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EIRMC Energy Star Rated

Idaho Falls- Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center is making your stay more comfortable, and in the process is awarded the prestigious energy star designation.

The hospital is only one of three in Idaho to receive the award.

In 2003, EIRMC wanted to make the hall ways the same temperature of the rooms. This snow-balled into the hospital working to save 35% in energy and emitting 35% less carbon dioxide than average buildings.

Administrators say, with the building as old as it is, it's a huge achievement.

Director of Plant Operations said, "We entered the data into the database and with the stuff we'd already accomplished and we qualified for it but we didn't know that we'd qualified so it's a great honor."

EIRMC says it has saved almost 700-thousand dollars in energy costs since 2003. The VA Hospital in Boise and St. Luke's in Meridian are the two others in the state to receive this honor.