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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 notice supersedes the notice posted and mailed to building owners on February 8, 2021 — updates to that notice have been highlighted below in yellow and the entire notice has been posted at <https://www.ladbs.org/docs/default-source/publications/misc-publications/covid19-ebewe-deadlines.pdf>.

"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. **Therefore, the deadline of June 1, 2022 for Benchmark Program Year 2021 has also been tolled until further notice. Tolling of the Audits and Retro-Commissioning (A/RCx) deadline for Compliance Year 2021 remains in effect and no future A/RCx deadlines are being tolled at this time.** Please be aware that tolling of EBEWE deadlines does not affect the designation of the Program Years 2019, 2020 and **2021** for Benchmarking and the Compliance Year 2021 for A/RCx.

- **Benchmarking of Program Years 2019** (deadline was 6/1/2020), **2020** (deadline was 6/1/2021), and **2021** (deadline is 6/1/2022). We encourage you to use the online benchmarking compliance services to comply with 2019, 2020, and 2021 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 was 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. **Except for the issue date of the Energy Star (ES) Certification\*, 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).

\* Section 91.9701.1.3.1 of the LAMC states that a building is exempt from an Energy 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." Due to the impact the COVID pandemic has had on obtaining 2021 ES Certifications from the EPA, the issue date of the 2021 ES Certification is tolled, but the ES Certification must still be issued for 2021. According to the EPA, the application must have been submitted in calendar year 2021 to be eligible for a 2021 Certification. This tolling notice does not have any bearing or impact on the timelines or processes that the EPA follows to issue ES Certifications.

**Note: According to the EPA, you cannot be awarded an ES Certification unless the energy utility data has been benchmarked (entered) into ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager.**

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**