



Green Guide for Health Care Newsletter

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Participate in Second Public Comment Period for 2008 Revised GGHC Operations Section

Review and comment on Credit modifications implemented in response to the first round of public comments.

The most significant revision to the *Green Guide for Health Care Version 2.2 Operations* section to date has undergone a further set of refinements. In response to the over 350 public comments received during the first public comment period, 43 credits have undergone revisions to the Intent statement and/or Credit Goals and are published for a Second Public Comment period.

Building on the experience of the *Green Guide's* roster of registered projects, a volunteer committee of professionals representing a broad spectrum of health care sector perspectives and technical experts, the update **emphasizes continuous improvement and frames best practices in operations and maintenance protocols**, keeping abreast of the momentum in policy and practice towards green building and operations methods and materials. These strategies yield measurable improvements in enhancing a facility's health and environmental performance.

How to Participate

1. Go to <http://www.gghc.org>
2. Click on "login"
3. Log into the website
4. Click on the "Downloads" button to download the revised Operations section in the 2008 GGHC Ops Revision-2nd Public Comment folder.
5. Return to the landing page and click on the "Public Comment" button. *Please note that the public comment page requires a separate website registration from the GGHC website.*
6. After you have registered on the public comment page, log in and click on the appropriate section and credit link. Note that only credits modified in the Intent and/or Credit Goals sections are included in the Second Public Comment Period. Closed credit posting are listed as "Closed" on the public comment website. However, all responses to the first round of public comment are publicly available on the public comment website.
7. Post your comment.

Credits Under Review During the Second Public Comment Period:

INTEGRATED OPERATIONS & EDUCATION

IO Credit 1.1: Education: Building Operations & Maintenance Staff
(Note: This credit has been moved to FM Credit 4.1)
IO Credit 1.2: Education: Staff, Patient & Community
Environmental Sustainability Education

SUSTAINABLE SITES MANAGEMENT

SSM Credit 1.2: Site Management: Integrated Pest Management, Erosion Control & Landscape Management Plan
SSM Credit 4.2: Heat Island Reduction: Roof
SSM Credit 5.1: Connection to the Natural World: Outdoor Places of Respite

TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS

TO Credit 1.1-1.4: Alternative Transportation: Commuting
TO Credit 1.5: Alternative Transportation: Allowances

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

FM Prerequisite 3: Refrigerant Management: Ozone Protection
FM Prerequisite 6: Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) Control
FM Credit 2.1-2.5: Potable Water Use Reduction: Total Building Reduction
FM Credit 2.6: Potable Water Use Reduction: Water Efficient Landscaping
FM Credit 2.7: Potable Water Use Reduction: Cooling Tower Chemical Management
FM Credit 3.1: Existing Building Commissioning: Investigation & Analysis
FM Credit 4.1: Building Operations & Maintenance: Staff Education (See IO Credit 1.1)
FM Credit 6: IAQ Management: Maintaining Indoor Air Quality
FM Credit 8: Refrigerant Management
FM Credit 9: Light Pollution Reduction

CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT

CM Prerequisite 3: Community Contaminant Prevention: Leaks & Spills
CM Credit 1: Indoor Chemical Contaminant Prevention

WASTE MANAGEMENT

WM Prerequisite 1: Waste Management Plan
WM Prerequisite 3: Solid Waste Land Disposal
WM Credit 2: Regulated Medical Waste Reduction

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

ES Credit 1.1-1.2: Environmentally Preferable Cleaning: Policy Development
ES Credit 1.3-1.5: Environmentally Preferable Cleaning: Sustainable Cleaning Products & Materials
ES Credit 1.6: Environmentally Preferable Cleaning: Cleaning Equipment
ES Credit 2: Entryway Systems

FOOD SERVICE

FS Credit 1: Sustainable Food Policy and Plan
FS Credit 2: Sustainable Food Education and Promotion
FS Credit 3.1-3.3: Local, Sustainably Produced Food Purchasing
FS Credit 4.1-4.3: Reusable & Non-Reusable Products
FS Credit 5: Hospital Supported Agriculture: Food and Farm Linkages
FS Credit 6.1: Food Donation and Composting
FS Credit 6.2: Food Services Recycling
FS Credit 7: Food Vendors
FS Credit 8: Chemical Management for Food Services

ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING

EP Prerequisite 1: Mercury Prevention
EP Prerequisite 2: Electronic Assets Environmental Management Plan
EP Credit 1: Solid Waste Prevention in Purchasing
EP Credit 2: Toxicity Prevention in Purchasing
EP Credit 3.1-3.5: Toxic Chemical Reduction: Facility Alterations & Additions
EP Credit 3.6: Toxic Chemical Reduction: Furniture & Medical Furnishings
EP Credit 6: Office Supplies
EP Credit 7: Low Emitting & Fuel Efficient Fleet Vehicles

INNOVATION IN OPERATIONS

IN Credit 1: Innovation in Operations

News

1. Join us for the August Practice Greenhealth webinars: **Friday, August 8 (1-2:30 ET) Practice Greenhealth Design & Construction webinar: Greening Specifications for Health Care, Friday, August 22 (1-2:30 ET) Acoustics: Sound Reduction in Healing Environments.** A subscription is required to access the webinar series. Click [here](#) for more information.
2. Submit **public comments** on the **Second Public Comment Period for the 2008 Revision to the GGHC Operations Section! Deadline August 31, 2008.** The 2008 Revision represents the most significant update to the *Green Guide for Health Care Version 2.2 Operations* section to date. Log in to <http://www.gghc.org> to download the revised tool and submit comments.
3. Purchase **Sustainable Healthcare Architecture, co-authored by Robin Guenther, FAIA, and Gail Vittori, LEED AP** at Amazon.com. *AllArchitect* describes this newly released monograph on green building in health care as "a very important book."
4. Download the **Green Guide for Health Care's report "A Prescriptive Path to Energy Efficiency Improvements for Hospitals:** visit www.gghc.org, log in, and go to the Downloads section.
5. Register your project with the **Green Guide for Health Care!** Website registrants can register projects at no charge by logging onto www.gghc.org and following the prompts on the [Project](#) web page. Project registration is fast and easy and grants up to 14 project team members access to GGHC online tools such as checklists and a peer-to-peer Forum open only to *Green Guide* registered project teams.
6. 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.

Due to the extensive nature of the GGHC *Operations* review process, the Second Public Comment period will run a full 30 days, from August 1 through midnight Pacific Daylight Time on August 31, 2008. Visit www.gghc.org to download the toolkit and submit comments.