

Pushing the Boundaries on Low Carbon Concrete at San Francisco International Airport

Concrete Innovations Session #23



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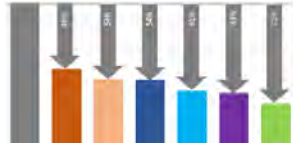
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SFO Sustainability Goals for T1

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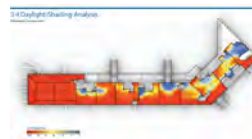
DEFINE PATH TO ZERO ENERGY



TRIPLE-BOTTOM-LINE:
QUANTIFY ECONOMIC,
SOCIETAL AND
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UNDERSTAND THE WHOLE
BUILDING CARBON FOOTPRINT



MASTER NATURAL LIGHT:
OPTIMIZE DAYLIGHT, MINIMIZE GLARE

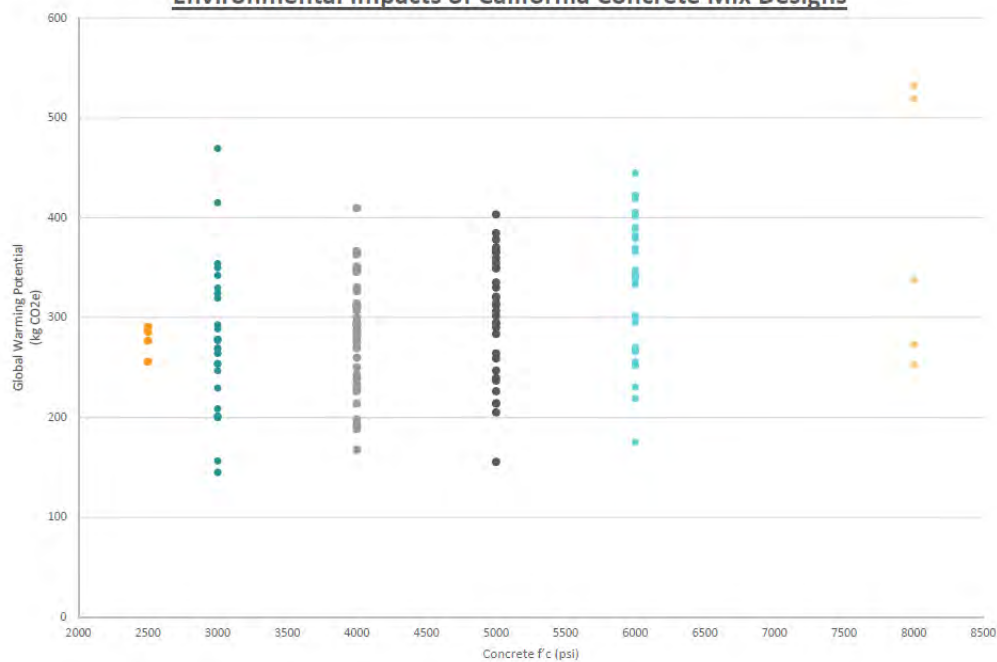
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PURSUE EXPANDED REQUIREMENTS

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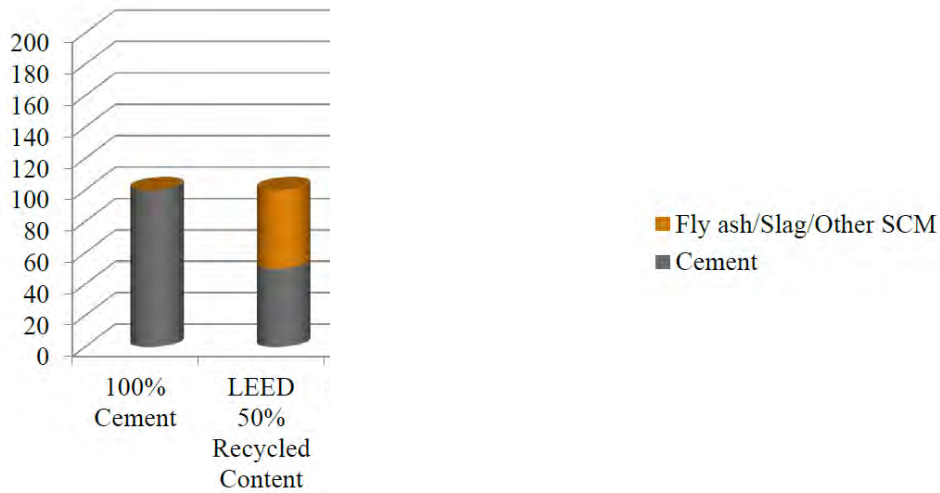
Environmental Impacts of California Concrete Mix Designs

