

BUILDINGENERGY BOSTON

Less Carbon, Same Building: How Builders and Designers Can Cut Embodied Carbon Today

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Musician

Build > Design > PM > Research/Ed > Software Dev



Material Health

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Planetary Impact

Sustainable Materials Management

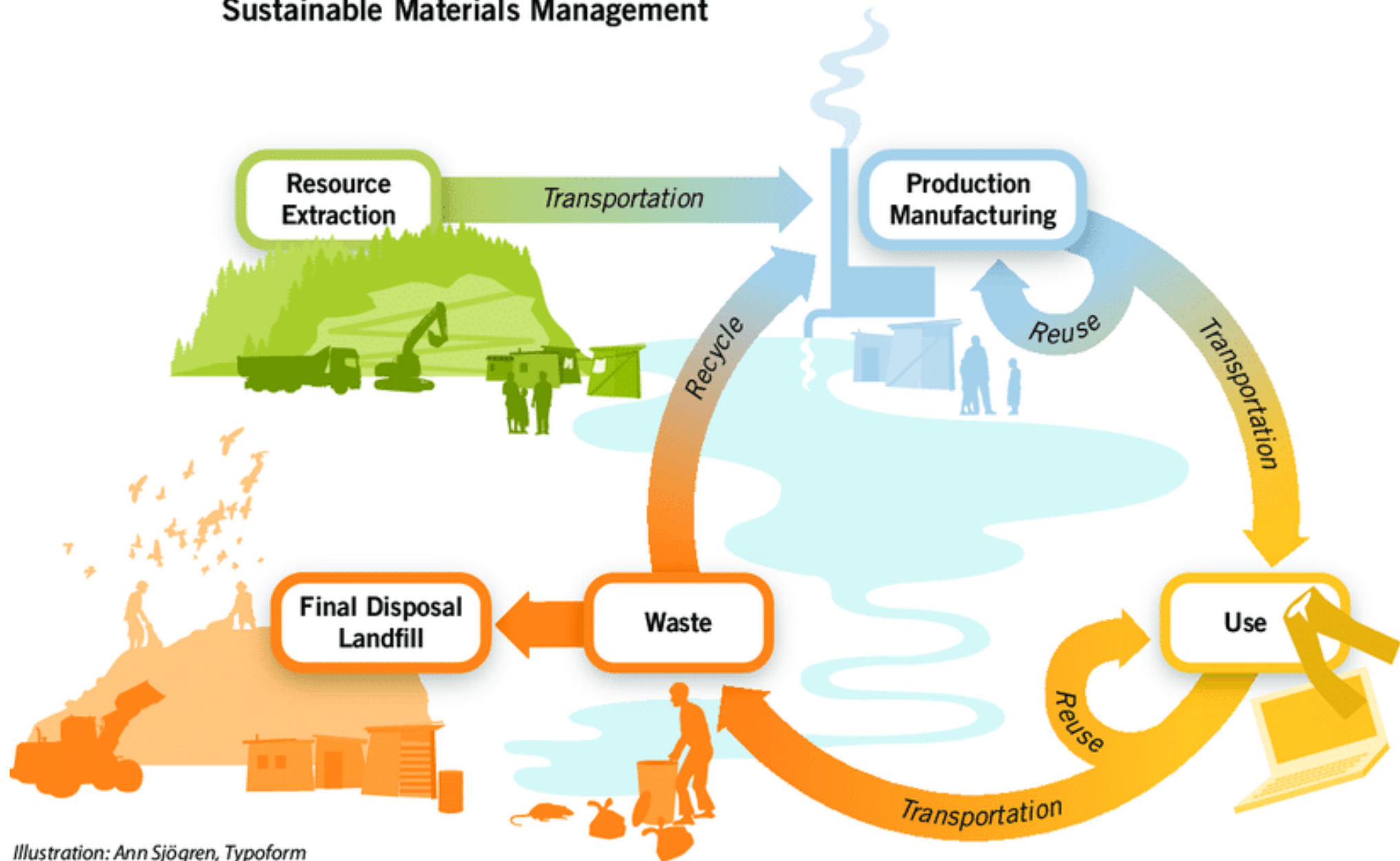
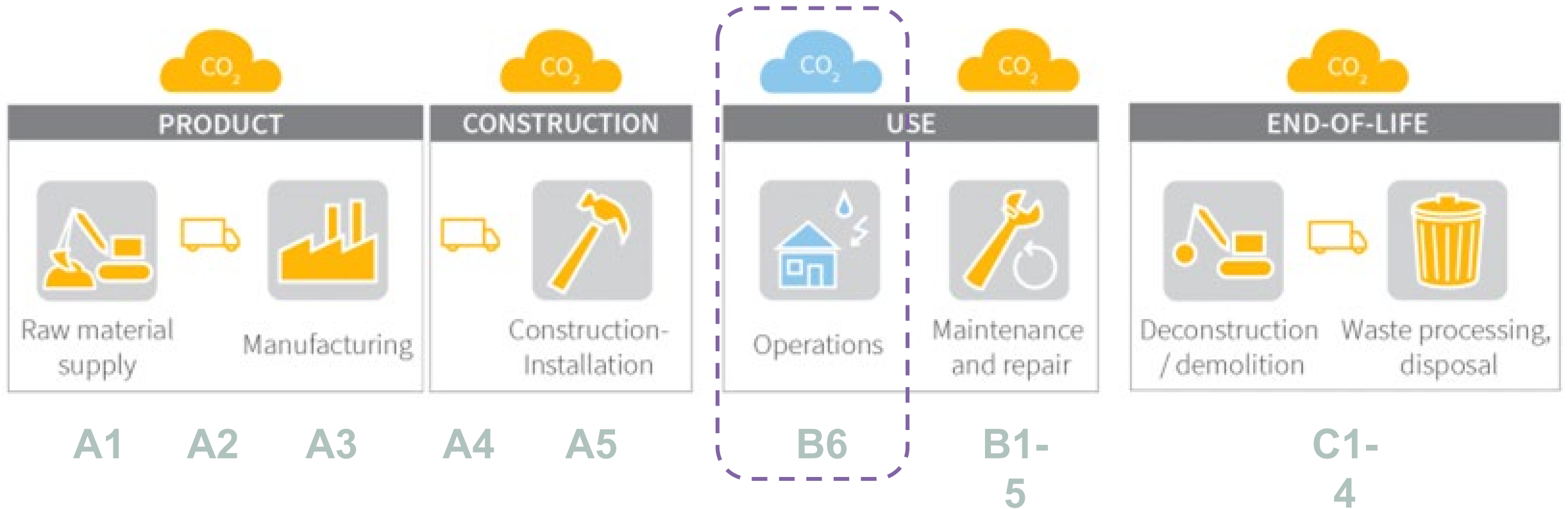


Illustration: Ann Sjögren, Typoform

Life cycle assessment phases



Material carbon emissions (MCE)

(also called "Cradle-to-gate")

Up front embodied carbon

"Cradle-to-grave" or life cycle emissions

Environmental Product Declarations

An EPD “*quantifies environmental information on the life cycle of a product to enable comparisons between products fulfilling the same function.*”

- ***Like a nutritional label for materials***
- Valid for 5 years and third party verified
- Follow standards (EN1508, ISO14040)
- $GWP = \text{kg CO}_2 \text{ eq} / \text{functional unit}$

Product Impacts	
Declared Unit: <u>1 m³</u> of 10,000 psi concrete at 28 days	
Amount Per Declared Unit	
Global Warming Potential	445 kgCO ₂ eq
Emitted	460 kgCO ₂ eq
Sequestered	-15 kgCO ₂ eq
Ozone Depletion	0.000 kgCFC11eq
Acidification	2.96 kgSO ₂ eq
Eutrophication	0.09 kgNeq
Smog Formation	0.61 kgO ₃ eq
Primary Energy Demand	3017 MJ
Non-renewable	3000 MJ
Renewable	17 MJ

Image: Building Transparency
<https://www.buildingtransparency.org/resources/how-get-epd/>

