

# **SEED Analysis: BETTER, Carbon Metrics, and EUI Calculations**

**November 5, 2021** 



## **Background**

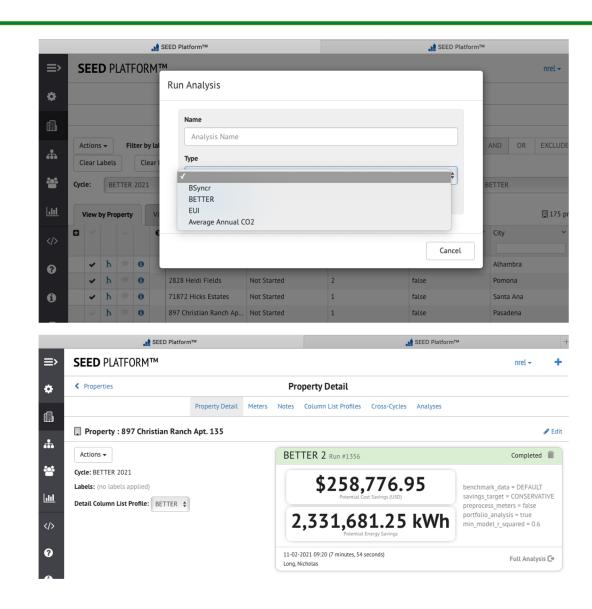
- New SEED Analysis Functionality
  - EUIs
  - Annual Carbon Emission
  - BETTER

# Acknowledgments

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  - Contractors: Ted Summer, Ryo Schultz, Adrian Lara, Daniel McQuillen

#### **Running SEED Analyses**

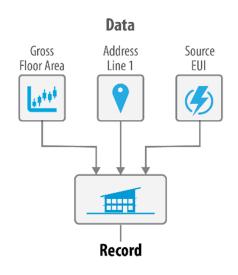
- Import buildings with the required data. Most require at least:
  - Address, City, State
  - Building Type
  - Property Name
  - Gross Floor Area
  - eGRID Subregion
  - Meter Data (>9 months)
- Select buildings in Inventory List View page
- Click Run Analysis and configure options



#### Map, Geocode, Merge, Match, Pair Data, and Link



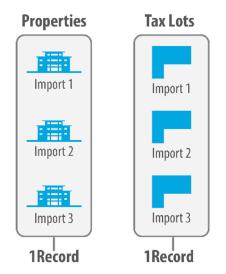
The mapping process maps the data imported into the known database column names in order to make a record





#### **MERGING**

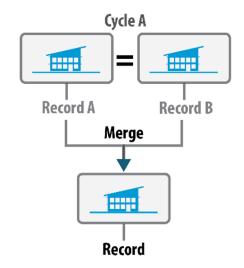
Merging refers to the act of combining exact matches of properties (or taxlots) into a single record





#### Matching is an automated process used

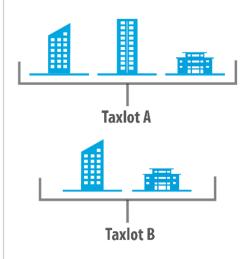
to determine if two or more records actually represent the same property by looking at specific matching fields





#### **PAIRING**

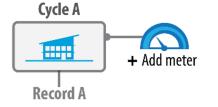
Pairing refers to the association between properties and tax lots within the same cycle

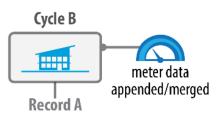




#### Links are used to connect snapshots of

the same record year-over-year (at different time periods)



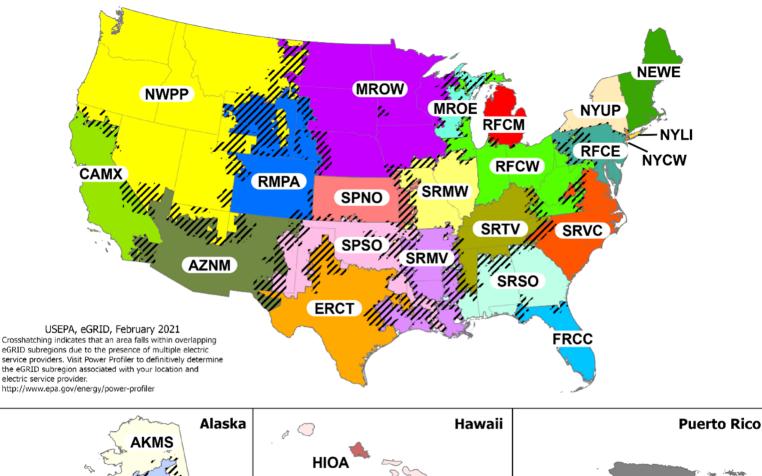


#### **EUI: Aligning Meters**

- Implemented data alignment from ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager:
  - Data is apportioned to calendar months based on the average energy use per day.
    - For example, if a bill runs from January 10 through February 9, it covers 31 days: 22 in January and 9 in February. Of the total bill, 22/31 (71%) is assigned to January and 9/31 (29%) is assigned to February.

#### **Carbon Emissions and eGRID Subregions**

- Leverages methodology created by DOE and LBNL
- Average annual, and marginal rates
  - SEED only implements average annual currently
- Historical and Future
  - SEED only implements historical currently



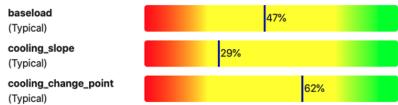


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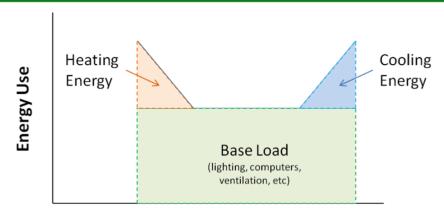
#### **BETTER Analysis Basics**

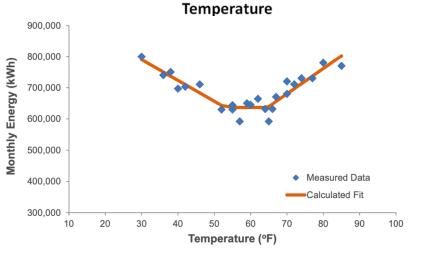
- Generate change point model (piecewise linear regression) using recorded monthly data and NOAA weather data
- BETTER compares results to typical performance based on building type and location
- Provide recommendations to improve building efficiency

#### **Electricity Consumption Benchmarking**



Note: % indicates the percentage of buildings your building is superior to.





#### **Top Energy Efficiency Measures**

The energy efficiency recommendations most frequently recommended across your portfolio are:

- Reduce Plug Loads
- Decrease Ventilation
- Reduce Lighting Load
- Check Fossil Baseload
- Decrease Infiltration

#### **BETTER / SEED Integration**

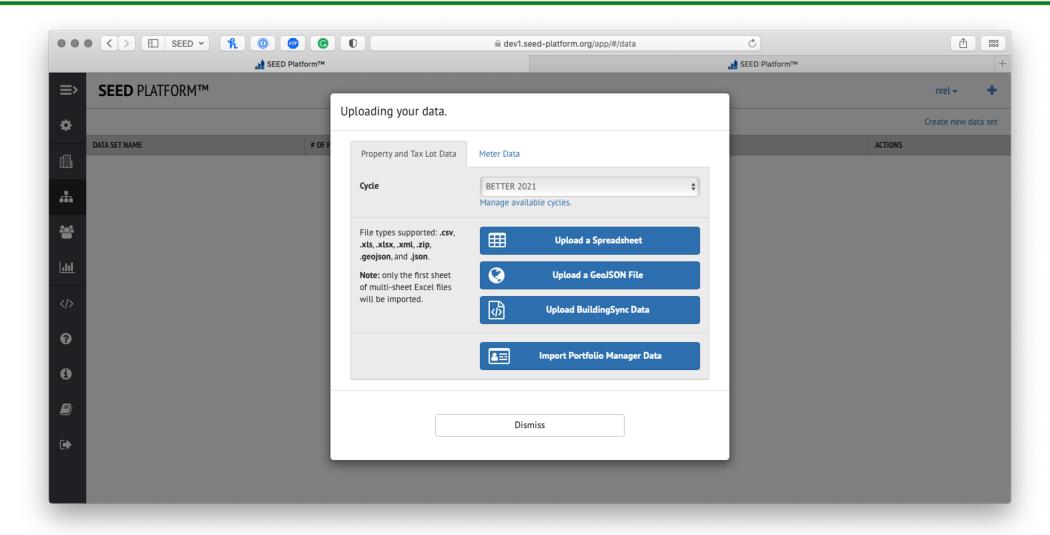
- SEED gathers data
- SEED writes BuildingSync files
- Submits files to BETTER via API
- ...Polls for results...
- Downloads and stores results alongside existing SEED property
- Extracts high-level results and stores data into SEED fields for evaluation, sorting, and data quality checks

