

Sept 2024 EV/EVSE NEWSLETTER

HQUSACE appreciates the hard work and progress to install electric vehicle **BUILDING** supply equipment (EVSE). This month's newsletter highlights updates from the General Services Administration (GSA) on leased vehicles, zero emission vehicles (ZEVs)/EVSE myth-busting, and progress updates on site assessments and installation.

LEASED EV MILEAGE REPORTING

GSA has recently announced a new requirement for reporting mileage on leased vehicles. As of last month, if you drive a GSA-leased vehicle, you must report your monthly mileage on <u>GSAFleet.gov</u>. Read on to learn more!

Mileage reporting is now live on GSAFleet.gov. This update allows users to:

- Report monthly mileage using the process outlined in the GSA User Guide pages 15-21
- Run a report for rolling mileage and days used
- View all mileage records, including telematics
- Make additional edits to the reported mileage, days used, and Fund Codes until close of business on the last day of each month

As a result of this change, if you...

- Require technical assistance, contact the Fleet Help Desk at fleet.helpdesk@gsa.gov
- Have general questions or feedback, email <u>fleetsystemsmodernization@gsa.gov</u> or attend one GSA's monthly customer Q&A sessions, available on GSAFleet.gov

MYTH-BUSTING EV & EVSE

To further raise EVSE awareness, we are addressing some common misconceptions and separating fact from fiction with these myth-busting insights.

MYTH: There are not enough charging station options for EVs across the country.

MYTH BUSTED: While HQUSACE and MSCs are working hard to install EVSE at USACE sites, there may be situations where non-USACE chargers are necessary (e.g., EV delivery prior to EVSE installation). However, government initiatives such as the Made-In-America national EVSE network, as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, are spending up to \$7.5 billion to build a national network of EV chargers on highways, in communities, and in neighborhoods. There are now over 130,000 public chargers across the country and more coming! Both <u>Plugshare</u> and <u>EFCD EV Charging Station Locator</u> are databases that make finding public charging options easier.

MYTH: EV batteries are consistently replaced due to failure.

MYTH BUSTED: While EV batteries do lose some of their range over time, battery replacements are rare, and technology continues to improve. A Department of Energy (DOE) <u>study</u> done in 2023 showed that 97.5 percent of EVs are still using their original batteries. This percentage jumps to over 99 for EVs made in 2016 and onward.

GSA BPA PROGRESS HIGHLIGHT

The Great Lakes and Ohio River Division (LRD) continues to lead the way in using the GSA Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) to install EVSE. Two Districts, first Nashville and now Louisville, have secured GSA BPA EVSE installation contracts. Great work LRD!



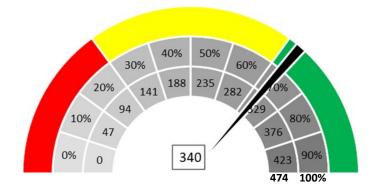
For questions about or interest in using the GSA BPA in your District or at your site, please contact Scot Dahms (<u>scot.h.dahms@usace.army.mil</u>).

EVSE CW O&M PROGRESS UPDATE

Have you heard?

USACE-owned Civil Works (CW) Operations & Maintenance (O&M) sites are making great progress towards installing the needed charging infrastructure for the fleet transition. Site assessments are the first step to EVSE installation; see below for a progress update!

Currently, over 70% (340) of USACE's Corps-owned CW O&M sites have completed EVSE assessments. Many of the remaining Corps-owned CW O&M assessments are on track to be completed by the end of the calendar year. The dial to the right displays both percentage and number of completed assessments relative to the total.



HQUSACE thanks the field and MSC leads for their diligent efforts in data validation, helping to ensure that progress updates are increasingly accurate.

If you have any questions on EVs, EVSEs, or related subject areas, please reach to one of the names listed below. For questions related to CW sites, contact Mr. Scot Dahms. For RF sites, contact Ms. Marti Sedgwick.

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