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NOTIFICATION TO PUBLIC & STAKEHOLDERS:

Issuance of GS-33, Edition 5.3, Green Seal Standard for Hotels and Lodging Properties

Details of the Revision: Green Seal has revised the GS-33 Standard. We have eliminated the requirement that hotels or lodging properties certified at the Bronze level must move to the Silver level within three years. Bronze-certified hotels and lodging properties can now remain at that level of environmental leadership. Previously, the Bronze level for these hospitality services was a temporary level of leadership.

Edition 5.3 of GS-33 was issued on June 6, 2017 and can be found at greenseal.org/g33.

Public Comment Process: Green Seal develops and revises our environmental leadership standards within a stakeholder-based process. For this revision to GS-33, Green Seal advertised an open Public Comment Period from April 21 to May 31, 2017. During this time, the following comment was submitted:

“I manage a green business program for the City of Santa Monica. We have run in to the same problem regarding businesses that want to move up a tier. Some don't and I don't think it should be required. If a business wants to be certified to the bronze level and stay at that certification, it should be acceptable. It is still a big achievement so the need to move to a higher tier is not necessary.”

We thank this commenter and other involved stakeholders for their help in revising this standard.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 202.872.6400 or standards@greenseal.org.

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