

Indexes of Production of Civil Construction Waste (CCW) for Residential and Non-Residential Sites in Londrina (Paraná)

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Abstract

Given the importance of the development of urban infrastructure and environmental impacts produced by the civil construction waste (CCW), it is important to correct the handling of CCW with objective solutions that are more environmentally friendly. In that sense the present study aimed to determine indicators that make it possible to estimate the amount of CCW generated from construction sites in the city of Londrina, Parana State, Brazil. The generation of CCW was estimated in a general way, regarding the composition of its mixture, correlated to the gross areas of the buildings studied and their generated volumes of RCC. This generating rate was evaluated in a general way and specifies two types of sites: the new residential and new non-residential constructions. The data required for the development of these indicators was obtained through extensive survey and interviews carried out at the environment secretariat of the City Hall. The generating rate of CCW obtained for non-residential buildings was 0.2052m³/m² or 170.44kg/m², for new residential sites was 0.2054m³/m² or 170.60kg/m² and for new commercial or non-residential construction sites, it was 0.20453 m³/m² or 169.85kg/m². It was also possible to estimate the amount generated annually per inhabitant in the municipality, which is 0.60m³/inhabit.year or 498.55kg/inhabit.year.

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1. Introduction

Civil construction is one of the main sectors of the economy to generate employment, in Brazil it employed more than 3 million formal workers in 2012, generating a significant contribution to the value added to the gross domestic product (GDP), in the order of R\$213 million. But the development of the industry implicates in resource extraction for the manufacture of materials, the execution of construction sites and waste generation after each activity in the civil works [1–6].

Civil construction waste (CCW), usually have remains of concrete, mortar, ceramic material, steel, which currently do not have a pre-established treatment, generating impacts on the environment due to the accumulation thereof, and with the development of the urban infrastructure its production increases in a representative way, therefore it has been a current problem with the environment [7–9].

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14 CCW constitutes 35% of municipal solid waste (MSW) in the world [4,5,10], having as final destination
15 sanitary landfills where they are stored without a real final treatment or disposal.

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17 World recognition of the paradigm represented by the relationship between generation and recycling is
18 also evident with the influence of logistics in CCW management [3,11]. In the United States, for example,
19 approximately 136 million tons of CCW per year are generated. The data also show that there are in this
20 country approximately 3500 units for the recycling of this waste, which account for 25% of the total. On
21 the other hand, in the Netherlands, 90% of CCW generated is recycled. In the European Union in 2010,
22 in the middle of an economic recession, an amount of 200kg of CCW was generated [12].

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24 In South America, countries like Brazil produce approximately 35 million tons per year of CCW. This
25 amount is supported mainly by research carried out in the state of Sao Paulo, specifically in the cities of
26 Sao Paulo, Guarulhos, Diadema, Campinas, Piracicaba, Sao Jose dos Campos, Ribeirão Preto, Jundiai,
27 Sao Jose do Rio Preto and Santo Andre, where the numbers of the part of CCW in relation to the total
28 weight of MSW generated were calculated. In most studied cities, CCW was approximately equal to 50%
29 of the MSW [2,10,13].

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31 The issue of the generation of MSW and consequently, the CCW, is being seen as an important part of
32 sanitation in urban environments, given its direct influence on the quality of life of people. Specifically,
33 in the 1990s, CCW began to be the object of scientific research and technological development in
34 different areas of engineering, resulting in the publication of work references in the subject. All this
35 effort resulted, in 2002, in the Resolution n. 307 of CONAMA (National Council of the Environment),
36 which complements Resolution n. 237 of CONAMA [5,14]. The classification of the CONAMA
37 resolution is explained below:

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39 I - Class A - waste is reusable or recyclable as aggregates, such as: (a) construction, demolition, alteration
40 and repair of paving and other infrastructure works, including land from earthmoving; (b) construction,
41 demolition, refurbishment and repair of buildings: ceramic components (bricks, blocks, tiles, flooring
42 boards, etc.), mortar and concrete; (c) process of manufacture and / or demolition of precast concrete
43 parts (blocks, tubes, concrete edges, etc.) produced at construction sites; II - Class B - are the recyclable
44 waste for other destinations, such as: plastics, paper/cardboard, metals, glass, wood and others; III - Class
45 C - are the wastes for which there are no economically feasible applications for recycling / recovery IV
46 - Class D: are hazardous wastes from the construction process, such as paints, solvents, oils and other
47 materials contaminated or harmful to health from demolitions, renovations and repairs of radiological
48 clinics, industrial installations and others, as well as tiles and other objects and materials containing
49 asbestos or other products harmful to health.

