



Picking the Low Hanging Fruit

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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge with respect the ancestral and unceded territory of the Inuit, Métis, and First Nations people that share these lands with us. While we meet today on a virtual platform, I am speaking from the traditional homes of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe and the Mississaugas of the Credit River. We intend that our work today contributes to our common responsibility as stewards of the environment.



Agenda

- **Setting the Stage with opportunity, responsibility, urgency and commitment**
- **Taking the Right Direction in identifying your best energy conservation measures**
- **Planning for Success: The Top 5**
 - HVAC scheduling in non-clinical (Type 3) spaces
 - Boiler plant optimization
 - Thermal (enthalpy) wheel control optimization
 - Lighting retrofits and controls
 - Pumping system optimization
- **Updates: Energy Conservation Planning, Greening Health Care 2024**



Introduction and Context



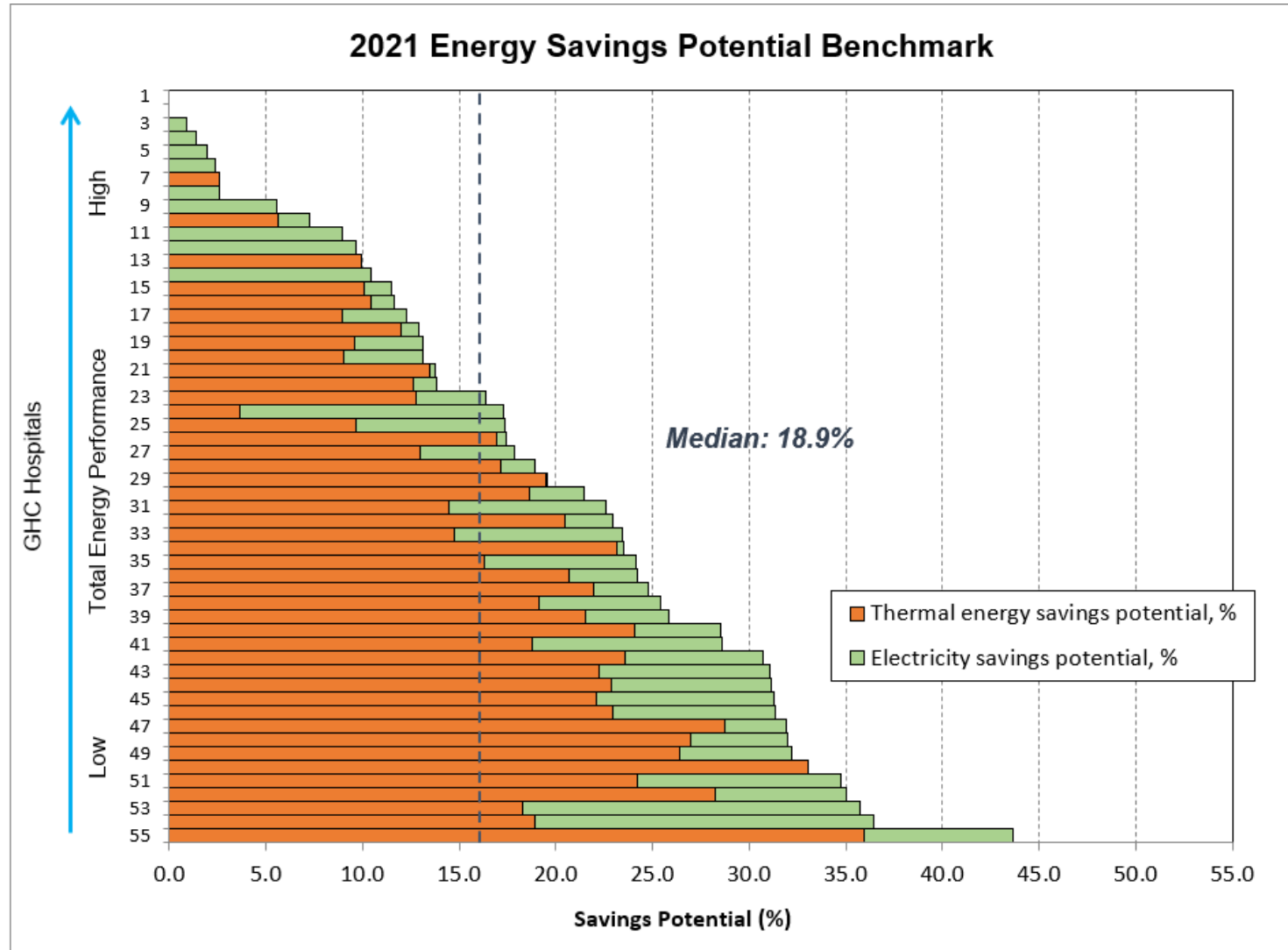
Urgency and Commitment

1. Climate change is the defining issue of our times, which will disproportionately impact the healthcare sector.
2. Despite government policy and best intentions, emissions due to hospital facility operations continue to climb. ***With the present trajectory we will miss 2030 targets by a wide margin.***
3. Think globally but act locally. Every hospital has a role to play in closing the gap.



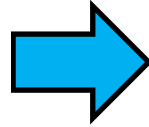
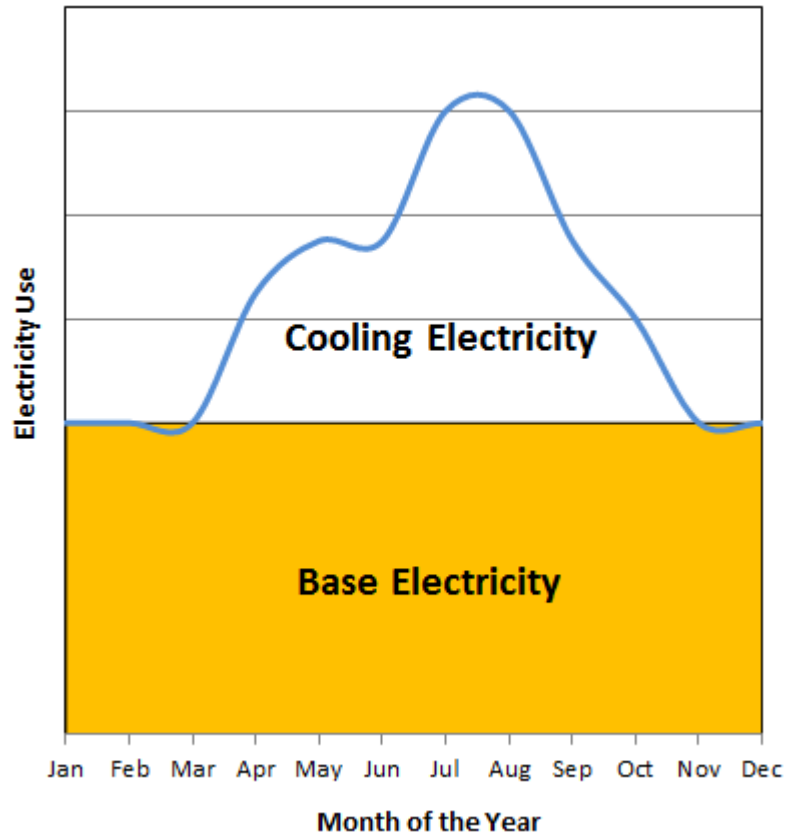


Setting Direction with your Energy Profile





Electricity Components

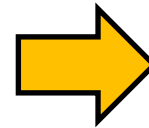


Ventilation Systems

- Scheduling, control and retrofit to rein in simultaneous cooling and heating

Cooling System

- Central plant control and retrofits
- Cooling tower refurbishment and control
- Chilled water system retrofits
- Local AC unit operation and replacement



Ventilation Systems

- Scheduling, control and retrofit to reduce fan energy

Lighting

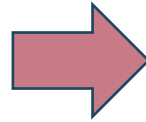
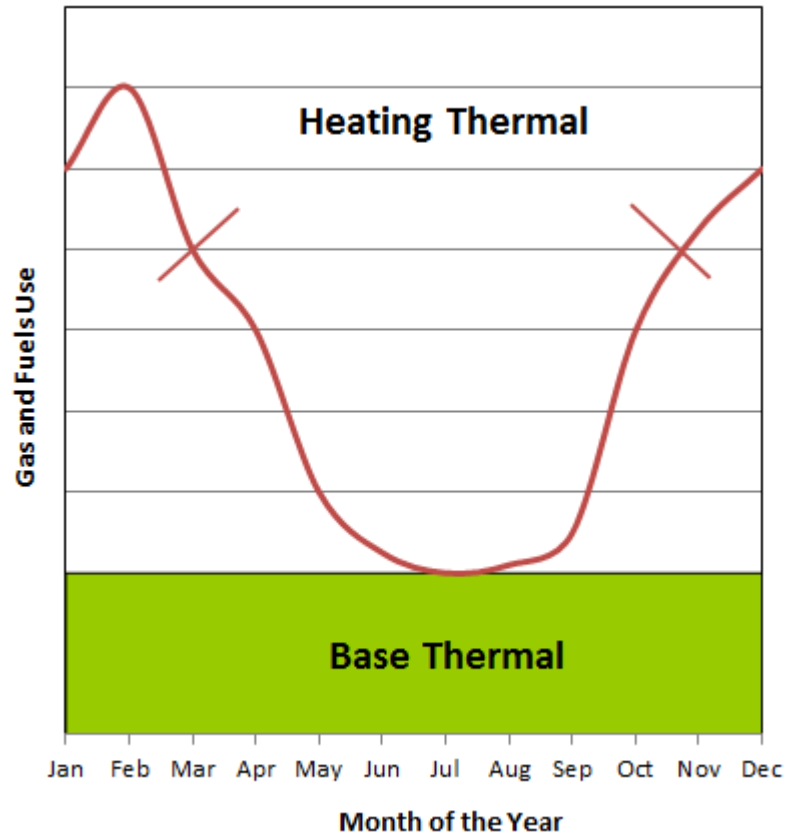
- Operation, control and retrofit

Pumping Systems

- Testing, adjustments and controls



Thermal Components



Ventilation Systems

- Scheduling, control and retrofit to reduce outside air heating and humidification

Heating System & Building Envelope

- Re-insulation and air sealing to reduce heat loss
- Heating system control and retrofit



Ventilation Systems

- Operation, control and retrofit to rein in simultaneous cooling and heating

Boiler Plant & Steam System

- Repair, retrofit and control

Equipment

- Medical, laundry and kitchen retrofits and control



Same Principles, Different Priorities

Base Electric kWh/ft2		Cooling Electric kWh/ft2		Savings Potential		
2022	Target	2022	Target	%	\$/yr	GHG tonnes
21.4	18.7	5.2	1.4	24.6%	\$125,305	25
Base Thermal ekWh/ft2		Heating Thermal ekWh/ft2		Savings Potential		
2022	Target	2022	Target	%	\$/yr	GHG tonnes
42.1	19.0	21.3	21.1	36.8%	\$95,270	553

Hospital 1

- High electric cooling and base thermal heating
- Simultaneous heating and cooling in summer months

Base Electric kWh/ft2		Cooling Electric kWh/ft2		Savings Potential		
2022	Target	2022	Target	%	\$/yr	GHG tonnes
22.3	18.3	2.6	1.9	19.1%	\$464,222	92
Base Thermal ekWh/ft2		Heating Thermal ekWh/ft2		Savings Potential		
2022	Target	2022	Target	%	\$/yr	GHG tonnes
18.2	14.7	21.9	14.4	27.4%	\$226,494	1,315

Hospital 2

- High base electric and heating thermal
- High fan, lighting and pump energy use
- Over ventilation and thermal wheels underperforming



Know your Rankings and Savings Potential



2020 Member Report – Ontario Shores Centre

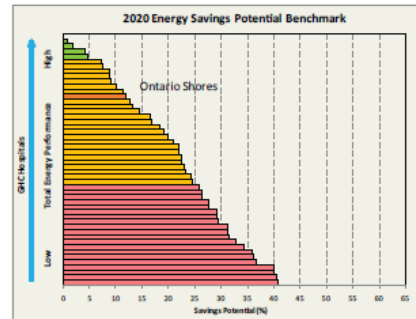
Summary

Your hospital is close to the top of the energy efficiency benchmark chart with 11.9% savings potential. Your total, weather normalized energy (electricity and gas combined) decreased by 1.8% in 2020, with a 1.0% decrease in greenhouse gas emissions. Utility costs were lower by \$73,737 with savings in electricity and water.

