



To: Stakeholders and Interested Parties of the Product Category Rules (PCR) for Asphalt Mixtures

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Re: Extension of Period of Validity for PCR for Asphalt Mixtures

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This document serves as official notice of the following changes and updates to NAPA's environmental product declaration (EPD) program, which were approved by NAPA's Sustainability Committee on January 24, 2022:

#### **Amendments to the General Program Instructions**

Section 10 of the [General Program Instructions](#) was amended to allow the product category rules (PCR) period of validity to be extended by up to one year if development of the revised PCR is under development but not complete, or to provide additional time for EPD software tools to come into compliance with the revised PCR. The period of validity may also be extended for EPDs to match, but not exceed, the extended period of validity for the PCR.

#### **Extension of the Period of Validity for Version 1 of the PCR for Asphalt Mixtures and EPDs developed under Version 1 of the PCR**

The period of validity for the PCR for Asphalt Mixtures, version 1, has been extended to March 31, 2022.

The period of validity for EPDs developed under Version 1 of the PCR for Asphalt Mixtures has been extended to March 31, 2022. This extension applies to previously published EPDs. It also allows asphalt mix producers to publish new EPDs that comply with Version 1 of the PCR for Asphalt Mixtures.

#### **Schedule for Version 2 of the PCR for Asphalt Mixtures**

Version 2 is expected to take effect on April 1, 2022. You will receive a notification once it has been finalized and published.

#### **Emerald Eco-Label Software Updates**

The Emerald Eco-Label software is being updated by NAPA's software vendor and will be independently verified to reflect the new requirements in version 2 of the PCR for Asphalt Mixtures. The software updates will roll out on April 1, 2022. Asphalt mix producers will then have access to the new software and will be able to develop verified EPDs that meet the requirements of version 2 of the PCR for Asphalt Mixtures.

Existing Emerald Eco-Label users will continue to have access to the software through March 31, 2022 at no additional cost. Beginning on April 1, 2022, users will have to [renew their subscription](#) to gain access to the updated software.

**Questions?** For further information, please contact Joseph Shacat at [jshacat@asphaltpavement.org](mailto:jshacat@asphaltpavement.org).

## **Emerald Eco-Label Software Update Process – Frequently Asked Questions for Existing Users**

### **Will I have to re-enter all of my data into the software after the update?**

User data that has been entered into the Emerald Eco-Label software will automatically migrate over to the new version of the software. In most cases, you will not have to re-enter your data into the software. However, there are a few considerations to be aware of:

- Version 2 of the PCR for Asphalt Mixtures has new data requirements that must be completed. The software will indicate which data fields need to be completed and will not allow you to finalize or publish an EPD until all data requirements have been completed. An updated Data Gathering spreadsheet is being prepared to help you with the new data collection requirements.
- The data collection period for primary data related to asphalt plant operations (fuel, electricity, water consumption, total mix sold, etc.) must begin on April 1, 2017 or later. You will have to update your plant data if the data collection period began prior to April 1, 2017.
- Even if your plant's data collection period began after April 1, 2017, this is a good opportunity to review and update your data to a more recent time period to more closely reflect your plant's current operational practices.

### **When will the new data gathering sheet be available?**

The new data gathering Excel spreadsheet will be available in March 2022. Existing users will be contacted when the updated spreadsheet is available.

### **I am the primary contact for my company. Will my training still be valid with the new software?**

No. NAPA will post a new training webinar for Version 2 of the software. As a designated representative, you will have to watch this video and pass the associated quiz. Your company will not be able to develop or publish EPDs until the training requirement for the primary contact has been fulfilled. Existing users will be contacted when the new training webinar has been scheduled.