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51 These resolutions normalize the main issues regarding CCW, defining and classifying as CCW all waste
52 from construction, renovations, repairs and demolition from construction sites, in addition to establishing
53 guidelines and responsibilities in generation, packaging, transport, treatment and final disposal of this
54 waste.

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56 The Brazilian Association of Technical Standards [15], published five standards related to CCW: NBR-
57 15112: guidelines for design, deployment and operation of screening and transshipment areas; NBR-
58 15113: guidelines for design, deployment and operation of landfills; NBR-15114: guidelines for design,
59 deployment and operation of recycling areas; NBR-15115: procedures for implementation of layers of
60 pavement using recycled aggregates from construction waste; NBR-15116: requirements for the use on

61 floors and preparation of concrete without structural function with recycled aggregates from construction
62 waste.

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64 The city of Londrina (Parana State) where this research is focused, enacted a Plan for Integrated
65 Management of Waste from Construction, through decree 768 of September 23, 2009. Therefore, in
66 accordance with the City's laws, Federal Law 10,207 /2001 and in compliance with the determination
67 from Resolution no. 307 of CONAMA, it regulates the main procedures for municipal management of
68 CCW, thus providing the official database for the development of this study.

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70 Most of these laws promote reuse, reduction and recycling, facilitating the management of CCW.
71 However, actually it can be noted the difficulty in complying with the current legislation. The main
72 factor that contributes to this is the lack of effective tools to estimate and quantify the volume of CCW.
73 The first step for the correct management of this type of waste will only be taken after the determination
74 of its actual amount [10,16].

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76 Facing a complete absence of studies pointing out the amount of CCW that is generated, transported,
77 and with a legally supported final destination in the municipality being studied, the need to promote not
78 only this quantification, but also an analysis of the behavior of some parameters and indexes from this
79 subject is evident, aiming to contribute to the improvement in the management of this waste in particular
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82 The main objective of this research is to establish the Waste Generation Rate (WGR) in Civil
83 Construction, for new buildings, residential and non-residential. Taking as a basis the official data
84 collected at the Environmental Secretariat (SEMA) of the Londrina City Hall (LCH). As specific
85 objectives, the indicators and parameters are laid out, from this relationship, which may assist in
86 developing a more accurate quantification model for these residues, thus providing better planning for
87 generators and consequently, a more effective municipal RCC management.

88 89 **2. Materials and methods**

90 91 **2.1 Area of study**

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93 The coverage area of this research was restricted to the metropolitan area in the city of Londrina, Paraná
94 State, Brazil. This municipality, according to the data from IBGE (2018), is responsible for the
95 generation of a GDP of R\$ 9.9 billion, it has 1,653,075km² of territorial extension, with a population of
96 506,701 people in 2010 projected to reaching 563,943 inhabitants in 2018, where 97.39% of the
97 population lives in the urban area. In official data, submitted by the Municipal Works and Paving
98 department of the Municipal Government of Londrina, the municipality had in 2011, some 4,156 projects
99 approved for new residential and non-residential buildings, totaling 1,510,769.61m² of area to be built.