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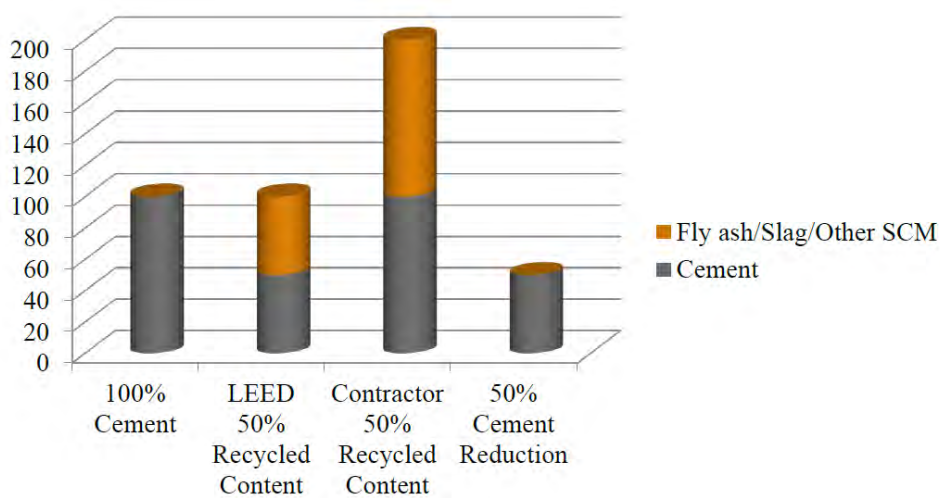
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A Cradle-to-Gate Life Cycle Assessment of Ready-Mixed Concrete Manufactured by NRMCA Members – Version 2.0

This project report and its results are used to support the development of an industry wide or sector average Environmental Product Declaration for the production of 72 concrete mix designs

Comissioner: National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA)

EPD Program Operator: NSF International

Prepared by: The Athena Sustainable Materials Institute

October 2016

Athena Sustainable Materials Institute

Appendix A: Mix design specifications and raw material quantities

Product Name	Mix Parameters				Mix Proportions, lb						Admixture Use (oz.)				
	Comp. Strength (psi)	w/c m	FA %	SL %	Air (V/N)	Cement	Fly Ash	Slag	Batch Water	Coarse Agg	Fine Agg	Air Ent	WR	HRWR	ACC
2500-00-FA/SL	2500	0.61	0%	0%	Y	423	0	0	261	1677	1408	1.0	3.0	0.0	20
2500-20-FA	2500	0.61	20%	0%	Y	361	90	0	261	1677	1336	1.0	3.0	0.0	25
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2500-40-SL	2500	0.61	0%	40%	Y	257	0	172	261	1677	1395	1.0	3.0	0.0	40
2500-50-SL	2500	0.61	0%	50%	Y	215	0	215	261	1677	1392	1.0	3.0	0.0	45
2500-50-FA/SL	2500	0.61	20%	30%	Y	226	90	135	261	1677	1327	1.0	3.0	0.0	45
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3000-20-FA	3000	0.54	20%	0%	Y	409	102	0	261	1677	1280	1.0	3.0	0.0	20
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NRMCA Industry Wide LCA Project Report

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Collaborative Process

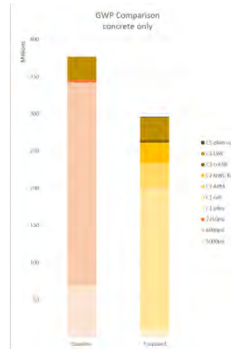
Step 1 - Determine Project Mix Needs



Step 3 - Add GWP Limits and EPDs to Concrete Specification

SFO BAB CIP Concrete Specification - Draft
2 February 2016

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6. Limit total water to 275 lbs maximum. **0.5**
7. Limit water-to-cementitious material ratio to 0.45 by weight. **0.5**
8. Shrinkage limit 0.035%. **0.5**
9. Max cement content: 300 pcy. **0.5**
10. Max GWP: 300 kg CO₂/m³. **0.5**
11. Mix "B-6000": For formed two-way slabs concrete. **0.5**
12. Compressive strength: 6,000 psi at 28 days (ASTM C39). **0.5**
13. Slump: 6 inches, plus or minus 1-inch tolerance (ASTM C143). **0.5**
14. Cementitious material: Total cementitious material shall not be less than 550 lbs per cubic yard. **0.5**
15. Aggregate: Size 67 (3/4-inch) coarse aggregate. **0.5**
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19. Max cement content: 325 pcy. **0.5**
20. Max GWP: 325 kg CO₂/m³. **0.5**
21. Mix "C-6000": For walls and columns. **0.5**



Step 2 - Calculate Embodied Carbon Savings



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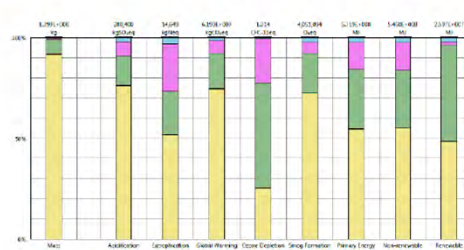
3.3 Building Product and Material Sustainability

SUSTAINABILITY APPROACH

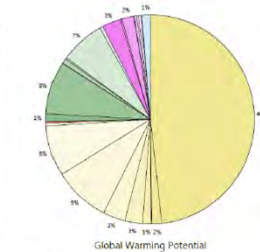
3.3.1 Whole-Building Lifecycle Analysis

A whole-building Lifecycle Assessment (WBLCA) was performed on the 100% CD model using the Revit model of the building structure and the Tally LCA plug-in to compare two scenarios: a typical or baseline case, and the same model with low-cement concrete mixes. Per the requirements of the LEEDv4 WBLCA credit, the analysis considered only structure and enclosure materials. For this building, the largest contributor to all impact factors (except ozone depletion) was concrete. And within concrete, cement content is the major driver of impacts. By specifying lower-cement concrete mixes, the entire environmental footprint of the project was substantially reduced. This also allowed for a reasonable definition of a baseline building for the LEED analysis, as the "baseline" concrete mixes were taken from NRMCA (National Ready Mix Concrete Association) standard designs for the required strengths of each mix used on the project.

