



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Buy Clean California Act

For public works contracts awarded after July 1, 2022, Contractors shall submit current facility-specific Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) demonstrating compliance with global warming potential (GWP) limits for eligible materials. The maximum GWP limits are set by the Department of General Services (DGS) for the following eligible materials: structural steel (hot-rolled sections, hollow structural sections, and plate), carbon steel rebar, flat glass, and mineral wood board insulation. DWR public works contracts will include provisions for submittal of EPDs. With certain exceptions discussed below, Contractors cannot install eligible materials on a project until EPD submittals are returned without defects by DWR.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 3503(d), DWR has established the following exemptions for submittal of an EPD for eligible materials:

- **Projects with less than 175 working days.** Given the estimated duration for submittal, review, and possible resubmittal of an EPD, requiring EPDs for projects with restricted schedules and work windows could be practically infeasible and could potentially delay completion of the work within the time specified.

In addition, in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 3503(e), EPDs are not required for contracts where DWR determines that an emergency exists.

DWR will conduct a periodic review of its exemptions to ensure it can meet the overall goal of maximizing the reduction of carbon emissions.

Resources

Public Contract Code Sections [3500-3505](#)

Department of General Services [GWP Limits \(Table 1\)](#)