

# SERVICE NOTICE

## Local Law 97 of 2019: Updated Building Emissions Limits

The Department of Buildings has established updated emissions limits for buildings required by **Title 28 of the NYC Administrative Code, Articles 320 and 321** to have building emissions reports submitted. The new limits are based on the property types in the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Portfolio Manager (ESPM), rather than the occupancy groups listed in the New York City Building Code. (See **1 RCNY § 103-14**.)

Owners of covered buildings are required to submit annual building emissions reports to the Department by May 1 of each year. The report for the first compliance calendar year 2024 is due by May 1, 2025.

### Reports for Calendar Years 2024 & 2025

Emissions limits for calendar years 2024 and 2025 are required to be based on ESPM property types listed in **1 RCNY 103-14**. Alternatively, the reports for calendar years 2024 and 2025 may use either the emissions limits assigned to occupancy groups in **Administrative Code Section 28-320.3.1** or the updated limits assigned to ESPM property types (see **2024 – 2029 limits based on ESPM property types**), provided that the limit assigned to at least one ESPM property type within a building is lower than that assigned to the corresponding occupancy group. Owners must report using emissions limits from a single methodology (occupancy groups or ESPM). Owners may not mix limits from both methodologies in the same report.

### Reports for Calendar Years 2026 & After

Starting with the building emissions report for calendar year 2026, building emissions limits are required to be based on ESPM property types for all buildings.

### Additional Information & Assistance

For more detailed information and resources about Local Law 97 of 2019, visit the **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting** page at [nyc.gov/buildings](https://nyc.gov/buildings).

For additional information or assistance with the law or the new emissions limits, email DOB's Sustainability team at [ghgemissions@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:ghgemissions@buildings.nyc.gov).

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