

Sustainable Climate-Ready Sites Program Fact Sheet

<p><i>What is SCRS?</i></p>	<p>SCRS is an environmental stewardship recognition program, administered by the Office of Sustainable Environmental Stewardship (EHSS-21) and coordinated with the Sustainability Performance Division (SPD). The program recognizes excellence in environmental and natural resource protection, resilience and sustainability at DOE sites.</p> <p>Participating sites complete the SCRS Self-Assessment (up to 15 categories) to receive whole-site score and category percentage scores, which translate into progressive Performance Tiers: Initiating, Optimizing, and Leading. During the Assessment Period, sites implement SCRS measures that advance their scores to the highest achievable Performance Tier.</p>
<p><i>What actions will be expected of participating sites?</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the initial SCRS Self-Assessment to determine baseline performance and submit to EHSS-21. 2. Use EMS or EMS-based processes to achieve identified SCRS goals. 3. At the end of the Assessment Period, complete the final SCRS Self-Assessment and submit to EHSS-21. 4. Help us get better! Provide feedback to the EHSS-21 SCRS Planning Team, with emphasis on effectiveness, clarity of criteria, and guidance materials. Examples of successful projects relevant to any SCRS measure may be included in SCRS program Guidance.
<p><i>What level of recognition can our site receive?</i></p>	<p>Sites will receive a percentage score for each Category and for a Site SCRS Score. The percentage scores place the site into one of 3 Performance Tiers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiating: Indicates that the Site is organizing itself to set and achieve objectives that either exceed or fall outside the scope of existing requirements. • Optimizing: Indicates that overall, the Site is implementing a plan to reach its goals and objectives that either exceed or fall outside the scope of existing requirements, and the Site is generally on track to reach them. • Leading: Indicates that overall, the Site has either met or is on track to meet its goals and objectives that either exceed or fall outside the scope of existing requirements, and has firmly established policies and practices to support its goals and objectives, including awareness of advanced research and communicating the value of and progress toward its goals with site leadership and site personnel, where appropriate. <p>EHSS-21 will recognize all participating sites, with special awards for "Leading" Site and Category Scores, and for greatest improvement.</p>

For more Information, please contact SCRS-info@hq.doe.gov.

Sustainable Climate-Ready Sites Program Fact Sheet

<i>How are scores calculated?</i>	The Self-Assessment Tool automatically calculates scores. The questions are weighted, with higher-impact measures receiving higher point values. Percentage scores are calculated from the point totals for each category and for whole-site performance.
<i>Who should be involved?</i>	A designated SCRS Site Coordinator should serve as the primary point of contact with EHSS-21 and coordinate with site Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to complete and maintain the Self-Assessment. SCRS Site Coordinators may invite members of their local SCRS “team” of SCRS SMEs to EHSS-21 site support meetings.
<i>What is the time commitment?</i>	<p>The time commitment will vary for each site. Once the site SCRS lead identifies SMEs across SCRS category areas, up to 20 hours of combined SME time may be required to complete the initial Self-Assessment for first-time participants.</p> <p>Additional time will be required to evaluate EMS environmental aspects for relevance to SCRS criteria, and to plan and implement SCRS measures to achieve the site's SCRS performance goals.</p>
<i>How long is the Assessment Period?</i>	The SCRS Assessment Period runs from October 1 to September 30.
<i>What if our site receives the lowest Performance Tier: Initiating?</i>	SCRS is designed to encourage sites' innovation and ambition in environmental stewardship. The “Initiating” SCRS Performance Tier recognizes that the site has set goals and objectives that exceed or fall outside the scope of existing requirements, which itself is a significant achievement.
<i>What support will our site receive?</i>	EHSS-21 will assist with SCRS goal planning, identifying expertise to help with implementation of creditable SCRS measures, and will be available by phone and email as needed. EHSS-21 will coordinate assistance on sustainability categories with SPD.
<i>What reporting or verification requirements are associated with the Self-Assessment?</i>	<p>There are no requirements to submit plans or documentation. Sites are trusted to provide accurate responses. However, sites that select an "N/A" answer should provide a short justification.</p> <p>Sites may opt to use the Self Assessment Tool's built-in features to document locations of site plans and SME contact information for internal site use.</p>
For more Information, please contact SCRS-info@hq.doe.gov .	