

## Standard Deviation Notice for Certification to GS-33 Hotels and Lodging Properties

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### Background

Green Seal currently references four options to demonstrate compliance for renewable energy in section 2.7.4 of our GS-33 Standard for Hotels and Lodging Properties. As other local and regional specific renewable energy programs are available and have the potential to meet the same compliance as the currently listed programs, Green Seal will update the gold requirement for renewable energy. The updated language will allow Green Seal to approve other programs submitted on a case-by-case basis.

As this is a substantive change that would require a formal standard revision in accordance with [Green Seal's Standard Development Manual](#), Green Seal will plan to incorporate this change during the next revision of the GS-33 Standard for Hotels and Lodging Properties. The anticipated timeline for revising the renewable energy requirements is to be determined.

### Deviation Requirements

A product can receive certification to the GS-33 Standard for Hotels and Lodging Properties as of the date of this notice if they demonstrate they meet the criterion of 2.7.4 as follows:

#### 2.7.4 Renewable Energy.

GOLD requirement

The property shall:

- use renewable energy for at least 25% of its needs, either via onsite production or certified Renewable Energy Certificates.
- OR
- be certified through the Center for Resource Solutions' Green-e Marketplace program<sup>17</sup> or is a Partner in the EPA's Green Power Leadership Club<sup>18</sup>.
- OR
- **other local or regional renewable energy programs as approved by Green Seal.**

### Contact Us

If you have questions or comments on this deviation notice, Green Seal certification, or the standard development process, please reach out to [standards@greenseal.org](mailto:standards@greenseal.org).

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