100 101 **2.2 Data Collection**

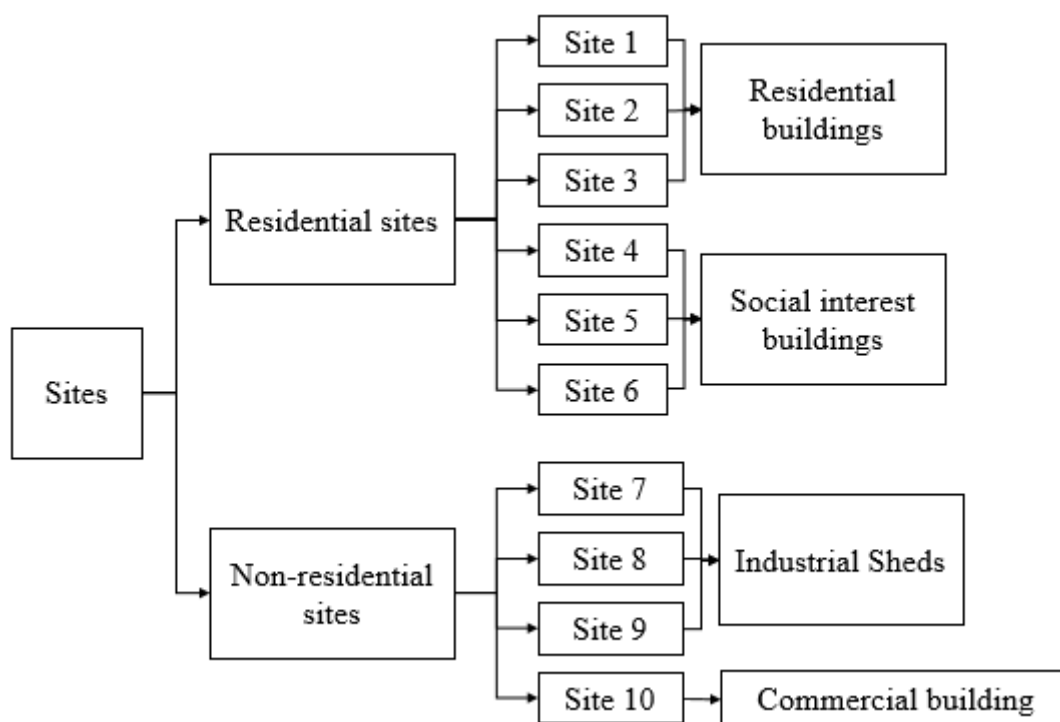
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103 The data were collected in the period between the months of September, October and November 2013.
104 This inquiry was carried out by means of careful research in the archives of the Secretariat of the
105 Environment of the City of Londrina, where interviews were also carried out with technicians involved
106 with the specific waste from civil construction. The data are basically composed by the characterization
107 of the purpose and type of construction, the period of development and execution of the project, total

108 built area, estimation of generated volumes and actually generated waste volumes, being that these
 109 volumes are separated in accordance with the classification by Resolution n. 307 from CONAMA.

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 111 The work was divided in two stages, the first was a collection of data in the Management Plan for Civil
 112 Construction Wastes (PGRCC) at the Department of Construction in the City Hall of Londrina. The
 113 second was a case study, in which 10 construction sites were monitored, as well as their built area and
 114 the amount and type of waste produced during their execution.

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 116 In order to reach the objective of the second stage, 10 construction sites that most represented the volume
 117 and typology of residential and non-residential buildings in the municipality of Londrina in the period
 118 from 2010 to 2014 were selected, as shown in Figure 1.

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Figure 1 - Sites selected to develop the field study

122 Site 1 is represented by a multi-family residential building, that is a building executed in the conventional
 123 construction system, with reinforced concrete structure and brick masonry closure, composed of two
 124 apartment towers and with a total constructed area of 30,389.31m², of which 26,602.34m² are covered
 125 area and 3,786.97m² of uncovered built area. Site 2 is also a multi-family residential building built in the
 126 conventional system, similar to Site 1, this development also consists of two apartment towers, with a
 127 total constructed area of 29,230.45m², of which 25,784.35m² are covered area and 3,446.10m² of
 128 uncovered built area. Site 3 is built in the conventional system, and differently from Sites 1 and 2, is
 129 composed of only one apartment tower, with a standard of finishing higher than that shown in the other
 130 residential sites. It has a total constructed area of 17,389.69m², 16,280.83m² of covered area and
 131 1,108.86m² of uncovered area.

