

Q4: Do you have any general comments?

The Vinyl Institute would like to reiterate our concern that the approach proposed in MR4.1 is inconsistent with recommendations and conclusion of USGBC review of PVC and with USGBC commitment to take LCA based approaches. The credits are directly contrary to the key conclusion of the TSAC Report on PVC and competing building materials, approved by the USGBC Board, which recommends against material avoidance credits (Altschuler, Horst et al. US Green Building Council 2007)

The Vinyl Institute strongly believes that the short time allowed for public comment seriously jeopardized and significantly questions this entire process. The time provided was in no way adequate or acceptable for interested parties to make expert comments on such a complex document which took the relevant LEED committees many months to develop.

REFERENCES

Altschuler, K., S. Horst, et al. (2007). Assessment of the Technical Basis for a PVC-Related Credit for LEED. US Green Building Council.