

WASHINGTON CLEAN BUILDINGS PERFORMANCE STANDARD (CBPS) FOR TIER 1 BUILDINGS

Prepare for Compliance.

Confirm building details, conduct tenant outreach, and collect utility data.

Benchmark & Strategize.

Review benchmarking results and develop best path to BPS compliance.

Verify & Complete Compliance.

Verify data, submit report, and begin planning for next compliance deadline.



TIER 1 COVERED BUILDINGS

Non-residential, hotel, motel, and dormitory buildings over 50,000 Sq. Ft.



REQUIREMENTS

Buildings must benchmark energy use, implement operations & maintenance (O&M) and energy management plans (EMP), and meet an energy use target (EUI_t). If they can't meet their EUI_t, they must conduct an ASHRAE Level II audit, life-cycle cost analysis, and implement cost-effective efficiency measures.



DEADLINES

June 1, 2026 - buildings over 220,000 Sq. Ft.
June 1, 2027 - buildings 90,000 to 220,000 Sq. Ft.
June 1, 2028 - buildings 50,000 to 90,000 Sq. Ft.
Compliance cycles repeat every 5 years.



PENALTIES

The base fine for non-compliance is \$5,000, plus \$1/day/Sq. Ft. Penalties may accrue for 18 months.

RELEVANT SERVICES

- Benchmarking
- BPS Compliance
- Building Audits
- Owner's Rep
- Data Verification
- Carbon Accounting
- Lifecycle Consulting
- Incentive Management

QUALIFICATIONS

- ENERGY STAR® Partner
- Certified Energy Manager (CEM)
- LEED®
- Carbon Auditing Professional (CAP)



VCA Green is a trusted sustainability partner delivering comprehensive building life cycle services. We specialize in energy modeling, code compliance, green certifications, field verification, benchmarking, and performance reporting. Our diverse team provides scalable solutions that reduce risk, accelerate ROI, and deliver a competitive advantage to commercial real estate. As part of the VCA family of companies, our growing presence nationwide positions us as a trusted partner in sustainable building practices.