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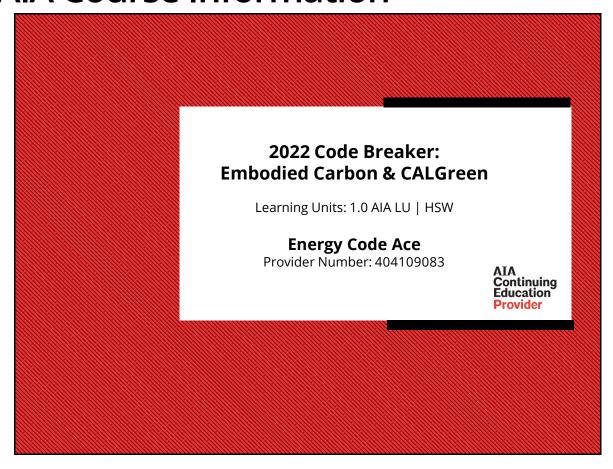






Code Breaker: 2022 Embodied Carbon & CALGreen

AIA Course Information



Course Description

July 2024 brings new CALGreen requirements for commercial buildings over 100,000 square feet and school buildings over 50,000 square feet to show embodied carbon savings. This short one-hour session will cover these new requirements, as well as explain the concepts, why embodied carbon matters, how to measure and reduce embodied carbon, and how to show compliance with the new CALGreen requirements via prescriptive and performance pathways.

Course Objectives

- Differentiate between embodied carbon and operational carbon
- Describe the importance of managing embodied carbon in achieving California's climate goals
- Explain how to measure and reduce embodied carbon and support design decisions with the most significant impact
- Identify CALGreen requirements on embodied carbon that will take effect July 1, 2024

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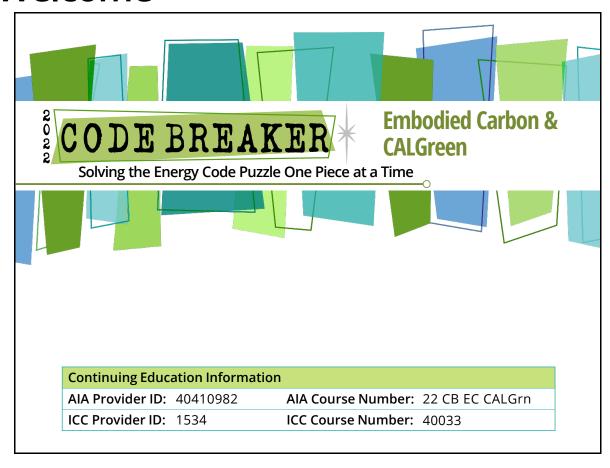
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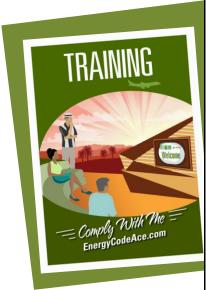


