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Mr. Rick Fedrizzi
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Dear Mr. Fedrizzi:

The Alliance for Water Efficiency and the undersigned organizations applaud the U.S. Green Building Council in its consideration of new standards for LEED 2009, and for the changes made in the second draft now issued for public comment. We wish in particular to strongly support the proposed mandatory Water Efficiency Credit Requisite: a mandatory 20% reduction in water use from the calculated baseline. Incorporating this requirement in all LEED products will be a major step forward in helping address the serious water issues now facing the nation. In addition to the on-line comments filed by us and our membership as of the September 2 deadline, the Alliance wishes to send this formal letter to USGBC to publicly underscore our support for this important change in LEED 2009.

The Alliance and the undersigned organizations on the following page strongly believe that significant opportunities exist to improve how the U.S. addresses water issues in green building. We will continue to suggest new credit opportunities for increasing water efficiency as USGBC moves forward.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Ann Dickinson".

Mary Ann Dickinson
Executive Director
Alliance for Water Efficiency

cc: Michelle Moore