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SUBJECT: LEED requirement revocation and Army Self Certification

CATEGORY: Directive and Policy

1. References:

- a. DoDD 4270.5 Military Construction, 31 Aug 2018
- b. Transition from LEED to the Guiding Principles Checklist for Army Sustainable Building Design memo, 19 DEC 2025.
- c. UFC 1-200-02 High Performance and Sustainable Building Requirements

2. Purpose.

Communicate Army policy change to sustainability third party certification (LEED).

3. Applicability.

This ECB applies to all Army military projects required to achieve LEED Silver as applicable in UFC 1-200-02.

4. Background.

In accordance with 42 USC § 6834, "Federal Building Energy Efficiency Standards," the Department of the Army is mandated to apply sustainable design principles to the siting, design, and construction of its facilities. Previously, the Army utilized the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) version 4 (v4) silver-level rating system to meet this requirement and report building sustainability to the Office of Management and Budget. In reference b., the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations Energy and Environment directed an immediate policy change to discontinue the use of the LEED rating system. Instead, the Army will now utilize the Council on Environmental Quality Guiding Principles for Sustainable Federal Buildings checklists.

5. Implementation.

Therefore, to ensure continued compliance with federal law and to better meet Army goals, all applicable projects will immediately transition away from the LEED rating system and toward the Council on Environmental Quality 2020 Guiding Principles for Sustainable Federal Buildings checklists. Projects that had already registered for LEED certification and awarded a construction contract that included third party certification costs prior to 19 DEC 2025 may continue to use LEED while an internal process for verifying and validating compliance is developed.

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Subject Executive Order Effects on Existing Sustainability Policies

High Performance and Sustainable Building Requirements (HPSB) checklists are required per UFC 1-200-02 paragraph 5-2.1 “Compliance HPSB Checklists” and will be updated to align with this change to the Army sustainability policy and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Guiding Principles for Sustainable Federal Buildings checklists. The required sustainability checklist can be found on the Tri-Services Sustainability Program “[Required Tracking – Reporting](#)” page.

6. **Date of Applicability.** This ECB is effective immediately.

7. **Update.** This ECB will be incorporated into UFC 1-200-02.

8. **Point of Contact.** HQUSACE point of contact for this ECB is Edward Citzler, AIA, CECW-EC, (817) 876-2294.

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