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- **Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability job posting for Senior Policy Advisor**
 - OLTPS is currently hiring for a Senior Policy Advisor who will be involved with the Greener, Greater Buildings Plan and other aspects of green buildings and energy efficiency. To apply, click <http://www.idealists.org/view/job/HPFS79h4/>
- **LL84 – Benchmarking Help Center has a new contact number**
 - If you need assistance complying with LL84, including questions on the upgrades to Portfolio Manager, you may contact the Benchmarking Help Center. Note their new phone number, (646) 576-3539.

REMINDERS

- **LL84 –Portfolio Manager Taken Offline for Upgrading**
 - Portfolio Manager will be offline until July 10. During this time you will **NOT** have access to your account. You can review reference materials about the upcoming upgrade at energystar.gov/pmupgrade.
- **LL87 – Department of Buildings LL87 website**
 - Find updates and information about LL87 on the [DOB LL87 website](#).
- **LL87 – Department of Buildings job posting for Sustainability Auditor**
 - DOB is currently hiring for a Sustainability Auditor with energy auditing experience who will be involved with the Greener, Greater Buildings Plan laws, particularly LL87 and LL88. To apply, click <https://a127-jobs.nyc.gov/>, and then search for “Sustainability Auditor.”

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- **LL87 – New DOB LL87 Email Address**
 - Department of Buildings has a new email address where questions and comments can be sent regarding Local Law 87 - Audits and Retro-commissioning: LL87Questions@buildings.nyc.gov.
 - Continue to check the [DOB Energy Audits and Retro-Commissioning website](#) for updated information about complying with Local Law 87.

REMINDERS

- **LL84 –Portfolio Manager Re-launch Next Week**
 - EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, the online tool used to comply with Local Law 84, will come back online next Wednesday, July 17. Please continue to check www.energystar.gov/pmupgrade for latest information about the launch, and check www.nyc.gov/ll84 in the next few weeks for all new revised guidance documents on how to properly use the new features to comply with LL84.
- **LL84 – Benchmarking Public Disclosure in Fall 2013**
 - In September, the City will publicly disclose metrics reported in the third year of benchmarking for all covered properties. These metrics include the ENERGY STAR score, energy use intensity, water use, and greenhouse gas emissions.
 - Certain properties may be eligible to have their ENERGY STAR scores withheld from disclosure if at least 10% of their properties' gross floor area is a trading floor, TV studio, or data center. Once Portfolio Manager is re-launched next week, further guidance will be posted about the proper procedure to request exemption.
- **LL84 – Benchmark Help Center New Contact Number**
 - Still need assistance complying with LL84? Contact the Benchmark Help Center by calling their new number, (646) 576-3539, and leave a short, clear, and concise message. Your call will be promptly returned.

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- **LL84 – New Upgraded Portfolio Manager Launch**
 - EPA’s ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, the online tool used to comply with Local Law 84, came back online Wednesday, July 17:
www.energystar.gov/NewPortfolioManager.
 - The tool is now fully functional. For optimal experience, EPA recommends using the latest versions of the following browsers: Internet Explorer (9+), Firefox (16+) or Chrome (10+).
- **LL84 –Webinar Overview of Upgraded Portfolio Manager on July 26**
 - On Friday, July 26 from 1-2:30 PM, the Association for Energy Affordability (AEA) is hosting a free online webinar [Benchmarking with EPA’s “Turbo-Charged” New Portfolio Manager Tool](#) detailing the upgrades of Portfolio Manager, and specifically the changes that apply to compliance with LL84.
 - Registration is limited, so if you cannot attend but would like to be notified of future webinars or training on the upgraded Portfolio Manager, email aeatraininginfo@aea.us.org.
- **LL84 – Request Exemption from ENERGY STAR Score Disclosure by August 1**
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- **LL84 – Revised Guidance for the Revised Portfolio Manager**
 - Revised guidance for "First Time Benchmarking," "Benchmarking Refresher," and "How to Submit to the City" has been posted online at [LL84: How to Comply](#).
 - At this time, automatic uploading of water through Portfolio Manager's Web Services, formerly known as "Automatic Benchmarking Services," is unavailable. The City encourages those properties required to report their water usage to manually enter their data. Revised guidance on water benchmarking has been posted at [LL84: Energy and Water Data Collection](#).

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 - The floor area of the trading floor, TV studio, or data center,
 - The total gross floor area of the property, **and**
 - The property's BBL, BIN, and street address
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