LEED requires that the project be 10% lower than a baseline building in three impact factors (one of which must be global warming potential) without being more than 5% greater than the baseline building in any impact factor. Our results show that Boarding Area B contributes 12% less to ocean acidification and 11% less to global warming and smog formation than the baseline case, and is 5-6% better in other impact categories as well.



TALLY LCA RESULTS FOR DESIGN CASE, SHOWING BREAKDOWN OF EACH IMPACT FACTOR BY CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION DIVISION



Global Warming Potential

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Decarbonized Concrete Specifications Terminal 1 Center & BAB



1.3 ACTION SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: Submit product data for each type of product indicated.
- B. Sustainable Design Submittals:
 1. Sustainability Criteria Worksheet: Submit one worksheet for each component material of the product or assembly used in the installation of Work of this Section.
 2. Environmental Product Declaration: An EPD is required, submit in accordance with Section 01 81 13.14 "Sustainability Design Requirements," Article 1.6C.1 "ACTION SUBMITTALS: Sustainable Design Documentation Submittals; MRe2.1 – EPDs."
 3. Reports from raw materials suppliers: If available, submit CSR reports from suppliers in accordance with Section 01 81 13.14 "Sustainability Design Requirements," Article 1.6C.2 "ACTION SUBMITTALS: Sustainable Design Documentation Submittals."
- O. Environmental Product Declaration: Submit in accordance with Section 01 81 13.14, part 1.6.C.1 LEED Submittals – BPDO – Environmental Product Declarations. All submitted material, of all framing types, must be accompanied by EPDs. Design-Build team will consider the Global Warming Potentials disclosed therein when selecting bids.
- J. Material ingredient inventories: A material ingredient inventory is required; submit an HPD, C2C certificate at Bronze level or above, C2C Material Health Certificate, Declare product label, or other acceptable material ingredient inventory in accordance with Section 01 81 13.14 "Sustainability Design Requirements," Article 1.6C.4 "ACTION

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Step 4 - Compare EPDs to Limits in Submittal Review

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Central Concrete
Environmental Product Declaration
(Mix L407F02S - Bode Plant)

This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) reports the impacts for 1 m³ of ready mixed concrete mix, meeting the following specifications:

- ASTM C94, Ready-Mixed Concrete
- UNSPSC Code 30111025, Ready Mix Concrete
- CSI Section 03 30 00, Cast-in-Place Concrete

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EPD Program Operator
Earthara
PO Box 2443 - Vashon, WA
<http://www.organiccert.com/earthara/>

Date of Issue
10/27/2016 (valid for 5 years until 10/27/2021)

Environmental Impacts

Declared Product:
Mix L407F02S - Bode Plant
15FA FPA LW 4000 PSI
Compressive strength, 4000 psi at 28 days

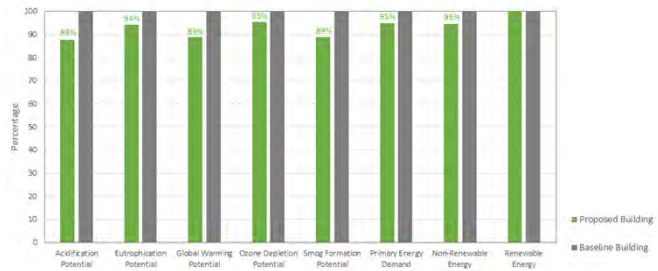
Declared Unit: 1 m³ of concrete

Impact Category	Value	Limit
Global Warming Potential (kg CO ₂ e)	320,092	320,092
Acidification Potential (kg SO ₂ e)	15,564	15,564
Eutrophication Potential (kg N eq)	61,930,455	61,930,455
Ozone Depletion Potential (CFC-11 eq)	1.27	1.27
Smog Formation Potential (kg O ₃ eq)	4,555,735	4,555,735
Primary Energy Demand (MJ)	602,722,891	602,722,891
Non-Renewable Energy Demand (MJ)	576,889,241	576,889,241
Renewable Energy Demand (MJ)	25,928,986	25,928,986
Mass (kg)	139,714,746	139,714,746

Notes:
R+C: Maximum GWP exceeded.
Arup's sustainability group to review.

The Carbon Leadership Forum (CLF) Product Category Rules (PCR) for ISO 14025 Type III Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for Concrete, Version 1.1 dated 10/4/2014, serves as the PCR for this EPD.
<http://www.carbonleadershipgroup.org/>

LEED WBLCA credit check



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SFO Outcomes: Terminal 1 Boarding Area B

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- 8M kgCO₂e embodied carbon savings
- 27% reduction within concrete

1800 cars



9000 acres



	Acidification Potential (kgSO ₂ e)	Eutrophication Potential (kgNeq)	Global Warming Potential (kgCO ₂ e)	Ozone Depletion Potential (CFC-11eq)	Smog Formation Potential (kgO ₃ e)	Primary Energy Demand (MJ)	Non-renewable Energy Demand (MJ)	Renewable Energy Demand (MJ)	Mass (kg)
Baseline (typical cement mix)	320,092	15,564	69,647,095	1.27	4,555,735	602,722,891	576,889,241	25,928,986	139,714,746
As-Designed (low-GWP concrete mixes)	280,400	14,649	61,930,455	1.21	4,051,094	571,850,604	545,971,939	25,971,372	139,887,038
Design compared to baseline	-12%	-6%	-11%	-5%	-11%	-5%	-5%	0%	0%