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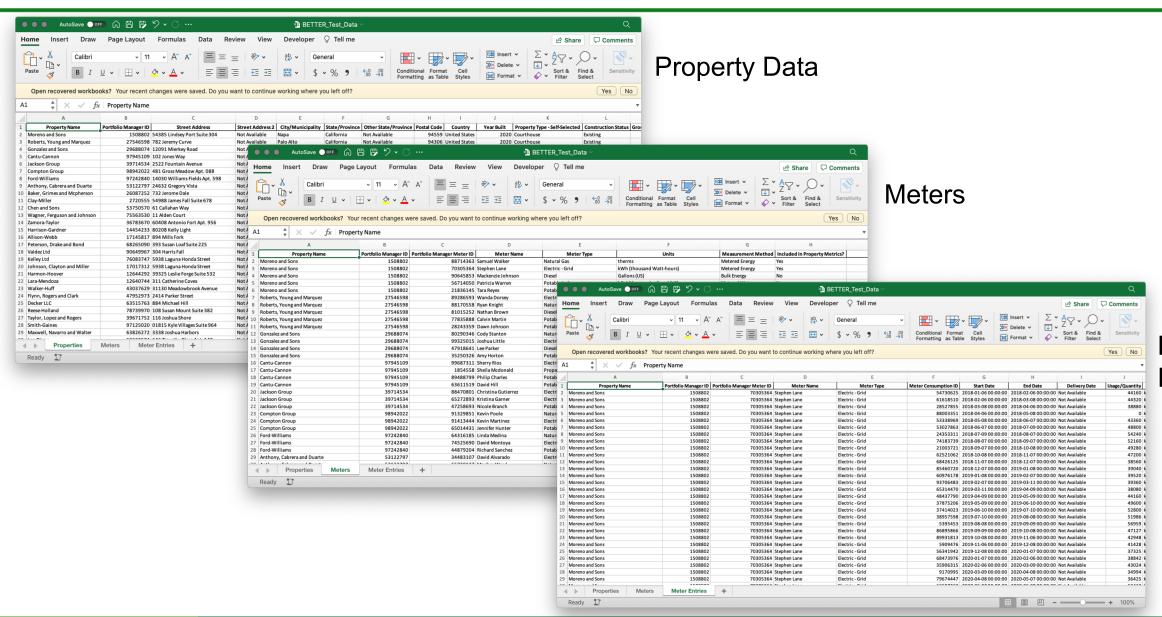
#### **Live Demo**

Backup Slides Below

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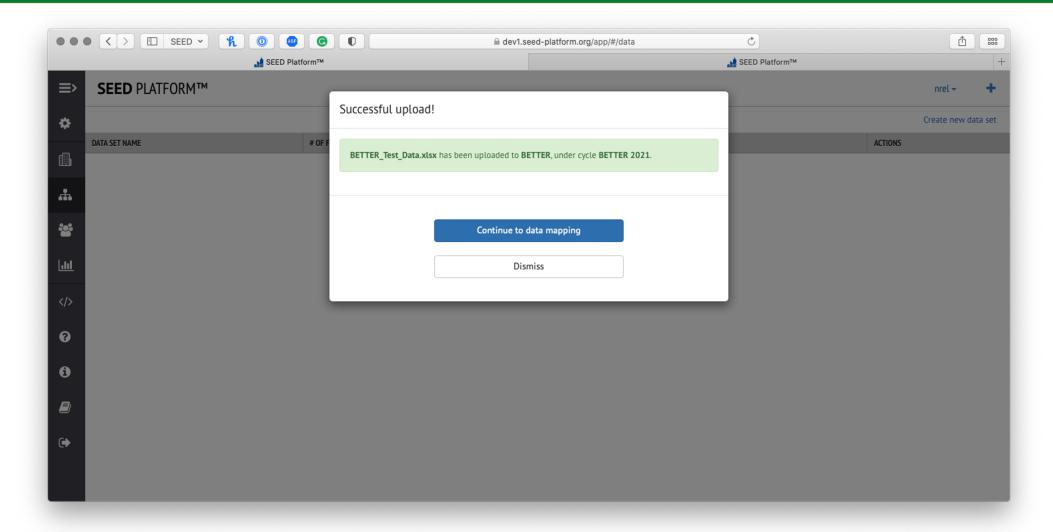


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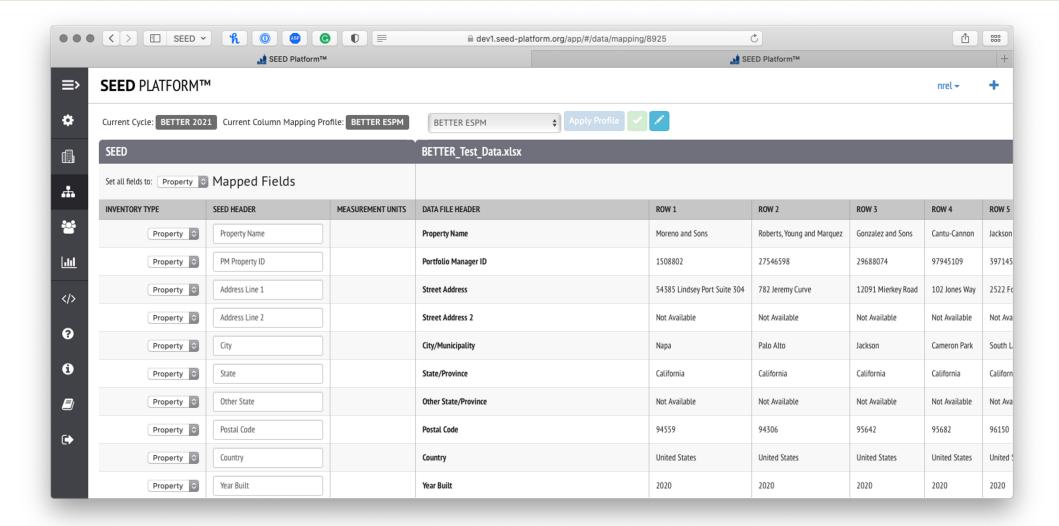


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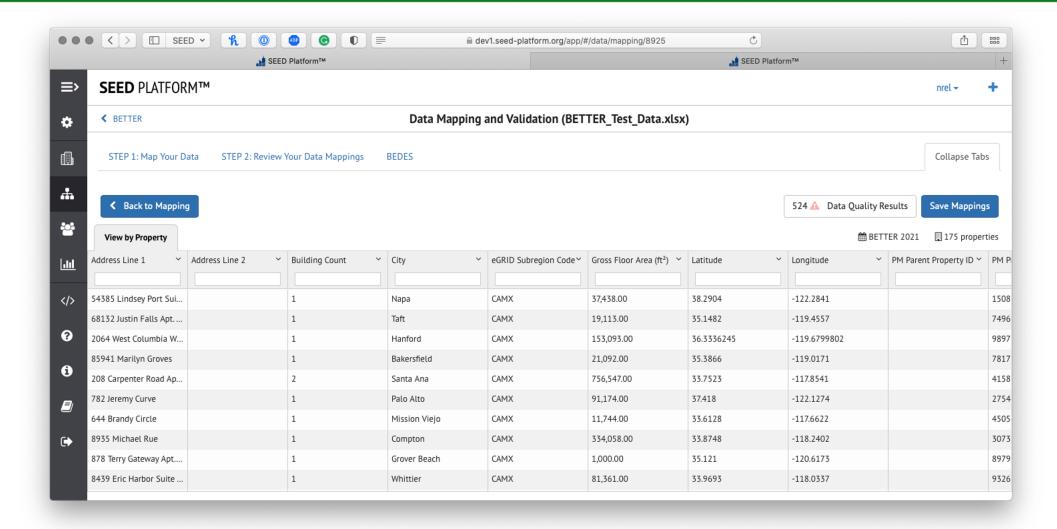


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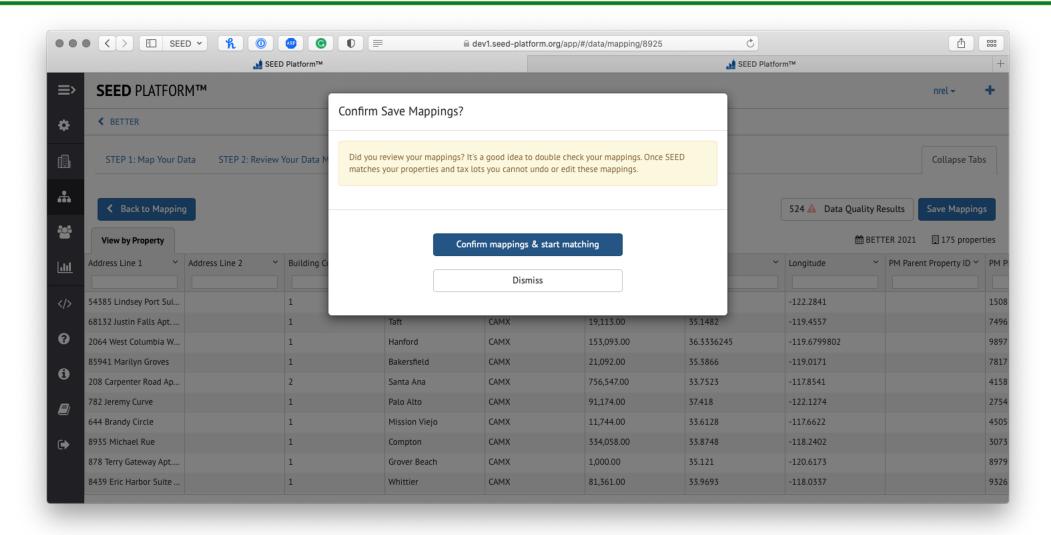


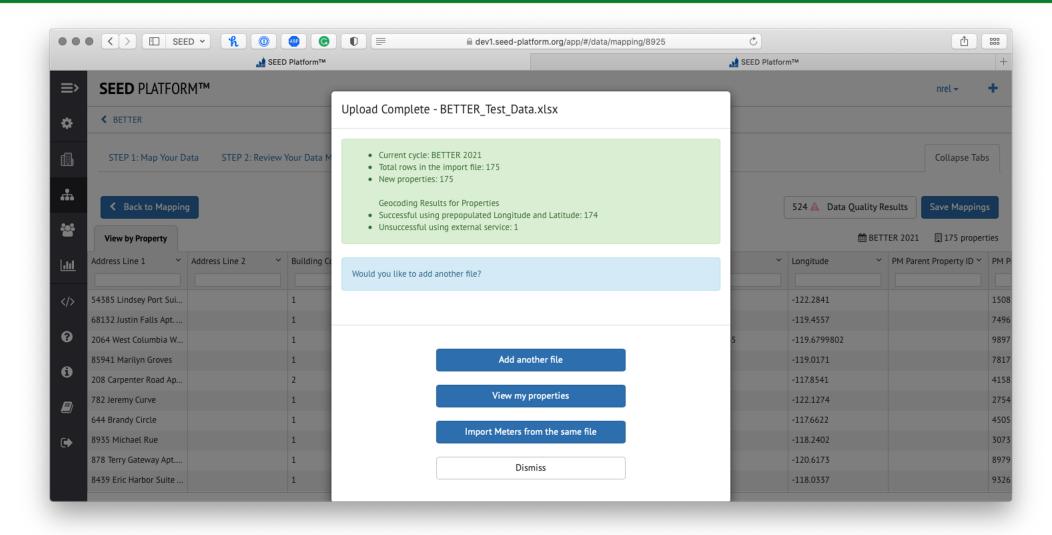
<sup>\*</sup> Mapping fields were configured earlier. SEED saves mapping profiles and allows user to switch between them.

