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Description:	The California Energy Commission (CEC) has released the California Energy Code Compliance Gap Analysis Staff Report for public review. The report identifies challenges and opportunities to improve compliance evaluation with California's Energy Code. The CEC invites stakeholders to review the report and submit comments to help inform future efforts.
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Notice of Availability and Request for Public Comment on California Energy Code Compliance Gap Analysis Staff Report

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Background

The California Energy Code (Title 24, Part 6 of the California Code of Regulations) sets the minimum energy efficiency requirements for residential and nonresidential buildings in California, reducing long-term energy costs for homeowners, renters, and businesses. Compliance with the Energy Code is important for ensuring that Californians receive the full benefits of energy-efficient buildings. Compliance with the Energy Code generally means that a building project adheres to the requirements and achieves the projected savings set by the Energy Code.

Currently, the state lacks comprehensive data on Energy Code compliance rates, regional variations in compliance, and the root causes of noncompliance. Compliance rate refers to the ratio of code-compliant projects to the total number of projects in a specific region. This impacts the California Energy Commission's (CEC) ability to fully understand the cost of noncompliance to the state and allocate supporting resources where they are needed most.

Publication Overview

This staff report, titled "California Energy Code Compliance Gap Analysis", serves as a foundational precursor to a more comprehensive Energy Code compliance study the CEC is pursuing. This initial body of work establishes a technical basis through defined compliance terms, literature review, data analysis, gap identification, survey of field study methodologies, and actionable recommendations relating to how the CEC might evaluate compliance in this study. The California Energy Code Compliance Gap Analysis Report summarizes previous compliance efforts, outlines a process for public engagement, defines an initial contractor scope of work, and fulfills a United States Department of Energy deliverable.

The intent of publishing this staff report is to foster deeper conversations and public engagement, exploring the nuanced and multilayered aspects of Energy Code compliance. The CEC requests public review and comments on the staff report. Through these discussions, the CEC aims to identify shared priorities, common values, and practical approaches to evaluate and improve Energy Code adoption and implementation.

Public Comments

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting page](#) for docket 24-BSTD-05 at

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=24-BSTD-05>.

Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment.

Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached in a downloadable, searchable document consistent with 20 California Code of Regulations section 1208.1.

The maximum file size is 10 MB.

Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by **5:00 p.m. on September 12, 2025**. Written comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., address, telephone number, email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include the docket number **24-BSTD-05** and "California Energy Code Compliance Gap Analysis" in the subject line and send to docket@energy.ca.gov.

Alternatively, a paper copy may be mailed to:

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Availability of Documents

This staff report is available on the California Energy Commission [website](#) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=265065&DocumentContentId=101838>

The Publications Unit is available to answer your questions at (916) 654-5200.

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