Welcome



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- Attendees who meet the completion criteria receive "standard" certificates of completion:
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 - ♦ Certificate includes:
 - Course IDs (AIA & ICC)
 - Energy Code Ace Provider info (AIA & ICC)
- → You may use this certificate to "self-certify" with a number of organizations in addition to AIA & ICC
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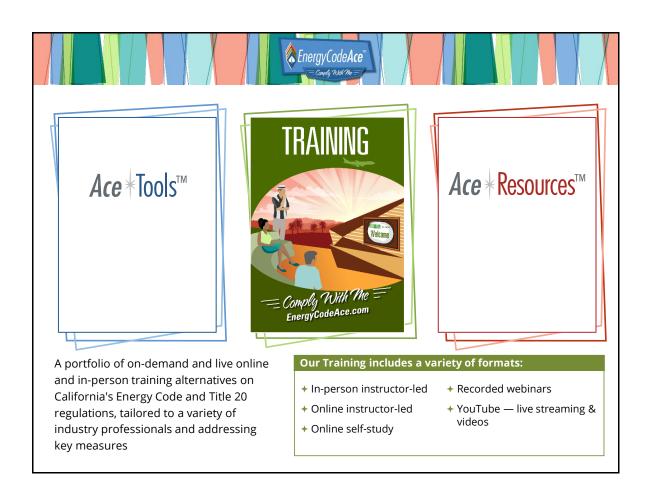
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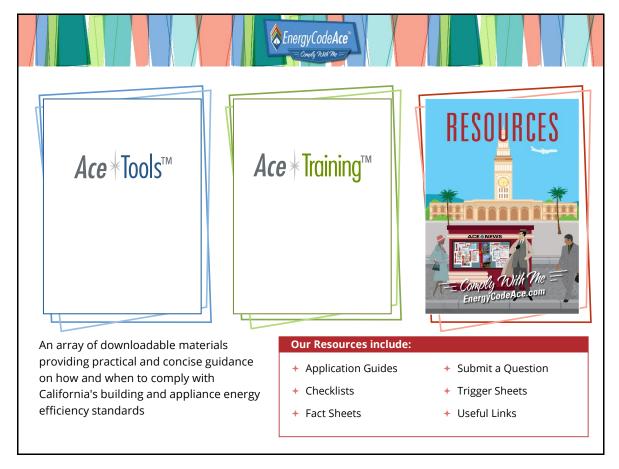
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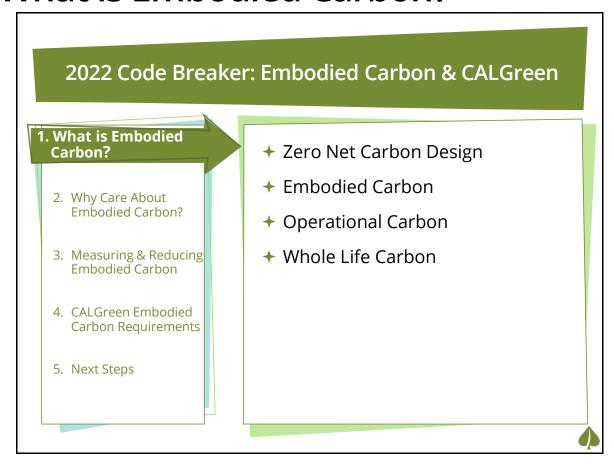




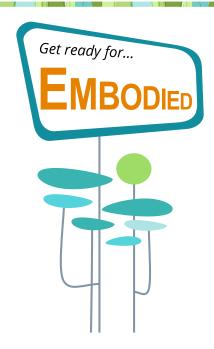


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What is Embodied Carbon?



Recent Changes Require Attention to Embodied Carbon

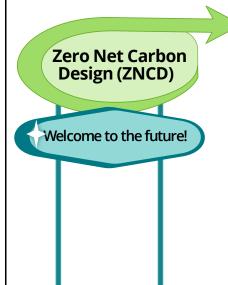


Embodied Carbon is the sum of CO₂ emissions from every aspect of a building's lifecycle except its operation.

- AB 2446 (Carbon Intensity of Construction and Building Materials Act) requires the Air Resources Board to develop a framework measuring and reducing the average carbon intensity of building materials to achieve 40% GHG net reduction by 2035.
 - Phased implementation must eventually include life cycle assessment for new nonresidential buildings >10,000 ft² and new residential buildings with 5 or more dwelling units;
 - Must include requirements for manufacturers of building materials to submit Environmental Product Declarations.
- Embodied Carbon CALGreen 2022 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle (effective July 1, 2024) is how the state is meeting AB 2446 requirements



Zero Net Carbon Design (ZNCD)



ZNCD represents a highly energy-efficient building that produces onsite—or procures—enough carbon-free renewable energy to meet annual energy consumption.

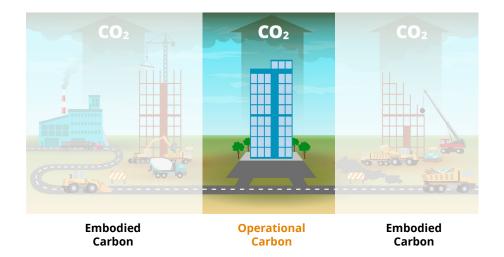
California Policy Supporting ZNCD

- California licensed architects required to attend ZNCD CEU courses
- + Electrification measures of the 2022 Energy Code reduce Carbon emissions of buildings
- Renewable requirements of the 2022 Energy Code require PV systems on all new residential and commercial buildings
 - Battery storage also required by the 2022 Energy Code on new commercial and highrise multifamily buildings



Operational Carbon

Operational carbon is CO_2 emissions associated with *using* the building, including emissions from energy used for (but not limited to) heating, cooling, ventilation, domestic hot water, lighting and plug loads.