Insulation

- Spray Foam (HFO)
- XPS / Rigid Foam
- Mineral Wool



Steel Structure

- Steel Beams & Columns
- Metal Studs
- Fasteners & Connections



Foundations

- Concrete (High Carbon)
- Footings & Slabs



Cladding

- Fiber Cement
- Brick
- Metal Panels



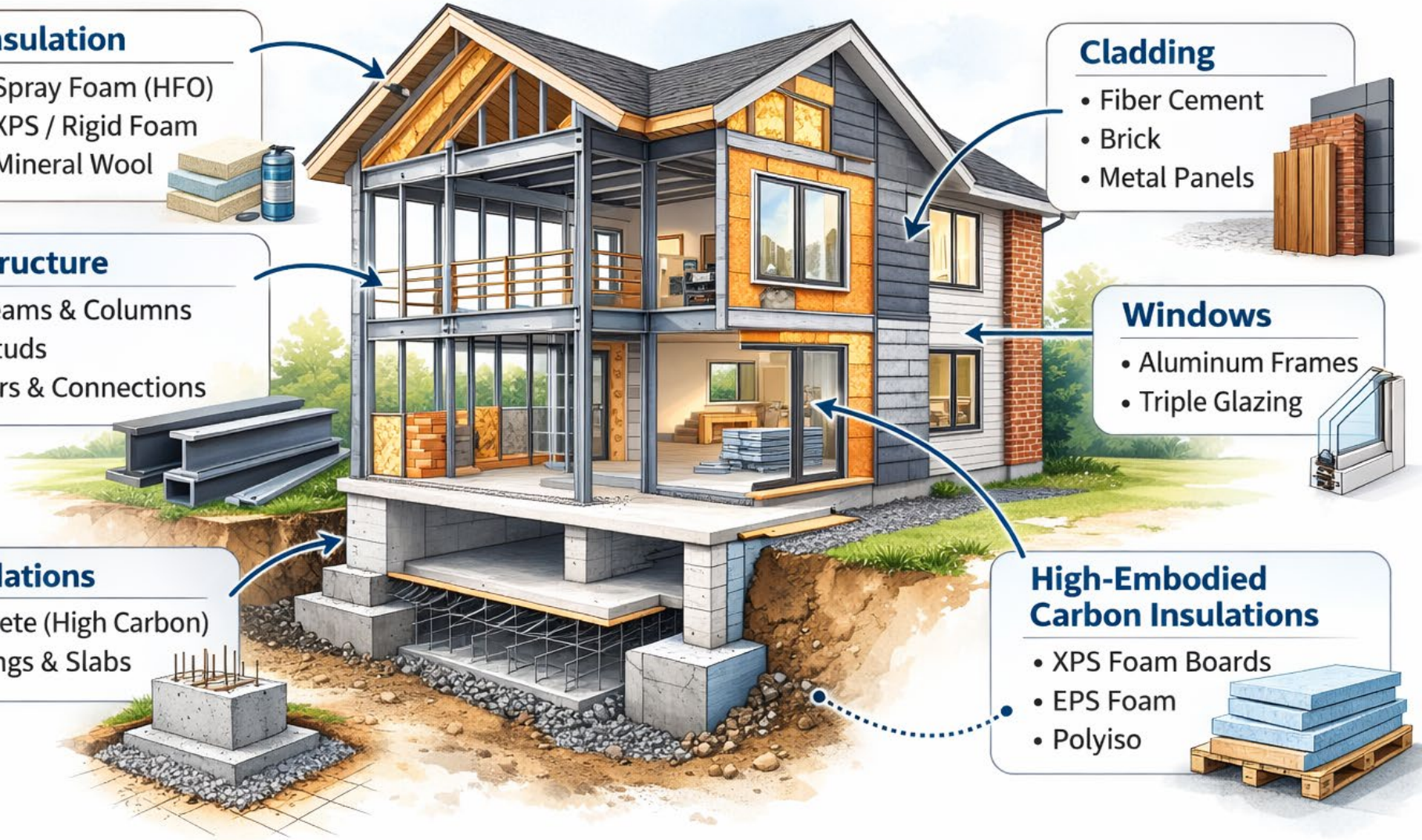
Windows

- Aluminum Frames
- Triple Glazing

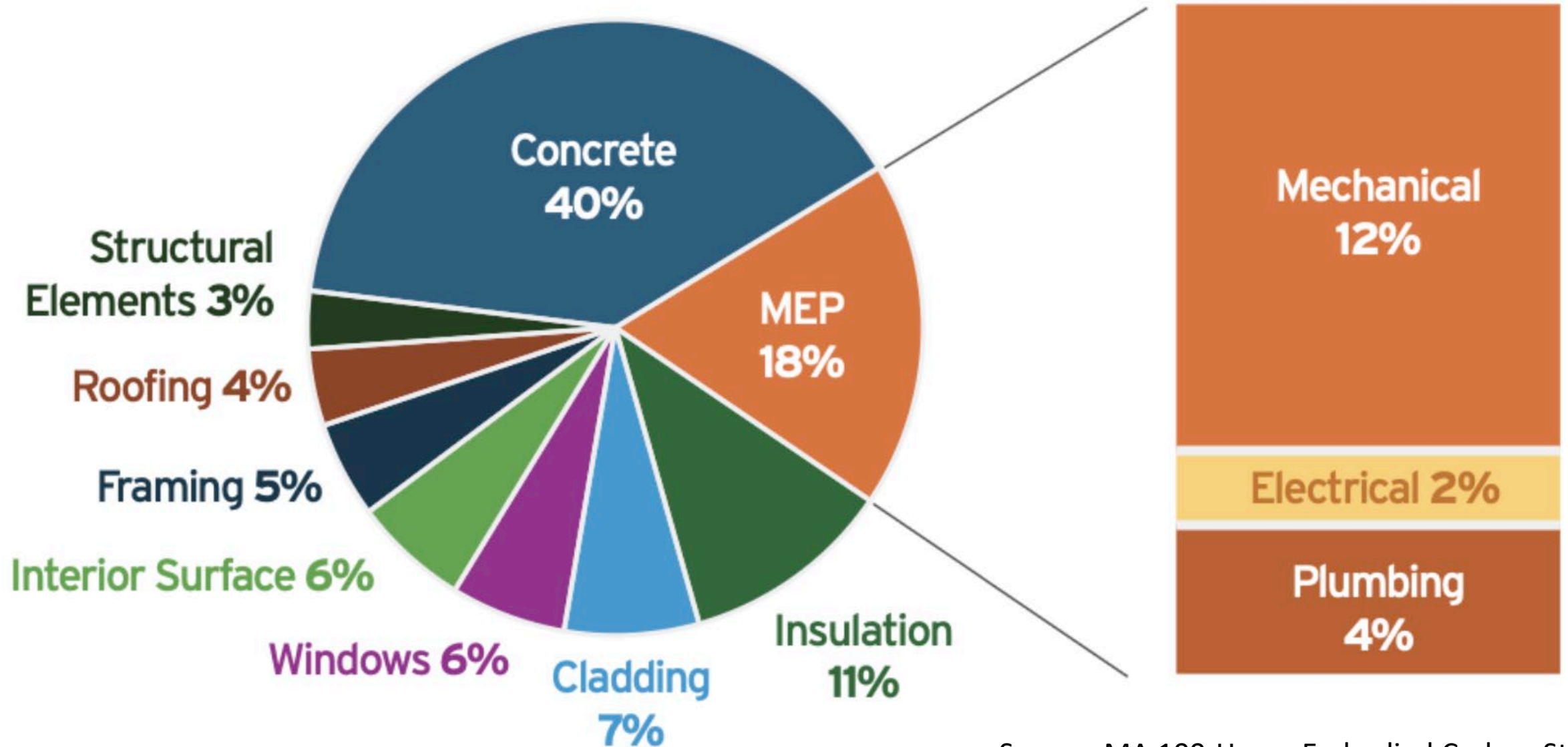


High-Embodied Carbon Insulations

- XPS Foam Boards
- EPS Foam
- Polyiso



Gross Material Emissions by Category (% contribution of total)





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Welcome



**BUILDING EMISSIONS
ACCOUNTING**
FOR MATERIALS

Before using BEAM v1.1 you need to authorize our scripts. We assure you that our scripts are safe and are only used to run the BEAM menu functions, nothing more. Once you authorize our scripts & activate your copy, all BEAM functions will load. If you encounter any problems please see our [troubleshooting guide](#).

Please follow this 2-step activation process:

1. Click the button below to authorize BEAM scripts (a pop-up window will appear)



2. Click the button below to Activate BEAM



DIMENSION NAME		QTY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION				
CONTINUOUS FOOTINGS VOLUME	7.4	yd ³	Length (ft) 100.00	X	Height (in.) 12.00	X	Width (in.) 24.00	Exclude: garage
COLUMNS/PIERS & PADS VOLUME	10.0	yd ³	Total volume of discontinuous foundation elements Includes: pads/footings, columns/piers/piles Excludes: garage					
FOUNDATION WALL AREA	1000.0	ft ²	Total foundation wall surface area (centerline length x height) Includes: basement, party walls. Excludes: openings, garage foundation					
FOUNDATION SLAB/FLOOR AREA	1000.0	ft ²	Total foundation slab surface area Excludes: garage slab					
EXTERIOR WALL AREA	1000.0	ft ²	Surface area of exterior walls. Includes: gable ends. Excludes: window & door openings, party walls, garage walls					
WINDOW AREA	1000.0	ft ²	Area of window frames (preferrable) or rough openings Includes: full glazing area, skylights. Excludes: garage windows					
PARTY WALL AREA	1000.0	ft ²	Wall area that partitions this unit from others Typical for townhouses & apartment units					
INTERIOR WALL AREA	1000.0	ft ²	One side only (i.e. centerline) of all interior walls. Includes: interior door area. Excludes: exterior, garage partition and party walls					
FRAMED FLOOR AREA	1000.0	ft ²	Above grade flooring area Excludes: basement floor slab, and floor openings					
FINISHED CEILING AREA	1000.0	ft ²	Total finished ceiling area Includes: basement ceilings. Excludes: garage ceilings					
ROOF CAVITY INSULATION AREA	1000.0	ft ²	Total area of roof insulation					
ROOF SURFACE AREA	1000.0	ft ²	Total roof surface area. Includes: overhangs					
TIMBER FRAMING VOLUME	0.0	yd ³	Total volume of wood in heavy timber posts & beams Separate inputs for steel found in Structural Elements section					

EXTERIOR WALLS

PROJECT NAME: Sample Project DOE Prototype
 SCENARIO: Baseline
 BEAM VERSION: V1.1

SECTION COMPLETE?

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CATEGORY	MATERIAL	QUANTITY	UNITS	%	SELECT	NET EMISSIONS kg CO ₂ e	GROSS EMISSIONS kg CO ₂ e	STORAGE Short Cycle kg CO ₂ 🖐️
	Spray polyurethane foam - High Density (HFC gas) / R 6.3-inch / SPFA [Industry Avg US & CA]	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	5,570	5,570	0
	Spray polyurethane foam - High Density (HFO gas) / R 6.5-inch / SPFA [Industry Avg US & CA]	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,325	1,325	0
	Spray polyurethane foam - High Density (HFC gas) / Carlisle CSFI / PremiSEAL / R 6.5-inch	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	4,251	4,251	0
	Spray polyurethane foam - High Density (HFO gas) / Carlisle CSFI / PremiR + EVO / R 6.5-inch	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,453	1,453	0
SPRAY POLYURETHANE FOAM – CLOSED CELL								
	Spray polyurethane foam - Closed Cell (HFC gas) / R 6.6-inch / SPFA [Industry Avg US & CA]	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	4,306	4,306	0
	Spray polyurethane foam - Closed Cell (HFO gas) / R 6.6-inch / SPFA [Industry Avg US & CA]	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,136	1,136	0
	Spray polyurethane foam - Closed Cell (HFC gas) / Carlisle CSFI / SealTite PRO Closed Cell (HFC) / R 7.0-inch	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	2,948	2,948	0
	Spray polyurethane foam - Closed Cell (HFO gas) / Carlisle CSFI / SealTite PRO HFO, SealTite One / R 7.0-inch	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	874	874	0
	Spray polyurethane foam - Closed Cell (HFO gas) / Huntsman / Heatlok Soya HFO & Heatlok HFO / R 6.5-inch	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	819	819	0
SPRAY POLYURETHANE FOAM – OPEN CELL								
	Spray polyurethane foam - Open Cell / R 4.1-inch / SPFA [Industry Avg US & CA]	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	465	465	0
	Spray polyurethane foam - Open Cell / Carlisle CSFI / SealTite PRO Open Cell, SealTite PRO High Yield, SealTite PRO No Mix, SealTite PRO OCX / R 3.7-inch	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	367	367	0
CEMENTITIOUS FOAM INSULATION								
	Cementitious Foam / R 3.5-inch [BEAM Avg]	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	521	521	0

