

SPEAKER INFORMATION

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Ariel Brenner, project manager for codes and policy at the New Buildings Institute (NBI), works with the codes and policy team to advance decarbonization of buildings, focusing on embodied carbon in building codes and policies. Her work spans state, jurisdictional and federal projects, as well as consensus-based codes and standards development processes.

She focuses on embodied carbon and whole building life cycle assessment codes and policies, developing resources to support embodied carbon policy implementation, and facilitating the materials working group for ASHRAE 189.1.

Before joining NBI, Brenner served as a graduate intern with the White House Council on Environmental Quality, advancing the Biden administration's efforts to make the built environment more sustainable and strengthen community resilience to climate change. As an urban designer in Los Angeles, she collaborated with city departments and neighborhood residents to draft planning policies that guided development to serve local needs.

Brenner earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master's degree in environmental policy from the University of Pennsylvania.