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Notice of Availability and Request for Comments on Draft Guidelines for the Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Program Guidelines

Introduction

The Draft Program Guidelines for the Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development (BUILD) Program (Draft BUILD Guidelines) are now available for review and comment. The Draft BUILD Guidelines establish the rules for program participation including, eligibility requirements, participation process, and incentive structure. The Draft BUILD Guidelines are available on the [BUILD Program webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-initiative-low-emissions-development-program) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-initiative-low-emissions-development-program> and through the [BUILD docket e-commenting page](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=20-DECARB-01) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=20-DECARB-01>.

Background

Senate Bill (SB) 1477 (Stern, Chapter 378, Statutes of 2018) authorized two building decarbonization programs to encourage the development and deployment of near-zero-emission building technologies: the BUILD Program and the Technology and Equipment for Clean Heating (TECH) Initiative.¹ BUILD is a residential building decarbonization program that provides technical assistance and incentives to support the adoption of advanced building design and near-zero-emission technologies in new low-income residential buildings. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved the BUILD Implementation Plan April 15, 2021, which provided information about the anticipated requirements for program participation and served as a framing document for developing proposed program guidelines. At a workshop September 15, 2021,

¹ BUILD and TECH are further governed by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Decision 23-03-027, which also established CEC as the program administrator for BUILD. The TECH Initiative is being implemented by Energy Solutions and additional information can be found on the [TECH website](#).

California Energy Commission staff introduced a Preliminary Program Design for public comment that informed the development of the Draft BUILD Guidelines.

Public Comment

The public and stakeholders are encouraged to review and comment on the Draft BUILD Guidelines. Information gathered from public comments will inform the content of the proposed final program guidelines. Written comments are due to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. **December 15, 2021**. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting page](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=20-DECARB-01) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=20-DECARB-01>, which links to the comment page for this docket. Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document consistent with Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 1208.1. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments may be submitted by email. Include docket number **20-DECARB-01** and **Staff Workshop for the Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development Program Draft Guidelines** in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

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