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[LEED 3.0](#) is here and with it the new [CMP requirements](#) for a specialty designation. As I think about this new world of specialty designation outlined by the [USGBC](#), I am torn regarding an attorney's need to update the designation.

I learned a lot while [studying](#) for the [LEED AP](#) exam, and received my designation earlier this year. For this reason, I know that I will keep up with the various [issues](#) (check out Tim Hughes (@ [vaconstruction](#) on Twitter) take on the extended reporting issues [here](#)) relating to the new LEED energy reporting requirements and the new points that can be gained.

On the other hand, as an attorney, I will not likely be physically building anything in a way that a contractor or subcontractor would be so the knowledge is key, not necessarily the credential. Additionally, according to [Real Life LEED](#) (a great site for information on this topic), only 1.6% of legacy LEED APs have opted into the new system.

While this may be because we are all waiting to see what shakes out or just haven't gotten around to it, I do not know. But such a small percentage could be significant.

What do you think? Please comment below and let me know your take on this issue. I am truly torn, so your input will be taken to heart.

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