



## Green Guide for Health Care Newsletter

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### The NEW *Green Guide for Health Care* Website

Earlier this month, the *Green Guide* re-launched its website, aligning with *Green Guide* Version 2.2, and enhancing online services. Read on to learn about the new capabilities of the *Green Guide* website.

#### Improved Site Navigation

The *Green Guide* homepage has been streamlined to highlight upcoming events. Help us keep the Events calendar current by sending information about green health care events to [info@gghc.org](mailto:info@gghc.org).

The new website also offers improved access for website registrants interested in downloading the *Green Guide* v2.2 or other educational information, accepting an invitation to join a *Green Guide* registered project team, and learning more about the *Green Guide for Health Care* document and organization. As soon as you log on, you will be directed to a personalized splash page with direct links to available web tools. The more active you become in *Green Guide* work, the more links will become available.

#### Enhanced Online Registered Project Management Tools

Beginning in March 2007, *Green Guide* project registration is free and voluntary. All projects that were *Green Guide* registered pilot projects are automatically registered. We encourage all projects tracking the *Green Guide* to register as Version 2.2 projects to take advantage of the new online project management tools and to take part in Forum discussions.

In the *Green Guide* Pilot, only *Green Guide* project managers had access to project details. The new, enhanced website configuration provides all project team members with read-only access to the online checklist and project information. The new *Green Guide* Version 2.2 checklist allows teams to assign responsibility for specific credits and provides a text box next to each credit to note the strategies employed to comply with credit goals.

*Green Guide* project administrators maintain editing privileges over the project information. However, by granting read-only access to the entire project team, project administrators can improve coordination among team members, leading to a more successful integrated design process.

In addition, more than one project administrator can now associate with *Green Guide* registered projects. This new feature will allow, for example, the project architect to manage *Construction* section credits while a representative from the health care organization manages credits in the *Operations* section. To add a project administrator to a specific project, please email [info@gghc.org](mailto:info@gghc.org).

All registered project team members continue to have free access to the online Forum, a private peer-to-peer list-serve of professionals and health care providers. The Forum allows project teams to ask questions about *Green Guide* credits and share solutions with each other in a safe, anonymous environment.

Please forward all comments and suggestions for improvements to the online project management tools to [info@gghc.org](mailto:info@gghc.org).

#### GGHC Version 2.1 Data

The updated *Green Guide for Health Care* website is tailored to align with the *Green Guide* v2.2's revised *Construction* section. Many components of the website, most notably project checklists and the online Forum, were therefore greatly modified during the course of the website update. These superseded *Green Guide* Version 2.1 tools have been archived and continue to be available to project team members in a read-only format.

A credit-by-credit comparison chart of *Green Guide* Version 2.1 and Version 2.2 is also available on the [Download](#) section of the *Green Guide* website ([www.gghc.org](http://www.gghc.org)).

### News

1. Join us on Thursday, April 5 from 1-2:30 ET for the next GGHC/H2E (Hospitals for a Healthy Environment) Green Building teleconference: [Connecting Hospitals to Nature](#). The April teleconference has been moved to Thursday in observance of the Good Friday holiday. Effective November 2006, all H2E teleconferences will become an H2E Subscriber Benefit. For an annual \$199 subscription fee, H2E Subscribers will have access to 26 teleconferences (including green building topics), the ability to apply for H2E awards, and staff technical assistance. Visit <http://h2e-online.org/subscribe/index.htm> for more information.
2. Register now to participate in the free Women's Health & the Environment Conference. This conference will address environmental exposures associated with fertility, early puberty, women's health, and prenatal exposures linked to disease. Friday, April 20, in Pittsburgh, PA. For more information, click [here](#).
3. Celebrate success at this year's H2E Environmental Excellence Summit, May 14-15 in Minneapolis, MN. This two-day event will include H2E award presentations (and winning case study sessions), learning seminars, a full-day pharmaceutical waste management workshop, and a highly anticipated keynote by Pete Myers, co-author of 'Our Stolen Future.' For more information, click [here](#).
4. CLEARANCE SALE! Purchase a paper copy of the *Green Guide for Health Care* Version 2.1 while supplies last at a discounted price of \$50 (40% off regular price). Currently, *Green Guide* Version 2.2 is only available as a downloadable PDF. Visit <http://www.gghc.org> to access the *Green Guide*'s online store.
5. *Green Guide for Health Care* mentioned in the March 26, 2007 *Time* magazine! A spotlight on *Green Guide* co-coordinator Gail Vittori in the magazine's "Innovators" section also praises *Green Guide* Pilot project Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas and *Green Guide* Partner Kaiser Permanente. For more information, click [here](#).
6. "Tough Pill for Health Care?" in the March 2007 edition of *Building Operating Management* magazine lists the *Green Guide for Health Care* as a useful tool for health care facilities interested in learning about green building practices. For more information, click [here](#).
7. Register a project with the *Green Guide for Health Care*! *Green Guide* website registrants can register projects at no charge by logging into the website and following the prompts on the [Project](#) web page. Project registration is fast and easy and grants project team members access to online tools such as checklists and a list-serve open only to *Green Guide* registered projects.
8. Support the *Green Guide for Health Care*! Visit the [Supporters](#) section of the *Green Guide* website for information on how to support our work. All donations to the *Green Guide* are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.
9. The *Green Guide* welcomes our new Endorsers: Coverings, Inc.; E Cube, Inc.; Engineering Economics, Inc.; and, MM Systems.