

BPA to Launch Online Lighting Calculator

BPA will begin to replace the spreadsheet-based Nonresidential Lighting Calculator (LC6.0) with the cloud-based Online Lighting Calculator (OLC) in March 2025, which will enhance user experience, reliability, and cybersecurity. Utilities will transition to the new OLC in cohorts and receive training and support materials in virtual sessions. All projects must migrate before the LC6.0 retires in September 2025.

To ensure a smooth transition, BPA will implement the OLC in phases, introducing the platform to utilities and their trade allies on a cohort basis. Energy Efficiency Representatives (EERs) contacted the first group of utilities and BPA will begin training sessions and create login credentials for utility staff. BPA will finalize the OLC training schedule in the coming months and EERs will provide further details.

Comprehensive Training and Support

BPA's training program will include live, online sessions, and virtual "office hours" for detailed questions and project troubleshooting. Additionally, BPA will release a user manual, training videos, answers to frequently asked questions, and other resources to support users during the transition.

Key Dates and Requirements

LC6.0 will officially retire in September 2025. All projects using LC6.0 must be completed and invoiced through BEETS by then. As each utility cohort completes training and transitions to the OLC platform, BPA requests that utilities use the OLC exclusively and refrain from submitting applications using LC6.0. BPA staff will be available to support migrating projects from LC6.0 to the OLC platform.

Next Steps

BPA will share further details on the OLC rollout in upcoming announcements. In the interim, please reach out to your EER with any questions or concerns.