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133 As representative works of this segment, six twinned residences were selected, that is, three sets with
 134 two residences each, which were executed simultaneously and were denominated in this study Site 4,
 135 Site 5 and Site 6. All the residences followed the same project and were submitted to the same

136 constructive technology (conventional system). Another important characteristic is the fact that these
137 works are built on land that presented the same topographic and geological conditions.

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139 In order to complete the list of sites studied, three industrial warehouses, characterized as Sites 7, 8
140 (conventional system) and 9 (prefabricated) respectively, were chosen and a commercial office building,
141 identified as Site 10 (internal closure in drywall).

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143 3. Results and discussions

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145 The main indicators are the waste generation rates (WGR), which are obtained by direct relationship
146 between the volumes of waste generated, in m^3 and the corresponding total built areas, in m^2 . These
147 indicators were calculated separately for each group of sites, according to its purpose and also on a
148 general basis, without taking into account this characteristic. Thus resulting in an index expressed in
149 units of volume per area, which for the purpose of comparison with previous studies are converted later
150 in units of weight per area built, using the density of the mixture as $830.60kg/m^2$ (16).

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152 Table 1 presents the statistical summary of general data collected (civil construction waste management
153 plan CCWMP). It was observed that despite the variables being presented with minimum and maximum
154 quite incongruous values, when compared to the average, they turn out to be representative if analyzed
155 under the aspect of the set variation coefficient.

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Table 1 - Summary statistical data collected ES/LCH(Environmental Secretariat of Londrina City Hall)

| Results | Built area (m^2) | Waste Volume (m^3) |
|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Average | 97.15 | 18.82 |
| SD | 68.65 | 18.56 |
| CV | 70.66 | 98.62 |
| Mínvalue | 21.89 | 2.64 |
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| N°. Sites (n) | 761.00 | 761.00 |

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159 The high CV presented both for built area and for Waste Volume is explained by the number of works
160 analyzed, and because they do not belong to the same group as such.

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162 In a global and generic fashion, i.e., without considering the type and final purpose of the site studied,
163 according to previously established criteria, one can interpret the generating rate of residue by global
164 values of $0.2052 m^3/m^2$, at confidence intervals of 95%, as shown in Table 2, or simply by value of
165 $170.44kg/m^2$.

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167 3.1 General approach

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169 Table 2 shows the average built area, waste volume, and finally waste generation rate (WGR) for general
170 sites.

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Table 2 - Waste generation rates for general works

| General Works | Confidence Intervals 95% | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| | n | IL | Average | SL |
| Built area (m^2) | | 92.26 | 97.17 | 102.03 |
| Waste Volume (m^3) | 761 | 17.49 | 18.82 | 20.14 |
| WGR (m^3/m^2) | | 0.19 | 0.21 | 0.22 |

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173 As shown in Table 2, the average of WGR was 0.21 and this value is very close to its extremes (inferior
174 and superior limits), therefore it has a very low variability.

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176 3.2 Residential Constructions

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178 For new residential building, with built area within the interval of 0 to 500m², 609 elements were
179 investigated, corresponding to 80.02% of the total of 761 sites (CCWMP).

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181 Table 3 expresses the average built areas, the volume of waste generated and the waste generation rates,
182 with significance level of 95%, for residential constructions. The value of WGR for this type of site,
183 according to the criteria established, is 0.2054m³/m², i.e. 170.60kg/m².

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Table 3 - Waste generation rate for residential sites

| Residential Works | Confidence Intervals 95% | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| | n | IL | Average | SL |
| Built area (m ²) | | 94.20 | 96.89 | 99.58 |
| Waste Volume (m ³) | 609 | 18.17 | 18.93 | 19.69 |
| WGR (m ³ /m ²) | | 0.19 | 0.21 | 0.22 |

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187 3.3 Non- residential or commercial work sites

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189 Similarly, for new non-residential or commercial work sites 152 elements have been objects of study,
190 with representativeness of 19.88% of the total works sites. The value for the waste generating rate, for
191 this category, is 0.2045m³/m², or 169.85kg/m², as shown in Table 4. Although data collection has been
192 developed in an impartial and completely random manner, a great deal less elements for this group are
193 identified. Almost 1/4 of the elements collected in the former category.

