What are common challenges organizations face when calculating GHG emissions?

- **Processes** for collecting and preparing GHG emissions data are **decentralized across business segments** leading to varying calculation methodologies and levels of granularity.
- Emission calculations are performed across multiple offline spreadsheets which pose risks as emission and conversion factors are updated periodically, requiring manual effort to ensure the correct factor was utilized in all instances.
- **Limited ability for clients to identify and track changes** made across offline spreadsheets where calculations were performed.
- **No connectivity between offline files** creates an unclear audit trail from data collection at the business segment level to consolidated Scope 1, 2 and 3 GHG emissions.
- Processes for mapping data inputs to emission factors are **manual in nature** and lack repeatability in future emission inventories.

What are the functionalities and benefits of Carbon Accounting Accelerators?

**Standardized calculation templates**
- Standardized emission calculation templates across Scope 1, 2 and 3 GHG emissions to establish a standardized and repeatable process of converting data inputs into CO2e emissions.
- Ability to lock formulas allowing approved calculation methods stay in alignment with GHG protocol guidance.

**Emission and conversion factors library**
- Centralized hub of emission and conversion factors customizable to your GHG emissions footprint.
- Linking functionality enables automated updates across all emission calculation templates when factors are updated in the library, ensuring consistency across all emission calculations.

**Established audit trail**
- Workiva's connected data structure creates a clear audit trail from initial data input to consolidated GHG emissions outputs included within a draft sustainability report in Workiva.
- Permissions and Authorship function enable the ability to restrict access to specific datasets and track all changes made across calculation templates and emission factors library.

**Streamlined emission factor mappings**
- Ability to create emission factor mapping tables and Wdata transformation capabilities to efficiently align data inputs with emission factors in a standardized and repeatable process.

**Carbon Accounting Accelerators client impacts**
- Analyzed data inputs across various business units and energy sources for Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions.
- Support verifiable data accuracy and completeness, and establish segregated control procedures.
- Develop dynamic dashboards to enable owners to identify trends and fluctuations on stated goals.
- Leverage existing data to calculate Scope 3 categories such as Waste and Workforce metrics.

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