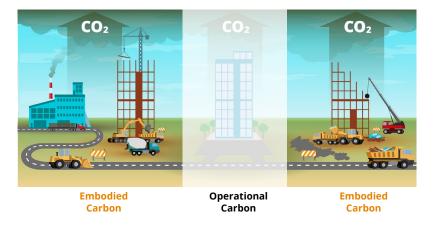




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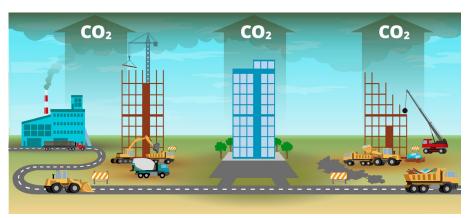
- → Raw material extraction for the building materials (for example, mining)
- → Manufacturing of the building materials
- → Transportation of the building materials to the building site
- → Demolition and disposal of the building at its end of life





Whole Life Carbon = Operational + Embodied Carbon

Whole life carbon is the total CO₂ emissions during a building's entire lifecycle, including embodied carbon and operational carbon.



Embodied Carbon Operational Carbon Embodied Carbon





Check Your Understanding

What do you think?

Which of the following will impact a building's **embodied** carbon? [Select all that apply]

- a) Manufacturing of the building materials
- b) Heating and cooling energy use
- c) Plug loads energy use
- d) Demolition and disposal of the building at its end of life



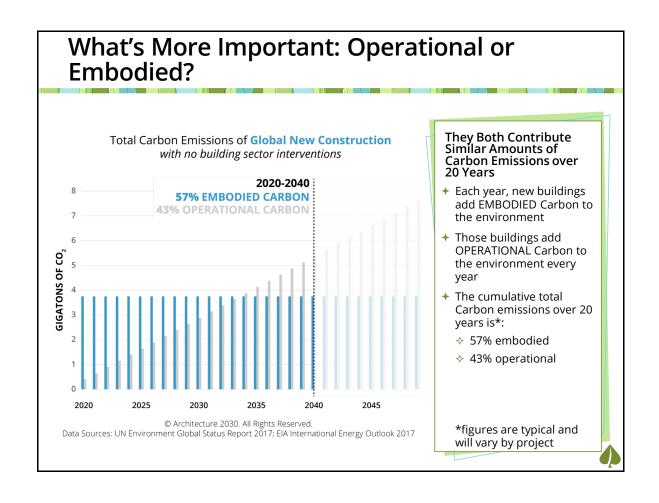
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2022 Code Breaker: Embodied Carbon & CALGreen

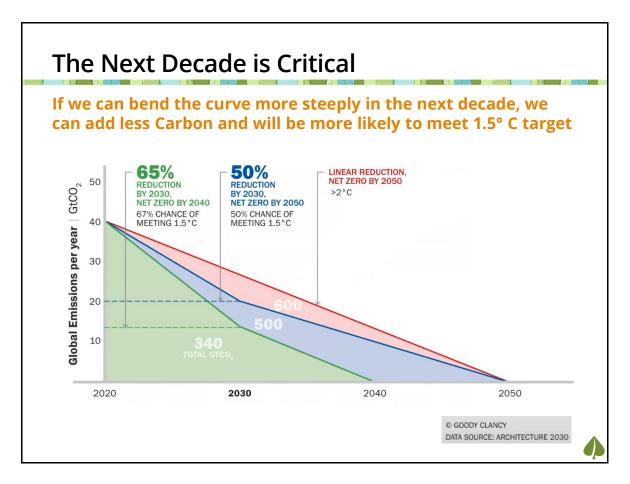
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 - 4. CALGreen Embodied Carbon Requirements
 - 5. Next Steps