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NET EMISSIONS kg CO ₂ e	GROSS EMISSIONS kg CO ₂ e	STORAGE Short Cycle kg CO ₂ 🖐️
-648	366	1,014
-705	283	988
-731	255	986
-509	234	743
-117	445	563
-282	159	442
-317	127	445
-223	78	300
-688	106	794
-527	388	915
-295	424	719
-351	653	1,004
-703	123	826

CATEGORY	MATERIAL	QUANTITY	UNITS	%	SELECT
CELLULOSE INSULATION					
	Cellulose / dense pack / CIMA / R 3.7-inch / [Industry Avg US & CA]	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cellulose / dense pack / Advanced Fiber Technology / AFT Carbon Smart / 56 kg/m3 / R3.8-inch	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cellulose / dense pack / Greenfiber / Sanctuary / Avg of all facilities / 56.1 kg/m3 / R3.8-inch	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cellulose / batt / CMS / EcoCell / R 3.6-inch	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cellulose / batt / Ekovilla / Ekovilla Slab / R3.7-inch [EU]	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cellulose / loose fill / CIMA / R 3.7-inch / [Industry Avg US & CA]	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cellulose / loose fill / Advanced Fiber Technology / AFT Carbon Smart / 25.2 kg/m3 / R3.8-inch	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cellulose / loose fill / Greenfiber / Sanctuary / Avg of all facilities / 17.1 kg/m3 / R3.8-inch	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cellulose / spray applied / International Cellulose Corp. / K-13, ThermoCon / R 3.75-inch	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>
WOOD FIBER INSULATION					
	Wood fiber batt / [BEAM Avg EU]	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Wood fiber loose fill / GUTEX / ThermoFiber / R 3.8-inch [EU]	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Wood fiber batt / Steico / SteicoFlex / R 3.8-inch [EU]	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Wood fiber batt / GUTEX / ThermoFlex / R 4-inch [EU]	1,000.0	ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>

SPRAY POLYURETHANE FOAM – CLOSED CELL

Spray polyurethane foam - Closed Cell (HFC gas) / R 6.6-inch / SPFA [Industry Avg US & CA]	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,077	1,077
Spray polyurethane foam - Closed Cell (HFO gas) / R 6.6-inch / SPFA [Industry Avg US & CA]	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	284	284
Spray polyurethane foam - Closed Cell (HFC gas) / Carlisle CSFI / SealTite PRO Closed Cell (HFC) / R 7.0-inch	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	737	737
Spray polyurethane foam - Closed Cell (HFO gas) / Carlisle CSFI / SealTite PRO HFO, SealTite One / R 7.0-inch	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	218	218
Spray polyurethane foam - Closed Cell (HFO gas) / Huntsman / Heatlok Soya HFO & Heatlok HFO / R 6.5-inch	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	205	205

MINERAL WOOL BOARD

Mineral wool board - heavy density / NAIMA / R 4.4-inch [Industry Avg N.America]	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	558	558
Mineral wool board / Rockwool / Comfortboard 80 / R 4.2-inch	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	332	332
Mineral wool board / Owens Corning / Thermafiber RainBarrier ci 80 (Plant Avg) / R 4.2-inch	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	310	310
Mineral wool board - light density / NAIMA / R 3.9-inch [Industry Avg N.America]	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	219	219
Mineral wool board / Owens Corning / Thermafiber RainBarrier HD (Plant Avg) / R 4.3-inch	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	263	263
Mineral wool board / Rockwool / Cavityrock / R 4.3-inch	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	172	172

HIGH R-VALUE CONTINUOUS INSULATION

Vacuum Insulated Panel / Porextherm / Vacupor / Fumed silica core / R 30/inch [EU]	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	608	608
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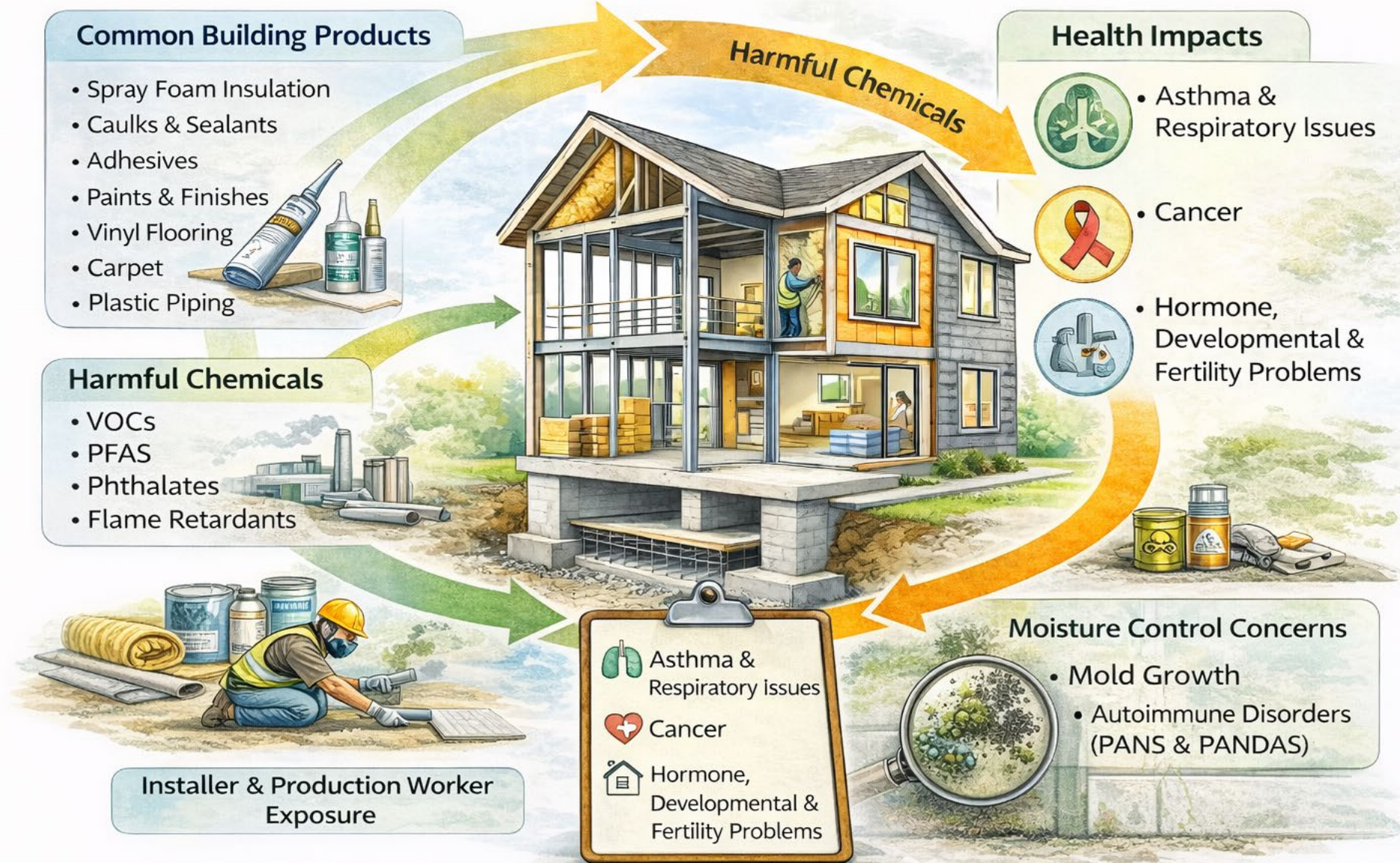
EPS FOAM BOARD

EPS foam board / Type XV / R 4.3-inch, 60 psi / EPS Industry Alliance [Industry Avg US & CA]	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	576	576
EPS foam board / Type IX / R 4.2-inch, 25 psi / EPS Industry Alliance [Industry Avg US & CA]	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	354	354
EPS foam board / Type II / R 4.0-inch, 15 psi / EPS Industry Alliance [Industry Avg US & CA]	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	281	281
EPS foam board / Type I / R 3.6-inch, 10 psi / EPS Industry Alliance [Industry Avg US & CA]	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	207	207

EPS FOAM BOARD WITH GRAPHITE

EPS foam board with graphite / BASF / Neopor F 5200 & F 5300 Plus BMB / R 4.7-inch, Type IX, 25 psi (Type 9, 175 kPa)	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	252	252
EPS foam board with graphite / BASF / Neopor F 5200 Plus / R 4.7-inch, Type IX, 25 psi	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	241	241
EPS foam board with graphite / BASF / Neopor F 5200 & F 5300 Plus BMB / R 4.7-inch, Type II, 15 psi (Type 2, 110 kPa)	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	189	189
EPS foam board with graphite / BASF / Neopor F 5200 Plus / R 4.7-inch, Type II, 15 psi (Type 2, 110 kPa)	1,000.0 ft ²	100%	<input type="checkbox"/>	186	186

Health Impacts of Common Building Materials



Health Product Declarations

An HPD is used to disclose chemical substances in a product along with potential health impacts.

- Disclose chemicals
- Identified health hazards
- Compliance certification
- Data sourcing

EXP GYPSUM CORE %: 94.3000 - 96.9000

PRODUCT THRESHOLD: 1000 ppm RESIDUALS AND IMPURITIES CONSIDERED: Yes MATERIAL TYPE: Geologically Derived Material

RESIDUALS AND IMPURITIES NOTES: Residuals and Impurities were "Considered", as outlined in Emerging Best Practices. No residuals or impurities are known or expected to be present at or above the Content Inventory Threshold indicated that have a GS score of BM-1, LT-1, LT-P1 or NoGS based on information provided in supplier disclosures and as predicted by process chemistry (Pharos CML).

OTHER MATERIAL NOTES: Gold Bond® eXP® Sheathing is manufactured with an enhanced moisture and mold resistant core. Percent by weight of material and substances reported as ranges to account for formulation variations between manufacturing facilities, and due to the disclosure preference of suppliers.

