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Regulatory Advisory

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Section 1683(b)(2)(C) of the *California Benchmarking Regulations* requires owners of large commercial and multifamily buildings to report energy usage data by June 1 annually using the ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager Reporting link on the CEC's [Report Benchmarking Data page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-benchmarking-program/report-benchmarking-data) (available at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-benchmarking-program/report-benchmarking-data>). On October 11, 2017, the CEC adopted implementing procedures for the *California Benchmarking Regulations* (available at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=222916&DocumentContentId=22559>), pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25402.10.

CEC staff has recently received a large volume of emails and calls from building owners expressing concerns regarding this year's reporting deadline and seeking technical assistance to comply with the requirements of the regulations. Due to this surge in inquiries following the official end of the COVID pandemic and unexpected technical challenges complicating the reporting process, **the CEC is extending the 2023 benchmarking reporting deadline to July 1, 2023.**

If you believe your building is exempt from the reporting requirements, pursuant to section 1684(a) of the *California Benchmarking Regulations*, please complete CEC's exemption request form, available at <https://fs24.formsite.com/YLmyr1/8rccost0fh/index>, and send an email to Benchmarking@energy.ca.gov by July 1, 2023.

CEC staff is currently in the process of responding to all questions submitted to its Benchmarking Hotline. For additional information on benchmarking reporting, visit the [CEC Benchmarking Website](http://www.energy.ca.gov/benchmarking), available at www.energy.ca.gov/benchmarking, or contact the Benchmarking Hotline at Benchmarking@energy.ca.gov.