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## **DATE OF THIS VERSION:**

October 1, 2023

## **TITLE OF DOCUMENT:**

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## **DATE OF VERSION BEING SUPERSEDED (old):**

June 1, 2014

## **DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT (previous title, number, other identifying data):**

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS, 01 81 11

## **SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THIS VERSION:**

1. 1.1 SUMMARY revised to 1.1 DESCRIPTION and revised to reference the VA Sustainable Design Manual.
2. 1.2 OBJECTIVES removed.
3. 1.3 RELATED DOCUMENTS revised to 1.2 RELATED WORK and revised to refer to the new rating system-specific SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS sections.
4. 1.3 DEFINITIONS revised to align with revisions in PART 2 and PART 3.
5. 1.4 REFERENCE STANDARDS added to define standards and references
6. 1.5 SUBMITTALS revised to align with PART 2 and PART 3.
7. 1.7 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS added to define applicable publications included in PART 2 and PART 3.
8. PRODUCT ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS renamed PERFORMANCE CRITERIA and revised as follows:
9. Additional requirements defined to address contractor-dependent product topics of the VA Sustainable Design Manual, May 2014, including:
  10. Low Pollutant-Emitting Materials (requirements align with LEED NC 2009 IEQc4)
  11. WaterSense program standards for irrigation materials
  12. Requirements revised for the following topics:

13. Recycled content requirements revised to align with EPA Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines and LEED NC v3 requirements for MRc4.
14. Biobased content requirements revised to align with USDA's BioPreferred program product category list.
15. Appliances and Equipment requirements revised to align with Energy Star, EPEAT and FEMP programs.
16. Design-dependent requirements and topics removed, including:
  17. Roofing materials
  18. Exterior lighting design
  19. Plumbing system design
  20. Process water use
  21. HVAC Distribution Efficiency
22. Other topics not addressed in the Sustainable Design Manual have been removed:
  23. CFCs AND HCFCs
  24. Measurement and Verification
  25. Salvaged or Reused Materials
  26. Site clearing
  27. Burning of organic matter
  28. Herbicides and pest control
29. PART 3 – EXECUTION added to detail requirements for construction indoor air quality management and WaterSense certified irrigation professionals.
30. 3.2 ATTACHMENTS added to note the inclusion of the appropriate Guiding Principles Checklist.

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**SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN THIS VERSION:**

1. This is a new NCA section adapted based on VHA master section of same title.
2. Section checked and confirmed to comply with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.