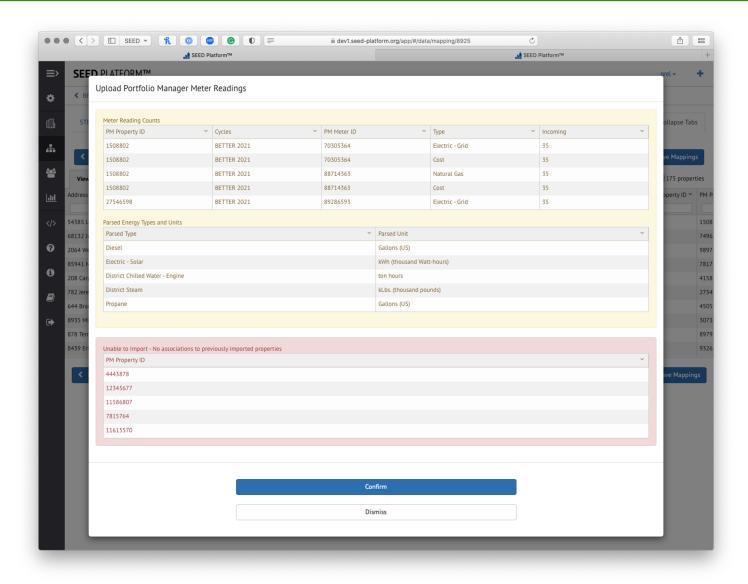
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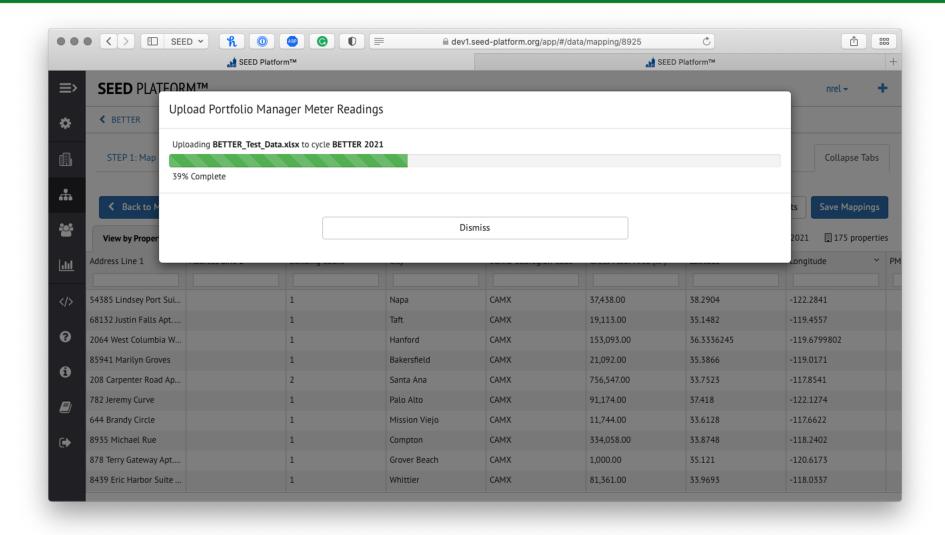


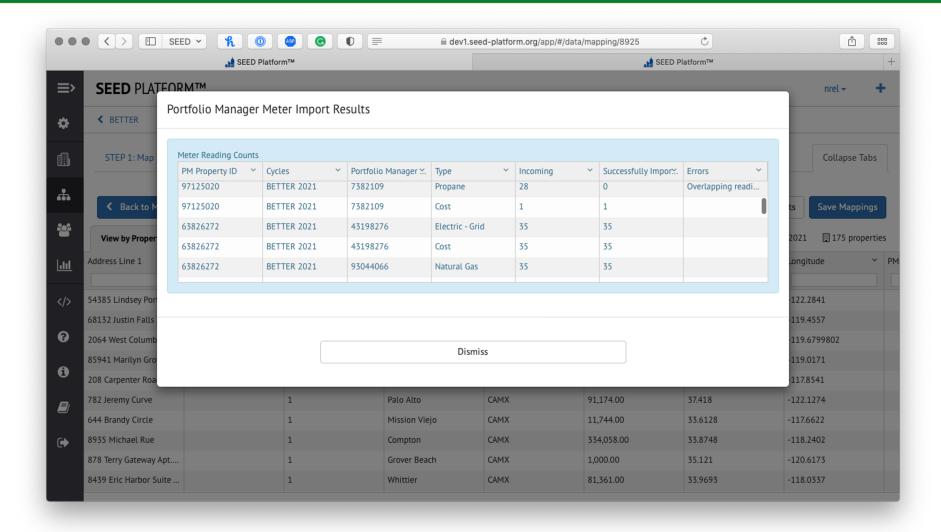
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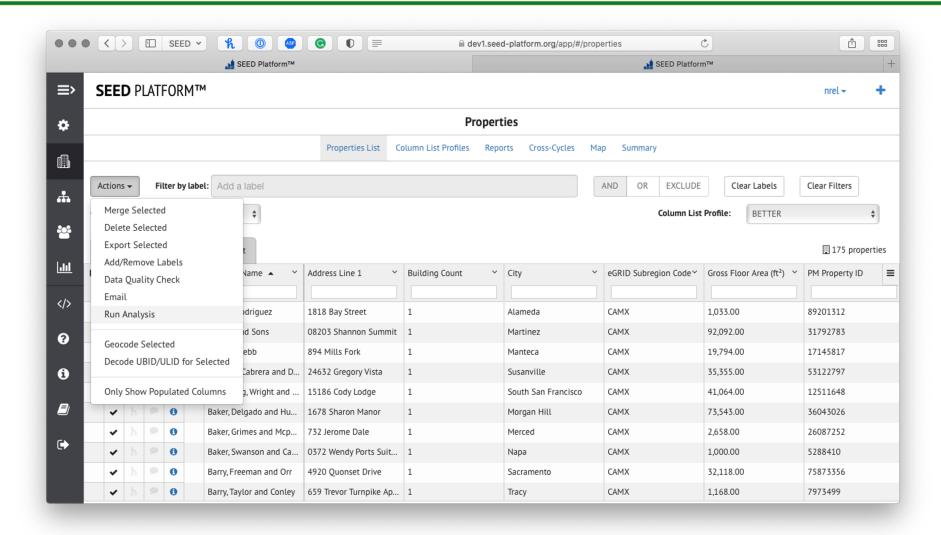




