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Energize Denver Building Performance

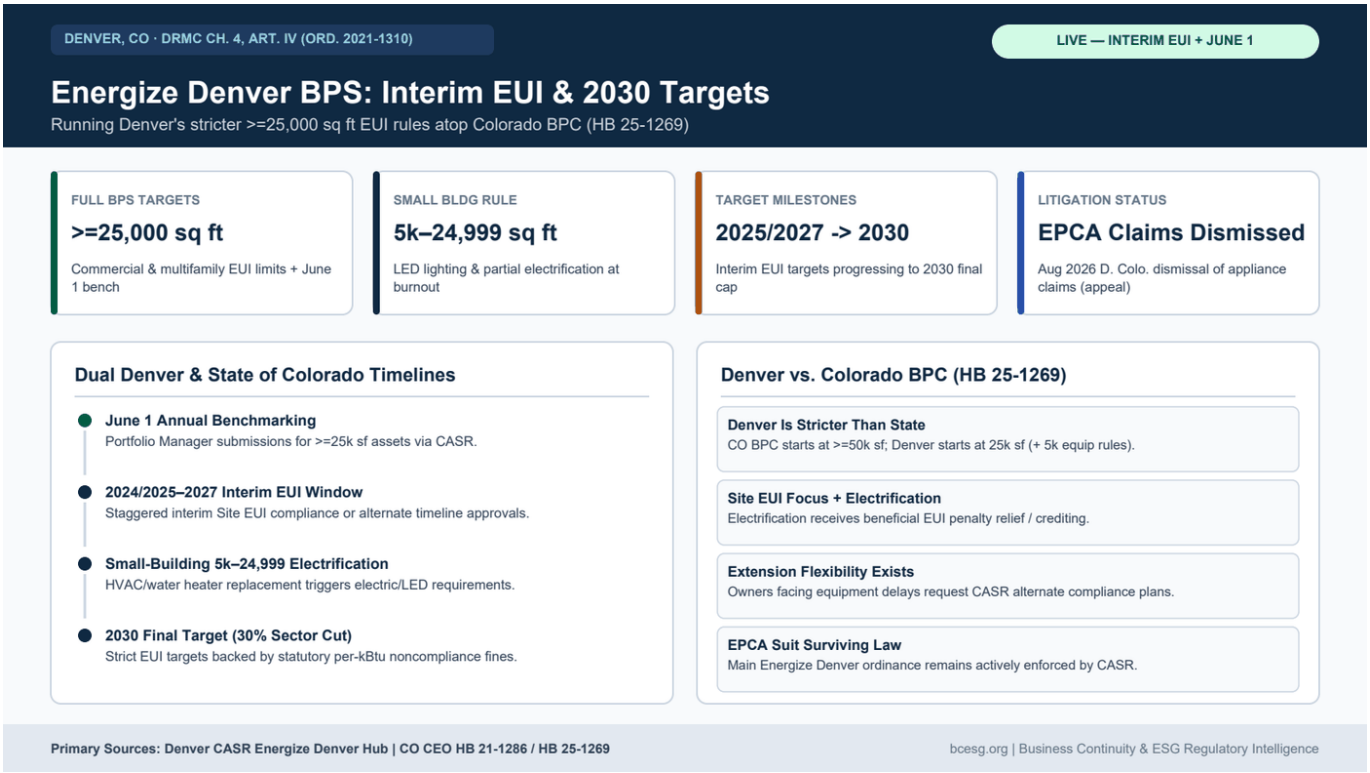
Interim & 2030 Site EUI limits (>=25k sf), 5k–24k electrification & CO BPC alignment

1. Statutory Scope, Thresholds & Key Dates

Tier & Code	Covered Scope	Timeline / Milestones	Key Mechanics
Large Bldgs (>=25k sf)	Commercial & multifamily >=25k sf	Annual June 1; 2025/27 interim -> 2030	Site EUI limits; elec credits; alternate timelines
Small Bldgs (5k–24.9k)	Commercial & multifamily 5k–24.9k sf	Triggered at equip burnout / schedule	LED upgrades + heat-pump equip transition
CO BPC Overlay (>=50k sf)	Colorado state >=50k sf tier	Active state reporting + 2026/2030	State HB 25-1269 coordination (less strict floor)

2. Operational Requirements & Enforcement

- **Stricter Than Colorado State BPC:** Denver enforces Site EUI targets down to 25,000 sq ft plus LED/electrification rules down to 5,000 sq ft.
- **Active Enforcement Continues:** August 2026 federal rulings narrowed EPCA claims in Restaurant Law Center, keeping CASR compliance schedules live.
- **Electrification & Extension Pathways:** Owners can leverage electrification credits and CASR timeline adjustments tied to capital plans.



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Denver CASR Alternate Timeline & Electrification Checklist

Step-by-step workflow from utility data verification through filing & compliance proof

Step	Owner / Team	Auditable Deliverable
1. CASR Target Status Check	Compliance / Legal	Confirm interim 2025–2027 target or active alternate compliance letter on Denver hub.
2. June 1 Dual Filing	Property Ops	Sync Xcel Energy meters for Energize Denver and CO BPC (>=50k sf) simultaneously.
3. 5k–24k Capital Protocol	Facility Manager	Flag rooftop HVAC / water heater replacements in small Denver properties for spec check.

Key Questions & Edge-Case Rules

- **Did the Restaurant Law Center lawsuit pause Energize Denver?** No. In August 2026 the U.S. District Court dismissed key EPCA preemption claims (with appeals active), and Denver CASR continues enforcing annual June 1 benchmarking and interim/2030 EUI compliance timelines.
- **What rules apply to 5,000–24,999 sq ft buildings in Denver?** Buildings from 5,000 to 24,999 sq ft do not file annual EUI target reports like >=25k properties, but they face LED lighting upgrade mandates and partial electrification requirements when HVAC or water heating equipment is replaced.

Primary Sources & Statutory Citations

- City & County of Denver CASR — Energize Denver Hub
- Building Performance Colorado (BPC HB 25-1269) State Guide

Canonical Guide: https://bcesg.org/energize-denver-bps-building-performance-compliance-guide/

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