Your target energy and water savings potential is worth \$98,871/year at 2020 utility rates, with an associated greenhouse gas emissions reduction of 362 tonnes/year. The analysis presented in this report provides the business case and direction for making your hospital the most efficient it can be.

Your 2020 Energy Efficiency

The savings potential benchmark shows how each of your sites is positioned relative to the other member facilities.



Your Achievable Savings Potential

Utility	\$/year potential
Electricity	\$37,816
Natural Gas	\$61,055
Water	\$0
TOTAL	\$98,871

GHG Summary	Tonnes
Tonnes Co2e Emissions	362.1

Your Energy and Water Targets

Your target savings are shown in greater detail below and provide direction on where to find savings. The utility cost and emissions reduction numbers are how much you will save by achieving the Greening Health Care target which is based on the top quartile performance of your hospital type(s). This target is adjusted for weather and site-specific variables including space and heating/cooling system types and considered readily attainable through operational improvements and cost-effective retrofits.

Electricity Savings Potential	Base kWh/R2		Cooling kWh/R2		Savings Potential	
	2020	Target	2020	Target	%	\$/yr GHG tonnes
Ontario Shores	14.0	14.0	1.6	3.1	3.0%	\$37,816 7.4

Thermal Savings Potential	Base kWh/R2		Heating kWh/R2		Savings Potential	
	2020	Target	2020	Target	%	\$/yr GHG tonnes
Ontario Shores	11.3	9.8	10.7	10.2	17.0%	\$61,055 354.1

Water Savings Potential	Base litres/R2		Cooling litres/R2		Savings Potential	
	2020	Target	2020	Target	%	\$/yr GHG tonnes
Ontario Shores	102.6	102.6	13.9	13.9	0.0%	\$0 0

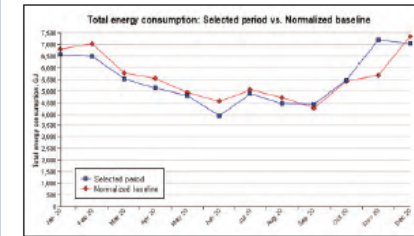
Base components of energy use relate to systems that run year-round, such as lighting, medical and IT equipment, domestic hot water and fans. The cooling component is additional energy used in summer for air conditioning. Heating is the extra energy used for heat and humidification during winter months.

Making the Connections

These component savings targets point to the building systems and conservation actions to focus on for the biggest savings. Components shaded in red have high potential, amber are moderate and green are your most efficient with little or no potential. Call us anytime to discuss the best measures and direct you to Greening Health Care checklists and best practices guides which can assist your team with measure identification.

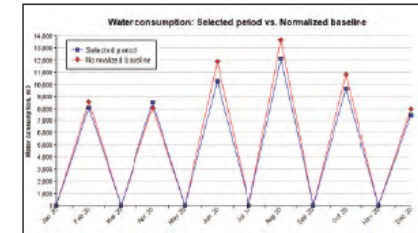
Your 2020 Savings

Savings, normalized for weather differences from year to year, are monitored through the Greening Health Care online reporting system which you can access at any time at <https://ghc.enerlife.com>. Call us if you need your user name, password or a guide through the system. The blue line on the chart is your 2020 monthly use and is compared against the red line, which is your 2019 weather-normalized baseline. Real savings were achieved in months where the blue line is below the red.



Overall results show a 1.8% decrease in total energy use (electricity and natural gas combined) for the year, with increases occurring in between September and November. The 1.0% greenhouse gas emissions decrease was mostly due to electricity reductions and a slight increase in gas.

Good water savings during the summer periods totaled 8.1% cost decreases of \$21,152.



Energy, Water and Emissions Savings Summary

	Electricity	Gas	Water	Total Cost	Energy %	GHG tonnes	Savings
Ontario Shores	\$52,847	-\$62	\$21,152	\$73,737	1.8%	10.2	Increases

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**Taking
Action: The
Top 5**

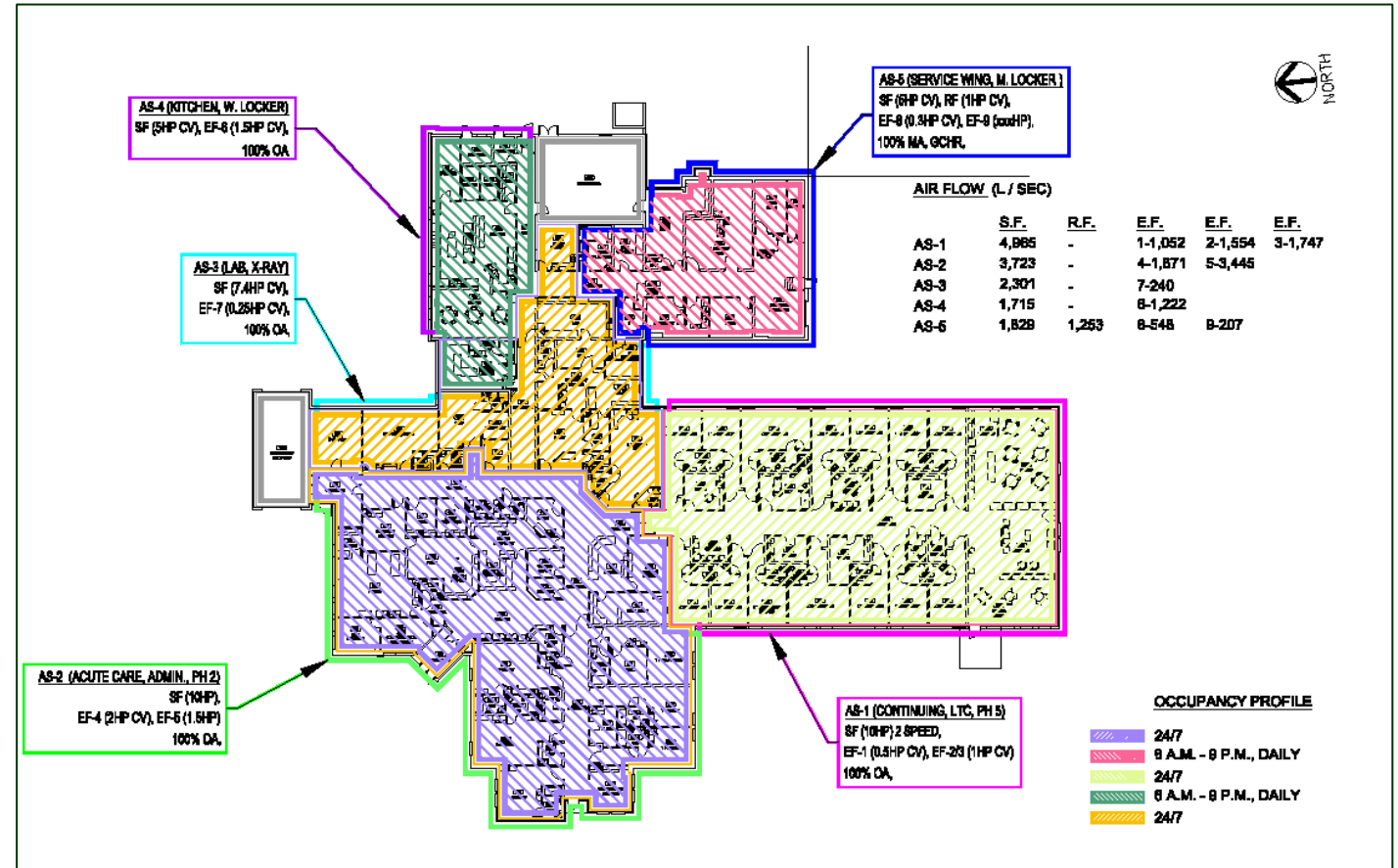


#1: Ventilation Scheduling of Non-Clinical Spaces

- Determine Occupancy Hours



- Determine HVAC Zoning





Implementing Ventilation Scheduling

1. PLANNING

1. Select initial non-clinical area air handling systems and related exhaust fans.
2. ID areas served and occupancy periods.
3. Decide on fan shutdown or airflow setback (VFDs).
4. Engage utility company incentive programs.

2. IMPLEMENTATION

1. Program BAS and provide operator's training.
2. Inspect dampers, fans and AHUs when not running and perform required maintenance.

3. COMMUNICATION

1. Meet with departments and occupants, confirm operating schedules.
2. Inform operators and BAS contractor.
3. Let GHC (Michael) know when changes are made so we can look for the savings.

4. MONITORING & VERIFICATION

1. Check trend logs for the first week. Add to performance monitoring procedure.

5. CAPITAL BUDGETING

1. Plan for addition of VFDs and ventilation system testing.



HVAC Scheduling – Poll

Ventilation Scheduling of Non-Clinical Spaces

1. What percentage of the non-clinical areas of your hospital are currently scheduled during unoccupied/low occupancy periods?

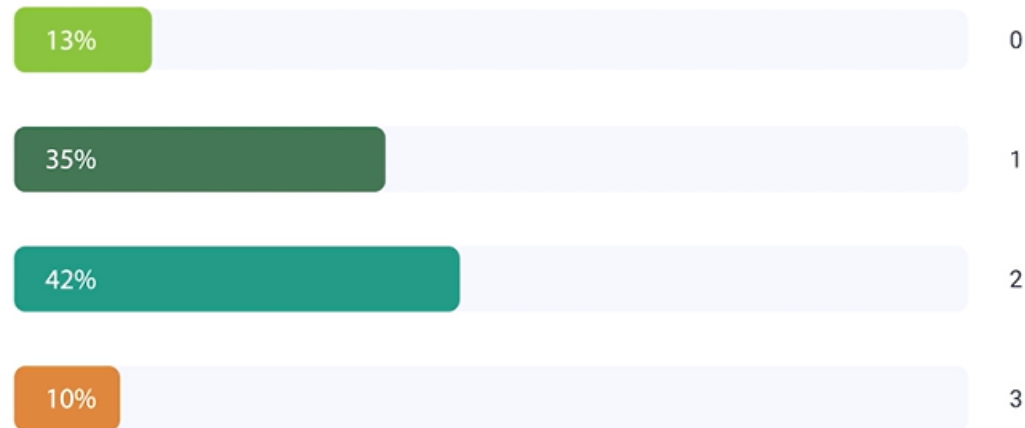




HVAC Scheduling – Poll

Ventilation Scheduling of Non-Clinical Spaces

2. What is your level of concern with code compliance in implementing scheduling on non-clinical space units?

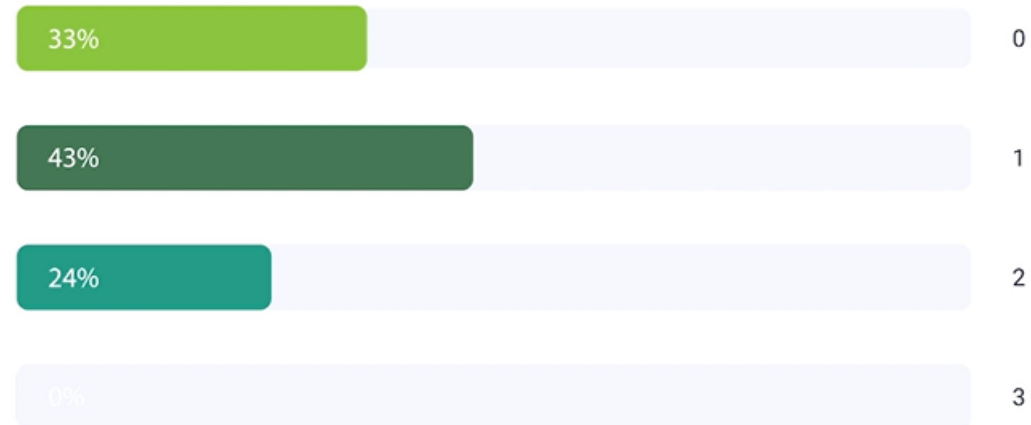




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Ventilation Scheduling of Non-Clinical Spaces