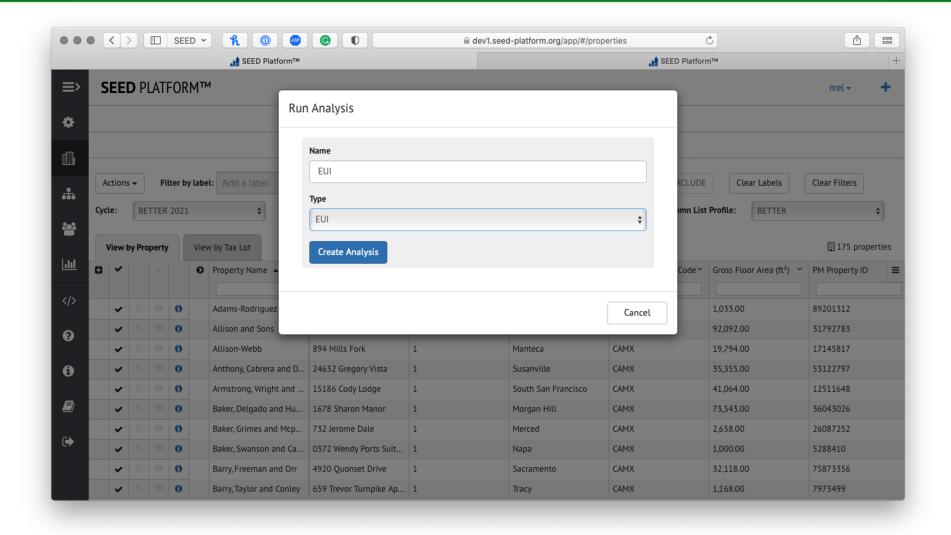




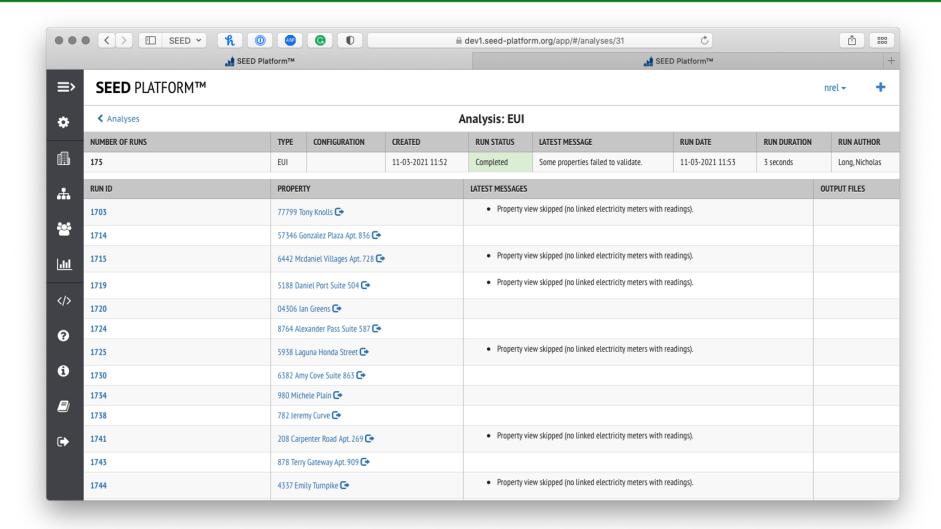
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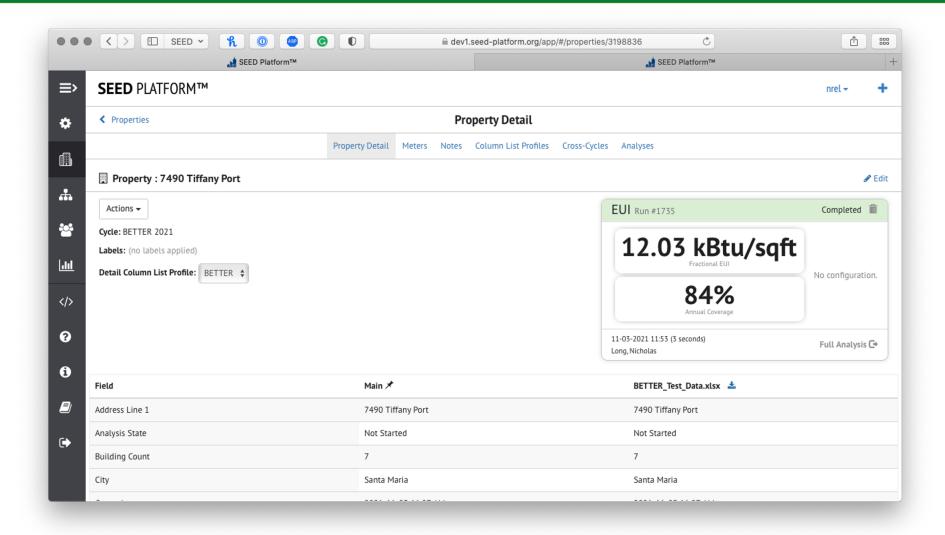
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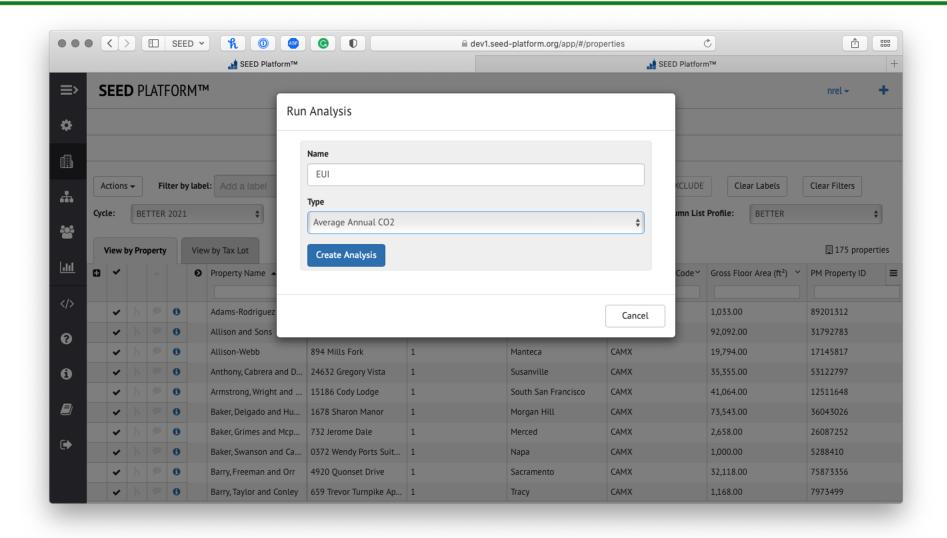
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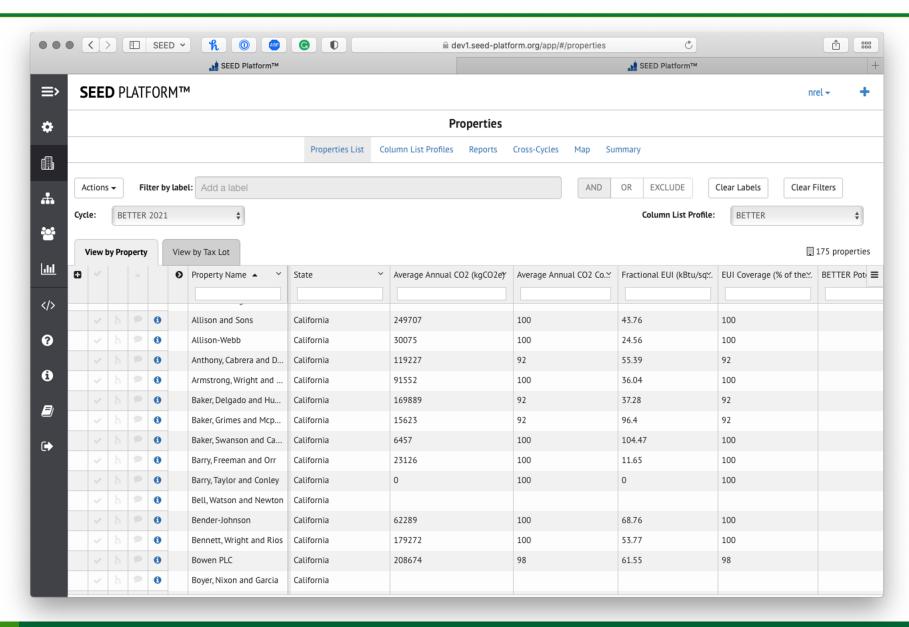
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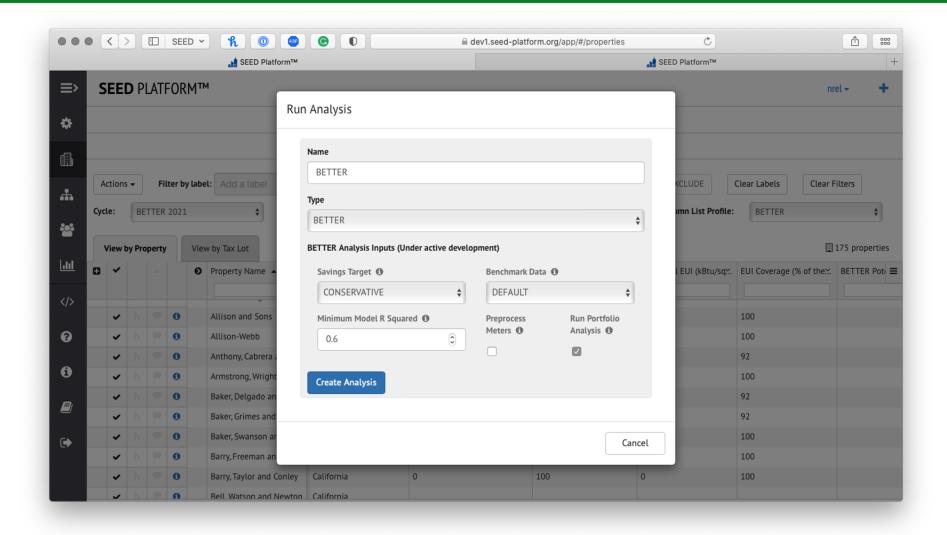
#### **Demo - Run Carbon Metrics Calculation Analysis**



