

XII. Rooftop Mounted Solar Systems

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A. Rooftop Mounted Solar Systems (Adopted February 6, 2019, Modified November 9, 2022)

To help increase the life cycle of roofing systems, the Division recommends the installation of any type of solar system, or any other system, on the ground or free-standing structure. No such system is recommended to be installed on any roof on any school district building regardless of the funding source used to pay for such systems.

Roof-mounted systems negatively impact the ability to sustain the useful life of roofing systems because rooftop solar systems have no provisions for flashing and are often bolted through the roof to the structure or ballasted on the surface of the roofing membrane.

B. Existing Systems that were installed by the DSF (formerly known as SFB) (Adopted February 6, 2019, Modified November 9, 2022)

Any rooftop solar system, or any other system, that was installed by the SFB may, at the discretion of the Division, be removed from the roof and relocated to the ground or free-standing structure at the expense of the Division when a roof is being repaired or replaced on any school district building with Building Renewal Grant or Emergency Deficiencies Correction funding. A cost benefit analysis may be performed to determine the most appropriate scope of work. The Division may relocate the solar system to the ground or free-standing structure or demolish and discard the system entirely.

C. Existing Systems that were not installed by the DSF (formerly known as SFB) (adopted February 6, 2019, Modified November 9, 2022)

Roof mounted solar systems, or any other system, that were installed prior to July 1, 2019 are grandfathered. When applying for Division funding to repair or replace a roofing system or similar system, a cost benefit analysis shall be performed to determine the most appropriate

scope of work to relocate or demolish and discard the system. The cost may be covered with Division funding if appropriate.

Roof mounted solar systems, or any other system installed after July 1, 2019 shall be removed at the district's cost. The district may relocate the solar system to the ground or free-standing structure or demolish and discard the system entirely.

If the district is party to a Power Purchase Agreement or Solar Service Agreement, the district shall review the requirements of the agreement with the Division and develop a cost benefit analysis to determine the most appropriate scope of work to relocate the system.

Note: EPA regulations for disposal of solar panels is solely the district's responsibility