3. What is your level of concern with occupant resistance in implementing scheduling on non-clinical space units?

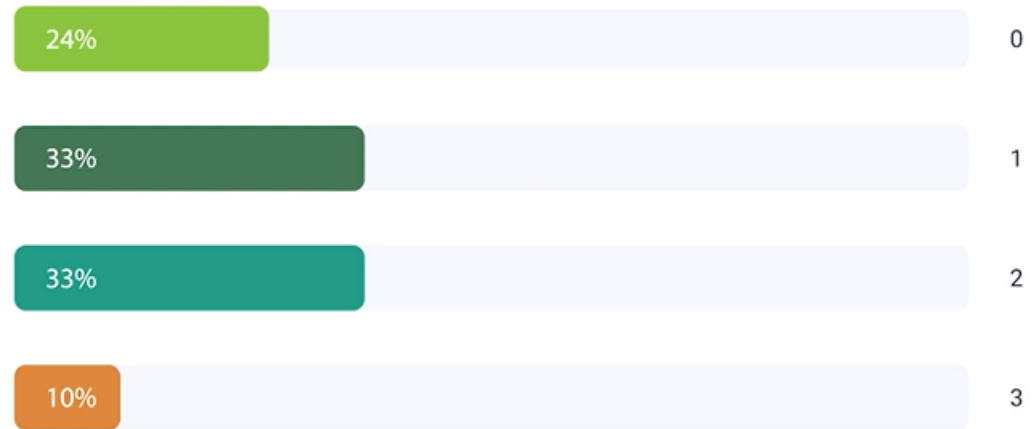




HVAC Scheduling – Poll

Ventilation Scheduling of Non-Clinical Spaces

4. What is your level of concern with technical requirements in implementing scheduling on non-clinical space units?

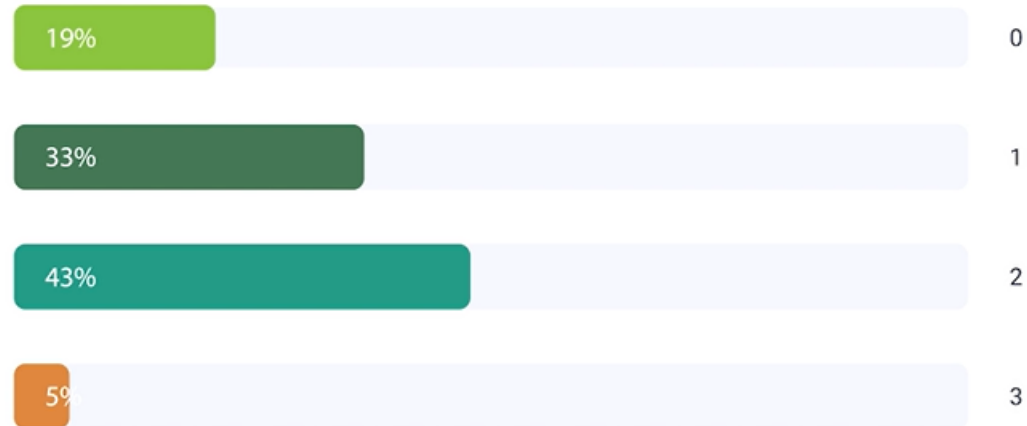




HVAC Scheduling – Poll

Ventilation Scheduling of Non-Clinical Spaces

5. What is your level of concern with staff time requirements in implementing scheduling on non-clinical space units?





#2: Boiler Plant Optimization



Action		Already Implemented	Planned	Consider	Reject/ NA	Details
Guide Section #	Name					
2 Plant Operation, Maintenance and Control						
2.1	Reduce/reset steam pressure and primary HW temperature					
2.2	Refurbish/upgrade economizers and controls					
2.3	Refurbish/upgrade draft dampers and controls					
2.4	Implement steam line isolation					
2.5	Tune boilers for maximum full-range efficiency					
2.6	Automate boiler sequencing to maximize plant efficiency					Analyze combustion test reports to determine "sweet spot" for each boiler
2.7	Increase condensate return, reduce water makeup					
2.8	Reinsulate headers, piping, traps and valves					
2.9	Introduce electronic operating logs					
2.10	Reduce blowdown frequency, converting to continuous and/or adding in recovery					
3 Extending Plant Life						
3.1	Perform boiler combustion testing and tuning					
3.2	Conduct ND boiler testing and refurbishment					
3.3	Upgrade water treatment to optimize % in control					



Implementing Boiler Plant Optimization

1. PLANNING

1. Inspect boiler room and review the GHC Checklist with your boiler service contractor.
2. Engage gas utility DSM program.
3. Watch the GHC 2023 Summer Workshop recording together.
4. Agree on scope of work (checklist).

2. IMPLEMENTATION

1. Obtain quotation.
2. Plan and schedule the work.
3. Engage BAS contractor in upgraded monitoring and controls.
4. Adopt enhanced boiler testing, reporting and analytics along with electronic operating log.

3. COMMUNICATION

1. Include boiler plant operators in strategy and decision-making. Allow reasonable accommodation.
2. Let GHC (Michael) know when changes are made so we can look for the savings.

4. MONITORING & VERIFICATION

1. Check trend logs for the first week. Add to performance monitoring procedure.

5. CAPITAL BUDGETING

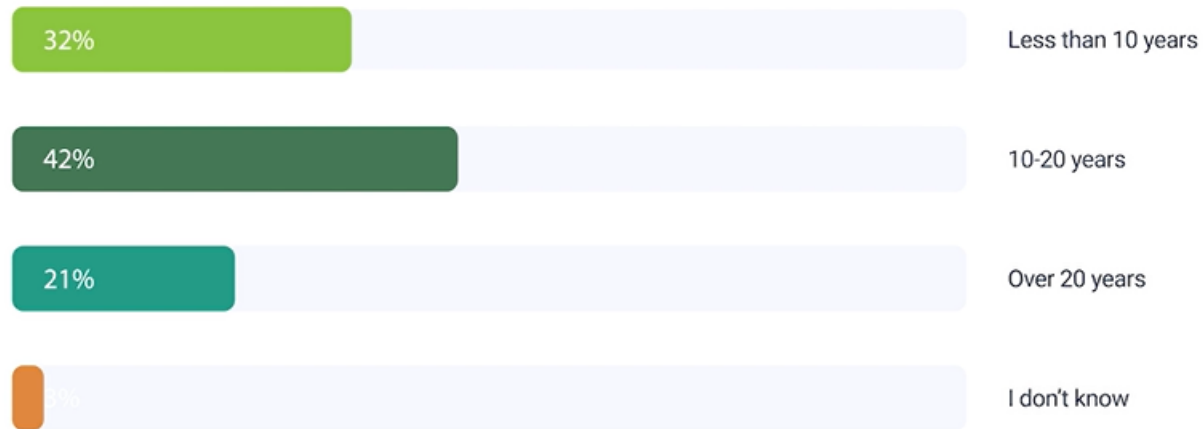
1. Plan for addition of capital improvements (GHC Checklist).



Boiler Plant Optimization – Poll

Boiler Plant Optimization

1. What is the remaining useful life of your boiler plant?

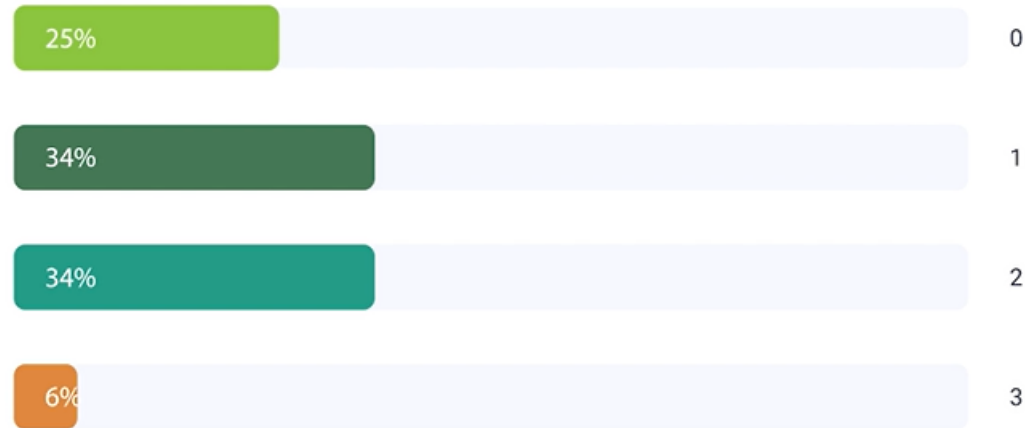




Boiler Plant Optimization – Poll

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2. What is your level of concern with code compliance in implementing boiler plant operational changes and retrofits?

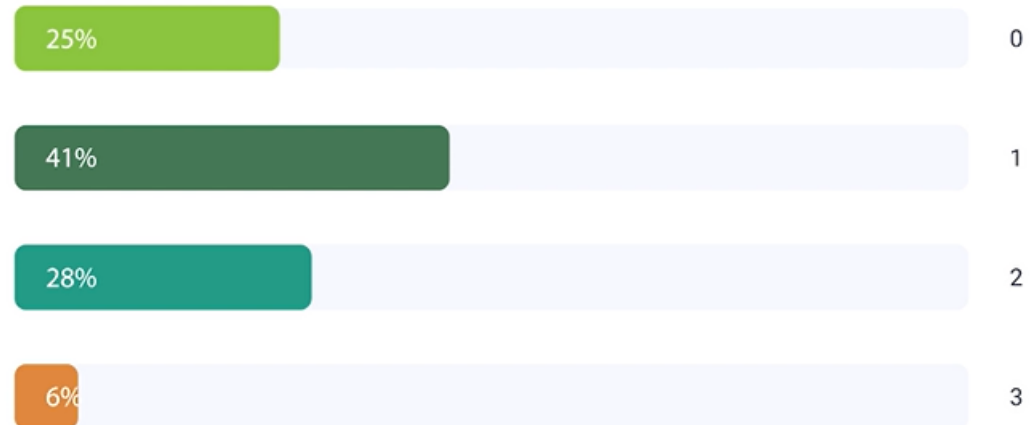




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3. What is your level of concern with operator resistance in implementing boiler plant operational changes and retrofits?

