

LEED Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) Versus Floor Score

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Historically all primary VPI flooring products were FloorScore / CHPS certified until the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) LEED rating system issued their own low emitting Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) credit:

IEQ Credit 4.3 Low-Emitting Materials.

In simplistic terms, this LEED credit duplicates the certification offered by FloorScore.

VPI uses Berkeley Analytical Laboratories to independently certify compliance with IEQ Credit 4.3 Low-Emitting Materials for all VPI core tile and wall base products.

Berkeley Analytical Laboratories have historically done all, or a substantial portion, of the VOC emission analysis for FloorScore certification. The only purpose of using the FloorScore mark was to affirm, via a regulatory third party, low VOC compliance.

Now that the **USGBC** has introduced its own standard in the form of **IEQ** Credit 4.3 Low-Emitting Materials, VPI has dropped FloorScore in preference of the LEED Rating System as our regulatory third body of choice. (The LEED Rating System is much more all encompassing & offers many more integrated & uniform standards beyond those just related to indoor air quality).

Specifically, adhering to the LEED Rating System is consistent with our commitment to the USGBC as our primary reference point regarding broader environmental compliance and associated "green matters" versus trying to haphazardly confirm to the growing multitude of third party organizations promoting their own set of narrowly focused certification standards.

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