

UC SANTA BARBARA

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

INTERIM DECARBONIZATION POLICY

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As part of the [UC Sustainable Practices Policy](#), each campus is mandated to achieve a minimum of 90% reduction in total greenhouse gas emissions by 2045, relative to 2019 levels. UCSB has developed the Clean Energy Master Plan as a roadmap to achieve this emission reduction.

I. SCOPE

This policy governs all new construction, Major Renovation Projects and any other applicable construction and maintenance projects.

II. POLICY

Recommended guidelines are:

- Major Renovations of buildings (“Major Renovation Projects”) are defined as projects that require 100% replacement of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems and replacement of over 50% of all non-shell areas (interior walls, doors, floor coverings, and ceiling systems).
- Major Renovation Projects will, at a minimum, comply with all provisions of the UC Policy on Sustainable Practices.
- No new construction or Major Renovation Project shall deploy on-site fossil fuel combustion (for example, natural gas) for space heating, water heating, laundry or cooking.
- All new construction or Major Renovation Projects shall be all-electric.
- All new construction or Major Renovation Projects on main campus shall have hydronic-based heating and should connect to campus district energy systems when possible.
- Renovation projects that do not constitute a Major Renovation Projects shall strive to achieve the goals above.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

Any exceptions to this Policy, or the [UC Sustainable Practices Policy](#), must be jointly approved by the Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services and the Vice Chancellor - CFO of Finance and Resource Management.

IV. RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

[UC Sustainable Practices Policy](#)

[UCSB Clean Energy Master Plan](#)

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