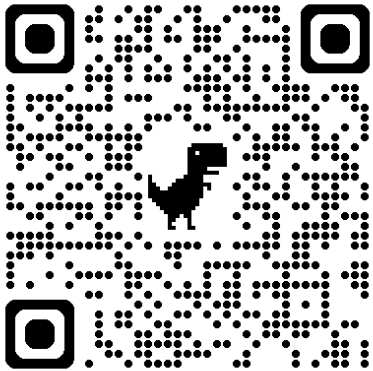
GYPSUM ID: 13397-24-5

HAZARD SCREENING METHOD: Pharos Chemical and Materials Library HAZARD SCREENING DATE: 2021-08-24 14:00:07

%: 99.1000 - 99.3000 GS: LT-UNK RC: PreC NANO: No SUBSTANCE ROLE: Structure component

HAZARD TYPE	AGENCY AND LIST TITLES	WARNINGS
None found		No warnings found on HPD Priority Hazard Lists

SUBSTANCE NOTES: May also include CASRN 10101-41-4 (LT-UNK; No warnings found on HPD Priority lists). Gold Bond Building Products, LLC manufactures gypsum board at 18 plants across the country. Plant details can be found at: <https://www.nationalgypsum.com/who-we-are>.



Product Guidance

The [Product Guidance](#) pages will help you learn at your own pace. Our deep research is translated into simple guidance to build your competency about healthier materials.

Blown-In Wood Fiber (Loose Fill and Dense Pack)

Unfaced Fiberglass Batts

Cellulose/Cotton Batts

Halogen-Free Polyisocyanurate Boards

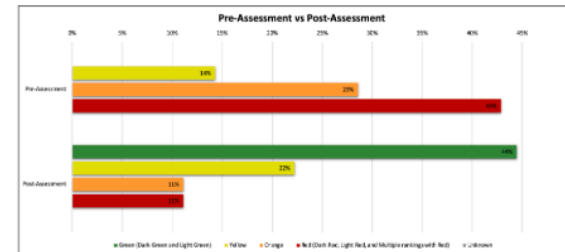
Extruded Polystyrene (XPS) Boards

Spray Polyurethane Foam (SPF)

GET STARTED

Benchmarking Tools

Informed benchmarking tools empower project teams to identify healthier materials and satisfy requirements of green building standards by eliminating products ranked red while prioritizing safer yellow and green alternatives.



Findings
43% of the products entered in the **Pre-Assessment** form are ranked either Dark Red, Light Red, and/or contain multiple rankings that include Red.
11% of the products entered in the **Post-Assessment** form are ranked either Dark Red, Light Red, and/or contain multiple rankings that include Red.

GET STARTED

Informed™ Product Guidance

Build your knowledge of healthier products by digging into our research, translated into easy to understand guidance.

The intuitive red-to-green color ranking compiles decades of comprehensive research about the health impacts of chemicals on building occupants, fenceline communities, and workers throughout the product life cycle.

Step up from red — a critical first move. Next, prefer product types ranked yellow and green.

-  **Best in Class**
-  **Better**
-  **Good**
-  **Reduce**
-  **Eliminate**
-  **Worst in Class**



Flooring



Paint



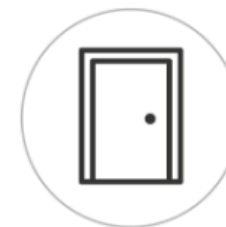
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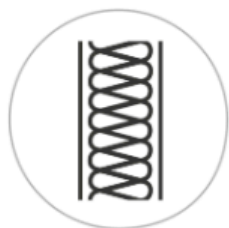
Countertops



**Cabinetry &
Millwork**



Doors



Insulation



**Flooring
Installation**



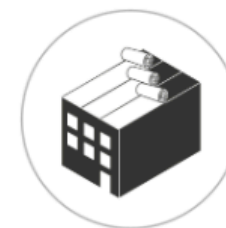
Sealants



Turf



Water Pipes



Roofing

Bentonite Sheet Waterproofing



Crystalline/Capillary Concrete Waterproofing



Non-PVC Thermoplastic Sheet Waterproofing (FPO/TPO/HDPE/PP)



Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) or KEE Thermoplastic Sheet Waterproofing



Cold-Applied Emulsified Asphalt/Bituminous Dampproofing



Solvent-Based Asphalt/Bituminous Dampproofing



Self-Adhering Rubberized Asphalt Sheet Waterproofing



Cold Fluid-Applied PMMA Waterproofing



One-Part Polyurethane Cold Fluid-Applied Waterproofing



Hot-Applied Rubberized Asphalt Waterproofing



Supporting Information

Unless otherwise noted, product content and health hazard information is based on research done by Habitable for Common Product profiles, reports, and blogs. Links to the appropriate resources are provided.

Bentonite Sheet Waterproofing



Crystalline/Capillary Concrete Waterproofing



Non-PVC Thermoplastic Sheet Waterproofing (FPO/TPO/HDPE/PP)



Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) or KEE Thermoplastic Sheet Waterproofing



Cold-Applied Emulsified Asphalt/Bituminous Dampproofing



In general, it is best to avoid asphalt-based products whenever possible. Particular chemicals of concern in asphalt are polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), which are known carcinogens. Cold-applied asphalt emulsions generally use less asphalt than other asphalt-based products and typically do not contain solvents. They can, however, contain potassium dichromate, a hexavalent chromium compound, which is a known carcinogen and has many other associated health hazards. Some substrates also require asphalt primers to be used, which can introduce additional hazardous chemicals during installation. In addition, asphalt production releases hazardous chemicals including PAHs into the air, which can affect workers and people living in nearby communities.[17]