TALLY LCA RESULTS COMPARISON FOR BASELINE V. DESIGN CASE

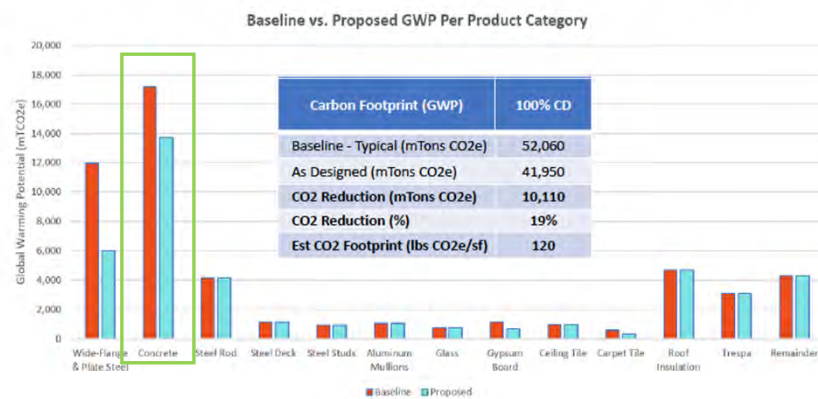
*10% reduction in GWP through structure and envelope strategies helped secure the points needed to tip the project from LEED Gold to **LEED Platinum***

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SFO Outcomes: Terminal 1 Center

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SFO T1's Embodied Footprint @ Design

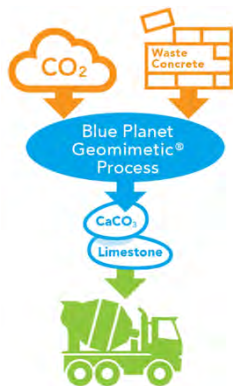


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SFO Pilot Project: Test Pour of Blue Planet™ Aggregate

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- Interim Boarding Area B
- Aggregate = Blue Planet Pumice + CO₂



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Bay Area Low Carbon Concrete Code

- Funded by BAAQMD's 2018 Climate Protection Grant Program under "Fostering Innovative Strategies with long-term impacts in reducing GHG emissions."
- A first-of-its-kind effort to address embodied emissions in an area of local government control.
- Partnership with local government, engineers, and academia, as well as a robust stakeholder group which shaped the standards.



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Cement or Embodied Carbon (GWP) Limits

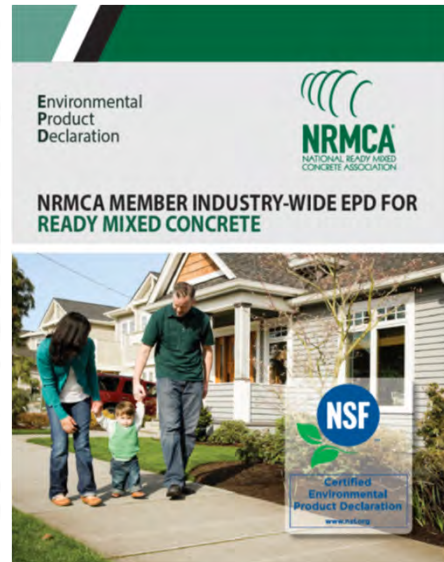
Table 19.07.050 Cement and Embodied Carbon Limit Pathways

	Cement limits for use with any compliance method 19.07.050.2 through 19.07.050.5	Embodied Carbon limits for use with any compliance method 19.07.050.2 through 19.07.050.5
Minimum specified compressive strength f'_c , psi (1)	Maximum ordinary Portland cement content, lbs/yd ³ (2)	Maximum embodied carbon kg CO ₂ e/m ³ , per EPD
up to 2500	362	260
3000	410	289
4000	456	313
5000	503	338
6000	531	356
7000	584	394
7001 and higher	657	433
up to 3000 light weight	512	578
4000 light weight	571	626
5000 light weight	629	675

Notes
 (1) For concrete strengths between the stated values, use linear interpolation to determine cement and/or embodied carbon limits.
 (2) Portland cement of any type per ASTM C150.

19.07.050.1 Allowable Increases

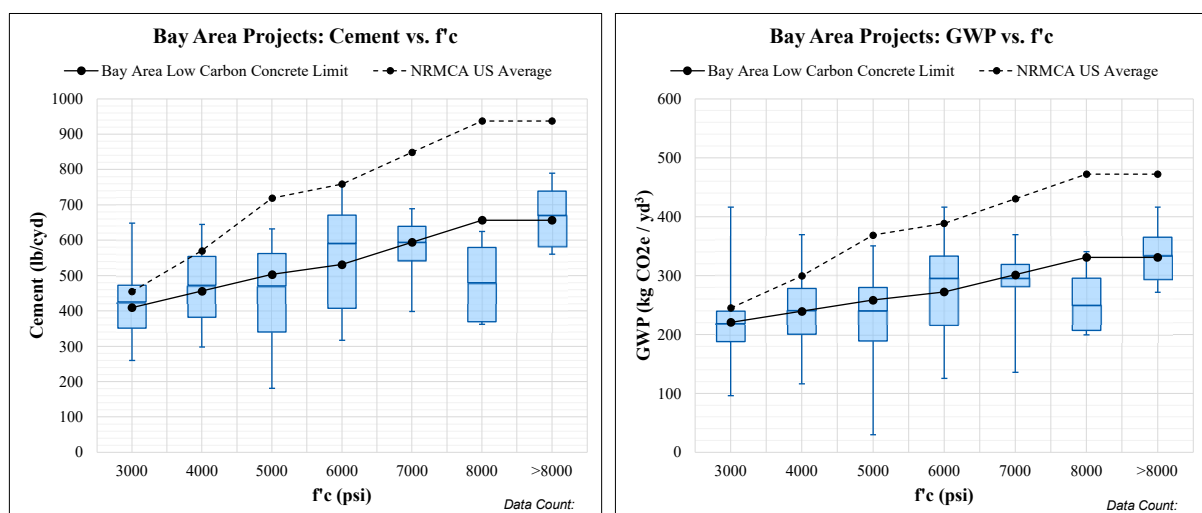
- (1) **Cement and Embodied Carbon Limit Allowances.** Cement or Embodied Carbon limits shown in Table 19.07.050 can be increased by 30% for concretes demonstrated to the Building Official as requiring high early strength. Such concretes could include, but are not limited to, precast, prestressed concrete; beams and slabs above grade; and shotcrete