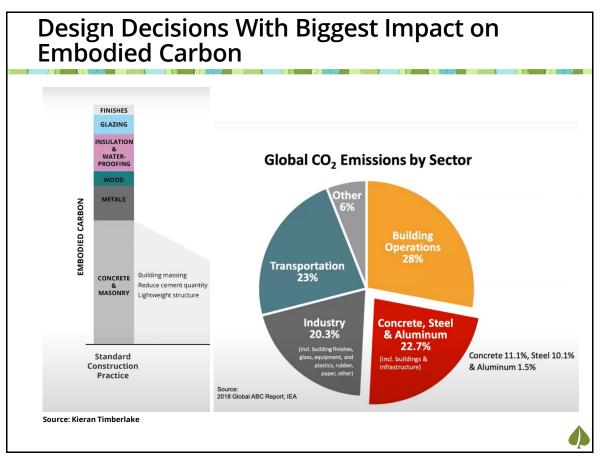
- Carbon Emissions & Global Temperatures
- → Relative Magnitudes of Operational and Embodied Carbon
- → The Next Decade is Critical
- → Design Decisions with Biggest Impact on Embodied Carbon

Carbon Emissions Effect on Global Temperature To Avoid Unpredictable Effects of Temperature Rise: Carbon emissions must come down Carbon emissions must reach **Zero** by **2050** Slower action will lead to much higher global temperatures IPCC Global Temperature Projection Scenarios Business As Usual: Rate of Emissions Growth is Unchanged Increase in Average Global Temperature 6°C 5°C **Emissions Growth INCREASE OF 2°C** 4°C Point of catastrophic climate change impacts 3°C **Emissions Growth** Peaks in 2040-2050 2°C Zero Carbon by 2050 0 Source: IPCC 2013, Representative Concentration Pathways (RCP); Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), 2013; Climate Analytics and ECOFYS, 2014. 2000 2050 2100 2150 1950 2200

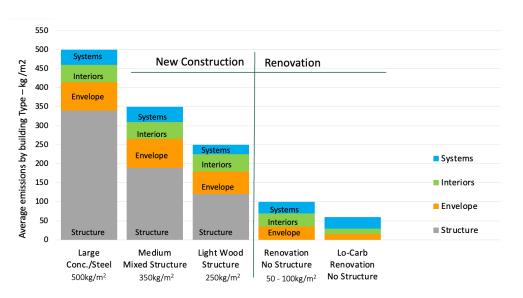


Note: Emissions peaks are for fossil fuel CO2-only emissions.





Adaptive Reuse is the first option for Existing Buildings



Source: Embodied Carbon Benchmark Project, Carbon Leadership Forum and multiple embodied energy and carbon studies, courtesy of Larry Strain





Check Your Understanding

What do you think?

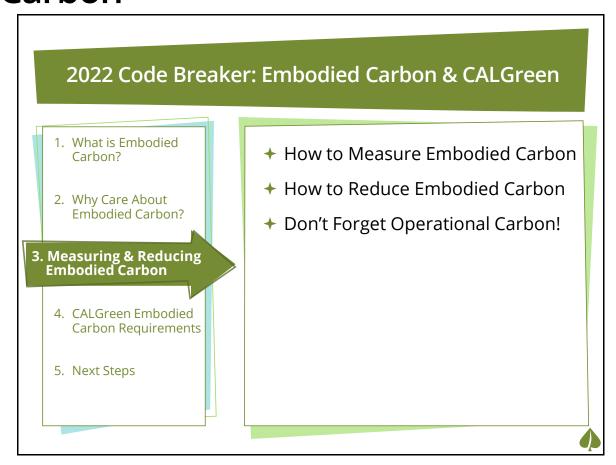
What design decisions typically have the biggest impact on embodied carbon of buildings.

[Select all that apply]

- a) Appliances
- b) Concrete and steel
- c) HVAC systems
- d) Water heating systems



Measuring & Reducing Embodied Carbon



How to Measure Embodied Carbon

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) is a method to measure environmental

impacts of:



Embodied Carbon Operational Carbon Embodied Carbon

Equation: Quantity of Material × Environmental Impacts of the Material = Embodied Carbon Global Warming Potential (GWP)

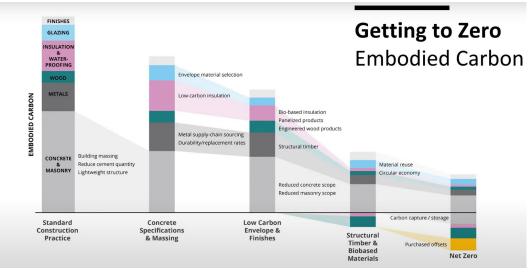
- Example: 100kg steel × 0.43 GWP/kg = 43kg LCA GWP
- Recommended approach: Utilize an integrated design approach incorporating LCA in support of project's ZNCD goals for embodied carbon.
- ◆ LCA tools: There is a whole host of tools for measuring embodied carbon available (such as EC3, Epic, GaBi, Build Carbon Neutral, Athena EcoCalculator, Tally).



