

## Greener Greater Buildings Plan Weekly Digest, Vol. 5

### 1. Automatic Benchmarking of Water Data

The Department of Environmental Protection has announced that their Automatic Benchmarking Services (ABS) for water upload will be available next week (potentially as early as Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>). Given that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will have the capability of importing water data for buildings with Automatic Meter Readers (AMR) next week, any building submitting to the City after ABS is available will be required to include their water data via DEP. We will send a notification once it officially launches.

- Find a revised list of covered buildings with an AMR installed (in .XLS) and a revised tutorial for setting up automated water benchmarking (in .PDF) on the GGBP website, [www.nyc.gov/ggbp](http://www.nyc.gov/ggbp).

### 2. Benchmarking Guidance for Data Centers, TV Studios and Trading Floors

Below are instructions from the Mayor's Office of Long-term Planning and Sustainability (OLTPS) on how to identify and benchmark the following space types: data centers, TV studios and trading floors. This methodology is for 2012 only. The City will revisit this guidance in 2013.

#### Definitions:

- **Data Center** (as defined by the EPA in Portfolio Manager) – spaces specifically designed and equipped to meet the needs of high density computing equipment such as server racks, used for data storage and processing. Typically these facilities require dedicated uninterruptible power supplies and cooling systems. Data Center functions may include traditional enterprise services, on-demand enterprise services, high performance computing, internet facilities, and/or hosting facilities. Often Data Centers are free standing, mission critical computing centers. When a data center is located within a larger building, it will usually have its own power and cooling systems. The Data Center space is intended for sophisticated computing and server functions; it should not be used to represent a server closet or computer training area.
- **TV Studio** – A complex of rooms specifically designed for the origination of live television programs; in addition to the studio room in which the program takes place, usually includes support rooms such as the control room and equipment room.
- **Trading Floor** – Designated floor(s) or group of rooms specifically used for financial trading that exceed 11 computers per 1,000 gross square feet.

#### How to input:

- All data centers as defined by the EPA shall be entered into Portfolio Manager as the space type "Data Center."
- All TV studios and trading floors as defined above shall be entered into Portfolio Manager as the space type "Other-Other."
- For spaces that are used for financial trading, users may input 1.35 computers for workstations with more than one monitor.

**Public Disclosure (In regard to the exception in Section 28-309.8 of Local Law 84)**

- If the TV studios and trading floors in a building constitute more than 10% of the gross area, the rating will be listed as N/A, and therefore will automatically not be disclosed by the City this year.
- If a building has TV studios, trading floors, and data centers that constitute more than 10% of the gross area, and a rating is generated, the building may opt out of rating disclosure by contacting OLTPS and providing the required documentation.

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*Thank you from the Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability!*

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