Solvent-Based Asphalt/Bituminous Dampproofing



Self-Adhering Rubberized Asphalt Sheet Waterproofing



Cold Fluid-Applied PMMA Waterproofing



One-Part Polyurethane Cold Fluid-Applied Waterproofing



Hot-Applied Rubberized Asphalt Waterproofing

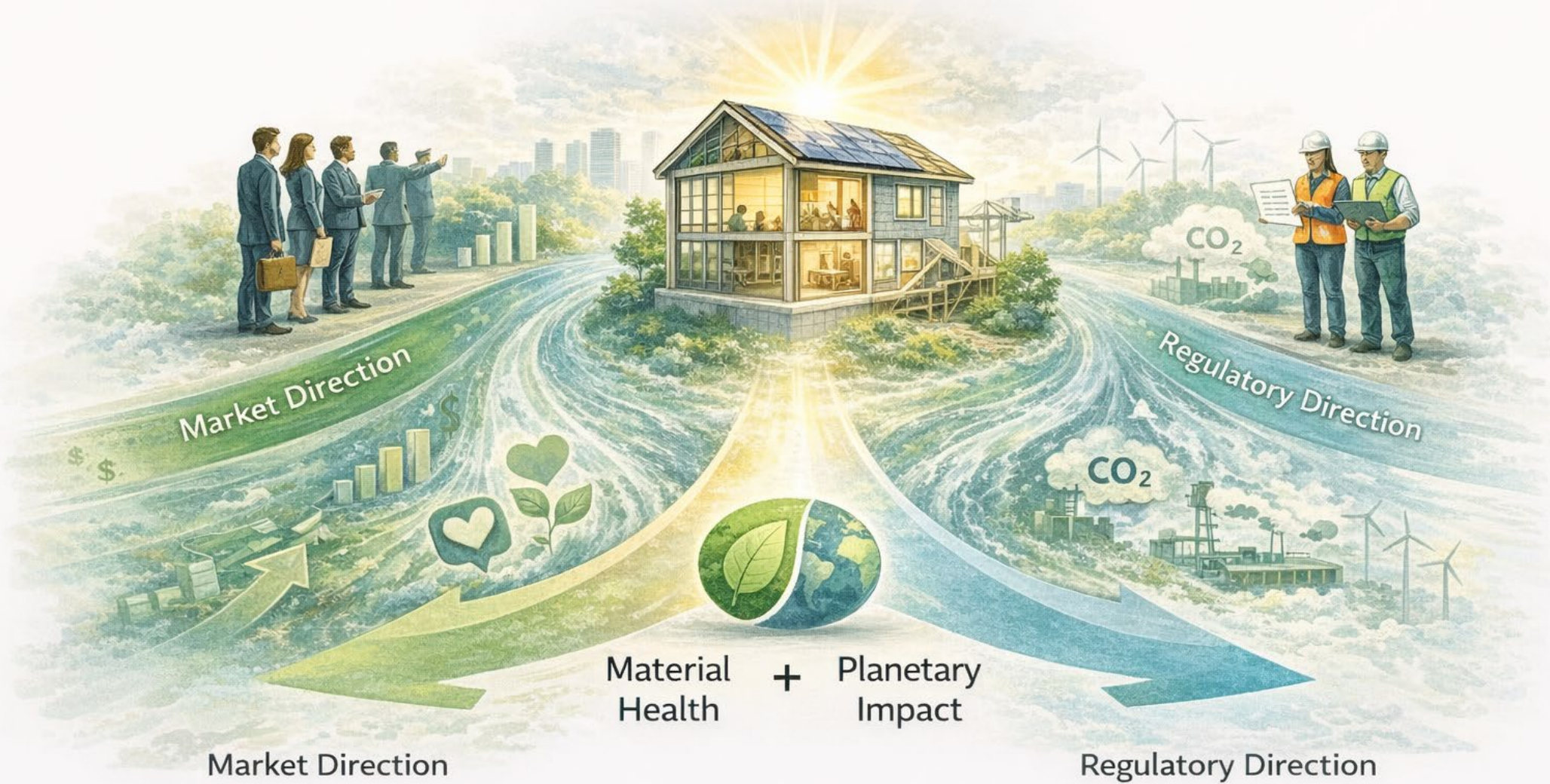


Green Building & Healthy Material Experts: A Smart Business Opportunity





Convergence of Material Health and Planetary Impact



Material carbon emissions Case study

Building Type: Single Detached House with Garage

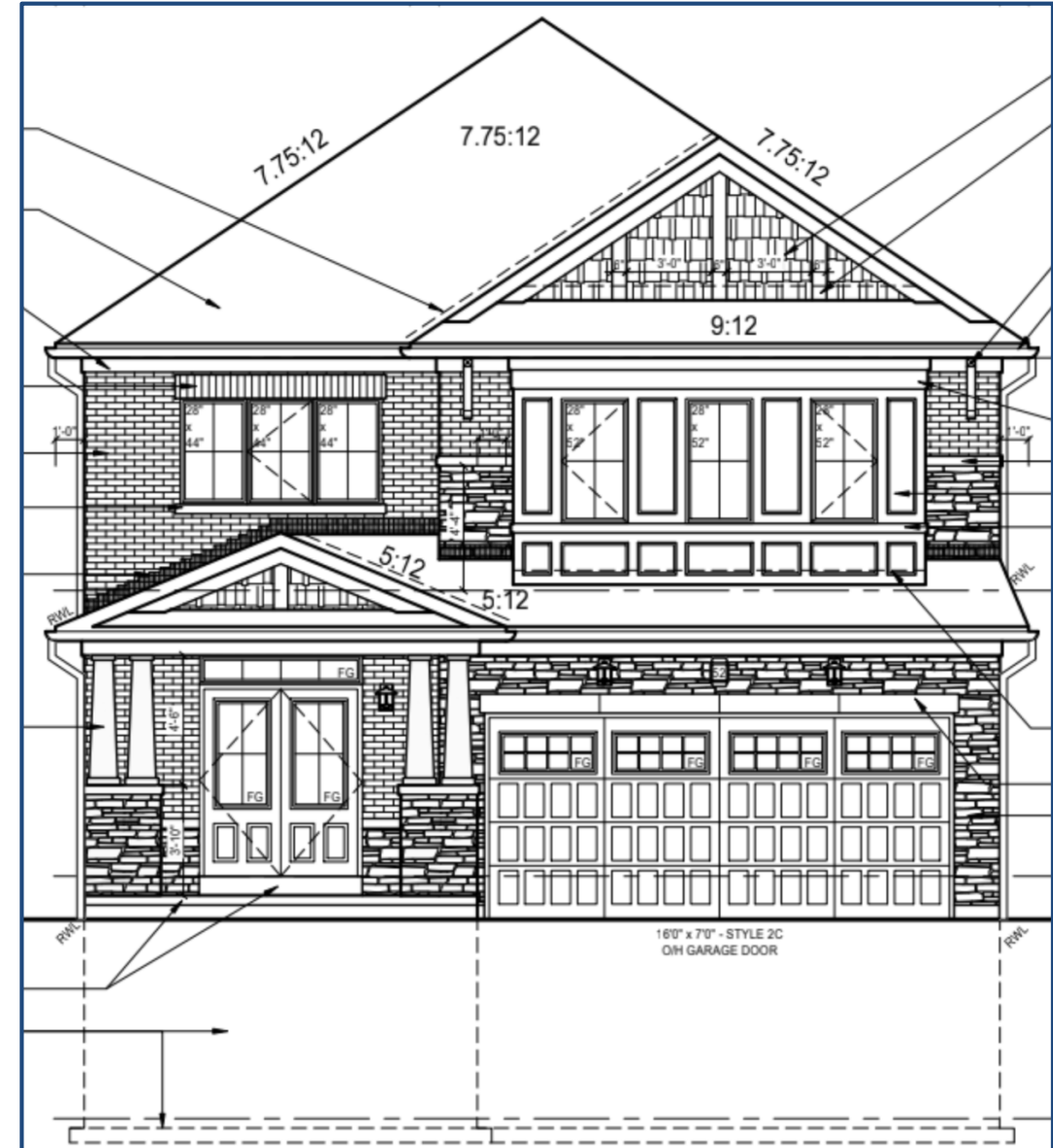
Number of Bedrooms : 4

Stories Above Grade : 2

Conditioned Area: 269 m²

Code compliant

What is the Material Carbon impact of moving from Code compliant to Net-Zero energy ?

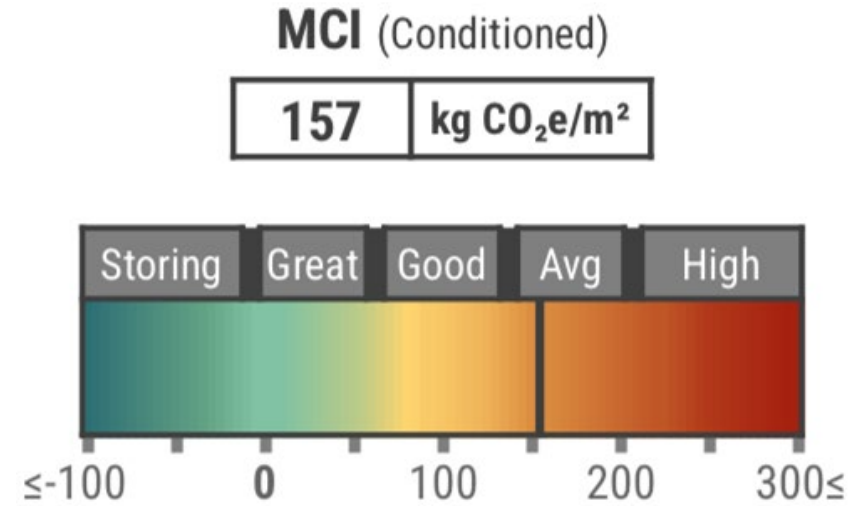


Material Carbon Results

As-Built : Code

compliant 42,277 kg CO₂e

MCI (Conditioned): 157 kg CO₂e/m²



MATERIAL CARBON EMISSIONS BY SECTION		
Footings & Slabs	4,416 kg CO ₂ e	
Foundation Walls	10,120 kg CO ₂ e	
Structural Elements	1,041 kg CO ₂ e	
Exterior Walls	1,707 kg CO ₂ e	
Party Walls	0 kg CO ₂ e	
Exterior Wall Cladding	9,417 kg CO ₂ e	
Windows	2,236 kg CO ₂ e	
Interior Walls	1,309 kg CO ₂ e	
Floors	4,385 kg CO ₂ e	
Ceilings	626 kg CO ₂ e	
Roof	3,107 kg CO ₂ e	
Garage	3,913 kg CO ₂ e	
NET TOTAL	42,277 kg CO₂e	0 MCE (kg CO ₂ e) 15,000

Material Carbon Results

As-Built : Net-Zero

Material Changes :

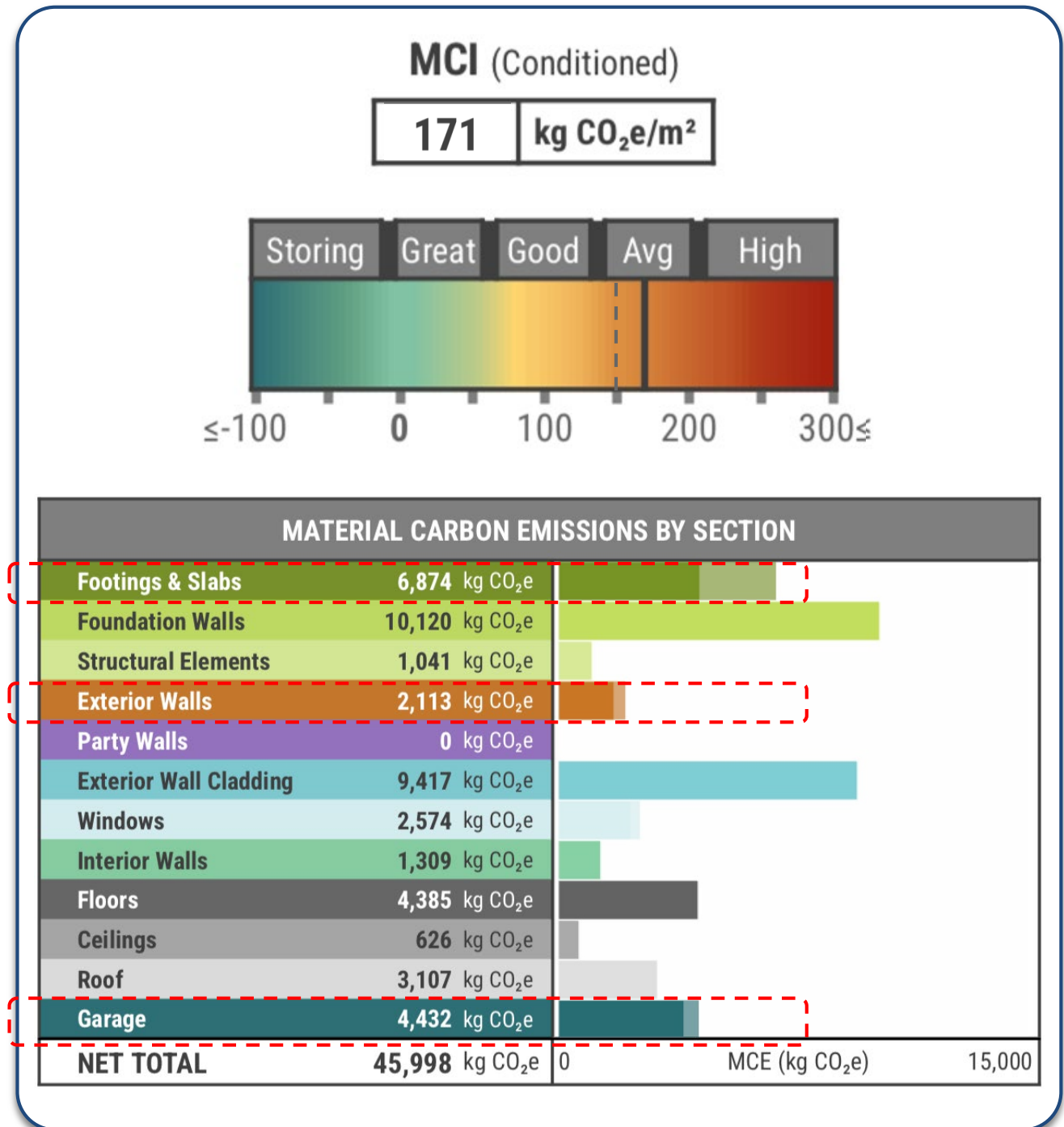
- Under slab insulation (Spray Foam)
- Increased insulation R-Value Ext. wall
- Increased insulation R-Value exposed floor

