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**TOPIC OVERVIEW**

Over 3,000 hospitals have used EPA's Portfolio Manager to rate energy performance, manage energy and water consumption, and track carbon emissions, making it the most widely used performance tool of its kind in the industry.

The algorithm used to create the acute care hospital ratings is based on hospital energy data that was collected in 1997. While this was the largest publicly available dataset on hospital energy use at the time, EPA is becoming concerned that it may be out of date. In order to protect the credibility of the ENERGY STAR brand, EPA may consider discontinuing the hospital rating if new data cannot be collected.

EPA began collaborating with the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) on a new expanded energy survey to avoid this outcome. GGHC invites you to participate in ASHE's energy survey to help save and improve the only publicly available, free-of-charge, national energy performance rating system for hospitals.

New ENERGY STAR scores will be more accurate, provide greater value for investment decisions, and better reflect the latest trends in hospitals and other healthcare facilities. But before that can happen, ASHE needs your data! All surveys shared by ASHE to the EPA will be anonymous. ASHE has extended the survey deadline to September 17. You do not need to be a member of ASHE to participate. The survey can be downloaded at <http://www.ashe.org/ashe/facilities/energysurvey.html>. EPA is offering the *Green Guide* community a special webinar to learn how you can participate in this critical energy survey.