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195 Analyzing the summary statistics in Table 4, it is noted that for commercial or non-residential work sites,
196 there is greater dispersion in the elements, with a high number of outliers for a reduced amount of
197 elements, compared to the sampling of residential constructions.

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Table 4 - Waste generation rate for Non-residential works

| Non-Residential Construction | Confidence Intervals of 95% | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| | n | IL | Average | SL |
| Built area (m ²) | | 91.91 | 98.15 | 104.38 |
| Waste Volume (m ³) | 152 | 16.91 | 18.33 | 19.74 |
| WGR (m ³ /m ²) | | 0.18 | 0.20 | 0.23 |

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201 3.4 Stage 2

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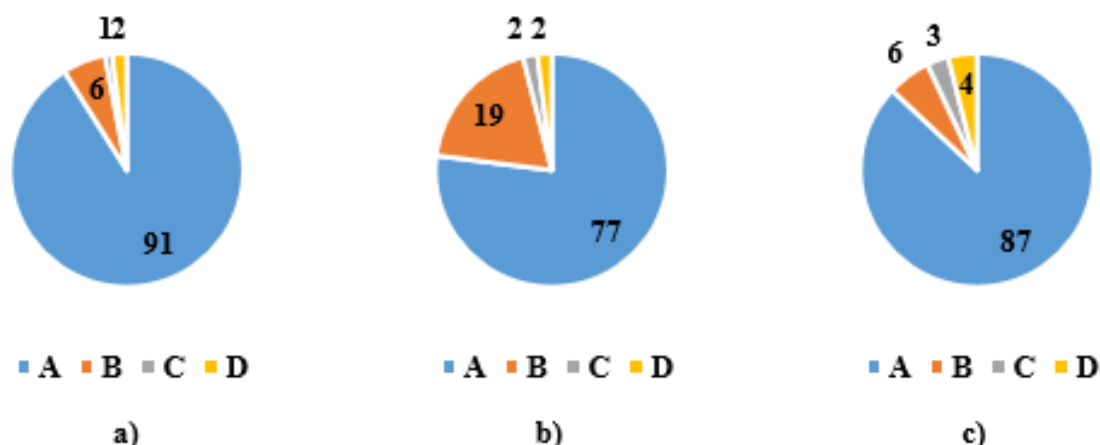
203 Below are described and the results obtained in the studies performed in a group of cases of six residential
204 and four non-residential constructions.

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205 3.4.1 Residential sites

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207 A follow-up to the execution of 3 residential sites was carried out, taking into consideration the built-up
 208 area and the volume of waste produced. Figure 2 shows the distribution of the waste produced in each
 209 of the sites according to the resolution of CONAMA.
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211 Figure 2 - Distribution of CCW in residential building Sites a) 1 ; b) 2 and c) 3
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213 As shown in Figure 2 in the residential sites the variation of generation of the residue class A was in the
 214 range of 77 to 91%, being generally the most produced in sites of this type. Site 1 generated 5,277.00m³
 215 of CCW in its totality, being 4,797.00m³ of class A, 348,00m³ of class B, 40,00m³ of class C and 92,00m³
 216 of class D. Observing the generated volumes, the ones generated by classes A and B (97% of all RCC
 217 generated by the site) are much higher than those of classes C and D, as occurred in the first stage of this
 218 investigation.