- Triple pane windows
TOTAL MCE : 45,998 kg CO₂e

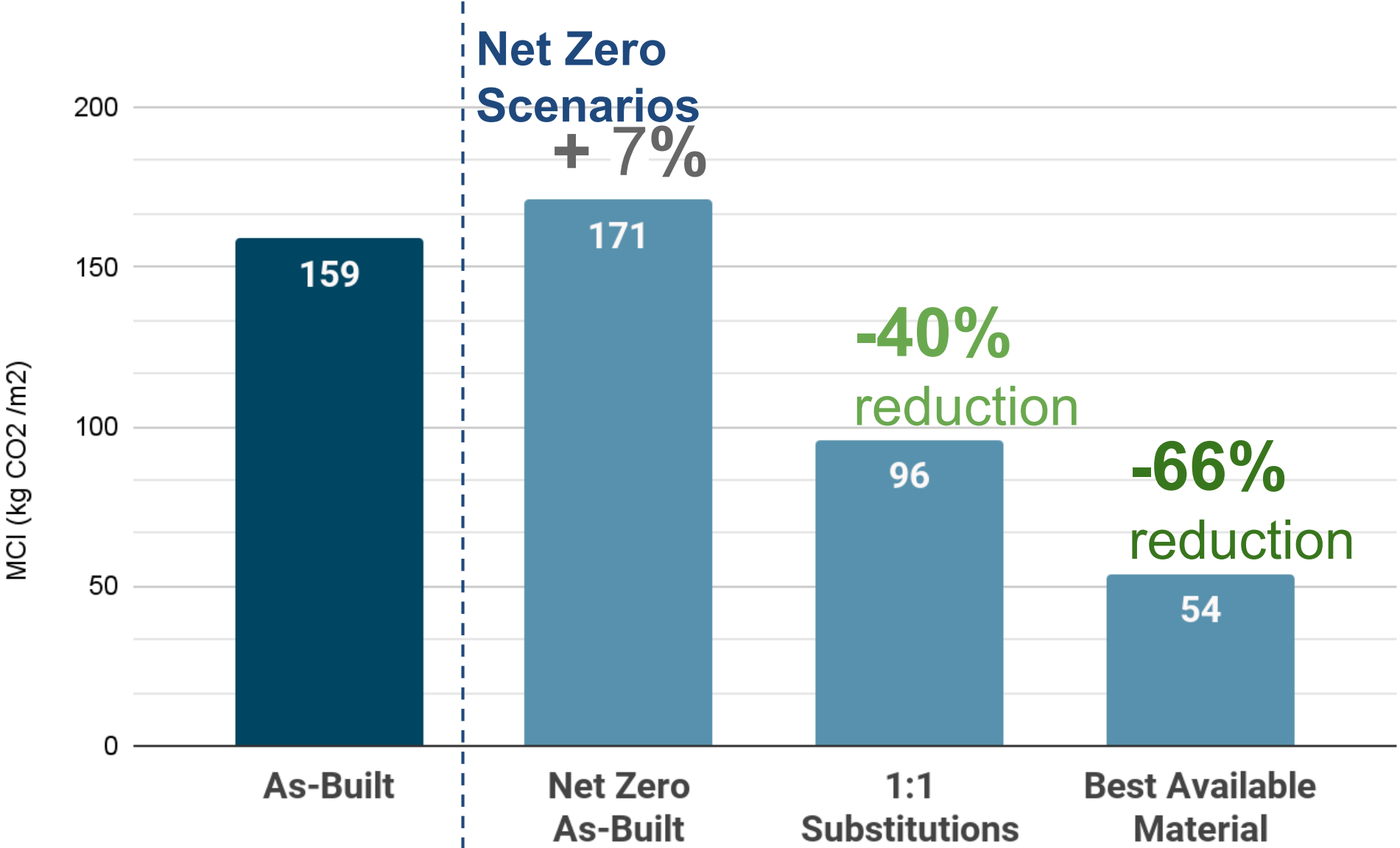
MCI (Conditioned): 171 kg CO₂e/m²

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7%



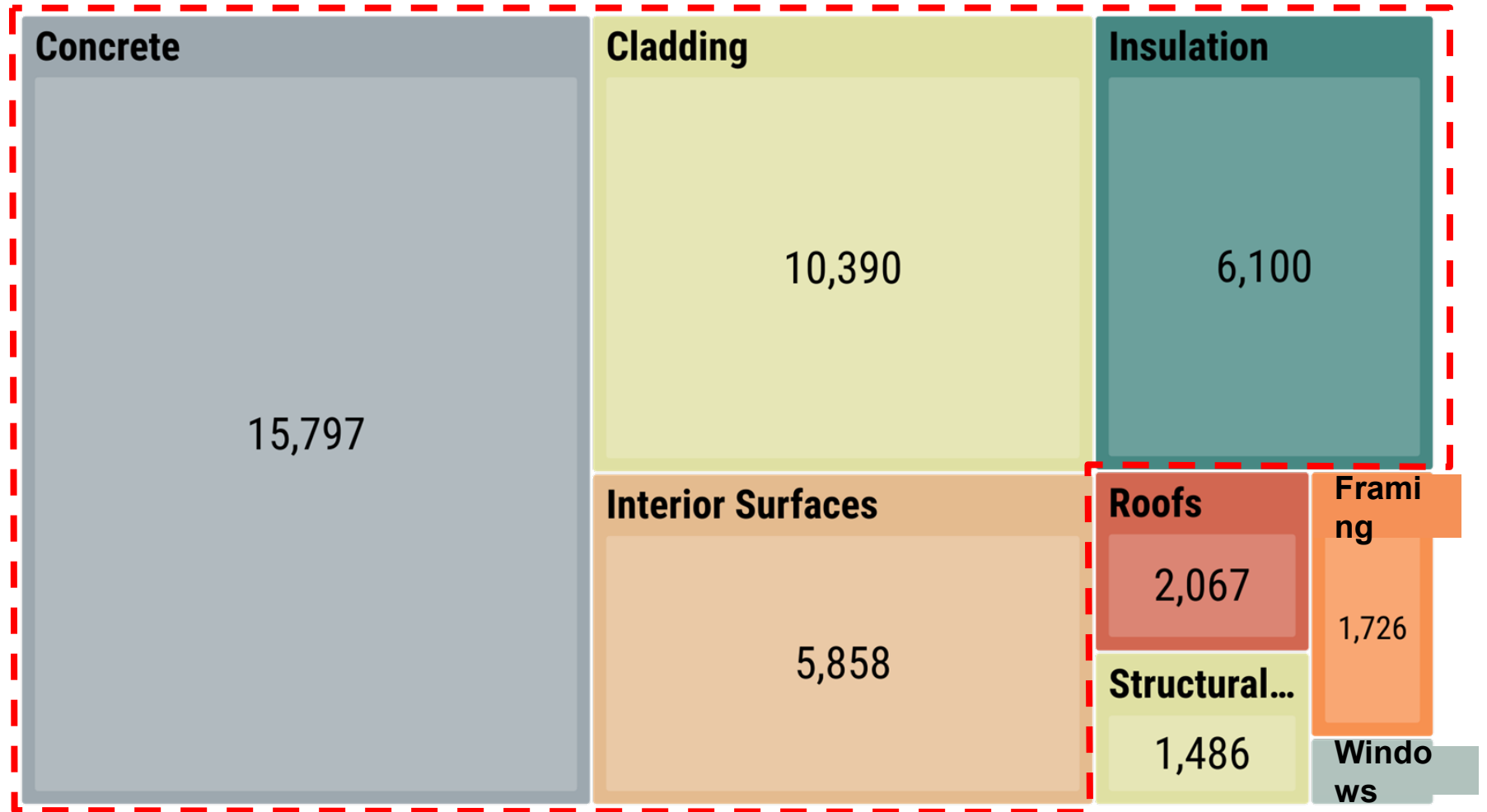
Material Carbon Intensities of Different Scenarios



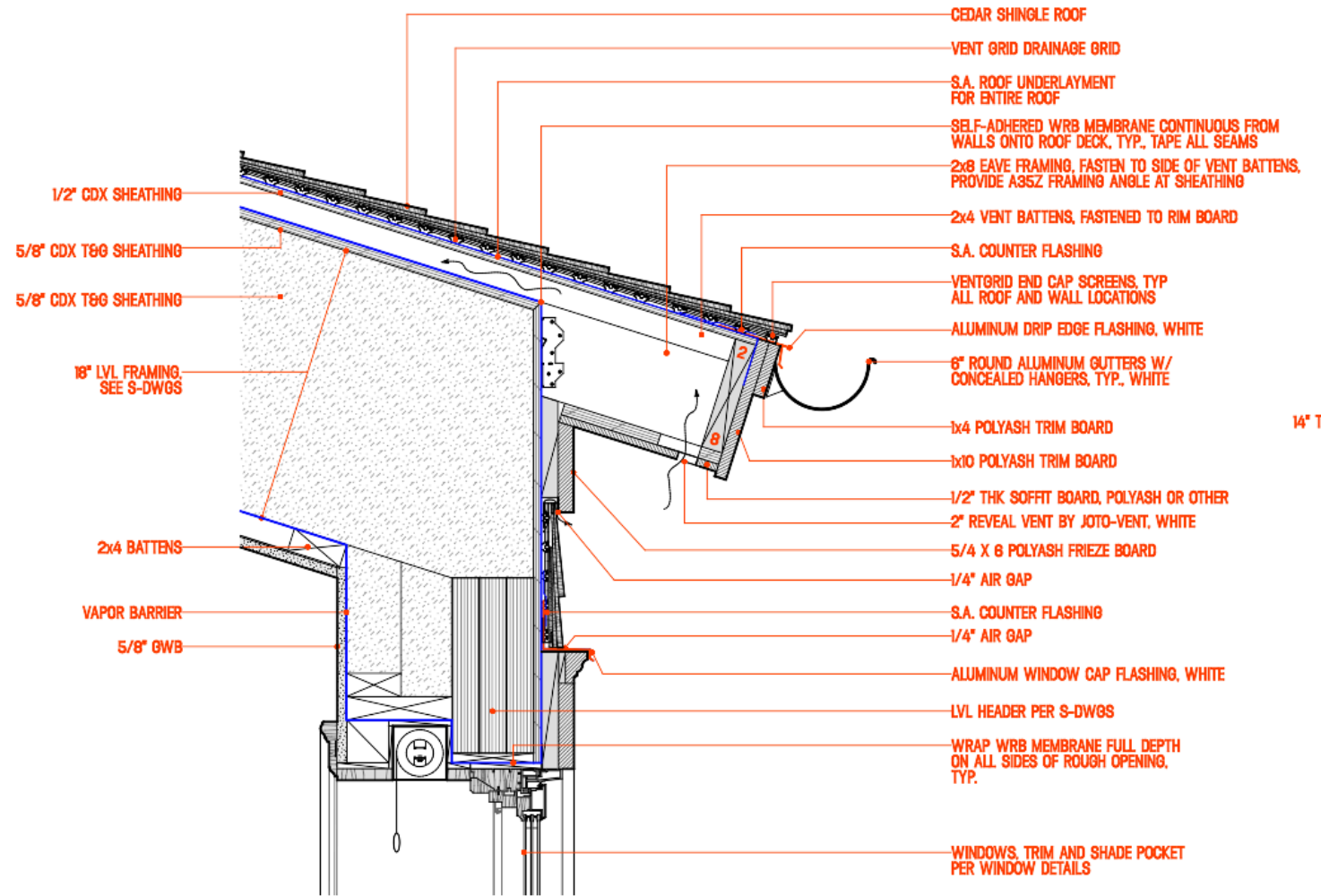
Net Zero As-Built - MCE Results per material

83% MCE from 4 material categories :

- Concrete
- Cladding
- Insulation
- Interior Surfaces



Net Zero As-Built - Total : 45,998 kg CO2e



1 **DETAIL - DORMER OVERHANG**
Scale: 1 1/2" = 1'-0"

Homebuyers don't buy embodied carbon. They buy health, comfort, and safety.

