THE COSTS OF INACTION WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN HEALTH IMPACTS FROM POLLUTION
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Focus on mortality: two main issues
What ‘baseline’ value to choose?
How to apply in practice?

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The Baseline Value

VSL for roads: WTP = £1.25m or €1.8m

No evidence that air pollution is very different:
1 road x 40 years ≈ 40 air x 1 year. So …

VLY for average/normal health ≈ €45k
VLY for poor health = €20-30k
How to Apply

Limited by quality of epidemiology

For small increases in life expectancy in normal health: total life years x €45k

For cases involving losses of several years of normal health: same VLY, plus ill-health supplement if appropriate

For deaths brought forward by days/weeks for those in poor health: total years x €20-30k

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