Climate Week NYC - Early Success

Earlier this month The Climate Group held its eighth annual Climate Week NYC. The event brings together influential global figures from the worlds of business, government, and society who are leading the low carbon transition.

Mayor Bill de Blasio was on hand to announce the early success of the City’s Green Building Program and the "80x50" initiative—the initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80% by the year 2050. According to the Mayor’s office they have achieved the following:

- The City's green building programs are assisting with retrofits in 3,800 buildings
- Programs are on track to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by nearly one and a half million metric tons and will create more than 1,000 jobs by 2025
- First 100 apartment units financed by new Green Housing Preservation Program

"The cumulative effect of our green buildings policies proves not only that New York City is on track to achieve our ambitious 80x50 goals," de Blasio said. "It also demonstrates that we continue to set the pace towards becoming the most sustainable big city in the world."

Additional information about the City’s progress can be found online on the City’s website through the Office of the Mayor. Way to go NYC!

DOB Now: Safety - Facade Compliance Filings

New York City’s Department of Buildings has been transitioning to an online system to allow building owners and industry professionals to submit reports and applications, schedule appointments, check the status of an application or inspection, pull permits, and make renewals.

The next phase of the system DOB Now: Safety which includes Facade inspection filings is now available. Hard copies of Facade Inspection Reports or extension requests will no longer be accepted. Below is an overview of the Program with links to access the portal.

- **DOB NOW: Inspections** is the new name for Inspection Ready. All current functionality remains the same for online scheduling, tracking, and notifications as well as enforcement and development inspections.
- **DOB NOW: Build** will include job filings, permits, and Letters of Completion. This new online job filing and permit portal is NOW LIVE for plumbing and sprinkler job filings.
- **DOB NOW: Safety** includes all compliance filings (façades, elevators, boilers). This new online compliance filing portal is NOW LIVE for façade compliance filings.
- **DOB NOW: Licensing** will allow for online exam filing, issuance, and renewal for Licensees. Set to go live in 2017.
Important Compliance Dates

Get out your calendar...here are some important dates:

**Oct. 3, 2016 - 2016 NYC Energy Conservation Code** - The 2016 ECC will go into effect on this date. All jobs filed after this date will need to comply with the new code.

**Nov. 1, 2016 - LL 77 - Cooling Tower Annual Certification** - All owners or operators of a cooling tower shall file a certification each year that the cooling tower was inspected, tested, cleaned and disinfected in compliance with the administrative code and the rules of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene by Nov.1st of each year.

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