How to Reduce Embodied Carbon **Salvage When** Reuse Existing Buildings **Possible** Reuse Existing Components of Buildings Use Low-carbon materials Material Use Low-cement concrete Considerations Replace Concrete/Steel with Timber or other low GWP products Design for Deconstruction **Design Goals** Utilize an Integrated Design Approach Measure! Use LCA (Life Cycle Assessment) tools to track/measure embodied carbon

Zero Net Carbon Design (ZNCD)

Considerations in Reaching ZNCD Goals



Source: Kieran Timberlake



Embodied Carbon — What Do You Think?







A building using a lot of concrete?

Actions to reduce carbon:*

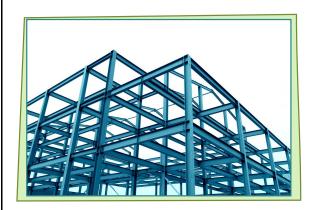
- Substitute for cement with alternative cementitious materials (ACM).
- ★ Choose recycled aggregate.
- Select structural shapes and sizes that use less material while keeping the same structural integrity.

* Courtesy of SDG&E



Embodied Carbon — What Do You Think?





A building using a lot of structural steel?

Steel is not great in terms of sourcing but is great in terms of recycling.

Actions to reduce carbon:*

- + Specify CA or U.S.-made steel and steel with high recycled content.
- Prioritize electric arc furnace (EAF) production over basic oxygen furnace (BOF) production.

* Courtesy of SDG&E



Embodied Carbon — What Do You Think?





Doesn't Support ZNCD Goals



A building using a lot of dual paned fenestration with thermally broken metal framing?

Actions to reduce carbon:*

- Select low-carbon window frame materials.
- Specify no more than two panes of glazing.
- ★ Reduce glazing

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Embodied Carbon — What Do You Think?





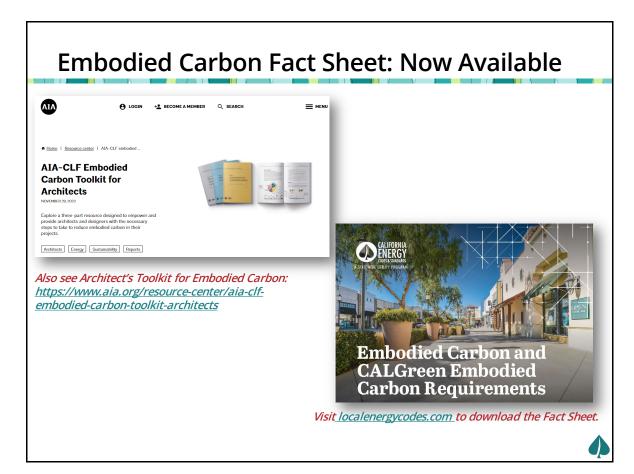


A building using a lot of mass timber?

Better than concrete, since it's a renewable resource that absorbs Carbon when it grows in sustainable forests

Shipping from far away can increase its carbon footprint.





Visit localenergy codes.com to download the Fact Sheet.

Also see Architect's Toolkit for Embodied Carbon: Carbonleadershipforum.org

The Energy Code and Operational Carbon

How does the **2022 Energy Code** support reduce **operational carbon**?



- ★ Mandatory requirements set the minimum energy performance required for many building features across California for all project types and will always make sense
- Prescriptive requirements reduce wasteful and unnecessary use of energy considering costeffectiveness based on project location and scope of work
- Compliance metrics in the **Performance** method for new buildings that must concurrently be met:
 - Building efficiency Time Dependent Valuation (TDV) measurement of energy consumption based on time of day and year; location and building type; and energy source used (natural gas, propane, electricity)
 - Total TDV energy which takes into account onsite renewable PV, battery storage, and grid flexibility systems
 - Source energy as a proxy for carbon emissions projected over a 30-year life cycle



CALGreen Embodied Carbon Requirements

2022 Code Breaker: Embodied Carbon & CALGreen 1. What is Embodied → When CALGreen's Intervening Cycle Carbon? takes effect 2. Why Care About → What CALGreen Requires for Embodied Carbon? Embodied Carbon Compliance 3. Measuring & Reducing → What Projects Trigger CALGreen Embodied Carbon **Embodied Carbon provisions** 4. CALGreen Embodied → Prescriptive & Performance **Carbon Requirements Pathways** 5. Next Steps

