



Building Performance Standards Offer Opportunity To Add Value

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Even if a jurisdiction isn't yet requiring energy or emission reductions, many are planning to, so building operators should act now, an expert says.

A wave of cities are committed to adopting building performance standards in 2026, analyses show. That should drive an urgency for building operators to take action in reducing energy use and emissions at their facilities, building energy specialists say.

A number of large cities have passed building performance standards, or BPS, like Local Law 97 in New York City and BERDO in Boston. These standards require progressive emissions reduction with the goal of net-zero by 2050. Many other jurisdictions are requiring benchmarking as a first step to their own performance standards. Other jurisdictions, including those participating in the National Building Performance Standard Coalition, are expected to pass requirements in the year ahead.

Even if a jurisdiction isn't expected to adopt BPS in the near term, the energy and emission assessments that these standards typically require can provide significant value to building operations.

“ You've had those markets like New York City that have been around for awhile. Until things like that become more real [with penalties for noncompliance], we have quite a few clients in the wait-and-see mode. ”

Craig Walter, Principal Energy Advisor at ENGIE Impact

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