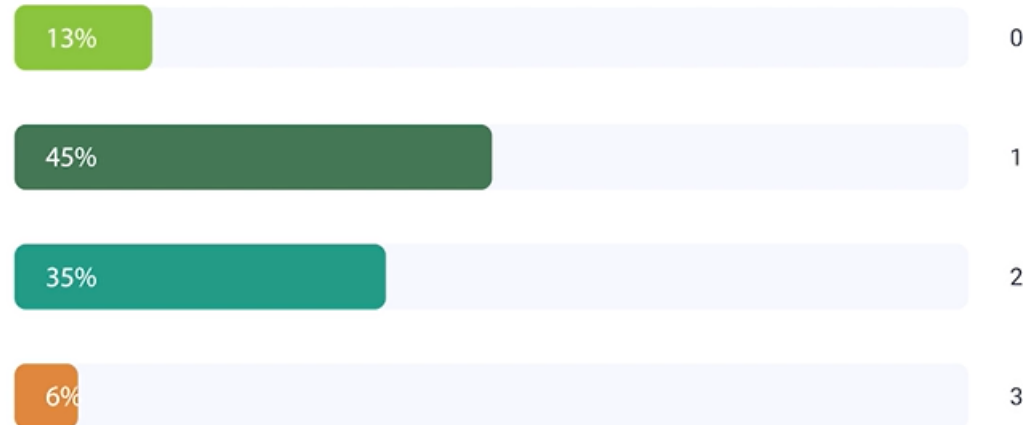




Boiler Plant Optimization – Poll

Boiler Plant Optimization

4. What is your level of concern with making the business case in implementing boiler plant operational changes and retrofits?

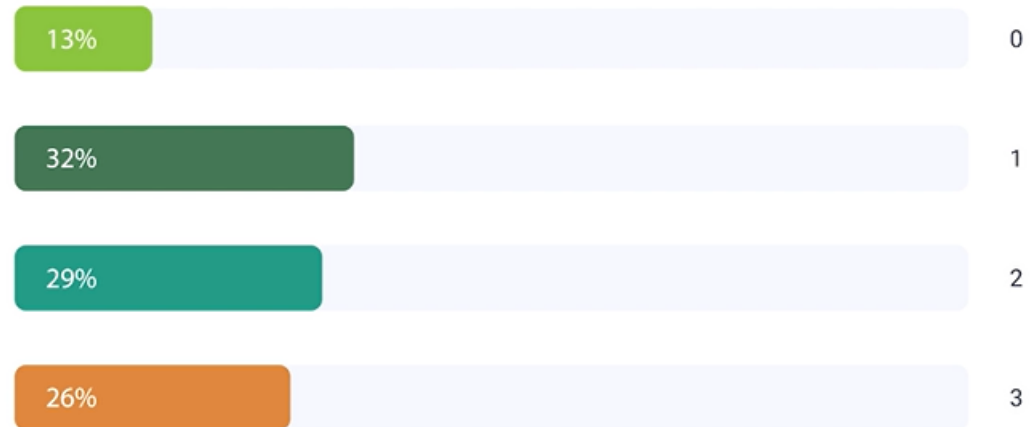




Boiler Plant Optimization – Poll

Boiler Plant Optimization

5. What is your level of concern with disruptions to hospital departments in implementing boiler plant operational

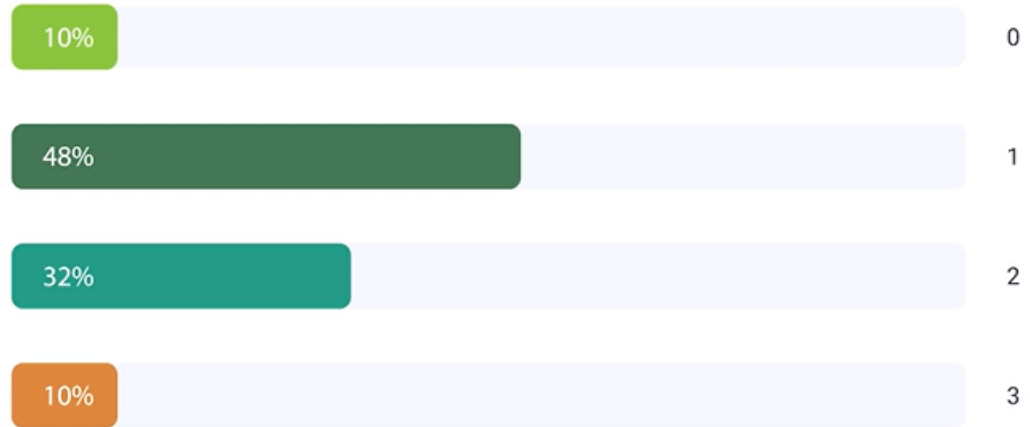




Boiler Plant Optimization – Poll

Boiler Plant Optimization

6. What is your level of concern with staff time requirements in implementing boiler plant operational changes and retrofits?

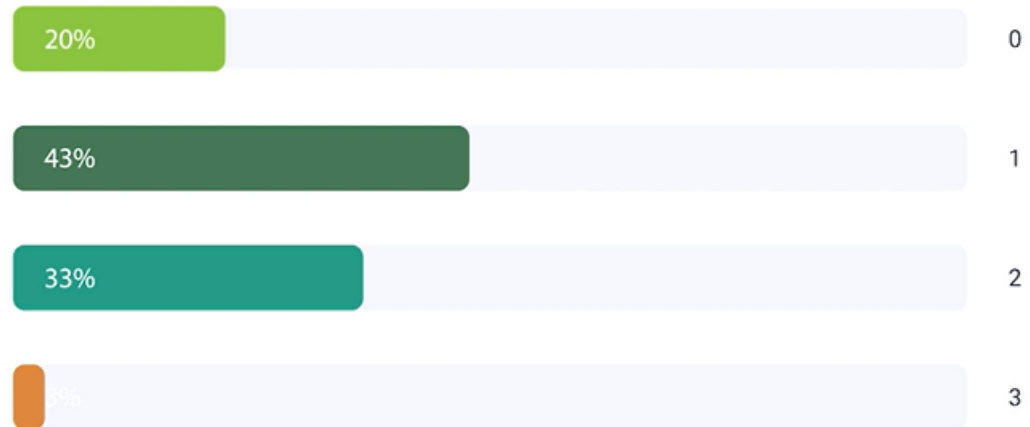




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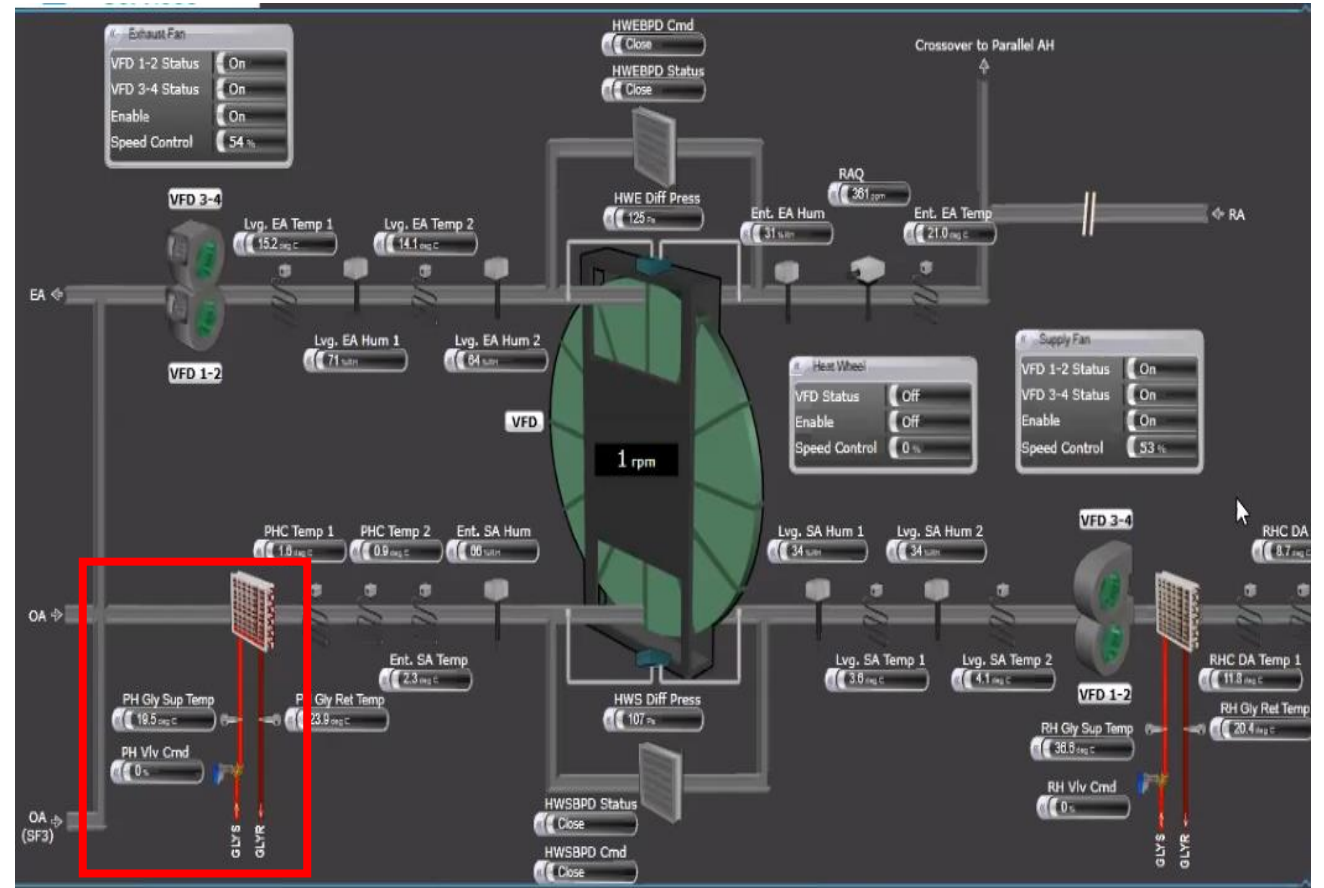
7. What is your level of concern with other issues (not listed here) in implementing boiler plant operational changes and





#3: Thermal Wheel Control Optimization

- **Pre-heat setpoint too high**, preventing heat recovery
- Thermal wheel **underperforming**
 - Sequence of operations limiting wheel performance
 - Leaving air temperature control
 - Air imbalance between supply and exhaust fans





Implementing Thermal Wheel Control Optimization

1. PLANNING

1. Contact AHU manufacturer and confirm thermal wheel entering air temperature setpoint.
2. Review the BAS program with controls contractor and confirm pre-heat coil setpoint.
3. Reprogram BAS to incrementally lower pre-heat coil setpoint and check for any potential issues.

2. IMPLEMENTATION

1. Engage gas utility DSM program.
2. Implement new BAS program incrementally resetting pre-heat coil setpoint to a lower value.
3. Monitor the progress over the cold weather conditions.