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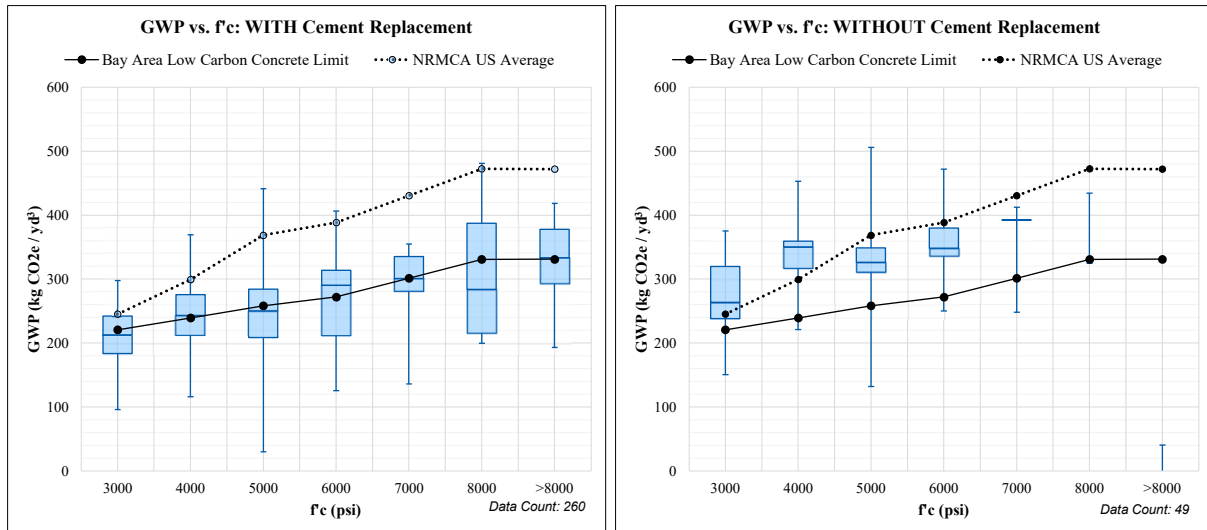


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Specification Guide

Capturing the Value of Low Carbon Mixes



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Higher Performing Concrete Lower Carbon Footprint


Today's designs require aggressive performance and sustainability targets. Fortunately, advances in mix designs, including the incorporation of highly effective cementitious materials, carbon dioxide as an additive, returned fresh concrete and much more has resulted in solutions that maintain or achieve higher levels of strength, durability and workability, while significantly lowering the carbon footprint of the mix.

To assist you in specifying the optimal performance-based mix, Central Concrete has created this "At-A-Glance Specification Guide: Capturing the Value of Low Carbon Mixes". See page 2.

In addition, we recommend the following resources:

- Carbon Leadership Forum's LCA Model Specifications V1
- NRMCA's Specification in Practice #1-5
- CarbonCure's Specification
- ACI 301-16 Specifications for Structural Concrete

Our technical team members, along with our Sustainability Manager, regularly collaborate with design teams on their projects to achieve their goals. We invite you to contact us today.




Reflected in the sample commercial spec clauses

<https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/sustainability/low-carbon-concrete-project>

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Bay Area Low Carbon Concrete Code

- Model code language for adoption by local governments
 - Low embodied-carbon concrete specifications for residential and non-residential applications
 - **Adopted unanimously by County of Marin on November 19, 2019**
- Opportunity for these standards to be adopted across Bay Area jurisdictions; and for the framework to be replicated beyond our region.



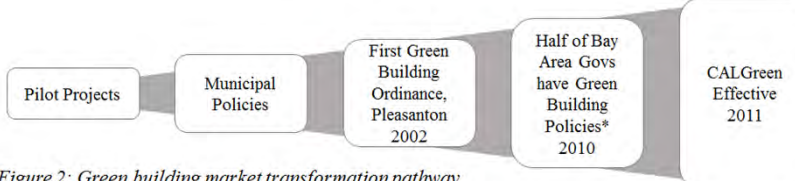


Figure 2: Green building market transformation pathway

* Bay Area Regional Collaborative Bay Area Green Building Policy Assessment Aug. 20, 2010

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ABR, A&E Standards, Tenant Improvement Guide

Introduction to the ABR, A&E Standards, and Airport Guidance Documents:

- Introduction

The Airport Building Regulations (ABR):

- ABR

Airport Architecture & Engineering (A&E) Standards:

Division 01 – General Requirements

- Commissioning, Activation, & Simulation (CAS) Standards (uploaded March 2023)

(To request appendix documents, please contact Reuben Halli at Reuben.Halli@sfoa.com or Anthony Bernheim at Anthony.Bernheim@sfoa.com)

- SFO Sustainable Planning, Design, and Construction Standards (uploaded December 2021)

Division 08 – Openings: includes section from Division 11.

