



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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MEMORANDUM

To: Michael Balagur, DDC
City Agencies

From: Hilary Semel, Director
Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination

Date: December 30, 2016

Subject: Local Law 86 – Use of LEED V.4 for LL86/2005 Compliance

As of October 31, 2016, the United States Green Buildings Council (USGBC) closed registrations for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifications that use the following LEED rating systems, among others:

- 2009 New Construction and Major Renovations
- 2009 for Commercial Interiors
- 2009 for Schools New Construction and Major Renovations
- 2009 for Core and Shell Development
- 2009 for Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance

However, the New York City Green Building Standards Rules, as amended on June 21, 2009, require the above LEED rating systems for compliance with Local Law 86 of 2005 (LL86/2005) (refer to Section 10-02 of Chapter 10 of Title 43 of the Rules of the City of New York).

The Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination will update the Green Building Standards Rules on July 1, 2017 when Local Law 31 of 2016 (LL31/2016) and Local Law 32 of 2016 (LL32/2016), which are amendments to LL86/2005, go into effect. The rules update will include the change of reference to LEED v4 and the associated ASHRAE 90.1-2013 energy standard.

Pending the effective date of LL31/2016 and LL32/2016, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination authorizes City agencies implementing LL86/2005 provisions and ensuring compliance with LL86/2005 to use LEED v4 and the associated ASHRAE 90.1-2013 standard in the time period from November 1, 2016 to and including June 30, 2017, or the date the updated Green Building Standards Rules take effect. All other provisions of LL86/2005 shall remain in effect, including the applicable level of certification for each occupancy classification described therein, until July 1, 2017, the effective date of LL31/2016 and LL32/2016.