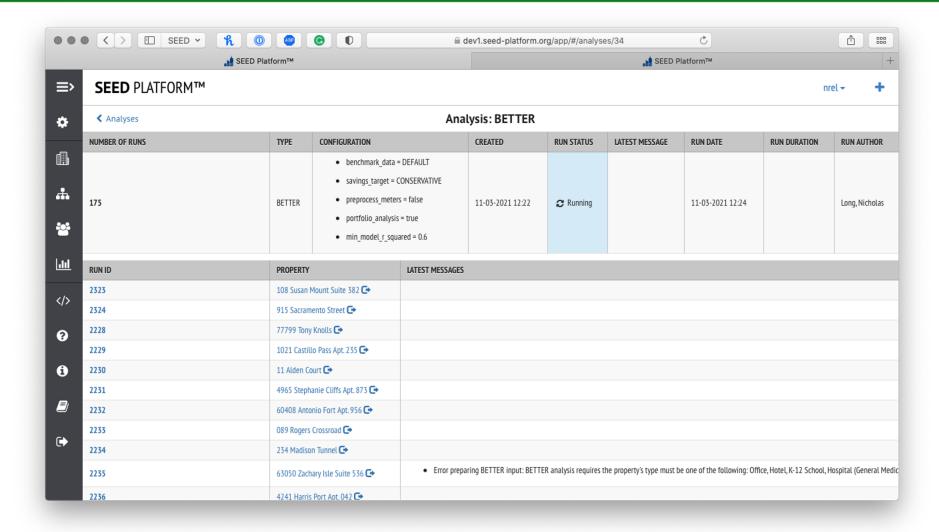
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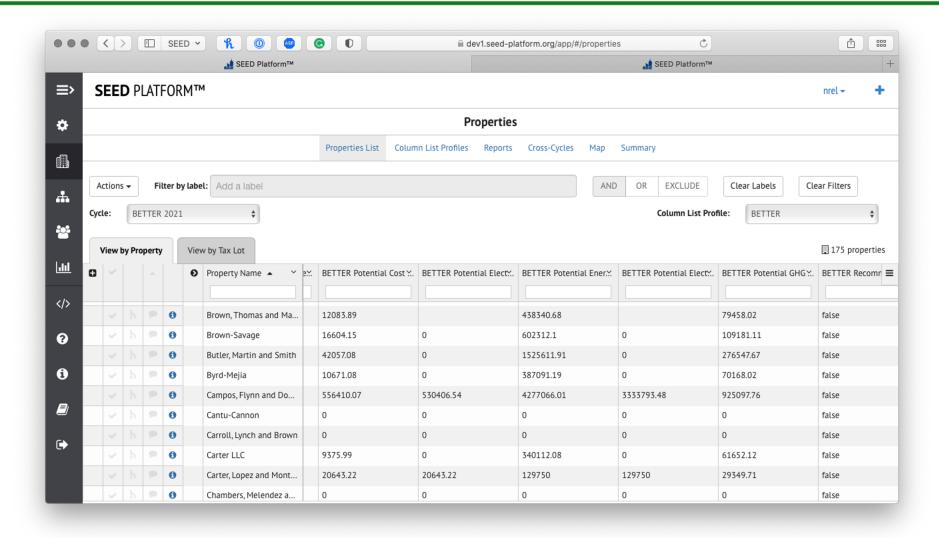
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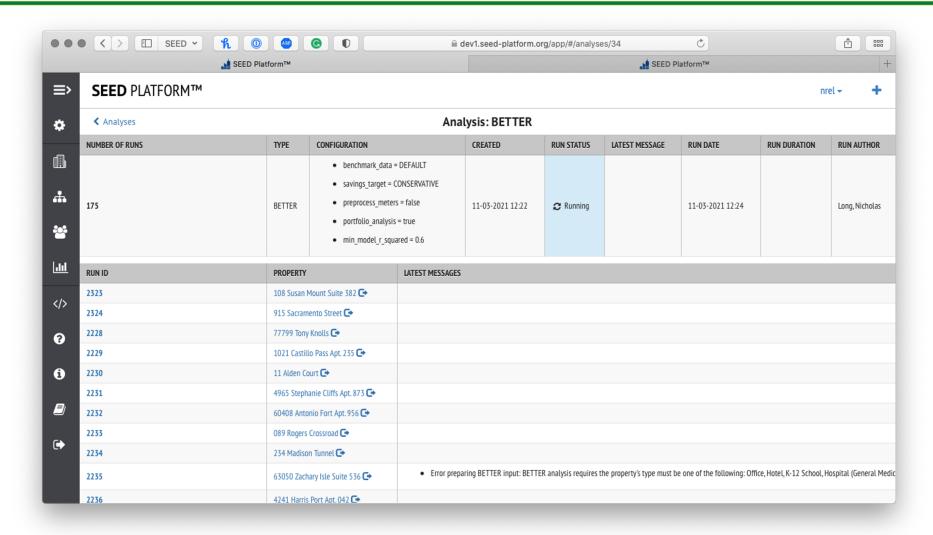
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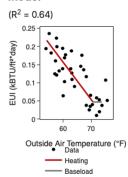
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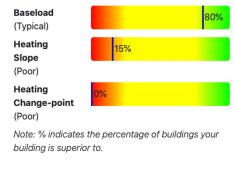
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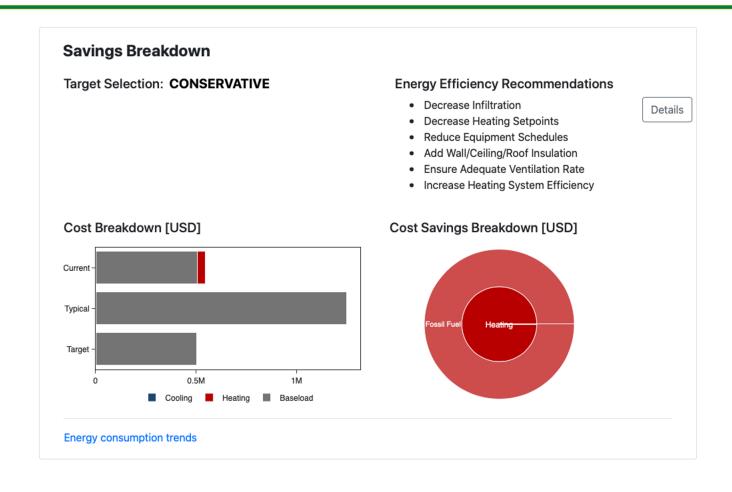
Electricity Model: Your consistent baseload is 0.142 kBTU/(ft2)\*day ,or 51.7 kBTU/(ft2)\*yr , [Baseload]. **Electricity Change-point Electricity Consumption Benchmarking** Model [CV(RMSE) = 3.7 %] Baseload 71% (Typical) Note: % indicates the percentage of buildings your building is superior to. 70 60 Outside Air Temperature (°F) Baseload Fossil Fuel Model: Your consistent baseload is 0.047 kBTU/(ft2)\*day, or 17.3 kBTU/(ft2)\*yr, [Baseload]. The building's energy consumption start to increase as the outside air temperature goes below 70.7 °F [Heating Change-Point]. Below the heating change-point, the daily energy consumption increases by 2016.4 (kBTU) when outdoor air temperature decreases by 1 °F [Heating Sensitivity].

#### Fossil Fuel Change-point Model



#### Fossil Fuel Consumption Benchmarking





## **Demo – Portfolio BETTER Analysis**

Overview

**Number of Buildings** 

150

**Potential Cost Savings:** 

\$2,363,401

9.4%

**Electricity Energy/Cost Savings:** 

6.8%

GHG Emissions Reduction (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e):

7,282.0

15.7%

Total Gross Floor Area (ft<sup>2</sup>):

15,057,697.9

**Potential Energy Savings:** 

128,522,024 kBTU

17.5%

Fossil Fuel Energy/Cost Savings:

40.0%

GHG Emissions Intensity Reduction

(kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/ft<sup>2</sup>)

6.3

Note: The annual estimates are based on the most recent 12 months of data input into BETTER for all buildings in the portfolio.

#### **Top Energy Efficiency Measures**

The energy efficiency recommendations most frequently recommended across your portfolio are:

• Reduce Equipment Schedules

Decrease Infiltration

• Decrease Heating Setpoints

Add Wall/Ceiling/Roof Insulation

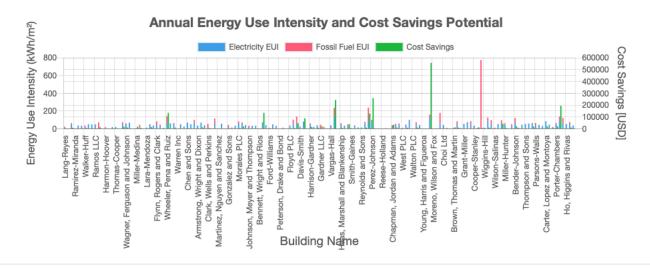
• Ensure Adequate Ventilation Rate

(77 out of 150 buildings)

