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Notice of Availability and Request for Comment Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development (BUILD) Program Implementation Plan – 2026 Update Docket # 20-DECARB-01

The Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development (BUILD) Program Implementation Plan – 2026 Update (BUILD Implementation Plan Update) is now available for review and comment. The BUILD Implementation Plan Update is posted for viewing on the [BUILD program page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-initiative-low-emissions-development-program-build), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-initiative-low-emissions-development-program-build>. The BUILD Implementation Plan – 2026 Update presents California Energy Commission (CEC) staff's proposed approach to maintaining the BUILD Program's administration.

To reduce residential greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, Senate Bill 1477 (Stern, Chapter 378, Statutes 2018) authorized the creation of two pilot building decarbonization programs encouraging the development and deployment of near-zero-emission building technologies – Technology and Equipment for Clean Heating (TECH) Initiative and BUILD. In January 2019, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) instituted a new rulemaking on building decarbonization (R.19-01-011) which addressed the implementation of Senate Bill 1477. Under this proceeding, the CPUC adopted Decision 20-03-027, dated March 26, 2020, to further establish a framework and requirements for the BUILD Program, and as program administrator, requires the CEC to develop and biannually update the BUILD Implementation Plan for CPUC approval.

CEC provided the initial BUILD Implementation Plan in 2020 and launched BUILD in March 2022. BUILD offers incentives for the development of new, all-electric residential housing projects, with a specific emphasis on low-income residential housing. Similar to previously submitted BUILD Implementation Plan - 2024 Update, the BUILD Implementation Plan – 2026 Update reiterates and clarifies program administration, including participation requirements, program eligibility, incentive structure, eligible equipment, evaluation of new technology, bill savings calculation methodology, technical assistance, and the metrics used to evaluate program performance. The updated plan also encapsulates program incentive distribution, education, and outreach activities.

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