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# EMERGENCY

## National Consensus Climate Neutral Building Standard

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Dangerous & Irreversible Climate Change*

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1. **Purpose:** performance specification for taking new and existing buildings and homes to zero climate energy use through efficiency and green power and be certified as climate neutral.

### 2. Value Proposition & Benefits:

- **Reduce Energy Costs & Initiate Preventative Maintenance.** Reduce substantially rising long term energy costs & price volatility. Reduce need for taxes & budget increases.
- **Create Jobs.** Renewable & energy efficiency technologies, installations & systems
- **Reduce Climate Change, Air Pollution & Acid Rain.** Reduce climate change pollutants & risk from increased intensity of extreme events such as hurricanes, droughts, fires, floods, & intense storms, and associated adverse and damaging effects to biota and the built environment within the 5-10 year window before climate change is irreversible: <http://www.ucar.edu/news/releases/2005/trenberth.shtml>. Reduce mercury emissions, toxic effects to biota, & SOx & NOx thus improving public health and reducing acid rain.
- **Improve Energy Security.** Reduce risks to energy security and global resource induced conflict