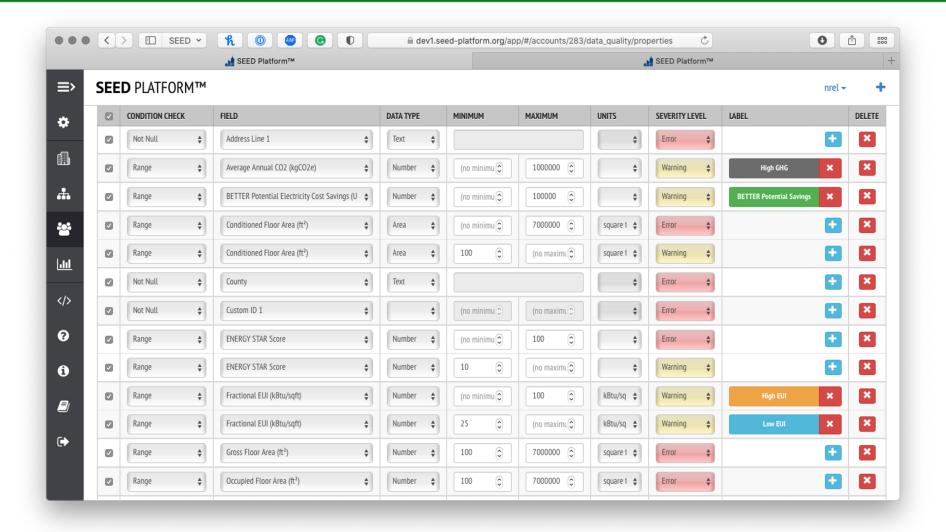
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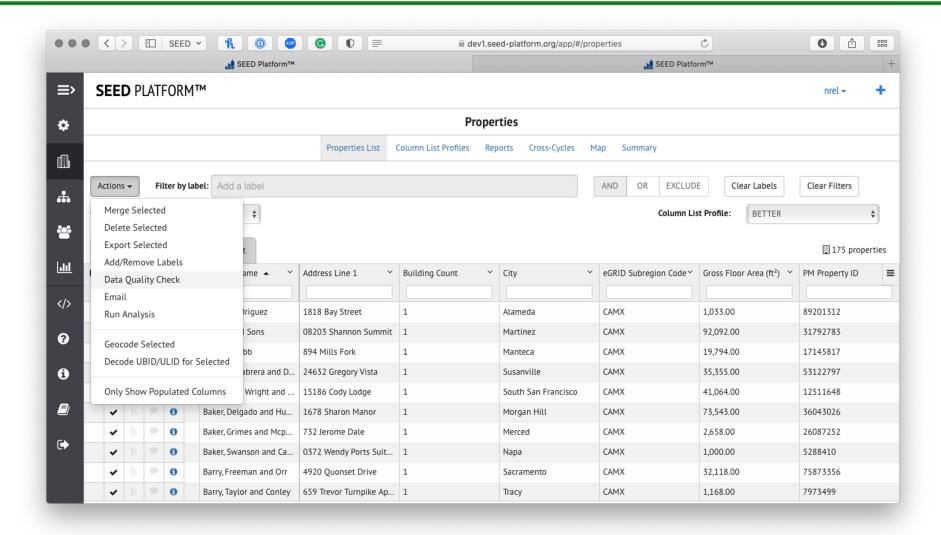
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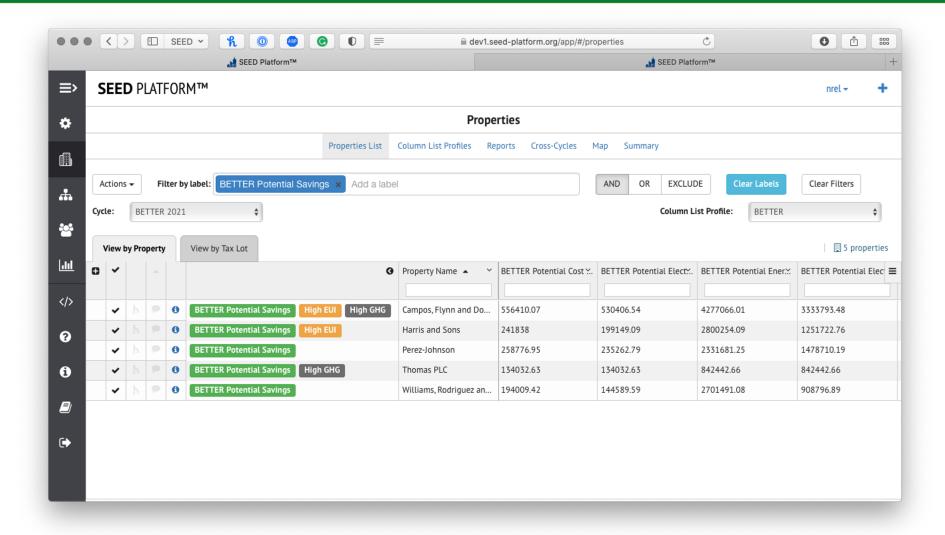
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Audit Template - SEED - BETTER Integration

