

WAIVER: LEED v4.0 WEp and EAp for DATA-SHARING BUILDING LEVEL METERING

Department of Defense prohibits the sharing of metered data with private entities, such as USGBC. Therefore, DoD Sustainable proponents have brokered this waiver with USGBC, allowing DoD to continue to utilize LEED, without compromising data.

This waiver is specific for LEED Version 4.0. Similar waiver for LEED v2009 is still in effect for v2009 projects until the last day projects can be registered in v2009, May 31, 2015.

Per USGBC:

LEEDv4 Process for Department of Defense Projects

Effective April 11, 2014, the U.S. Green Building Council provided a letter to the Department of Defense (DoD) to confirm that USGBC accepts the internal DoD process for tracking and reporting of energy and water data as meeting the data-sharing component of the LEED v4 prerequisites for building level energy and water metering and will not require that DoD projects share this data with USGBC.

This memo further outlines a process for DoD projects registered under LEED v4 to document in LEED Online that they comply with the metering component of both the WE prerequisite for building level water metering and the EA prerequisite for building level energy metering. This process is applicable for all DoD projects and for those projects that DoD contractors complete for DoD use. And this process is retro-active for projects registered and certified under LEEDv4 prior to April 11, 2014.

For each prerequisite complete the form in LEED Online according to the following directions:

For the **Water Efficiency Prerequisite, Building-Level Water Metering** in LEED Online:

- Select your rating system.
- Select the unit of measure used.
- **Do** comply with and check the box next to “The project has permanent water meters that measure the total potable water use for the building and associated grounds.”
- **Do NOT** “Upload: Letter of commitment” to share water usage data.
- In the section that prompts select one of the following: Third-party data source or USGBC-approved data template, **leave both blank**.
- Fill in the brackets below with the appropriate information for the project claiming exemption (do NOT use acronyms or shorthand). Then copy and paste the completed exemption language into the Special Circumstances box:

This is a project under DOD ownership and is taking advantage of the process for energy and water data reporting that USGBC granted to the U.S. Department of Defense. Therefore this project is exempt from reporting the energy and water data required under this prerequisite.

1. **Project Name:** [P-XXX and name]
2. **Project Address, City and State:** [as it appears in registration]

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3. DOD support agency or military department: [NAVY, NAVFAC]

4. Base or Installation name: [as it appears in registration]

- There will be an “N” in the box under “Summary” next to Prerequisite Completed. It is acceptable to submit the form like this.

For the **Energy Efficiency Prerequisite, Building-Level Energy Metering** in LEED Online:

- Select your rating system.
- Select the unit of measure used.
- **Do** comply with and check the box next to “The project has permanently installed, building-level energy meters that account for all sources of energy delivered to the building by an external provider, as listed in EA Prerequisite Minimum Energy Performance.”
- **Do NOT** “Upload: Letter of commitment” to share energy usage data.
- In the section that prompts select one of the following: Third-party data source or USGBC-approved data template, **leave both blank**.
- Fill in the brackets below with the appropriate information for the project claiming exemption (do NOT use acronyms or shorthand). Then copy and paste the completed exemption language into the Special Circumstances box:

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