CALGreen Embodied Carbon: Mandatory Requirements



2022 Intervening Cycle Update (effective 7/1/24) Commercial Buildings >100,000 ft² (>50,000 effective 1/1/26) School Buildings >50,000 ft²

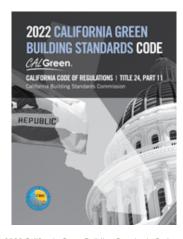
Method	Mandatory (pick one applicable to scope)		
Existing Buildings: Building Reuse	≥ 45% reuse of existing structure and exterior		
Performance Path: Whole Building Life Cycle Assessment	Demonstrate ≥10% reduction* in global warming potential (GWP)		
Prescriptive Path:	GWP limits per Table 5.409.3.2, (175%**) and		
	Construction documents to include products supporting GWP limits		

2024 Supplement to California Green
BuildingStandards Code, Title 24, Part 11 (CALGreen)

^{**}Based on "Buy Clean California Act" and Industry-Wide Environmental Product Declaration (IW-EPD) GWP values; Concrete based on 130% of ready-mixed concrete GWP values.



CALGreen Embodied Carbon: Voluntary Tiers



2022 California Green Building Standards Code, Title 24, Part 11 (CALGreen)

2022 Intervening Cycle Update (effective 7/1/24)

Commercial Buildings >100,000 ft² (>50,000 effective 1/1/26)

85 - 54,655 - 5		
Method	Voluntary Tier 1	Voluntary Tier 2
Existing Buildings: Building Reuse	≥ 75% reuse of existing structure and exterior	Tier 1 AND 30% reuse interior non- structural elements
Performance Path: Whole Building Life Cycle Assessment	Demonstrate ≥15% reduction* GWP	Demonstrate ≥20% reduction* GWP
Prescriptive Path:	GWP limits 150%** and	IW-EPD GWP limits** and
	Construction documents to include products supporting GWP limits	

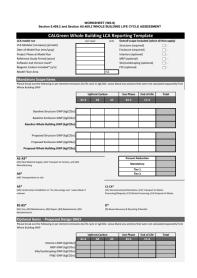
^{*}As compared to similar building and location meeting current Energy Code requirements.

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CALGreen Embodied Carbon: Documenting



Example CALGreen Performance Worksheet

• Commercial Buildings >100,000 ft² (>50,000 effective 1/1/26) • School Buildings >50,000 ft²			
Method Documenting Compliance			
Existing Buildings: Building Reuse	 Document that every material used in project has GWP less than prescriptive standards Submit Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for all materials 		
Performance Path: Whole Building Life Cycle Assessment	 Calculate Whole Building LCA Embodied Emissions Show proposed embodied carbon is project goal % less than Standard Submit EPDs for all materials 		
Prescriptive Path:	 Document that every material used in project has GWP less than prescriptive standards Submit EPDs for all materials 		



Case Study: New School Building



- → Case Study 50K sqft new school building
- → Designed to be steel frame with metal panel cladding & 2" mineral wool continuous insulation
- + How will we document our CALGreen Embodied Carbon compliance?



Courtesy of Cal State University



Case Study: Prescriptive Method

TABLE 5.409.3 PRODUCT GWP LIMITS

BUY CLEAN CALIFORNIA MATERIALS PRODUCT CATEGORY ¹	MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE GWP VALUE (unfabricated) (GWP _{slowed})	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
Hot-rolled structural steel sections	1.77	MT CO ₂ e/MT
Hollow structural sections	3.00	MT CO ₂ e/MT
Steel plate	2.61	MT CO ₂ e/MT
Concrete reinforcing steel	1.56	MT CO ₂ e/MT
Flat glass	2.50	kg CO ₂ e/MT
Light-density mineral wool board insulation	5.83	kg CO ₂ e/1 m ²
Heavy-density mineral wool board insulation	14.28	kg CO ₂ e/1 m ²
Conc	rete. Ready-Mixed ^{2, 3}	•