3. COMMUNICATION

1. Let GHC (Michael) know when changes are made so we can look for the savings

4. MONITORING & VERIFICATION

1. Check trend logs for the first week. Add to performance monitoring procedure

5. CAPITAL BUDGETING

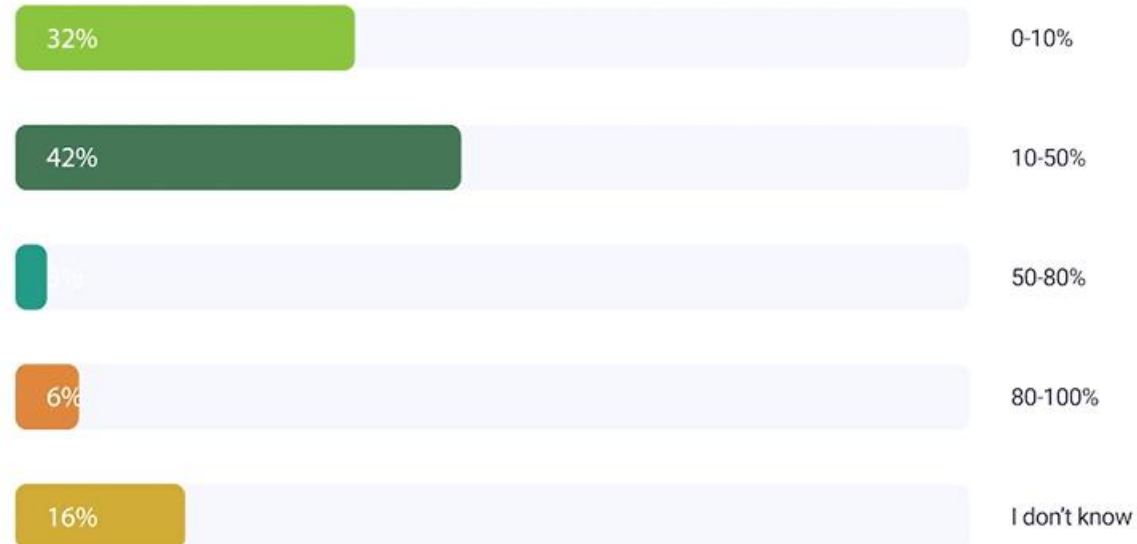
1. Test and replace underperforming thermal wheels



Thermal Wheel Optimization – Poll

Thermal (Enthalpy) Wheel Control Optimization

1. What percentage of your hospital is served by air handling units equipped with thermal wheels?

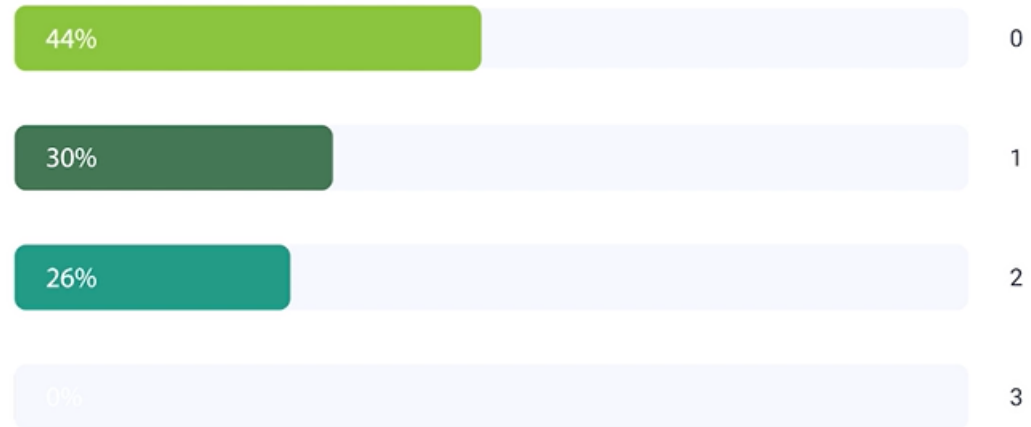




Thermal Wheel Optimization – Poll

Thermal (Enthalpy) Wheel Control Optimization

2. What is your level of concern with code compliance in adjusting controls to increase heat recovery?

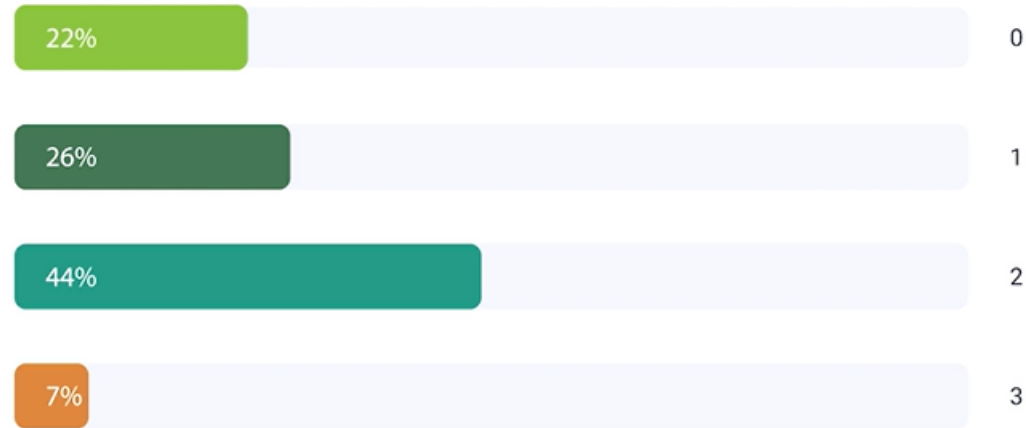




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Thermal (Enthalpy) Wheel Control Optimization

3. What is your level of concern with freezing the preheat coil in adjusting controls to increase heat recovery?

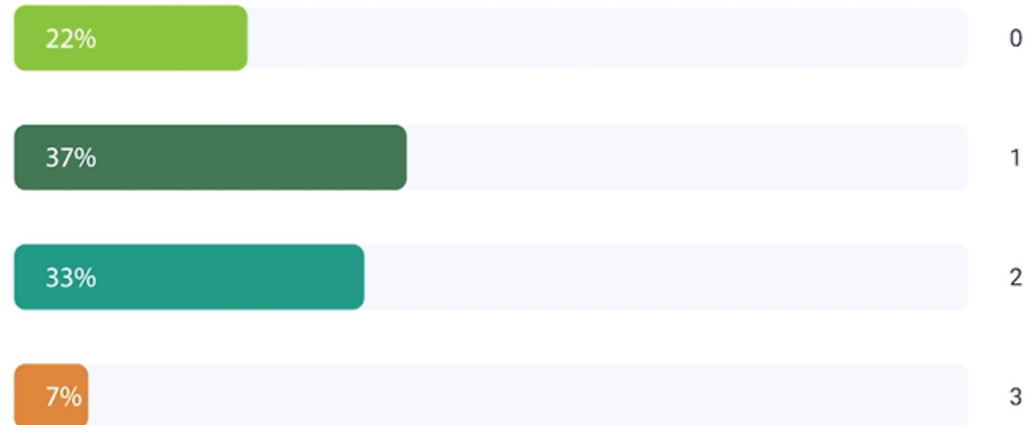




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Thermal (Enthalpy) Wheel Control Optimization

4. What is your level of concern with freezing the exhaust air wheel or exhaust system in adjusting controls to increase heat recovery?

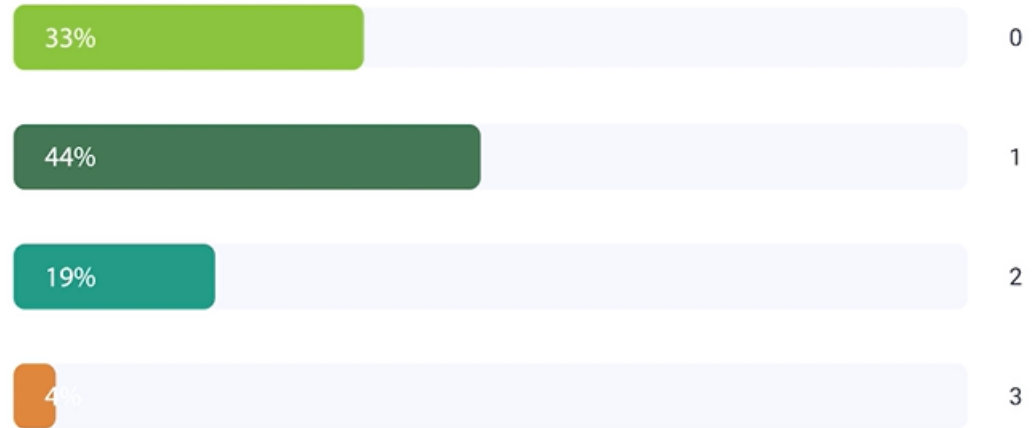




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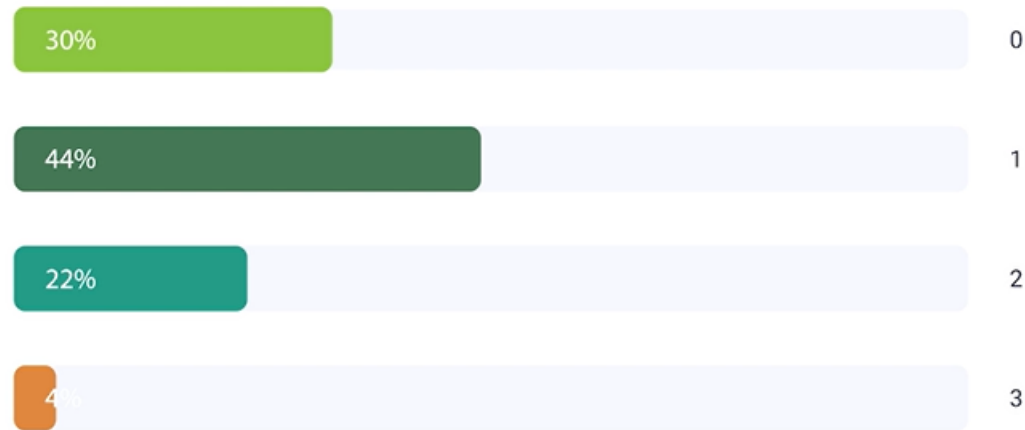




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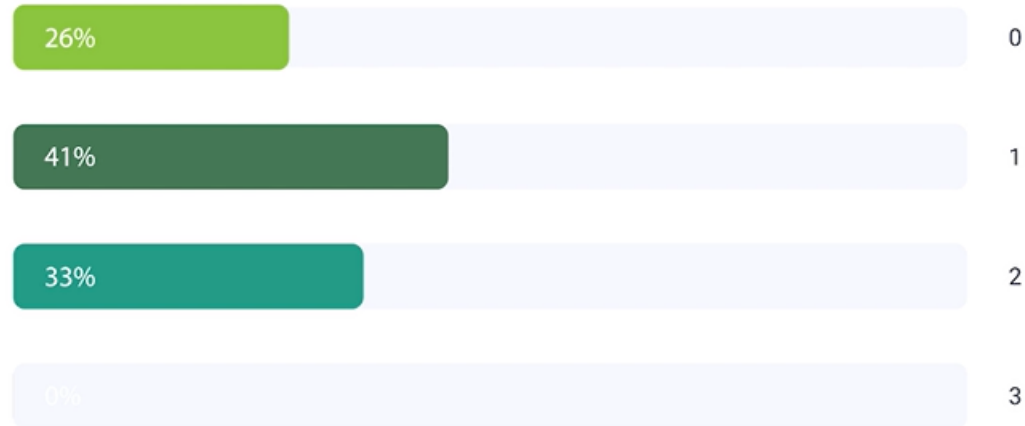




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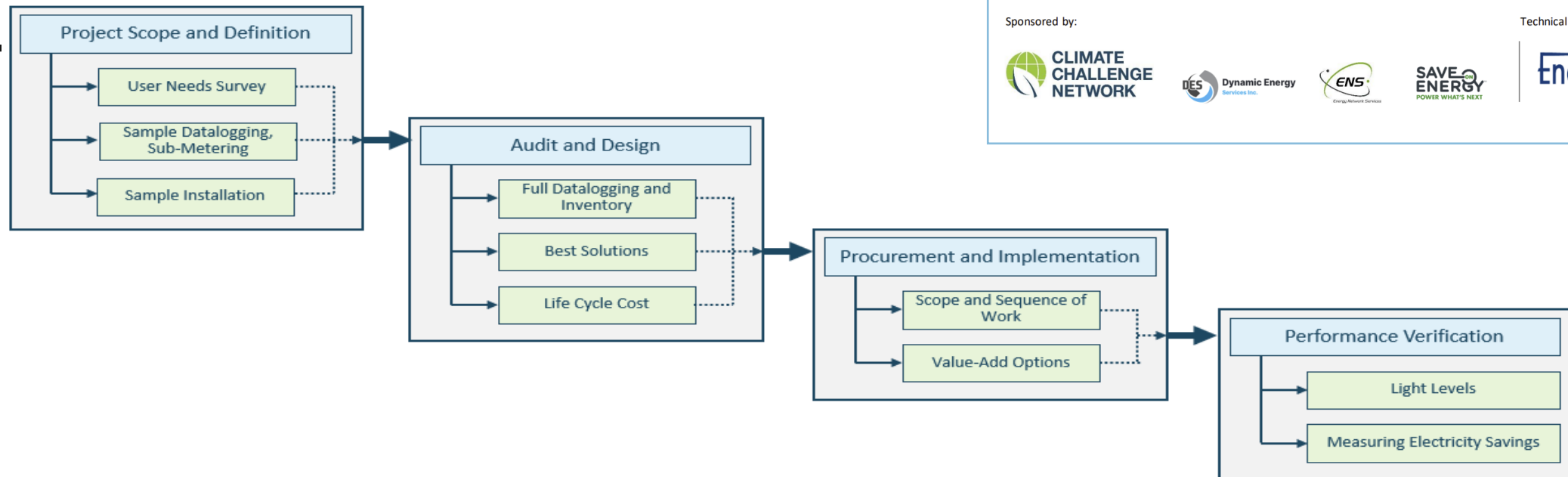


#4: Lighting Retrofits and Controls

GHC Publication

Greening-Health-Care-Better-LED-Lighting-Conversions-2023-1.pdf

- Documentation and panel identification
- Datalogging and light level measurements
- Review data, life cycle cost analysis
- Lighting designs, procurement & implementation



A Better Approach to LED Lighting Conversions

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Implementing Lighting Retrofits & Controls

1. PLANNING

1. Finalize area of improvements and lighting solution. Refer to GHC LED Lighting conversion guide for implementation planning
2. Consult with lighting vendors for space lighting options and product selection.