“Material health is a metric people care about because it directly and tangibly impacts them.”

- participant, NRC focus group

“Decarbonization resonates most when framed as a health or safety benefit—not just a climate imperative.”

- Boston Small Building
Decarbonization Report

Interactive (2 minutes)

Turn to someone near you:

What is one material choice you're already making—or could make tomorrow—that you'd like to evaluate differently?

Be ready to share one example with the group.

Builders and designers manage client and project risk, Knowingly or unknowingly.



Source: Carlson Exteriors, <https://carlsonexteriors.com/2017/01/18/water-management/>

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

ajen Construction, Inc.

TASK DESCRIPTION	PLAN START	PLAN END	TYPE	2017												2018											
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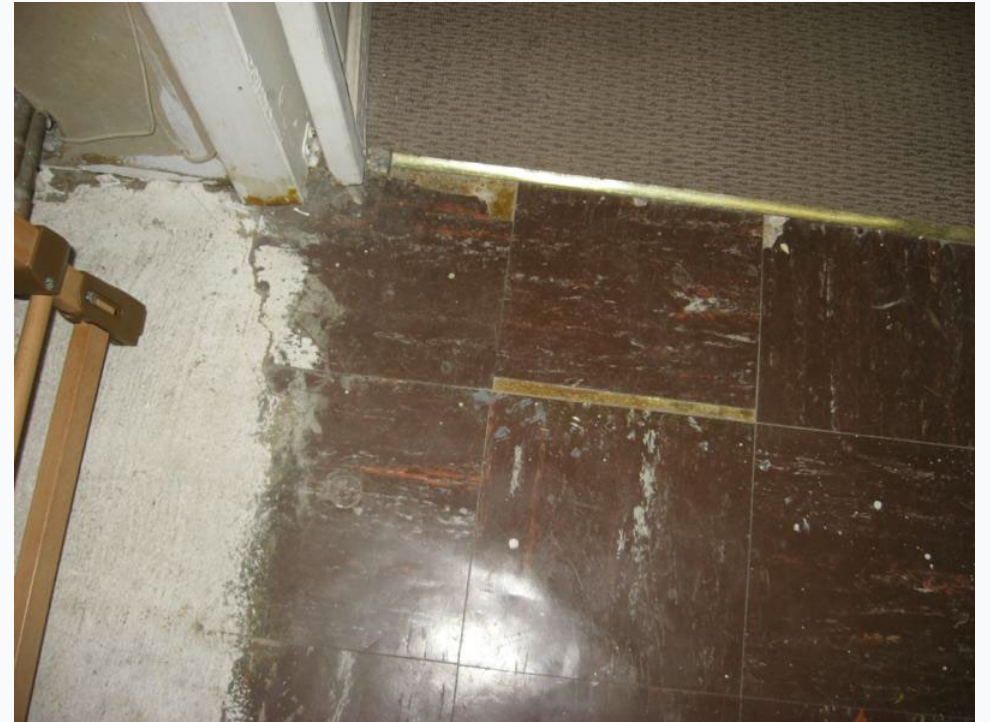


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We've been here before: lead + asbestos

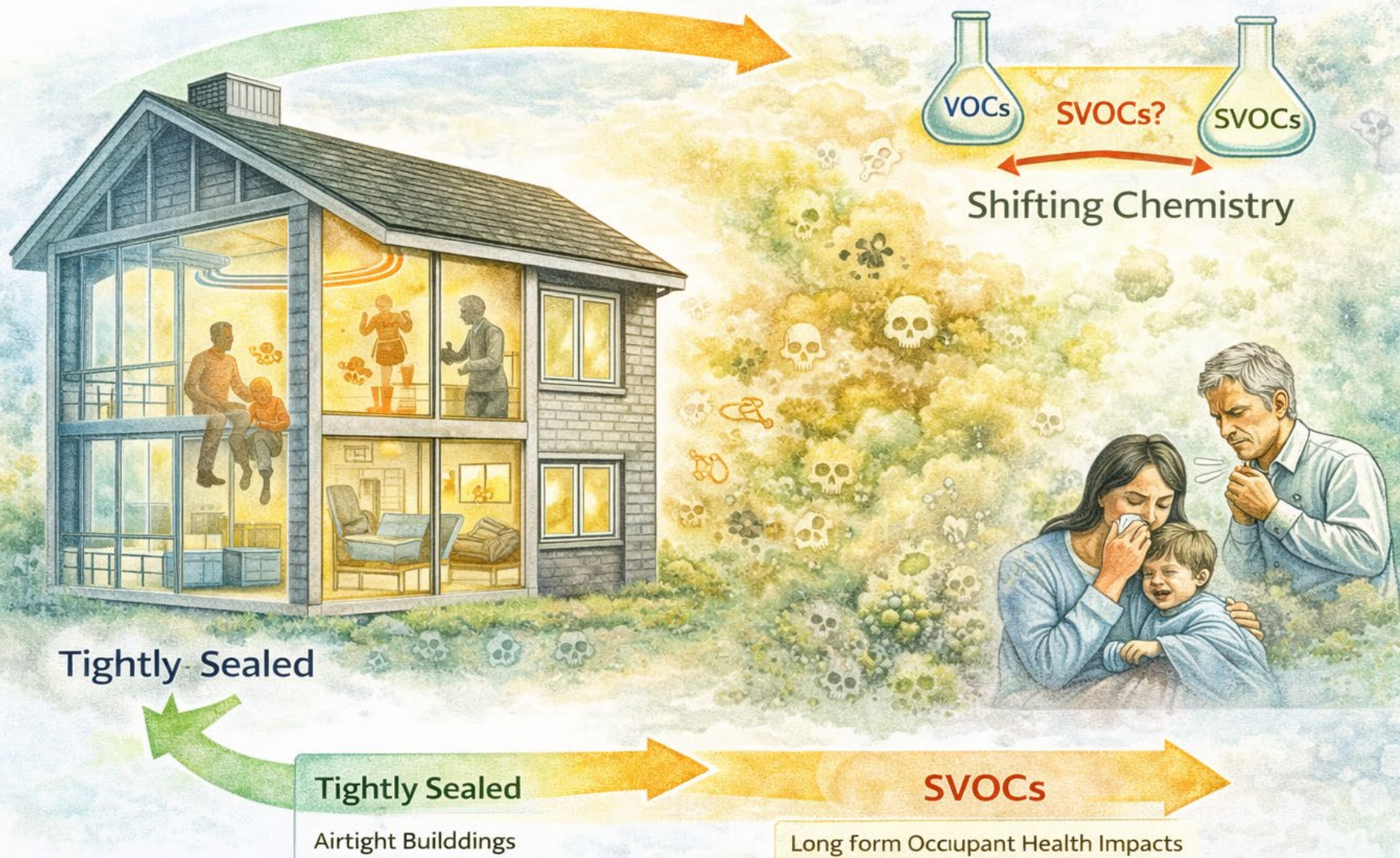


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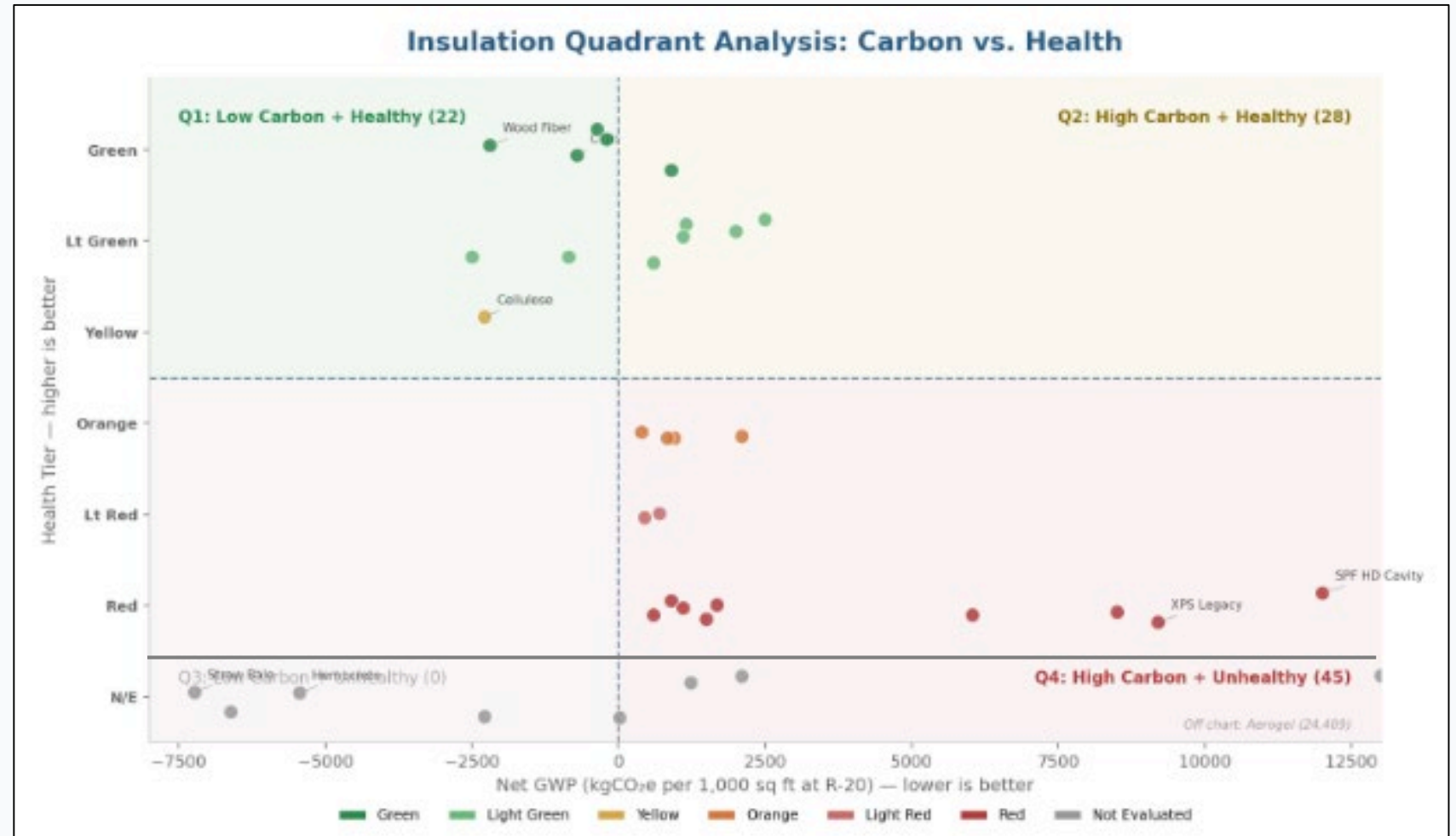
Building Tightness and Increased Health Risks