# **Audit Template Workflow**

Audit Template, SEED & BETTER

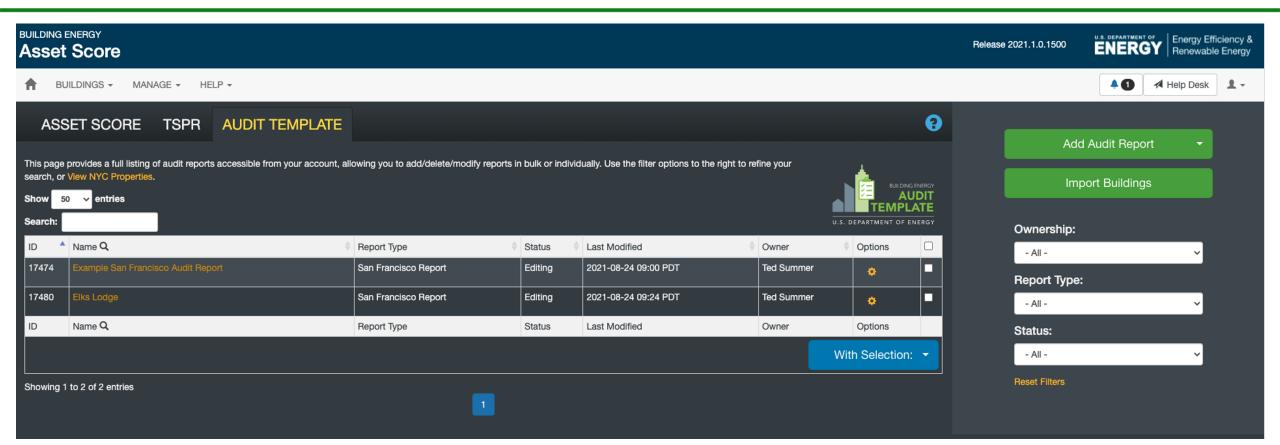


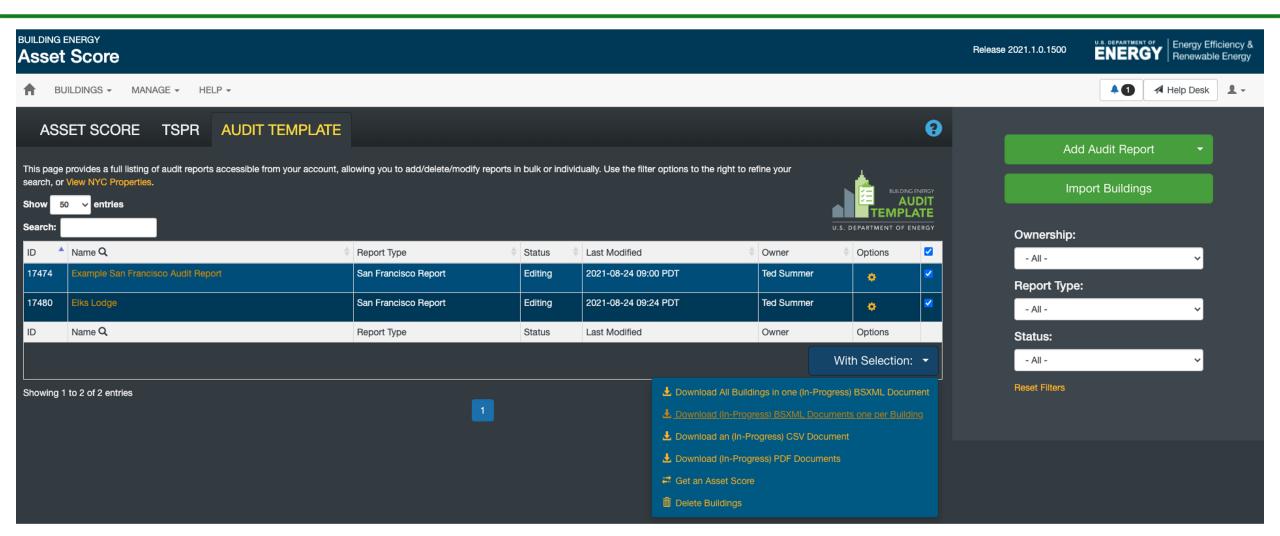


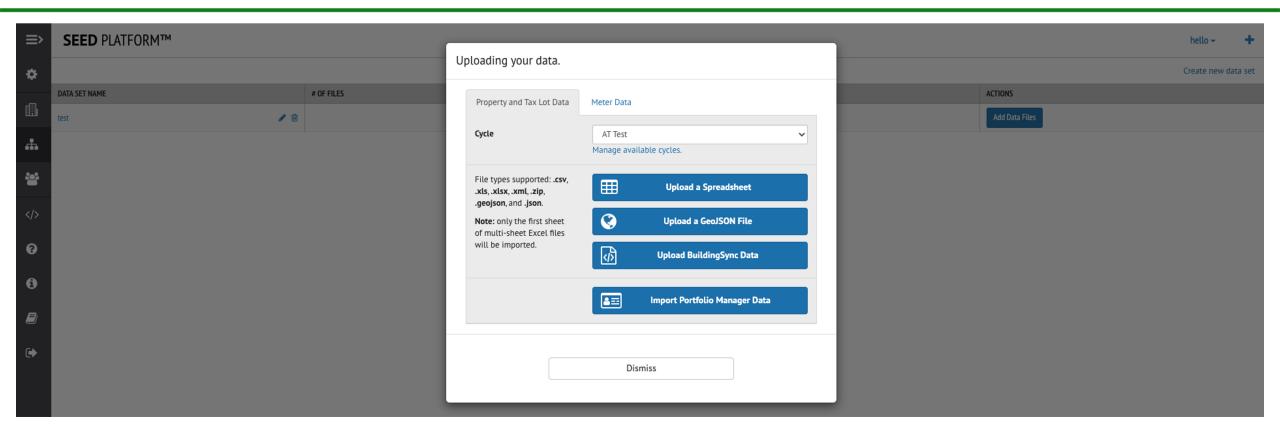


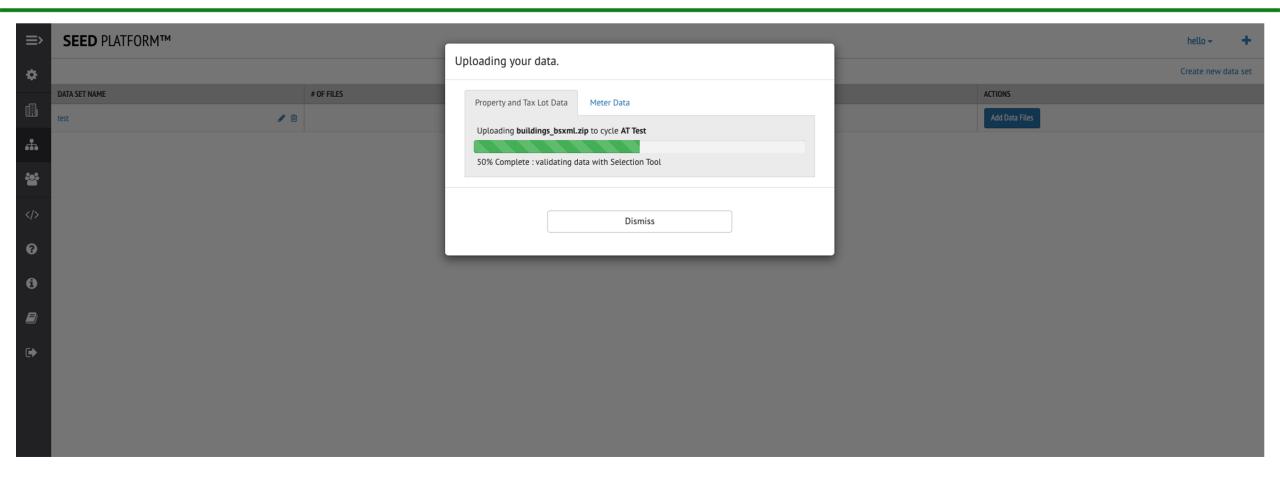


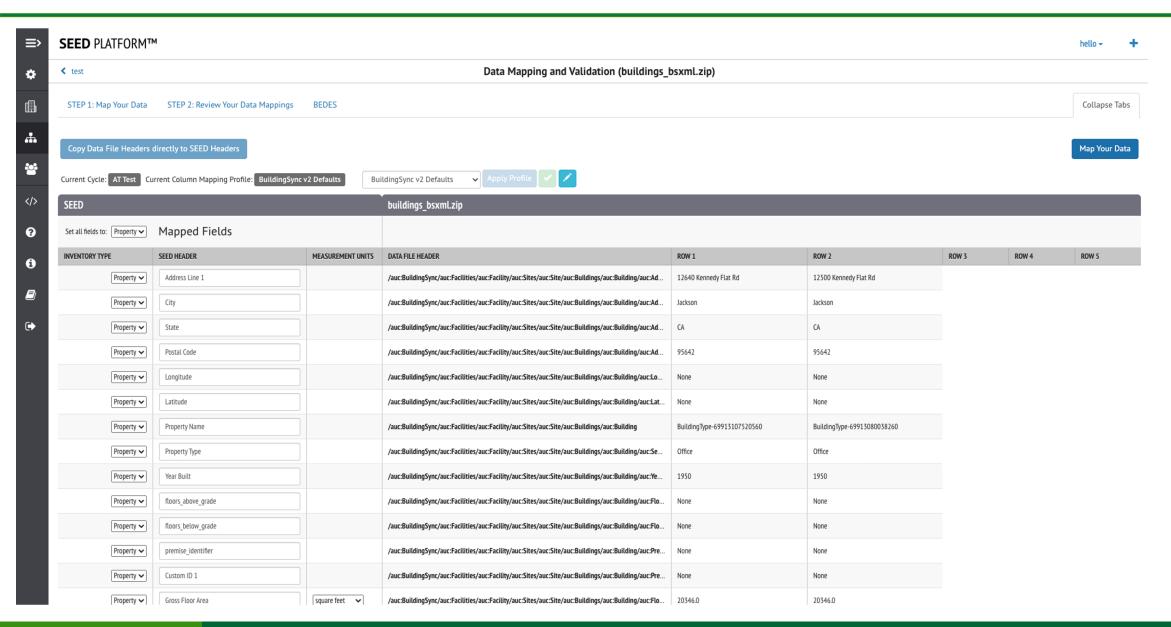


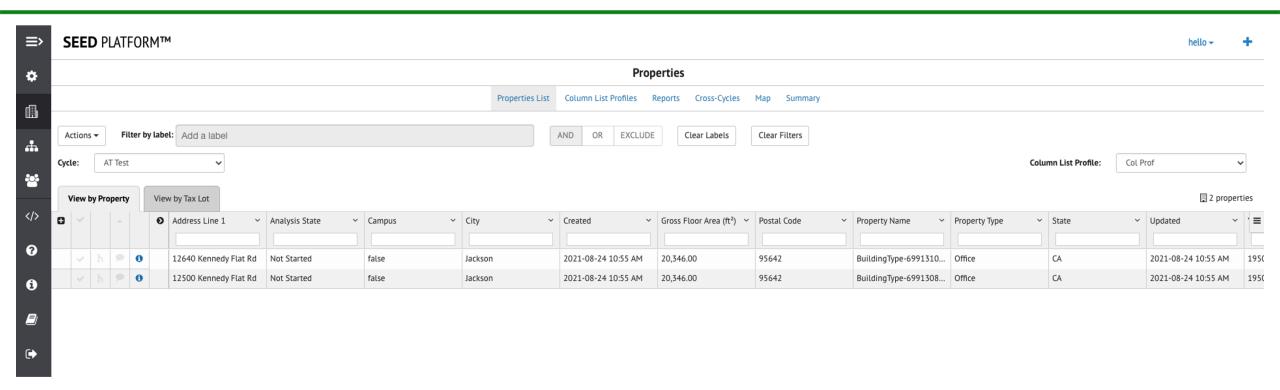


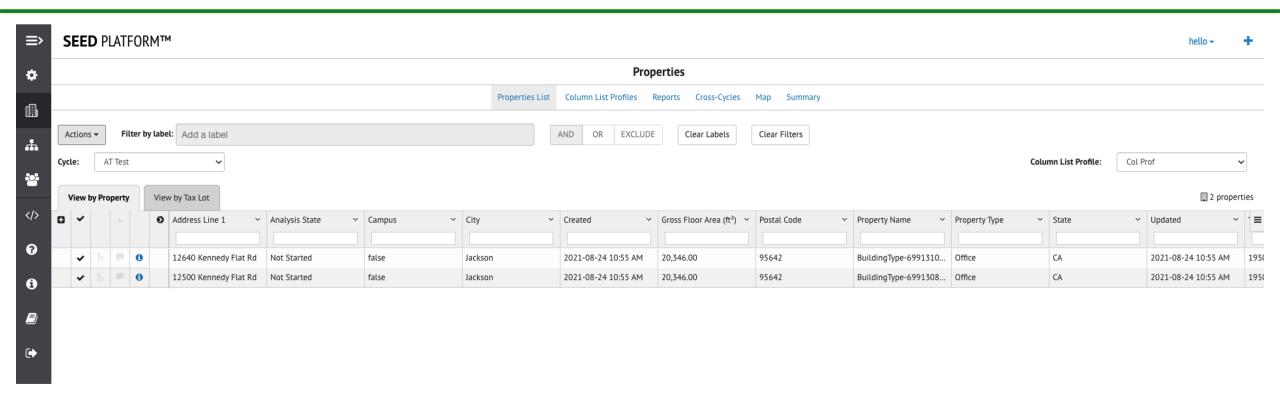


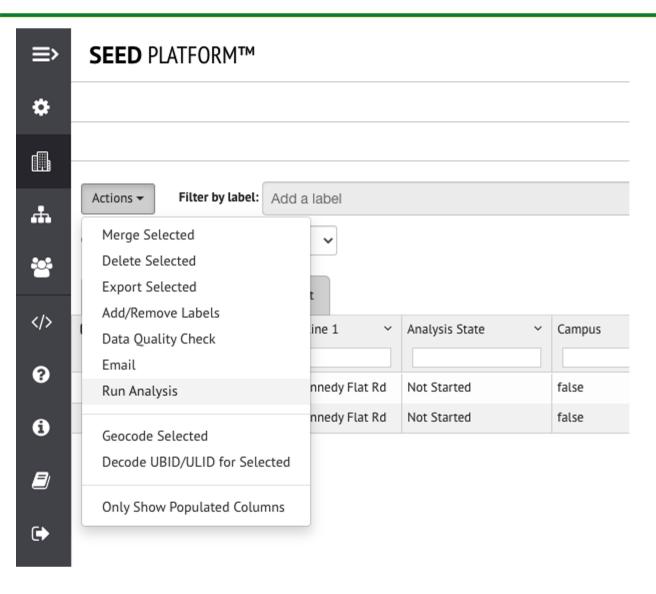


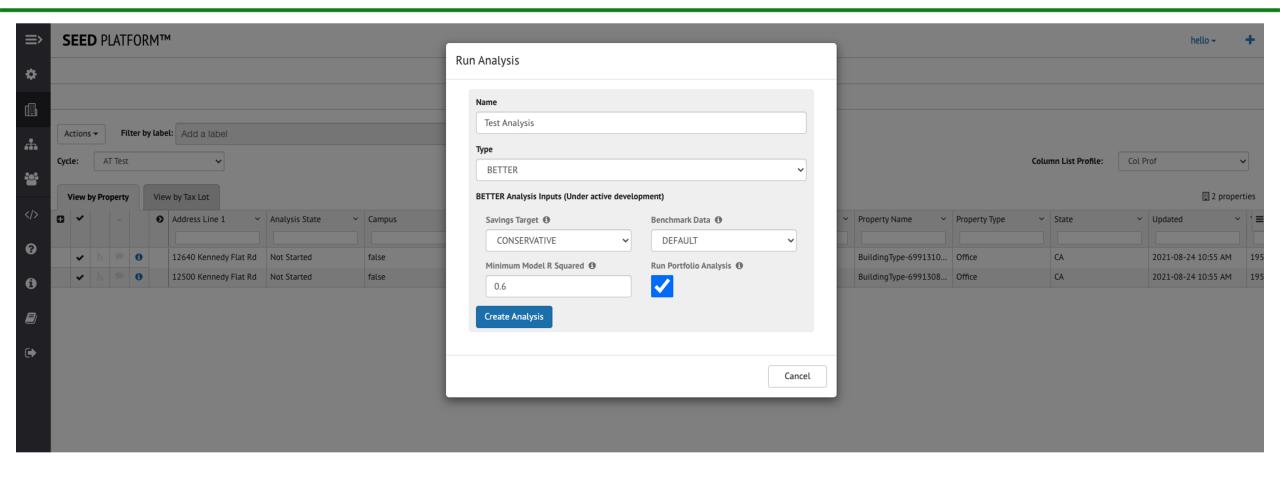




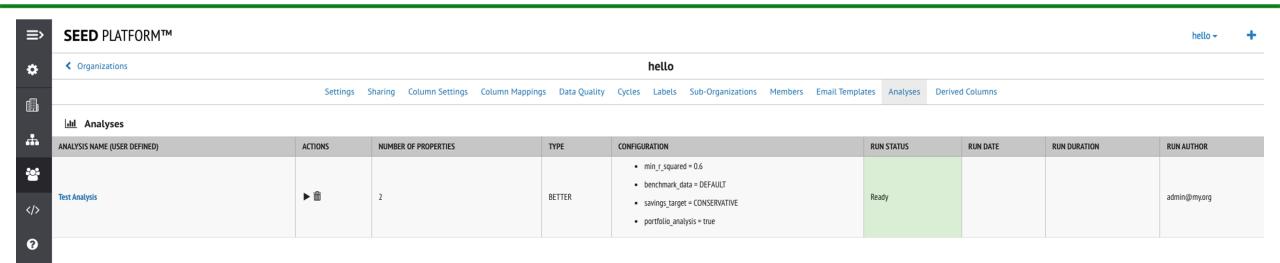




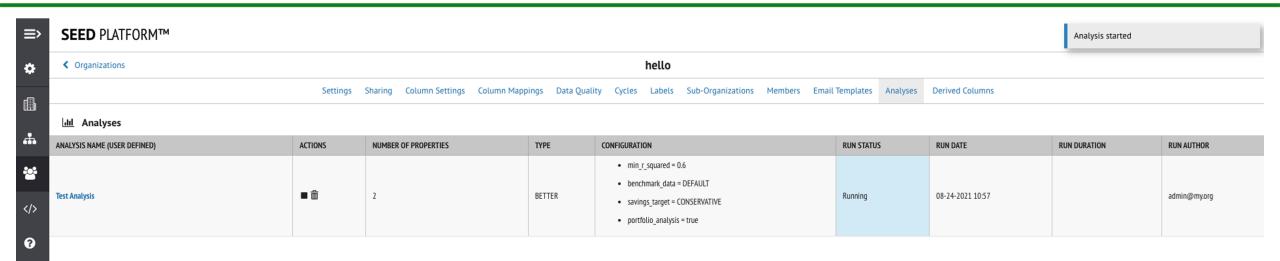


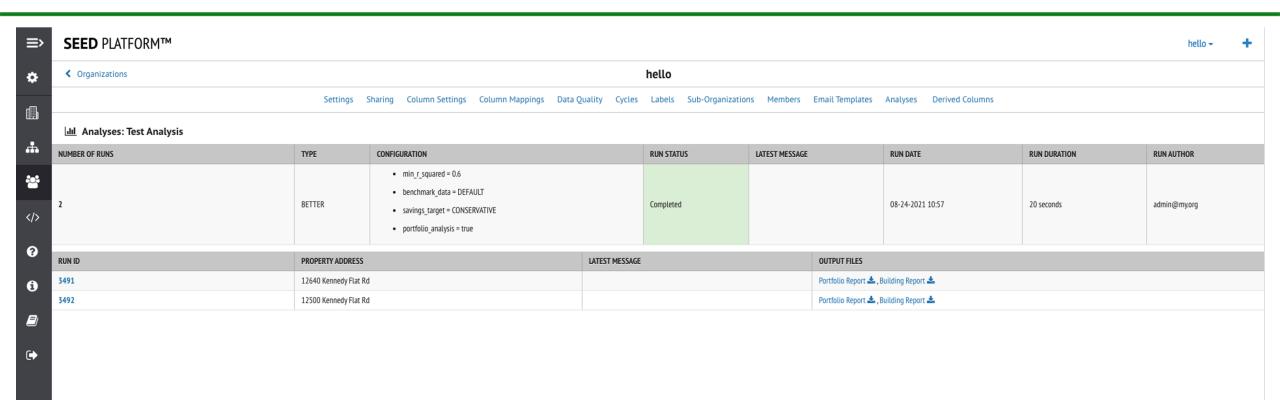


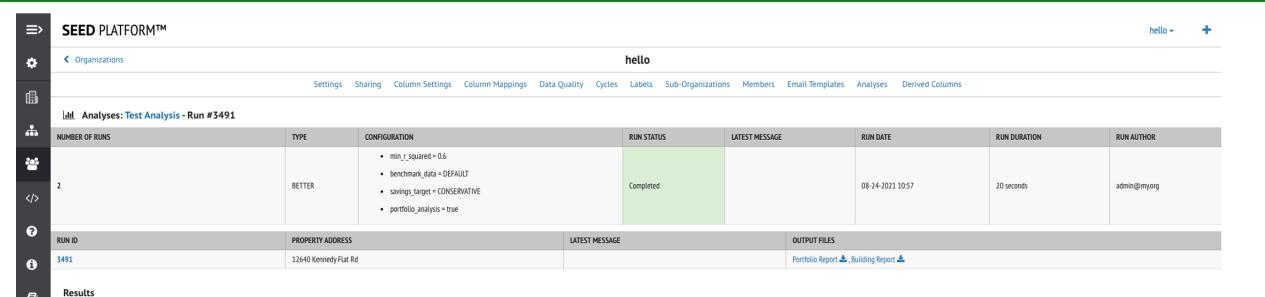
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### **BETTER V.1.0 Portfolio Summary Report**

SEED Analysis Test Analysis (152)
Generated at 2021-08-24

#### Overview

Number of Buildings Total Gross Floor Area (m<sup>2</sup>):

2 3,780.4

Cost Savings (USD): Energy Savings (kWh):

42.5% 442,754

42.5% 53.6%

Electricity Energy/Cost Savings: Fossil Fuel Energy/Cost Savings:

49

#### **Top Energy Efficiency Measures**

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Reduce Plug Loads

Decrease Ventilation

• Reduce Lighting Load

Check Fossil Baseload

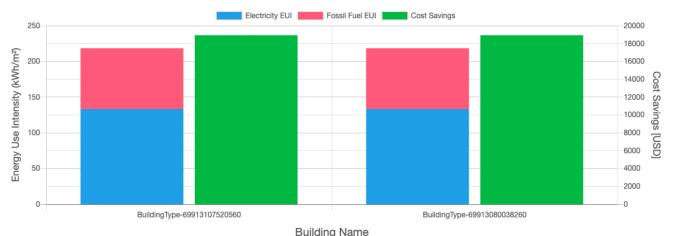
· Decrease Infiltration

(2 out of 2 buildings)

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#### **Annual Energy Use Intensity and Cost Savings Potential**





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# BETTER V1.0 Building Summary Report

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Overview

Building Type: Gross Floor Area (m<sup>2</sup>):

Office 1,890.2

Building Location: Closest Weather Station:

12640 Kennedy Flat Rd, Jackson, CA Station: 724833-23206 : Sacramento Mather

**Airport** 

Potential Cost Savings (USD): Potential Energy Savings (kWh):

18,931 221,377 42.5% 53.6%

Electricity Energy/Cost Savings: Fossil Fuel Energy/Cost Savings:

38.7% 77.0%

GHG Emissions Reduction (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e): GHG Emissions Intensity Reduction