2. IMPLEMENTATION

1. Engage electric utility DSM program.

3. COMMUNICATION

1. Let GHC (Michael) know when changes are made so we can look for the savings

4. MONITORING & VERIFICATION

1. Note the dates when major lighting retrofit is completed. Track savings at the utility meter.

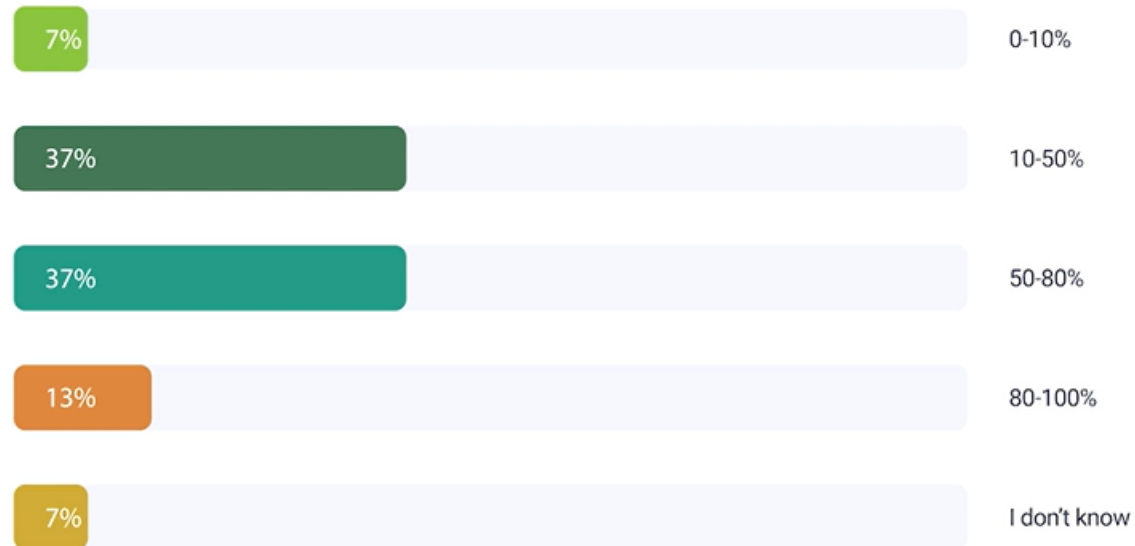
5. CAPITAL BUDGETING



Lighting Retrofits & Controls – Poll

Lighting Retrofits and Controls

1. What percentage of your hospital has LED lighting now?

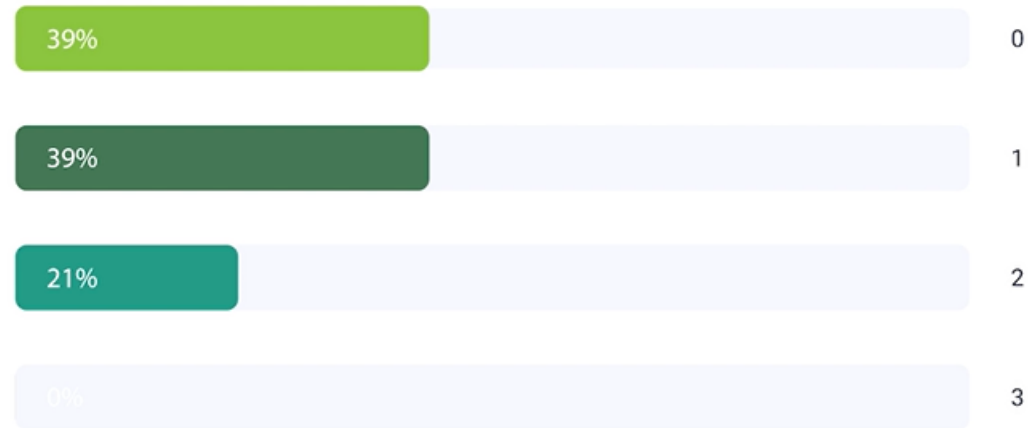




Lighting Retrofits & Controls – Poll

Lighting Retrofits and Controls

2. What is your level of concern with occupant resistance in implementing LED lighting retrofits and controls?

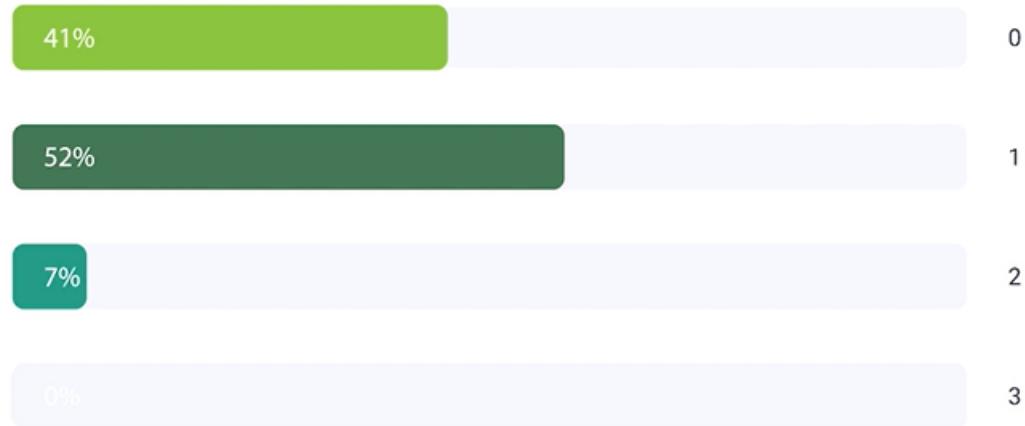




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4. What is your level of concern with technical requirements in implementing LED lighting retrofits and controls?

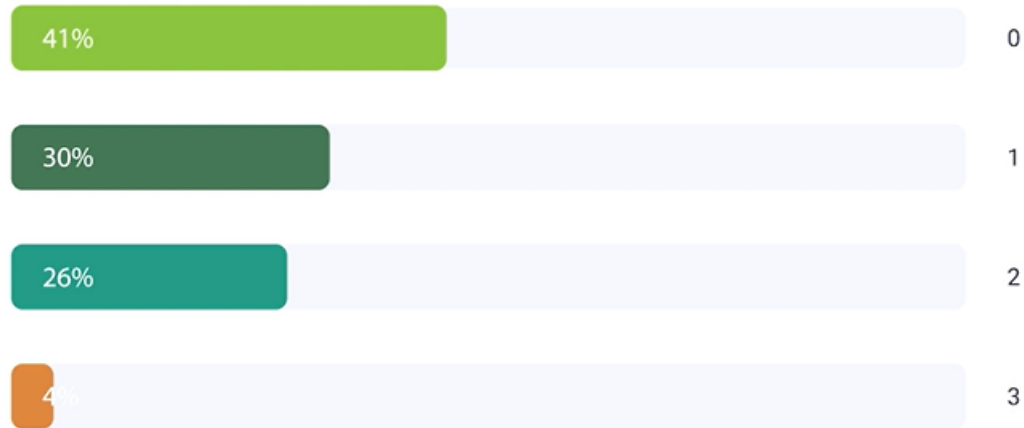




Lighting Retrofits & Controls – Poll

Lighting Retrofits and Controls

5. What is your level of concern with procurement in implementing LED lighting retrofits and controls?

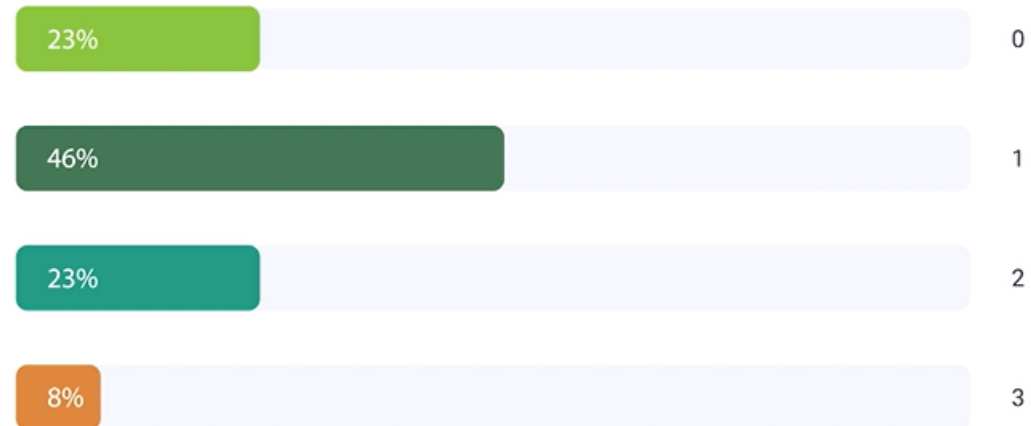




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Lighting Retrofits and Controls

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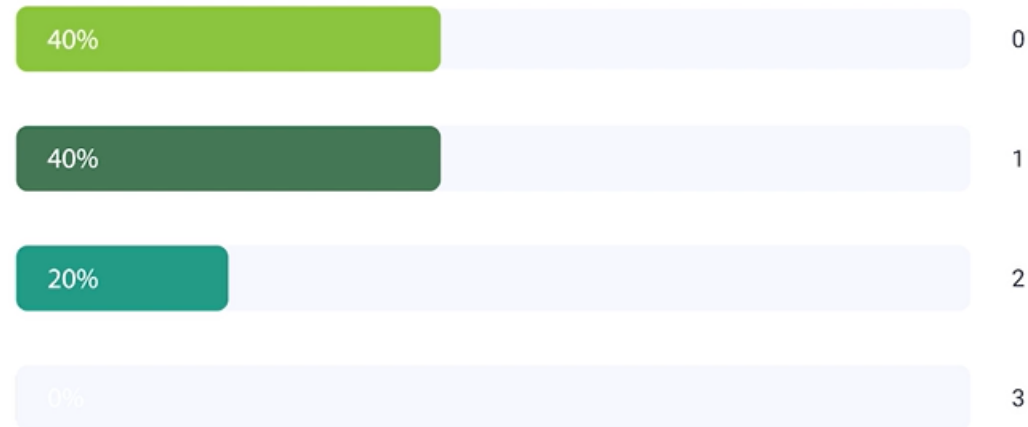




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Lighting Retrofits and Controls