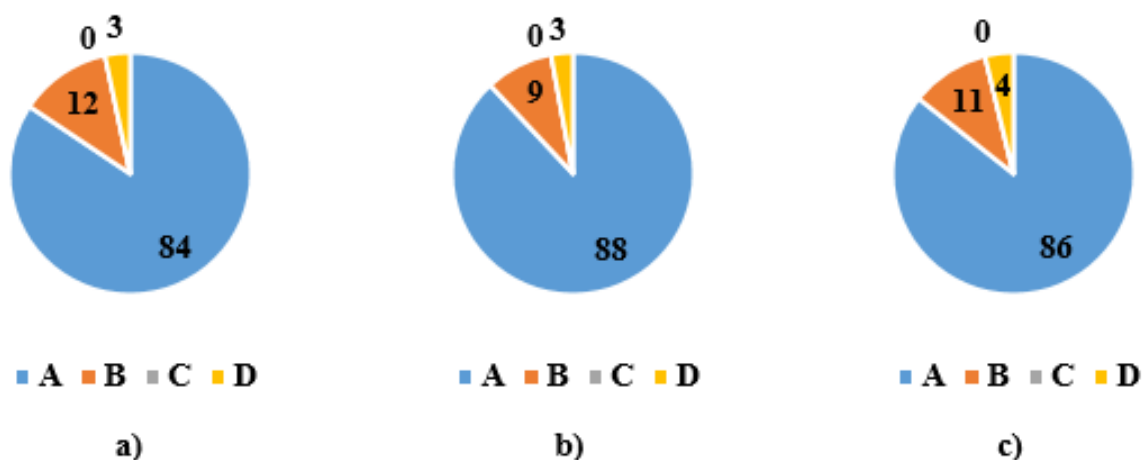
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 220 Site 2, similarly to Site 1, shows that the volume generated by classes A and B (96% of all RCC generated)
 221 are also much higher than those of classes C and D, as occurred in the first stage of this investigation. In
 222 order to calculate the overall WGR of the site, the volumes of the four classes will be computed. In this
 223 case, class A, represented by inert residues of concrete, ceramic materials, mortars and also including
 224 soils, participate with 77% of the total volume of CCW generated which amounts to 5,071.00m³.

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 226 In the Site 3, the collected volumes of waste classes A and B are also representatively superior to those
 227 of classes C and D, representing 93% of the total of 3,728.00m³ of CCW generated in the course of the
 228 works. Class A, represented by inert residues of concrete, ceramic materials, mortars and also including
 229 soils, participate in 87% of this volume.

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 231 Based on the results found, the WGR of Sites 1, 2 and 3 were 0.126m³.m⁻², 0.215m³.m⁻², and 0.160m³.m⁻²
 232 respectively.

233 3.4.2 Social interest works

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 235 A follow-up to the execution of 3 social interest works was carried out, taking into consideration the
 236 built-up area and the volume of waste produced. Figure 3 shows the distribution of the waste produced
 237 in each of the works according to the resolution of CONAMA.



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Figure 3 - Distribution of CCW for social interest buildings works: a) 4; b) 5; c) 6

240 As shown in Figure 3 classes A and B represent, on average, 96.66% of all waste collected in the three
241 sites, and the share of class A waste is even more significant (86.07%), which justifies the adoption of
242 only the first two classes in the calculation of the WGRs of the works of residences of social interest,
243 similarly to the one occurring with the works of residential buildings.

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245 Class D waste, represented here by the remains of painting materials, waterproofing materials and
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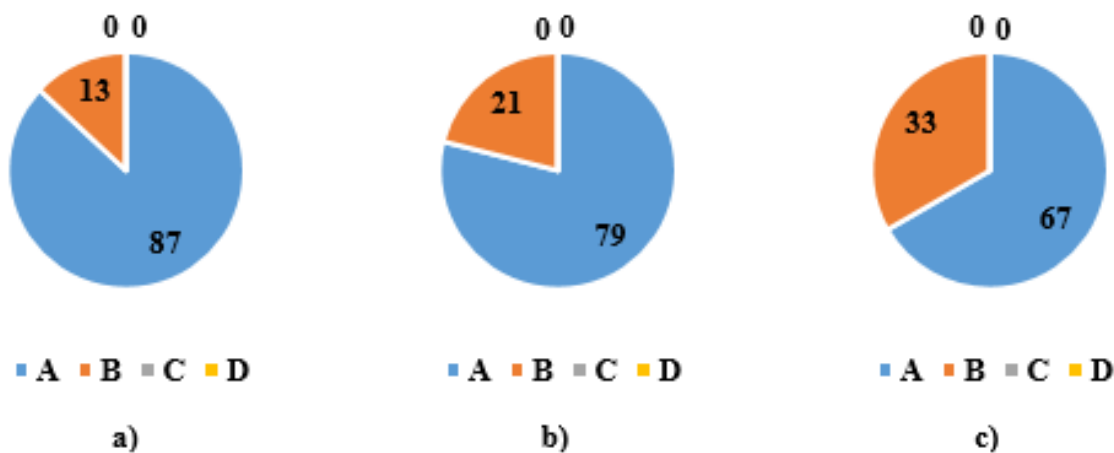
249 The WGR values are $0.1405\text{m}^3.\text{m}^{-2}$, $0.1539\text{m}^3.\text{m}^{-2}$ and $0.1481\text{m}^3.\text{m}^{-2}$, respectively for the sites 4, 5 and
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251 3.4.3 Non-residential sites

