



BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The District of Columbia Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) are a key component of Mayor Muriel Bowser's vision for a Sustainable DC. In just one generation, the District will be the healthiest, most green and liveable city for all residents.

WHAT ARE THE BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS?

The BEPS were set forth in Title III of the [Clean Energy DC Omnibus Act of 2018](#). The Act states that, starting in 2021, owners of buildings over 50,000 square feet that do not meet a specific energy performance threshold will be required to improve their energy efficiency over a 5-year compliance cycle. The standard will be "at least" the local median **ENERGY STAR** score by property type (or equivalent metric).

WHAT IF MY BUILDING DOES NOT MEET THE BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARD?

Building owners will be able to choose amongst multiple paths to achieve compliance over a 5-year period:

- A performance pathway of a 20% decrease in site energy use intensity (energy use per square foot)
- A prescriptive pathway of cost-effective energy efficiency measures
- Other compliance paths established by DOEE

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT BEPS OR PARTICIPATE IN THE RULE-MAKING PROCESS?

- [Subscribe to the Clean Energy DC Newsletter](#)
- Read feedback from the 2019 [BEPS Working Groups](#)
- Attend a [Task Force](#) meeting or stay up-to-date on the proceedings
- Attend a future education [session or webinar](#)
- Submit public comments on the rules when they become available in 2020

THE DISTRICT'S TARGETS

A reduction in GHG emissions



50%



by 2032

Relative to 2006 levels

A reduction in per capita energy use



50%



by 2032

Relative to 2012 levels

An increase in the use of renewable energy to make up 100% of the District's electricity supply by 2032.

100%



Carbon Neutral 2050

WHEN DO THE STANDARDS GO INTO EFFECT?

DOEE will establish the first BEPS for privately-owned buildings 50,000 square feet and above and District-owned properties over 10,000 square feet by January 1, 2021. Privately-owned buildings between 25,000 and 49,999 square feet will be held to the standard starting January 1, 2027. Privately-owned buildings between 10,000 and 24,999 square feet start on January 1, 2033.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BEPS?

During 2020, DOEE will be working with input from the BEPS Task Force and other DC government agencies to establish the rules and policies that will drive the program.

WHAT ASSISTANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BUILDING OWNERS TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW STANDARDS?

Currently, a building owner can request technical and incentive assistance from the [DC Sustainable Energy Utility](#) (DCSEU) and use [DC PACE](#) as a funding avenue. The Act establishes additional funding for the Sustainable Energy Trust Fund (SETF) that will increase and enhance the efficiency programs offered in the District and launch the District's new [Green Bank](#). With the assistance of partners, DOEE is also supporting the development of a high performance building hub to develop the capacity, training, knowledge, and confidence necessary for building owners to meet their energy efficiency goals.

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