

Friday Roundup: Keep Las Vegas code, chemical industry attacks, Walgreens' green goals

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[Las Vegas should stick with its energy code](#), *Las Vegas Sun*. The president of the [USGBC Nevada Chapter](#) and the executive director of the [American Institute of Architects Nevada](#) explain why rolling back the city's energy codes for buildings constructed before 2009 is a bad idea.

[Chemical Companies Seek to Limit Federal Green Building](#), Bloomberg News. The chemical industry is intent on shutting down the federal government's use of LEED, despite its proven ability to save taxpayers money.

[Behind Kaiser Permanente's \\$30 billion commitment to green building](#), GreenBiz. Kaiser Permanente's environmental stewardship officer discusses why the company is making the investment in building to LEED Gold for all new hospitals and major construction projects.

[Close to Its Home, Walgreen Tests Energy-Saving Ideas](#), *The New York Times*. The Walgreen Co., already a [LEED Volume Program](#) participant, is pushing the envelope on efficiency with its experimental net-zero store under construction in Illinois.

[Green Building Standards Become Culture](#), *Multifamily Executive*. Thanks to increasing awareness of the importance of sustainable living, green multifamily projects are seeing higher demand and faster leasing.

[Kingsbridge Armory ice rink project will be a green building](#), *New York Daily News*. The developer repurposing the massive 750,000-square-foot Kingsbridge Armory in the Bronx to create the world's largest indoor skating facility will also be pursuing LEED Silver.

[Ben Franklin High first to sign up for inaugural Green Schools Challenge](#), *The Times-Picayune*. The [USGBC Louisiana Chapter](#) has launched a major effort to help schools in the state implement low- or no-cost projects to reduce their energy usage.

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