(MTCO<sub>2</sub>e/m<sup>2</sup>)

51.7 % 0.024



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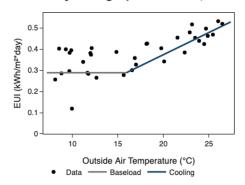
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#### **Weather Sensitivity and Benchmarking**

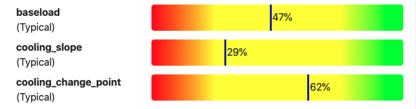
Daily electricity and fossil fuel use per floor area is plotted below against monthly average outdoor air temperature. When energy use goes up at low temperatures on the left side of the graph, it represents heating-sensitive energy. When energy use goes up at high temperatures on the right side of the graph, it represents cooling-sensitive energy. The flat part of the graph shows the building's base load that is independent of the ambient temperature.

Electricity Model: Your consistent baseload is 0.288 kWh/(m²\*day) ,or 105.2 kWh/(m²\*yr) ,[Baseload]. The building's energy consumption start to increase as the outside air temperature goes above 15.9 °C [Cooling Change-Point]. Beyond the cooling change-point, the daily energy consumption increases by 39 (kWh) when outdoor air temperature increases by 1 °C [Cooling Sensitivity].

#### **Electricity Change-point Model (R<sup>2</sup> = 0.91)**



#### **Electricity Consumption Benchmarking**



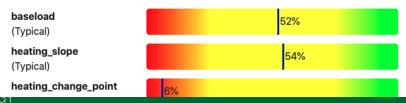
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Fossil Fuel Model: Your consistent baseload is 0.048 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup>\*day), or 17.5 kWh/(m<sup>2</sup>\*yr), [Baseload]. The building's energy consumption start to increase as the outside air temperature goes below 20.6 °C [Heating Change-Point]. Below the heating change-point, the daily energy consumption increases by 72.6 (kWh) when outdoor air temperature decreases by 1 °C [Heating Sensitivity].

#### Fossil Fuel Change-point Model ( $R^2 = 0.94$ )



#### Fossil Fuel Consumption Benchmarking



# Thank you!

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