CONCRETE PRODUCT CATEGORY	CT MAXIMUM GWP ALLOWED VALUE (GWP _{allowed}) MEAS	
up to 2499 psi	450	kg CO ₂ e/m ³
2500-3499 psi	489	kg CO ₂ e/m ³
3500-4499 psi	566	kg CO ₂ e/m ³
4500-5499 psi	661	kg CO ₂ e/m ³
5500-6499 psi	701	kg CO ₂ e/m ³

Concrete,	l ²		
CONCRETE PRODUCT CATEGORY	MAXIMUM GWP ALLOWED VALUE (GWP _{allowed})	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT	
up to 2499 psi	875	kg CO ₂ e/m ³	
2500-3499 psi	956	kg CO ₂ e/m ³	
3500-4499 psi	1039	kg CO ₂ e/m ³	

6500 psi and greater

WORKSHEET (WS-5) Section 5.409.3 PRODUCT GWP COMPLIANCE—PRESCRIPTIVE PATH

Responsible Designer's Declaration Statement:

I attest that prescriptive compliance has been performed according to the requirements of Section 5.409.3 and products have met the
minimum 10 percent reduction in global warming potential as specified in Table 5.409.3. Furthermore, I will ensure during construction that the material specifications will be reviewed for substantial conformance with the global warming potential limits indicated
the approved plans so at the close of construction the minimum 10 percent reduction in global warming potential is thereby secured.

Signature:	
Company:	Date:
Address:	License:
City/State/Zip:	Phone:

→ Hot-rolled structural steel: 1.14 < 1.77</p>

PASS

 → Light-density mineral wool board insulation: 1.93 < 5.83

PASS

→ Concrete, 4500-5499 psi: 708 > 661

NOT COMPLIANT



Example EPD: Structural Steel

kg CO₂e/m³



Fabricated Structural Steel Sections



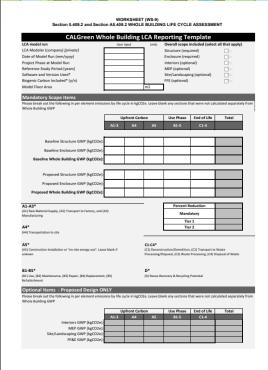
	EVALUATION VARIABLE	UNIT PER METRIC TON	TOTAL	UNIT PER SHORT TON	TOTAL
	Primary Energy, non-renewable	MJ	16,400	BTU	1.41E+07
	Primary Energy, renewable	MJ	1,200	BTU	1.03E+06
	Global Warming Potential	metric ton CO2 eq.	1.14	short ton CO2 eq.	1.14
	Ozone Depletion	metric ton R11 eq.	1.61E-12	short ton R11 eq.	1.61E-12
	Acidification Potential	metric ton SO ₂ eq.	6.04E-03	short ton SO ₂ eq.	6.04E-03
	Eutrophication Potential	metric ton N eq.	1.36E-04	short ton N eq.	1.36E-04
	Photochemical Oxidant Formation	metric ton O ₃ eq.	3.72E-02	short ton O ₃ eq.	3.72E-02



Declaration Number: 34



Case Study: Performance Method



- → Calculate Baseline GWP
- → Calculate Proposed GWP
- Show 10% reduction (if mandatory CALGreen applies; more if Tier I or II)





Check Your Understanding

What do you think?

Which of the following are valid compliance paths for *altered* commercial buildings > 100,000 ft² under the CALGreen 2022 Intervening Cycle Update beginning July 1, 2024?

[Select all that apply]

- a) ≥ 45% reuse of existing structure and exterior
- b) ≥ 10% reduction in global warming potential (GWP)
- c) GWP limits per Table 5.409.3.2





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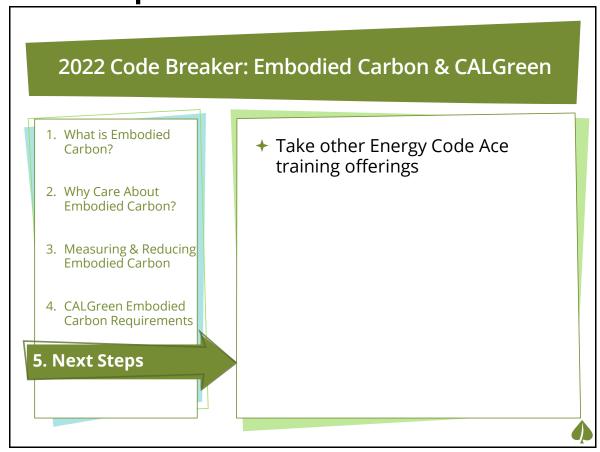
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[Select all that apply]

