

October 22, 2009

Re: Compliance with Saint Louis County Public Water Recreation Facilities Code Section 2.13
(Entrapment Hazards and Installation of Compliant Main Drains)

Dear Owner/Operator:

Our records indicate that we have not received all of the information or documentation necessary to determine compliance with Section 2.13 of the Saint Louis County Public Water Recreation Facilities Code. To reduce the risk of suction entrapment hazards, public pools and spas must meet all of the requirements of Section 2.13 Inlets/Outlets, which includes the installation of anti-entrapment ASME/ANSI-compliant main drains.

Public water recreation facilities not in operation after December 31, 2009, need not meet the requirements of the code until they return to operation. However, before re-opening, all public water recreation facilities must be in compliance with these new requirements. Facilities operating after December 31, 2009 that are not in compliance will be closed in accordance with Section 13.15.1.

It is recommended that pool owners/operators needing to make repairs to their existing facilities obtain the services of a pool professional specializing in the design and maintenance of public pools. Prior to making any such repairs, a plan review application must be completed and approved by this office. Also, an inspection must be completed to verify compliance.

If your public pool or spa is a year-round facility and is still in the compliance process, please submit the repair application, plans and fees to this office by December 11, 2009. We anticipate many operators will be submitting applications for review and approval during this time in order to comply with the extended deadline of December 31, 2009. Because a large volume of submittals is expected, any documentation received after December 11 will not be reviewed or verified for compliance until 2010. Copies of the necessary documents can be obtained by contacting our office at (314) 615-8900, or by visiting www.stlouisco.com/doh.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Gerrin Cheek Butler, Program Manager, at (314) 615-8925.

Sincerely,



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