uses your product at home -> Scope 3