- Building Systems – Doors, Keying, Hardware (uploaded December 2021)

Division 21 – Fire Suppression, includes sections from Division 15 & 40

- Building Systems – Division 8 Curtain Wall and Glazing Assemblies (uploaded October 2023)

Division 14 – Conveying Equipment:

- Building Systems – Elevators, Escalators, Moving Walkways

Division 22 – Plumbing:

- Building Systems – Plumbing

Division 23 – Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning:

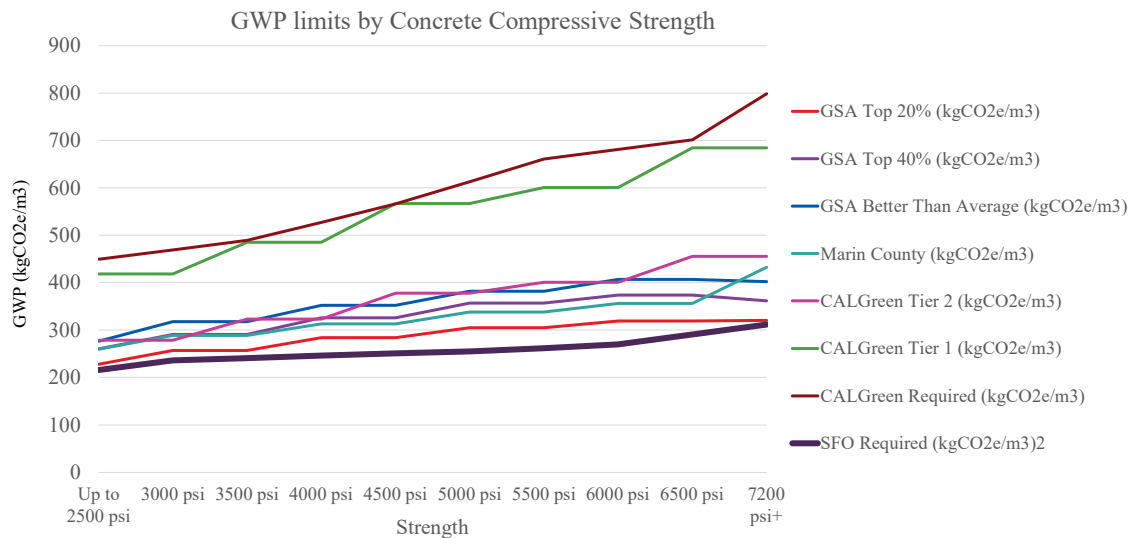
- SFO Sustainable Planning, Design, & Construction Standards, Chapter 6: Materials & Resources
- Decarbonized Concrete Guidance
- CarbonStar signals the goal of carbon negative concrete
- Direct projects to use EC3 for EPD documentation

<https://www.sfoconnect.com/architectural-and-engineering-ae-standards>

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Codes, Standards, & Guidelines: Comparison of GWP Limits

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Codes, Standards, & Guidelines: SFO Sustainable Planning, Design, & Construction Standards

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Required

Ensure that all concrete mixes used adhere to Table X.X "GWP Limits per Concrete Strength Class - Required". The GWP of each concrete mix should come from third-party verified concrete EPDs following the US Concrete PCR v2.3 (NSF/ASTM 1112-19 with 2024 deviation & 2024 extension) or later. Utilize the EC3 tool to track EPDs for the concrete products used for the project.

For all concrete mixtures that use carbon-sequestering technology to meet the limits below, meet the Carbon Sequestering Technologies Disclosure Requirements detailed in section below.

Minimum specified compressive strength f'_c , psi	Embodied Carbon Limits (metric) kg CO ₂ e/m ³ , per Type III EPD	Embodied Carbon Limits (imperial) lb CO ₂ e/yd ³ , per Type III EPD
up to 2500	216	364
3000	236	398
4000	246	414
5000	255	431
6000	270	455
7000	291	491
8000+	312	527
LW 3000	472	796
LW 4000	492	829
LW 5000	511	861

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Codes, Standards, & Guidelines: SFO Sustainable Planning, Design, & Construction Standards



Reach

Ensure that **at least 5% of concrete** used in the project, by volume, adheres to Table X.X "GWP Limits per Concrete Strength Class – Reach". The GWP of each concrete mix should come from third-party verified concrete EPDs following the US Concrete PCR v2.3 (NSF/ASTM 1112-19 with 2024 deviation & 2024 extension) or later. Utilize the EC3 tool to track EPDs for the concrete products used for the project.

For all concrete mixtures that use carbon-sequestering technology to meet the limits below, meet the Carbon Sequestering Technologies Disclosure Requirements detailed in section below.

Minimum specified compressive strength f'_c , psi	Embodied Carbon Limits kg CO ₂ e/m ³ , per Type III EPD	Embodied Carbon Limits lb CO ₂ e/yd ³ , per Type III EPD
up to 2500	0 to 70	0 to 118
3000	0 to 78	0 to 131
4000	0 to 96	0 to 162
5000	0 to 117	0 to 197
6000	0 to 124	0 to 209
7000+	0 to 144	0 to 243
LW 3000	0 to 156	0 to 262
LW 4000	0 to 192	0 to 324
LW 5000	0 to 234	0 to 394

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Regenerative

Using a volume weighted average approach, achieve a total average GWP of 0 kg CO₂e/m³ or 0 lb CO₂e/yd³ or less across the entire project, calculated according to Equation X.X. The GWP of each concrete mix should come from third-party verified concrete EPDs following the US Concrete PCR v2.3 (NSF/ASTM 1112-19 with 2024 deviation & 2024 extension) or later. Utilize the EC3 tool to track EPDs for the concrete products used for the project.

