



BUILDINGS 2021-010 BULLETIN

TECHNICAL

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PURPOSE: This bulletin clarifies the applicability of adjusted building emissions limits approved for Not-for-profit Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities related to the annual Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting established in Local Law 97 of 2019 (LL 97/2019).

SUBJECT(S): Adjusted Building Emissions Limit, Not-for-Profit Hospitals, Not-for-Profit Healthcare Facilities, Not-for-Profit Health Centers, Not-for-Profit HIP Centers

SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR: Article 320 of the Administrative Code, Building Energy and Emissions Limits

I. BACKGROUND

New York City has aggressive climate goals, including reaching net zero emissions by 2050 across the building, transportation, and waste sectors. Local Law 97 of 2019 (LL 97/2019), effective November 15, 2019, amends Title 28 of the New York City Administrative Code and Chapter 26 of the New York City Charter to require, subject to certain exceptions, that certain buildings achieve a 40 percent reduction in aggregate greenhouse gas emissions from covered buildings by calendar year 2030 and an 80 percent reduction in citywide emissions by calendar year 2050. By May 1, 2025, applicable buildings must file an annual Greenhouse Gas Emission report.

II. APPLICABILITY

This bulletin clarifies the applicability of adjusted building emissions limits approved by the Department for Not-for-profit Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities pursuant to section 28-320.9 of the New York city administrative code (AC) when submitting the annual Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting pursuant to section AC 28-320.3.7.

A. Adjusted Building Emissions Limits under Article 320

1. Owners of covered buildings for which the Department grants an adjustment pursuant to section AC 28-320.9 have the option of meeting either (1) the emissions limits specified in section AC 28-320.9, or (2) the emissions limits established by section AC 28-320.3 for calendar years 2024 through 2029, and calendar years 2030 through 2034.

The grant of the adjustment does not obligate the owner to use such adjustment. An owner may apply the adjustment in one reporting period and not the other.