

Understanding Boston's Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance



Understanding BERDO

Adopted in 2021, BERDO is an Ordinance that aims to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions generated by large buildings in Boston. BERDO gives the City of Boston authority to set emissions standards for large existing buildings, including residential buildings with 15 or more units and non-residential buildings that are 20,000 sq ft. or larger.

The emissions standards set by BERDO decrease over time, with all buildings expected to reach net-zero emissions by 2050. BERDO encourages retrofits, energy efficiency improvements, fuel switching, and renewable energy generation in local buildings. These improvements can increase thermal comfort and indoor air quality for building occupants, reduce outdoor air pollution, promote the hiring and development of green jobs, and direct further investments into building a low-carbon and equitable Boston.

Obligations Under BERDO: -Reporting -3rd Party Verification -Emissions Reductions

Does BERDO Apply to Your Building?

- Residential buildings that have 15 or more units.
- Non-residential buildings that are 20,000 square feet or larger.
- Any tax parcel with multiple buildings that sum to at least 20,000 square feet or 15 units.

How EnerConnex Can Help?

- We can conduct an energy audit with potential upgrades/energy conservation measures that will help you be in compliance with BERDO.
- Assist you with setting up necessary reporting and 3rd party verification measures.
- Create a plan to help you reduce emissions by the given deadlines.

Contact EnerConnex today if you need assistance with or have questions about BERDO!

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