

MEMO - Swimming Pool Operators

October 14, 1987

Dear Swimming Pool Operator:

A survey of public and semi-public swimming pools this season has revealed that several major violations concerning health and safety continue to exist at some facilities.

1. 105 CMR 435.06 Automatic Disinfection Equipment

Automatic disinfection feed equipment is required. The code requires that chlorinators and hypochlorinators shall be dependable in operation and equipped with a calibrated controlling device capable of being finely adjusted. This eliminates the "erosion" type devices that utilize a solution of hypochlorite tablet or sticks to maintain a chlorine residual. Any new or replacement equipment should not be the erosion type.

2. 105 CMR 435.03 Enclosures

The operator of every swimming pool shall provide and maintain adequate enclosure to prevent animals and unauthorized persons from entering the pool area. A 6 foot high fence in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, § 206, will be required. (Self latching with latches 4 feet above ground and no opening greater than 3 inches)

In an effort to achieve compliance with 105 CMR 435.000 – Minimum Standards for Swimming Pools (State Sanitary Code: Chapter V), the Board of Health voted at its meeting of October 14, 1987 that:

"All swimming pools shall have automatic disinfection equipment and required enclosure in compliance with 105 CMR 435.000 prior to the issuance of the 1988 permit to operate a swimming pool".

A variance from these requirements may be requested from the Board of Health provided such requests are submitted in writing to the Board of Health prior to the issuance of a 1988 permit. Variances from these requirements will be heard on a case by case basis and may be granted if, in the opinion of the Board, granting of said variance does not materially impair the safety and sanitary operation of the pool.

If you have further questions regarding this decision, you are requested to contact Health Agent, Paula Champagne.

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