For all concrete mixtures that use carbon-sequestering technology to meet the limits below, meet the Carbon Sequestering Technologies Disclosure Requirements detailed in section below.

Equation X.X

$$\frac{\sum GWP_n \cdot V_n}{V_{tot}} \leq 0$$

Where

- n : The total number of concrete mixtures for the project
- GWP_n : The global warming potential for mixture n as per Type III EPD
- V_n : The volume of mixture n concrete to be placed, m³ or yd³
- V_{tot} : The total volume of all concrete mixtures to be placed, m³ or yd³

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Codes, Standards, & Guidelines: CarbonStar®



- SFO involved in development of CarbonStar
- Simple and easy-to-compare quantification of concrete GWP for concrete mixes using carbon-sequestering technology in its constituent materials
- CarbonStar® = Embodied CO₂e – Sequestered CO₂e
- Modeled after ENERGY STAR®
- Complements concrete EPDs and PCRs, resulting equation can be provided in the additional information section of EPDs



www.carbonstar.org

“The CarbonStar Standard and Calculator was designed to guide building professionals in the specification and use of low embodied and sequestered carbon concrete products.”

Building professionals can use CarbonStar to facilitate procurement of environmentally preferable concrete using a standardized approach to carbon accounting thereby creating efficiencies during the building process.”

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Low-Carbon Concrete Products: Blue Planet™ Aggregate



- Blue Planet synthetic limestone aggregate can theoretically offset all the emissions from the cement in the concrete, making the mix carbon negative.
- The calcium source, referred to as geomass, can be a range of materials:
 - Demolished/Returned Concrete
 - Cement Kiln Dust
 - Steel Slag
 - Fly Ash / APCr
 - Bauxite Residue
 - Silicate Rocks

Embodied Carbon of Blue Planet concrete calculated using CarbonStar rating system

Carbon emitted			
Mix details		Mass (lb/yd ³)	Carbon emitted
Cement	Portland Cement	600	624
Water	Municipal Water	300	0.06
A3 phase (production of concrete at ready-mix plant)	Grid Electricity	-	1.8
Carbon sequestered			
Mix details		Mass (lb/yd ³)	Carbon sequestered
Coarse aggregate	Blue Planet CaCO ₃	1500	-600
Fine aggregate	Blue Planet CaCO ₃	1300	-520
CarbonStar® rating (lb CO ₂ /yd ³ concrete)			-494

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Low-Carbon Concrete Products: Others

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- Supplementary Cementitious Material (SCM) from materials like steel slag, cement kiln dust, biomass ash, fly ash, mine tailings, and demolition waste.
- Permanently stores CO₂.



- Concrete admix for use in marine environments.
- Encourages growth of marine organisms which act as biological glue.



- SCMs from over 30 different feedstocks so far, including fly ash, steel slags, glass, biomass, volcanic rocks, natural pozzolans, metal mine tailings, aggregate fines, silicates and clays



- Replaces up to 50% of cement in concrete.
- Ground glass filler made from recycled glass.



- Portland cement made with calcium silicate rock instead of limestone.
- Chemically and physically identical to conventional Portland cement.
- Produces both Portland cement and supplementary cementitious materials (SCM) from the same process.
- Process produces magnesium which sequesters carbon.

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Timeline

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2012	LEEDv4 released	2019	Opening of SFO Harvey Milk Terminal 1 Phase 1
2013	SFO ZNE Commitment and adoption of LEEDv4 in RFP for T1 Redevelopment		Marin Co. adoption of Low Carbon Concrete Code
	SEAONC Collects Concrete Mix Designs	2020	
2014	Start of Design-Build Work on Terminal 1 BAB and Core Project	2021	LCC added to SFO Sustainable Planning Design & Construction Guidelines
2015	Test pour of Blue Planet Aggregate		SB 596 – CA Cement Zero Emissions by 2045
2016	NRMCA Benchmarking Report	2022	GSA Buy Clean
2017	Specifications issued for SFO T1		CalGreen Amendment
	Buy Clean CA	2023	SFO Bus Maintenance Facility Pilot
2018	Bay Area Low Carbon Concrete code development		
	SEAONC Concrete Mix Design Analysis	2024	Concrete Innovation Award
			LCC update in SFO SPDC Guidelines

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Decarbonized Concrete Specifications Bus Maintenance Facility (SFO)

