

It's Green Building Code, Standard and Rating System Public Review Season!

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Sharpen your #2 pencils and get out your thick red pen. There's a lot going on this summer in the technical development of green building codes, standards and rating systems, and we need your input.

We'll put up some more detail about each of these processes in the near future, but here's a quick overview of what's to come:

LEED: USGBC will re-open the LEED green building rating systems for public review and comment for a period of 45 days. A date has not been set, but expect it soon. For more information, visit the [LEED technical development page](#). To learn of LEED technical developments as they happen, sign up for the [LEED Update](#) or the free email updates on BuildingGreen's [LEED User](#).

189.1: As an ANSI standard, proposals to change the requirements can be submitted at any time, and all approved changes are always open to public comment, but the 189.1 project committee is meeting in July to develop a series of revisions that will need your input. To keep up to date with the Standard's technical development, [sign up for the Standard 189 Listserv](#).

IGCC: following its May [development hearings](#), the ICC has published the results from the public hearing that are open for written comment from now until August 12. For more information, see the [IGCC Development Schedule page](#).

When you take a look at these documents through your lens of professional expertise and interest, we hope that you will keep in mind what rating systems, codes and standards are good at, and that your comments will guide each of them towards achieving their best and most productive outcomes.

Several of my recent posts dig deeper into this topic:

- [Green Building Codes: New Regulatory Approaches Set Sights on Compliance for the Future](#)
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- [Pinpointing the Best Stringency Level for a Green Construction Code](#)
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