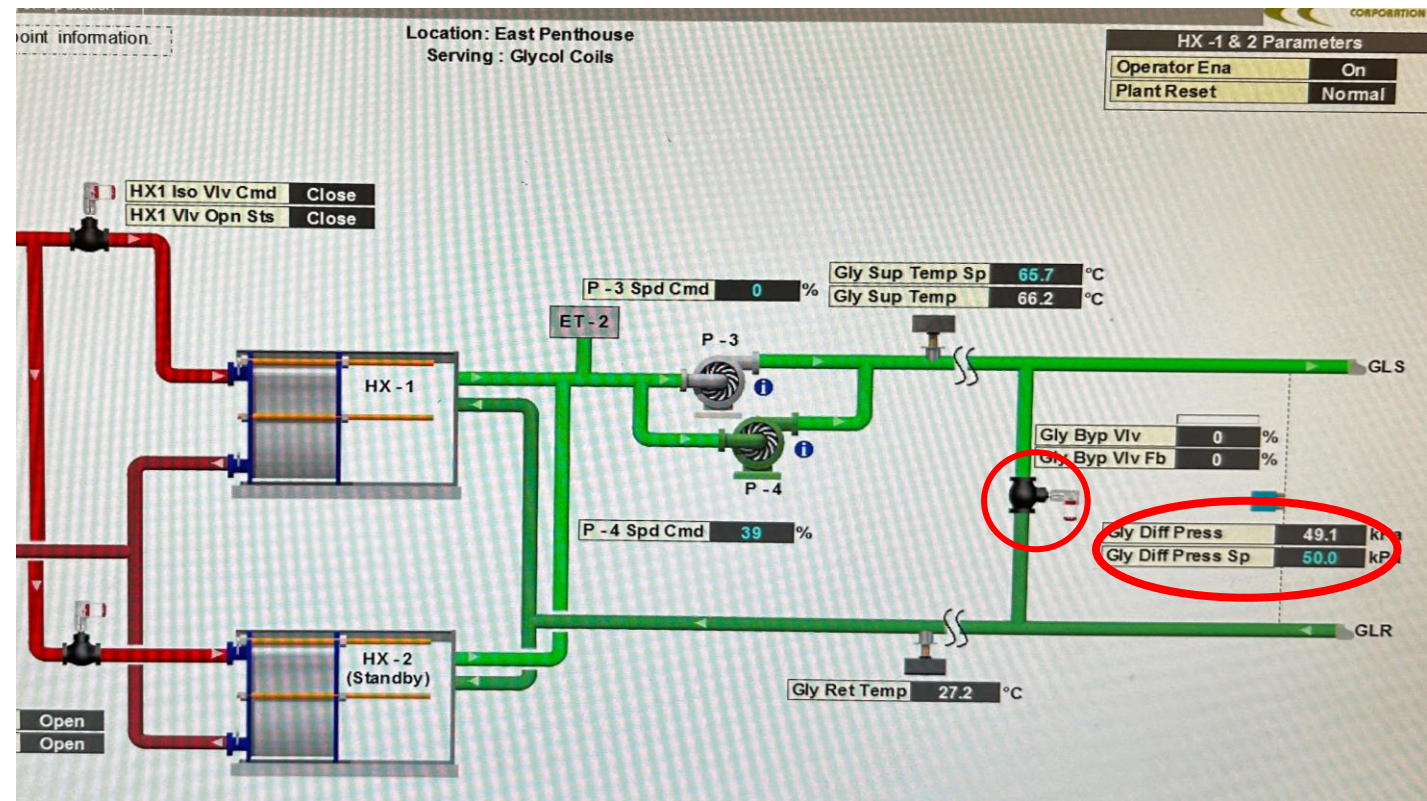
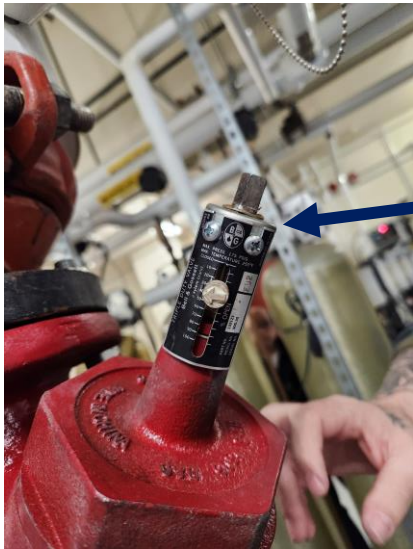
7. What is your level of concern with other issues (not listed here) in implementing LED lighting retrofits and controls?





#5: Optimizing Pumping Systems

- VFD installation
- Control valve replacement
- Pump scheduling
- DP sensor setpoint and control
- Triple Duty Valve adjustments
- Testing and balancing





Implementing Pump Optimization

1. PLANNING

1. Inventory all heating and cooling pumps with motor HP, flow rating and drives.
2. Inventory control valve sizes, types and remaining life.
3. Engage electric utility incentive program.
4. Inspect and document triple duty valve positions.

2. IMPLEMENTATION

1. Obtain quotation for best available technology.
2. Plan and schedule the work.
3. Engage BAS contractor in upgraded monitoring and controls.

3. COMMUNICATION

1. Inform and train operators.
2. Let GHC (Michael) know when changes are made so we can look for the savings.

4. MONITORING & VERIFICATION

1. Check trend logs for the first week. Add to performance monitoring procedure.

5. CAPITAL BUDGETING

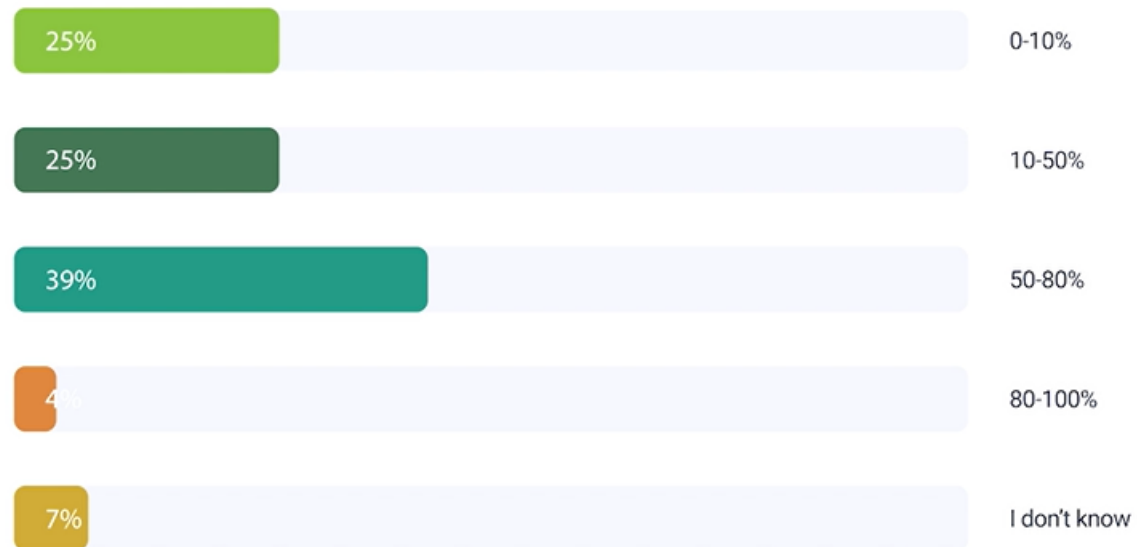
1. Plan for addition of smart valves, VFDs.



Pump Optimization – Poll

Pumping System Optimization

1. What percentage of your hydronic heating and cooling pumps have VFDs now?

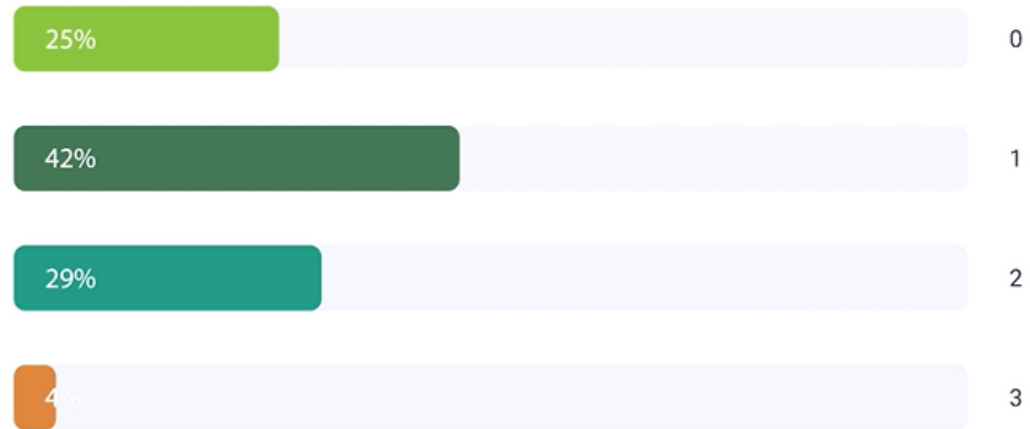




Pump Optimization – Poll

Pumping System Optimization

2. What is your level of concern with making the business case in implementing pump optimization measures?

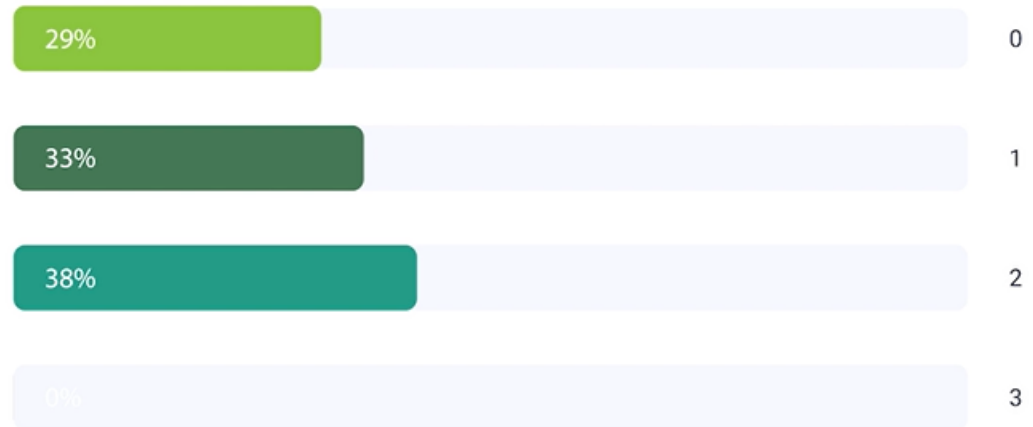




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3. What is your level of concern with technical requirements in implementing pump optimization measures?

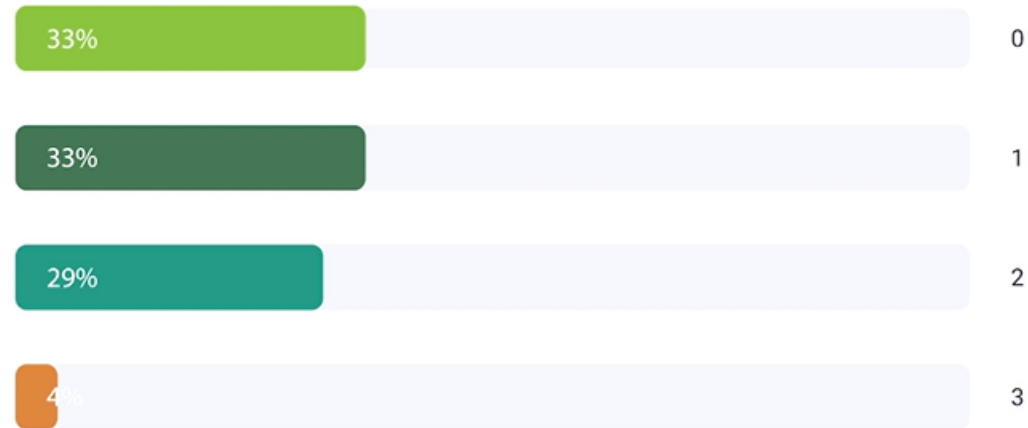




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4. What is your level of concern with procurement in implementing pump optimization measures?

