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## **UPDATED INFORMATION** **REGARDING ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY PROGRAM (EBEWE) COMPLIANCE DEADLINES** **FOR "BENCHMARKING" AND "AUDITS AND RETRO-COMMISSIONING"**

**Dear Property Owner/Manager,**

This is an update to the notice we posted and mailed to building owners on April 16, 2021. For reference purposes, it is posted at <https://www.ladbs.org/docs/default-source/publications/misc-publications/covid19-ebewe-deadlines.pdf> with a superseded watermark and as an attachment to this notice.

"Public Order Under City of Los Angeles Emergency Authority – Tolling of Deadlines Prescribed in the LAMC" (Los Angeles Municipal Code) issued by Mayor Garcetti on March 21, 2020 is still in effect until at least August 28, 2021. Therefore, the EBEWE deadlines listed below are suspended until further notice. However, please be aware that tolling of these EBEWE deadlines does not affect the designation of the Program Years 2019 and 2020 for Benchmarking and the Compliance Year 2021 for A/RCx.

- **Benchmarking of Program Years 2019 (deadline was 6/1/2020) and 2020 (deadline was 6/1/2021).** We encourage you to use the online benchmarking compliance services to comply with 2019 and 2020, so that the City can continue to develop energy and water efficiency programs.
- **Audits and Retro-Commissioning (A/RCx) with a Compliance Year of 2021 (deadline is 12/1/2021).** Buildings with this deadline have an LADBS Building ID ending in 0 or 1 as set forth in Table 9708.2 of the LAMC. **Tolling of the CY 2021 A/RCx deadline does not change the criteria associated with the time-limit requirements for exemptions** (e.g., Section 91.9706.1.3 for Energy and Section 91.9706.2.3. for Water).

*Example of how the tolling of deadlines does not change the exemption requirements:* The Energy exemption in Section 91.9701.1.3.1 states that a building is exempt from an A/RCx if "The building has received ENERGY STAR® Certification from the EPA for the year of the building's compliance due date in Section 91.9708." The EPA issues a Certification based on 12-months preceding the date of the application and assigns the application year as the Certification Year. This means that buildings using Section 91.9701.1.3.1 as a basis for an exemption, must have an ENERGY STAR® Certification for 2021 issued on or before 12/1/2021 even if the tolling order allows the A/RCx Declarations of Completion for Energy or Water to be submitted after 2021.

In keeping with Section 91,9708.4, Notification of the LAMC, the Department will provide at least a six-month notice prior to the compliance due dates. Please read the full text of the original ordinance and amendments at <https://www.ladbs.org/docs/default-source/forms/green-building/ebewe-ordinances.pdf>.

Please visit our website for updates to this information and online services for benchmarking (available now) and A/RCx (available as implemented) at <https://ladbs.org/services/green-building-sustainability/existing-buildings-energy-water-efficiency-program>. Please email questions regarding benchmarking to [ladbs.ebewe@lacity.org](mailto:ladbs.ebewe@lacity.org) or A/RCx to [ladbs.arcx@lacity.org](mailto:ladbs.arcx@lacity.org) and include "EBEWE" and your Building ID and Address on the subject line.

**Thank you**  
**EBEWE Team**

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**Dear Property Owner/Manager,**

The City of Los Angeles' first priority is the health and safety of its population and we realize that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented challenges in complying with some deadlines. Please be assured the City has taken steps which allow you to comply online with the Benchmarking requirements specified in Division 97, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC). You can register your building and pay fees (LADBS), obtain utility data (LADWP and SoCalGas), and submit your report (Energy Star Portfolio Manager). Compliance information is available at <https://ladbs.org/services/green-building-sustainability/existing-buildings-energy-water-efficiency-program>.

"Public Order Under City of Los Angeles Emergency Authority – Tolling of Deadlines Prescribed in the LAMC" issued by Mayor Garcetti on March 21, 2020 is still in effect until at least April 30, 2021. Therefore, **Benchmarking of Calendar Years 2019 and 2020 are suspended until further notice.** However, we wholeheartedly encourage you to use the online services mentioned above to comply with 2019 and 2020, so that the City can make better informed decisions on developing programs to increase the efficiency of energy and water usage.

The **following EBEWE deadline is not suspended at this time**, but if the above-referenced emergency order continues beyond August 2021, it may also be suspended until further notice:

- **Audits and Retro-Commissioning (A/RCx)** compliance deadlines set forth in Table 9708.2 of the LAMC were revised by Ordinance 186789 (effective 11/11/2020), so that they are now based on the last digit of the LADBS Building ID (BID) rather than the Assessor Identification Number ("AIN" also commonly known as APN). The first A/RCx reports that will be due by December 1, 2021, are BIDs that end in 0 (zero) or 1 which is approximately 7 months from the date of this notice.

In keeping with LAMC Section 91,9708.4, Notification, the Department will provide at least a six-month notice prior to the compliance due dates. Please read the full text of the original ordinance and amendments at <https://www.ladbs.org/docs/default-source/forms/green-building/ebewe-ordinances.pdf>.

Situations continue to change due to the pandemic, so the Department will apprise you of any updates related to this letter by mail, email if we have it in our system, and/or our website (<https://ladbs.org/>). Please email questions you have regarding this correspondence at [ladbs.ebewe@lacity.org](mailto:ladbs.ebewe@lacity.org) and include "EBEWE" and your Building ID and Address on the subject line.

**Thank you**  
**EBEWE Team**