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253 The results of the case studies of non-residential sites, represented by three industrial warehouses and a
254 commercial office building, are presented and discussed in Figure 4.

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Figure 4 - Distribution of CCW for industrial sheds sites: a) 7; b) 8; c) 9

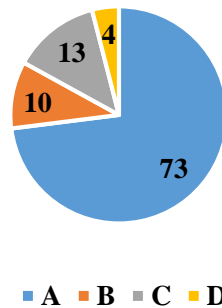
258 As shown in Figure 4 as in the other sites studied, it is possible to observe a significant difference
259 between the values of the waste volumes collected in classes A and B, compared to classes C and D;
260 these values represent on average 98.06% of all collected residues. Therefore, for the same reasons

261 mentioned above, the calculations of WGR for the sites 7 and 8 will be made taking into account only
 262 the volumes of classes A and B.

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 264 The WGR values are $0.02396\text{m}^3.\text{m}^{-2}$, $0.01979\text{m}^3.\text{m}^{-2}$ and $0.00078\text{m}^3.\text{m}^{-2}$ for works 7, 8 and 9
 265 respectively.

266 3.4.4 Commercial site

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 268 Figure 5 shows the results of production of construction waste in the site 10 based on the CONAMA
 269 307 Resolution.



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 271 Figure 5 - Distribution of CCW for a commercial site

272 As shown in Figure 5, the volumes collected from classes A and B wastes do not represent the majority
 273 of waste collected at site 10. In this case, the contribution share of the class C waste is very representative,
 274 even surpassing that of class B. For this particular site it makes sense to compute in the calculation of
 275 the global WGR, in addition to class D waste, the volumes of classes A, B and C, which in this case
 276 represent 96% of the total of $2,850.43\text{ m}^3$ of CCW generated in all the course of the work. WGR of site
 277 10 is $0,0823\text{m}^3.\text{m}^{-2}$.

278 279 3.5 Summary

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 281 In the first stage of the research, the indexes of waste generation showed very close values for new
 282 residential and non-residential buildings, including for general sites (Residential + Non Residential).
 283 This is evidenced when comparing the averages obtained for the respective types of sites. Therefore, the
 284 value of 0.20 cubic meters of waste generated for each square meter of construction is representative for
 285 residential and non-residential sites, according to the results obtained in this stage of the research as
 286 shown in Table 5.

287 Table 5 - Summary results for stages 1 and 2, values in $\text{m}^3.\text{m}^{-2}$

| | Study Sites | WGR (A) | WGR (B) | WGR (C) | WGR (D) | Total WGR | WGR |
|---------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Stage 1 | General Sites | 0,15745 | 0,04166 | 0,00121 | 0,00488 | 0,2052 | 0,2052 |
| | Residential Sites | 0,1576 | 0,0417 | 0,00121 | 0,00489 | 0,2054 | 0,2054 |
| | Non-residential sites | 0,15691 | 0,04151 | 0,00121 | 0,00487 | 0,2045 | 0,2045 |
| Stage 2 | Residential buildings | | | | | | |
| | Site 1 | 0,16086 | 0,01167 | 0,00134 | 0,00309 | 0,17696 | 0,13611 |
| | Site 2 | 0,11964 | 0,0337 | 0,00318 | 0,00409 | 0,16061 | 0,12518 |
| | Site 3 | 0,18727 | 0,0126 | 0,00642 | 0,00919 | 0,21548 | 0,15999 |
| | Social interest buildings | | | | | | |