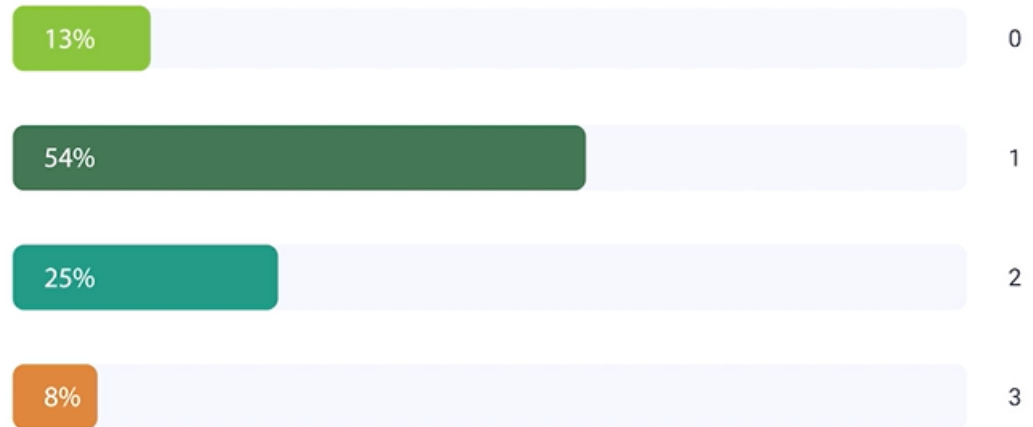




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5. What is your level of concern with staff time requirements in implementing pump optimization measures?

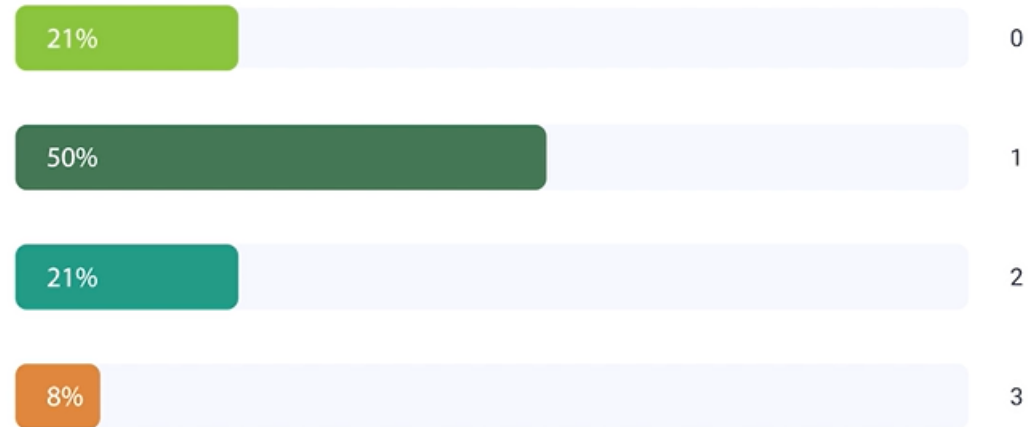




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6. What is your level of concern with other issues (not listed here) in implementing pump optimization measures?

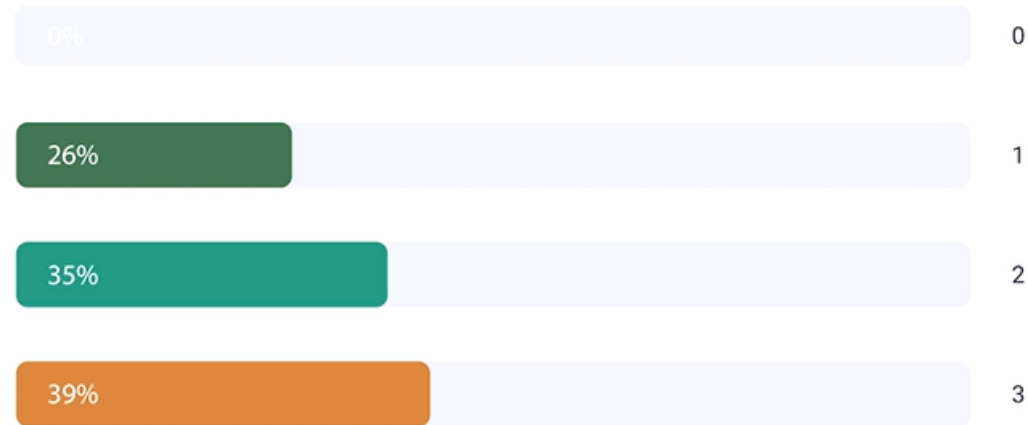




Planning for Success – Final Poll

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1. How likely is it that you will implement at least one ventilation scheduling of non-clinical spaces project in the next six

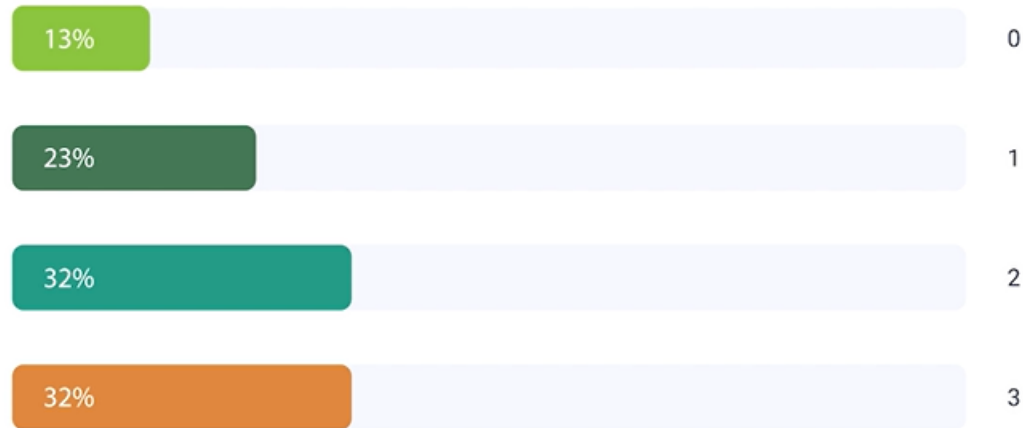




Planning for Success – Final Poll

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2. How likely is it that you will implement at least one boiler plant optimization project in the next six months?

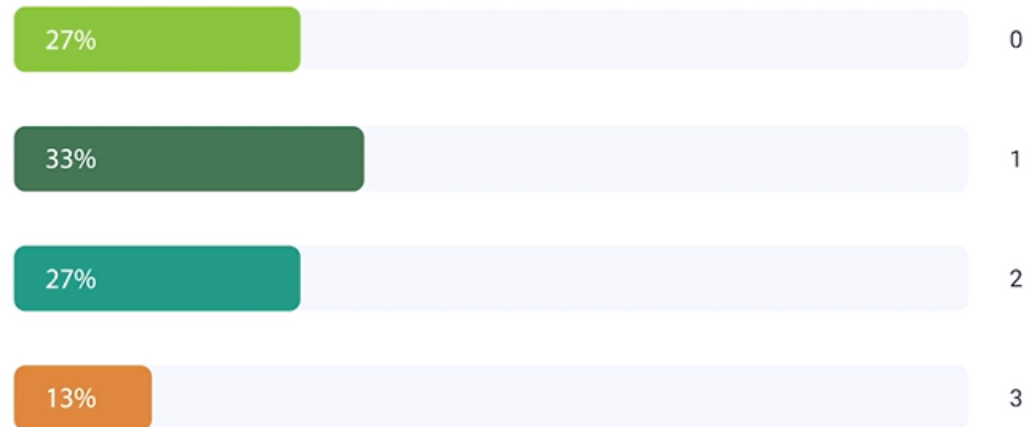




Planning for Success – Final Poll

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3. How likely is it that you will implement at least one thermal wheel control optimization project in the next six months?

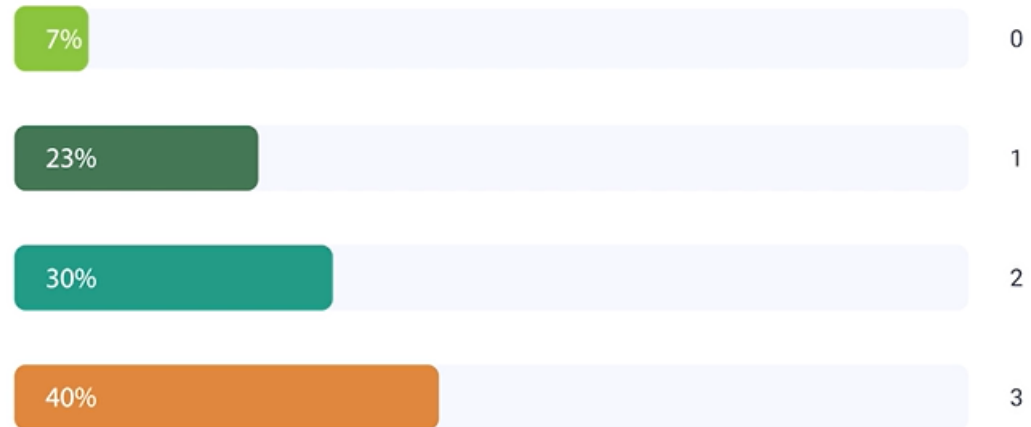




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4. How likely is it that you will implement at least one lighting retrofits and controls project in the next six months?

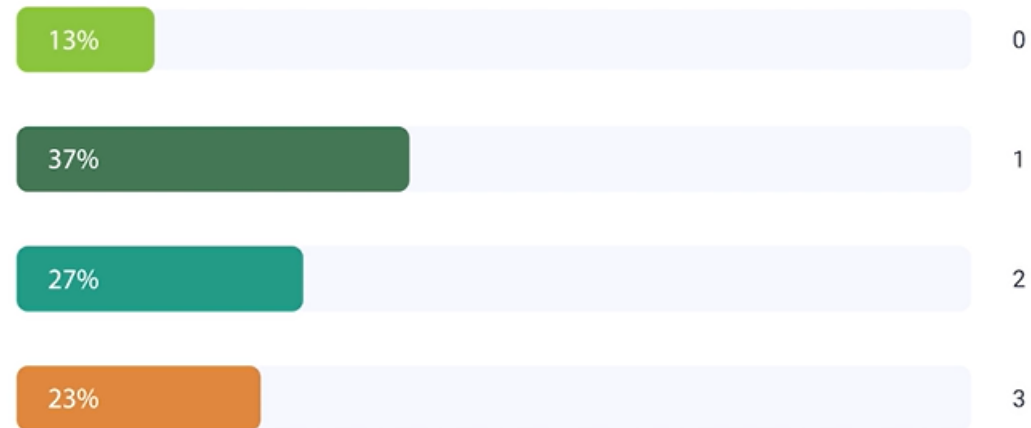




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5. How likely is it that you will implement at least one optimizing pumping systems project in the next six months?





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- *February 7: 12:30 – 1:30 pm Energy and Emissions Reductions – Planning for Success*
- **April 10: 12:30 – 1:30 pm Picking the Low Hanging Fruit**
- July 31: 12:30 – 1:30 pm Energy Savings Leaderboard
- September 25: 12:30 – 1:30 pm New Hospital Performance

In-person Events

- June 3 or 10: Summer Workshop (date and location TBC)
- November 4: Annual Forum 2024, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Delta Hotel, Toronto

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