

Maryland

BEPS

Building Energy Performance Standards

QUICK GUIDE FOR BUILDING OWNERS & MANAGERS

- ✓ **June 1, 2025**
Annual benchmarking reporting begins for covered buildings.
- ✓ **June 1, 2026**
Benchmarking data for calendar year 2025 due; first year of required third-party verification.
- ✓ **2030-2034**
First interim period of performance standards begins (net direct GHG emissions reductions).
- ✓ **2035-2039**
Second interim period of performance standards.
- ✓ **2040 and beyond**
Final standard: net-zero direct GHG emissions required for covered buildings.



Requirements

- Benchmark and report annually in ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager
- Confirm building information and energy data accuracy
- For low-scoring buildings, develop an Energy Improvement Plan
- Track performance and documentation across each 5-year compliance cycle

Non-compliance Penalties

- Late or missing benchmarking/reporting may trigger daily fines until the issue is corrected
- Starting in 2030, buildings that don't meet performance standards must pay an alternative compliance fee on excess greenhouse gas emissions.

Spectrum Energy Resources

- Annual benchmarking, ENERGY STAR® setup, and verification
- BEPS report preparation and submission support
- Energy audit, retrofit planning, and electrification/emissions reduction roadmaps
- Portfolio-wide tracking, compliance documentation, eligibility review, and incentive support

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