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|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Site 4 | 0,11856 | 0,01727 | 0 | 0,00471 | 0,14054 | 0,14053 |
| | Site 5 | 0,13549 | 0,01396 | 0 | 0,00446 | 0,15391 | 0,15391 |
| | Site 6 | 0,12682 | 0,01561 | 0 | 0,00562 | 0,14805 | 0,14805 |
| Non-residential sites | Industrial sheds | | | | | | |
| | Site 7 | 0,02083 | 0,00313 | 0 | 0 | 0,02396 | 0,02396 |
| | Site 8 | 0,01563 | 0,00417 | 0 | 0 | 0,0198 | 0,01979 |
| | Site 9 | 0,00052 | 0,00026 | 0 | 0 | 0,00078 | 0,00078 |
| | Commercial building | | | | | | |
| | Site 10 | 0,05913 | 0,00876 | 0,01136 | 0,00309 | 0,08234 | 0,08234 |

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In the second stage, comparing the values obtained in the residential sites, it is possible to notice that between the WGR calculated for the multifamily residential buildings (Sites 1, 2 and 3) there are no significant differences between the first two sites, obtaining the value of $0.169\text{m}^3\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ as the average of the waste generation rate. In the case of site 3, there is a 28% increase compared to the average of the WGR that has the contribution of the soil movement, but if this portion is suppressed, the indexes are practically the same. This fact can be justified by the existence of two basements in site 3, generating a considerable volume of class A waste in the months corresponding to this activity.

In sites of social interest residences (Sites 4, 5 and 6) it is possible to establish an average of $0.148\text{m}^3\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ for the indexes of waste generation, since analyzing the individual values does not show differences between them. If this comparison is extended to the six residential works studied, excluding the plot of soil movement in Site 3, the difference between the generation averages is only 5%. This difference makes it possible to state that even with the limitations of the study, the average index of $0.16\text{m}^3\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ is representative and reflects the generation of residues of the residential works surveyed at this stage.

In the commercial building project (Site10), the option for the internal closure in drywall, with acoustic insulation executed with glass wool, considerably increased the rate of generation of class C waste in the months corresponding to the execution of these activities. In this situation, a sequence of factors related to design decisions, materials choice and technology employed, which together, altered the evolution of the specific waste volumes generated in this site.

4. CONCLUSIONS

- The WGR obtained in the first stage of this research, using the data archived in ES/LCH, presented a unique value of $0.20\text{m}^3\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ for residential and non-residential sites. That has identified the need to carry out an investigation closer to the construction site, where the waste is actually generated, with the follow-up of the *in loco* waste generation process; quantifying and characterizing this residue in a more careful way and mainly identifying the evidences that contribute to answer the proposed research question.
- The volumes of the waste generation prediction obtained in the first stage of this research, using the data reported in the PGRCCs filed in ES/LCH, were three times higher than the volumes actually generated.
- The waste generation indexes obtained by the case studies developed in the second stage of the research were: $0.17\text{m}^3\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ for multi-floor residential buildings; $0.15\text{m}^3\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ for residences of social interest (conventional); $0.08\text{m}^3\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ for multi-floor commercial buildings (drywall); $0,022\text{m}^3\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ for works of industrial sheds in masonry and pretty much insignificant ($0.0008\text{m}^3\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$) for prefabricated industrial sheds.

- 326 • In the residential building sites, among the total volume of waste classified as "Class A", according
 327 to Resolution 307 of CONAMA, the soil represented a significant portion. The uncontaminated soil
 328 should have another focus on the classification of the RCC, since it can be reused directly in other
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