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Application for a Permit to Operate a Pool

Please attach proof of compliance with the American Standard ASME A112.19.8-2007 Suction Fitting for Use in Swimming Pools, Wading Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs.

This application is for a permit to operate a public, semi-public, or wading pool. The pool is to be operated according to the minimum standards for swimming pools in Article VI of the Sanitary Code of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Owner Name and Email Address	
Location	
Telephone number	
Pool Operator certified by YMCA or NSPF	
Type of pool	
Dimensions	
Pool Capacity # Gallons	
Size of swimming area	
Size of non-swimming area (walkways and decks)	
Ladders and steps	
Size of diving area	
Water source	
Disposal of sewage and wastewater	
Type of finish	

Scum gutter	
Deck type and width	
Skimming Facility: (50% of recirculation drawn from the surface of the pool	
Treatment system (type and capacity of filter, etc)	
Disinfection plan (method, type and capacity, etc)	
Chemical treatment (feeders, capacity, quantity, etc)	
Posters/Signage	
Additional notes and information	

Bathing load not to exceed _____

Number of lifeguards required when the pool is open _____

All permits expire on December 31

Signed _____

Date _____

NOTICE of New Federal Pool Requirements The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act

The provisions of the new law are designed to prevent serious injuries and fatalities associated with suction entrapment in pools and spas.

By December 19, 2008, in accordance with the new federal law

- ALL public, semi-public and special purpose swimming pool drain/grate covers **MUST** conform to the American National Standard ASME A112.19.8 2007 Suction Fittings for Use in Swimming Pools, Wading Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs, or any successor standard, published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME);
- EVERY public, semi-public and special purpose swimming pool with a single main drain, other than an unblockable drain (interpreted by the Consumer Product Safety Commission to have minimum dimensions of 18 inches by 23 inches or have a diagonal measurement of 29 inches or more), **MUST** be equipped with one or more additional systems or devices designed to prevent suction entrapment. As outlined in the law these additional systems or devices may include a safety vacuum release system (SVRS), suction limiting vent system, gravity drainage system, automatic pump shut-off, or any other system determined by the CPSC to be equally effective in preventing suction entrapment;

If a public, semi-public or special purpose pool can not comply by December 19, 2008, the CPSC requires that the pool or special purpose pool shut down until the proper covers are installed and, when applicable, an additional suction entrapment prevention device or system is installed as outlined in the law; and

Non-compliance with these federal provisions may result in the imposition of civil or criminal penalties under sections 20 or 21 of the Consumer Product Safety Act.

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By December 19, 2008, in accordance with regulation 105 CMR 435.00

- Anti-vortex drain covers must be replaced if they do not meet ASME A112.19.8 – 2007;
- Gravity drainage systems are NOT exempt from the drain/grate cover provisions;
- Drain disablement is NOT an acceptable suction entrapment prevention option, pursuant to 105 CMR 435.00 Minimum Standards for Swimming Pools, State Sanitary Code, Chapter V;
- An operating permit, pursuant to 105 CMR 435.21, should NOT be issued to any public, semi-public or special purpose pool that does not comply with the requirements;
- Variances pursuant to 105 CMR 435.46 shall NOT be granted since the federal law implies preemption of state requirements;
- Public, semi-public and special purpose swimming pools that are not open on December 19, 2008 are not required to be in compliance until the day that they re-open; and

It is the pool operators' **RESPONSIBILITY** to provide written confirmation that pool drain/grate covers conform to the American National Standard ASME A112.19.8 – 2007.

For more information please visit the MDPH — Community Sanitation Program website www.mass.gov/ciphidcs or contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Health at 617-624-5757.