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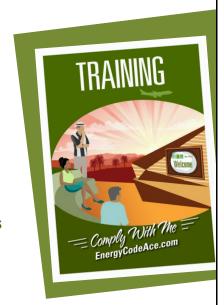
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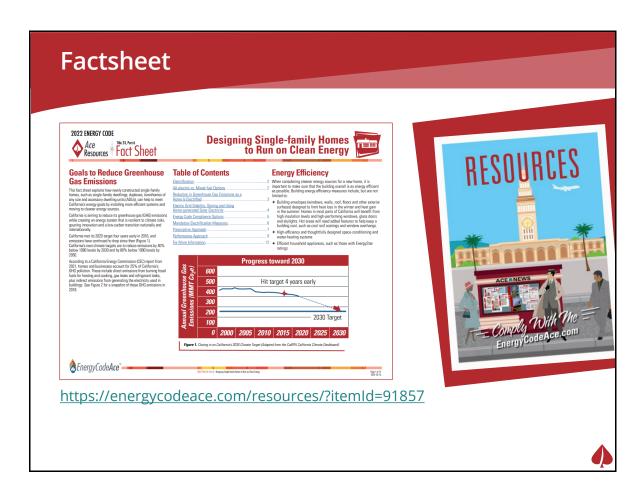
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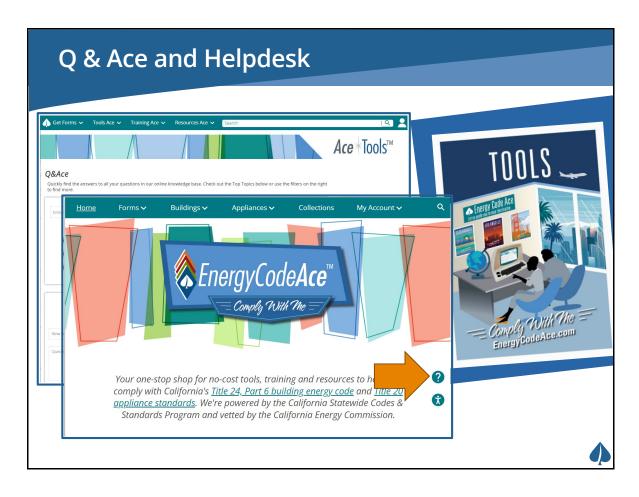


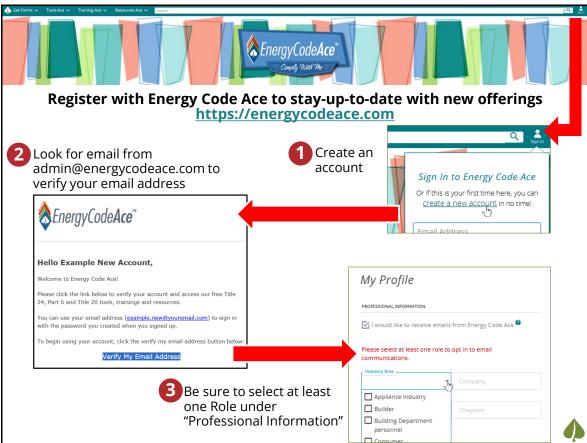
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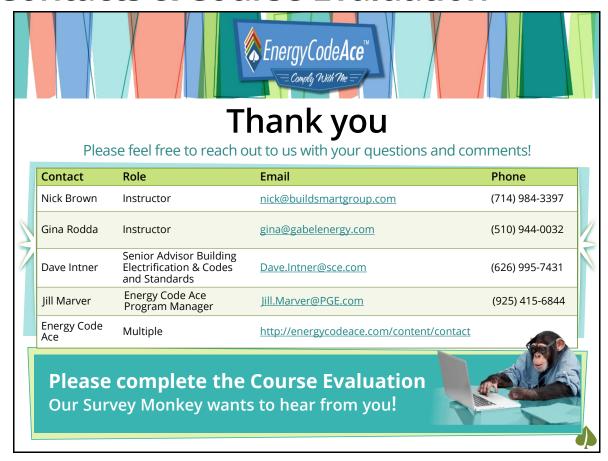






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