Health + carbon align (especially at the extremes)

Overlay of Informed and BEAM Insulation Data (Builders for Climate Action)

- Healthiest materials are lowest GHG emissions
- No unhealthy materials are low GHG emissions
- Some of the lowest GHG emission materials have no health ranking



Workforce health: exposure is part of the job



Source: Mike Xenakis, New Frameworks

Paint Is The Largest Source Of Microplastics In The Ocean, Study Finds

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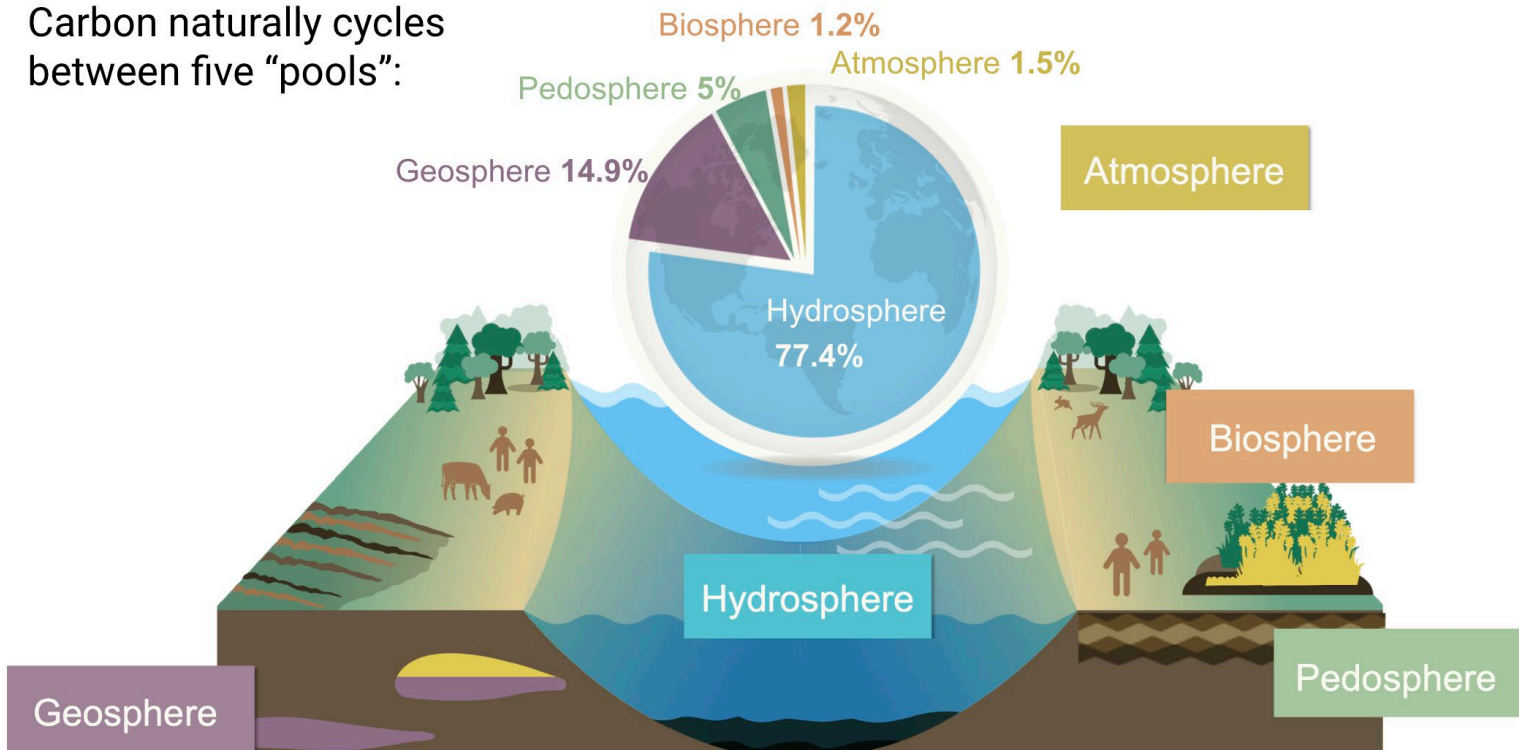
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Carbon naturally cycles between five “pools”:



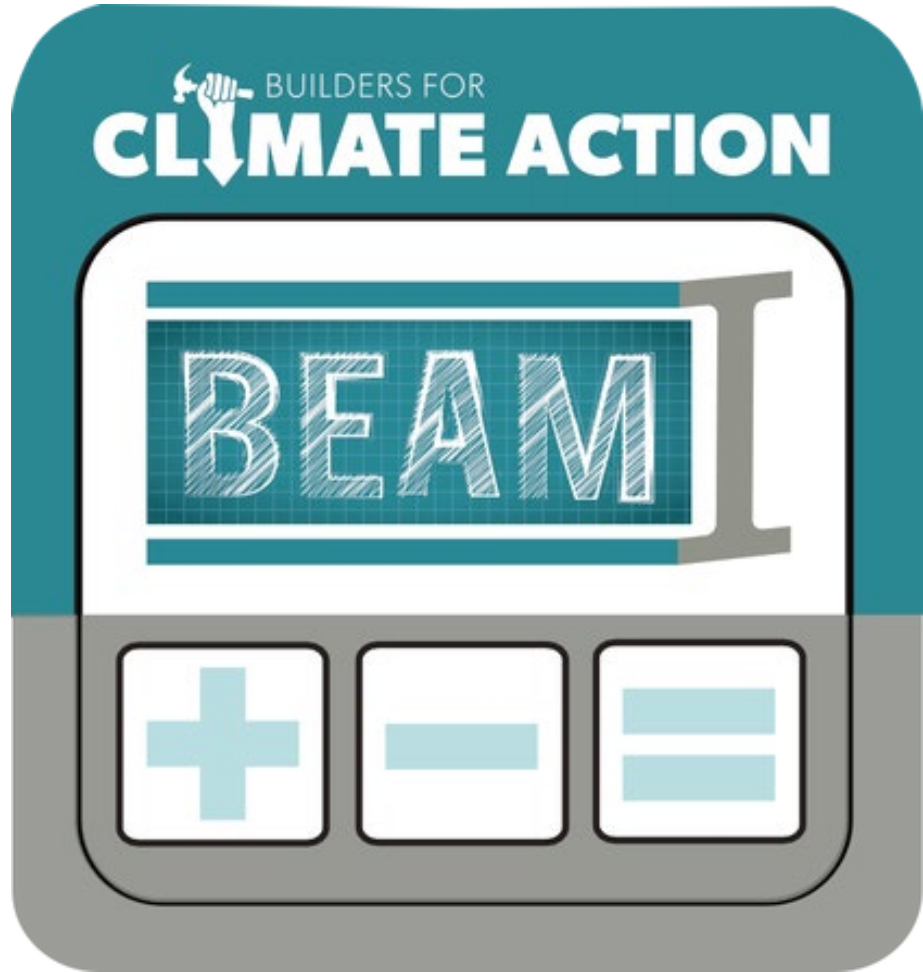
Interactive: guided Q&A (keep it useful)

We'll take questions in these buckets:

- 1) Materials + assemblies (foundation / insulation / wall & roof)
- 2) Tools (BEAM / Informed / others!)
- 3) Workflow + decision points (where this fits)
- 4) Barriers (cost, supply chain, client messaging)

So... go **DO** this

Keep learning with tools when you're ready

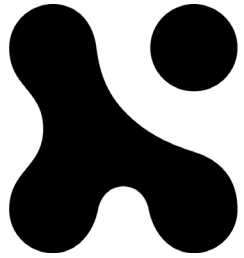


BUILDING EMISSIONS ACCOUNTING FOR MATERIALS



Use it for Carbon Counting:

- Material Comparisons
- Assembly Comparisons
- Building Assessments



INFORMED

Product Guidance

The [Product Guidance](#) pages will help you learn at your own pace. Our deep research is translated into simple guidance to build your competency about healthier materials.

Blown-In Wood Fiber (Loose Fill and Dense Pack)

Unfaced Fiberglass Batts

Cellulose/Cotton Batts

Halogen-Free Polyisocyanurate Boards

Extruded Polystyrene (XPS) Boards

Spray Polyurethane Foam (SPF)

GET STARTED



Use it for Product Health Info:

- Material Comparisons
- Ingredient Analysis
- Product Selection



Use it for Product Health Info:

- Product Guides
- Research and Data
- Education and Training

Final call to action

When you walk into the next session and hear a material claim...

- 1) Check it in BEAM
- 2) Check it in Informed (or your preferred tool)
- 3) Decide if it belongs in your business

Small substitutions. Same building. Less carbon. Better health.

Thank you!

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