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Location	Strength (psi)	Maximum GWP Limit (kgCO ₂ e/m ³)	Maximum Reach GWP Limit (kgCO ₂ e/m ³)	Maximum Regenerate GWP Limit (kgCO ₂ e/m ³)	Concrete Quantity (CY)	Maximum Allowable Carbon (kg CO ₂ e) = CY x GWP x 0.765m ³ /cy	Reach Target Maximum Allowable Carbon (kg CO ₂ e) = CY x GWP x 0.765m ³ /cy	Regenerate Target Maximum Allowable Carbon (kg CO ₂ e) = CY x GWP x 0.765m ³ /cy
Grade beams/Structural Slabs/Mat slabs	5,000	Max GWP limit 300	Reach GWP limit 270	Regenerate GWP limit 240				
Walls / Curbs / Housekeeping Pads / Reinforced Concrete Bus Pads / Drainage Structures / Concrete Encasements / Gutters / Other Minor Structures	4,000	Max GWP limit 275	Reach GWP limit 248	Regenerate GWP limit 213				
Bidding fills out blank spaces.								
Maximum Total Concrete Carbon Targets (sum of each column), kgCO ₂ e:								
Location	Strength (psi)	Concrete Mix ID	Concrete Quantity (CY)	Mix GWP (kgCO ₂ e/m ³)	Concrete Carbon (kg CO ₂ e) = CY x GWP x 0.765m ³ /cy			
Same as Table 1	Same as Table 1	Contractor to fill out	Contractor to fill out	Contractor to fill out from concrete supplier's EPD	Contractor to calculate using equation above			
Submitted Total Concrete Carbon (sum of column), kgCO ₂ e:								
Which total concrete carbon target from Table 1 is achieved by this total concrete carbon?								
<input type="checkbox"/> Maximum <input type="checkbox"/> Reach <input type="checkbox"/> Regenerate								

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Codes, Standards, & Guidelines: Building Transparency (EC3) and SFO Template

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FY0 Ask Christine about Bus Maint year and process
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Low-Carbon Concrete Products: Supplementary Cementitious Materials (SCMs)

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Don't Stifle Innovation – Prioritize Performance

Do you really need to specify:

- Slump (contractor means and methods)
- Minimum cement and max w/c beyond req'd in ACI 318 Chapter 9 for durability
- Maximum % Allowable Cementitious Alternatives (SFO never F3)



LOCATION	f' _c MPa (PSI)	EXPOSURE CLASS**	MAX SHRINKAGE LIMIT (%)	MAX AGGREGATE SIZE (mm)	MODULUS (ksi)
MISCELLANEOUS CONCRETE, CURBS, SIDEWALKS	3,000	F2, S0, W1, C1	-	1	-
EXTERIOR SLABS ON GRADE/BUILT-UP SLABS	4,000	F2, S0, W1, C1	0.04	1	-
INTERIOR SLABS ON GRADE/BUILT-UP SLABS	4,000	N	0.04	1	-
MISCELLANEOUS CONCRETE WALLS	4,000	N	0.04	3/4	-
BASEMENT WALLS	6,000 8,000 WHERE NOTED ON ELEVATION	N	0.05	1	-
SPREADWALL FOOTINGS, GRADE BEAMS	6,000	F0, S0, W1, C0	0.05	1	-
PLASTERS	6,000	N	0.04	3/4	-
CONCRETE ON STEEL DECK	4,000 8,000 (WHERE NOTED ON PLAN)	F0, S0, W1, C1	0.04	3/4	-
CONCRETE ON STEEL DECK (ALL OTHER LEVELS)	4,000	N	0.04	3/4	-
MILD REINFORCED SLABS	4,000	N	0.04	3/4	-

* ACCEPTABLE TIMING TO ACHIEVE CONCRETE STRENGTH GAIN SHALL BE DETERMINED BASED ON CONTRACTOR INPUT. WHILE A NORMAL CONCRETE STRENGTH OF F_c WILL BE UTILIZED FOR FINAL PROJECT ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA, TRIAL BATCHES SHALL REPORT THE STANDARD DEVIATION FOR THE TESTED MIXES AS WELL AS THEIR EXPECTED CONCRETE STRENGTHS.

** CONCRETE EXPOSURE CLASSES ARE BASED ON CHAPTER 19 OF ACI 318-14. THE DESIGNATION "N" INDICATES THE FOLLOWING: F0, S0, W0, C0.

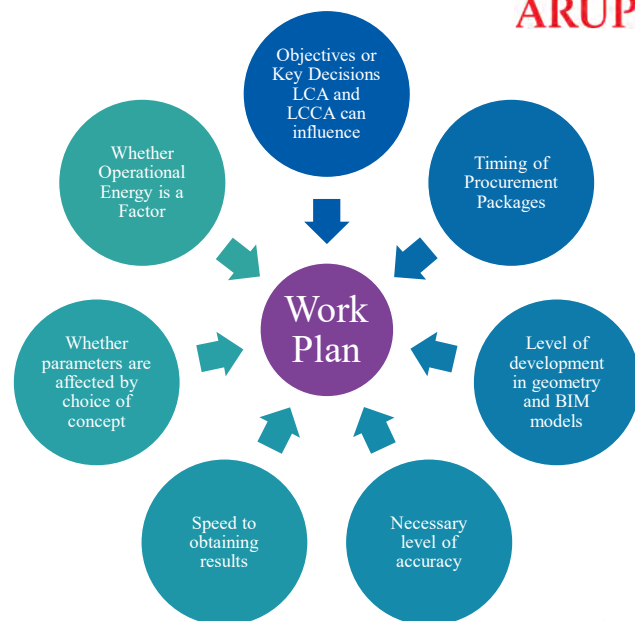
Figure 4.1.1 – Example Concrete Mix Design Table from General Notes (Source: MKA)

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SFO Keys to Success

From a consultant's perspective

- Clear and consistent ambitions upfront
- Process for vetting big decisions
- Support from ZERO Team
- Progressive Design-Build contract structure
- Big Room mentality
- Alignment with best practice
- Two-way education



Source: SFO T1 team

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