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It is very important for the Federal Government to continue to recognize LEED (v2009 and v4) as a "voluntary consensus standard." While not under the ANSI umbrella, LEED works hard to make the standard development consensus-based. The ANSI process doesn't even accommodate the participation of thousands of people in a voting consensus body. Thousands of comments were received about LEED. Those comments prompted the changes and many reviews of, and revisions to, the requirements, including an unprecedented "Beta" phase for testing prior to launch (and even prior to balloting, which is not even required by other standards). As a result of the LEED development consensus process, requirements are now much more appropriate for market conditions. The government would be on the wrong side of history to exclude LEED, by working hand-in-hand with special interest groups with deep pockets. Please don't let the chemical companies persuade you to abandon something that is very good for all of us.