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Changes for Public Swimming Pools in 2011

Skimmer Equalizer Lines Blocked??

On May 1st, 2010 the North Carolina State Rules Governing Public Swimming Pools adopted rules requiring approved fittings for equalizer lines (ANSI/ASME A112.19.8-2007). For the 2010 operating season there was a **ONE YEAR** allowance to temporarily block off the skimmer equalizer lines due to the unavailability of new covers on the market. **In order to obtain an operating permit for the 2011 season** a compliant cover must be fitted for all skimmer equalizer lines. Seasonal swimming pool **PERMITS WILL NOT BE ISSUED** and annual swimming pool permits (EXPIRING APRIL 30th, 2011) **WILL NOT BE RENEWED**

until approved documentation of A112.19.8-2007 approved skimmer equalizer covers is on file with the Mecklenburg County Health Department.

- Unlike last season- Skimmer equalizer lines may no longer be plugged.
- 2011 Operating permits will not be issued until new "VGB" compliant covers are fitted and approved for all skimmer equalizers in the swimming pool.



ABOVE- Skimmer equalizer without approved cover.



ABOVE- New approved skimmer equalizer cover.

Changes for 2011

- Skimmer equalizer lines may **NO LONGER** be plugged or blocked off for the 2011 operating season.
- Operating permits **WILL NOT** be issued **OR** renewed until **APPROVED** documentation of new skimmer equalizer covers is received for the facility.
- **ALL** swimming pools in NC **no matter the construction date** **MUST** comply with **CURRENT** fencing regulations to receive a 2011 operating permit.
- Approved documentation of fence compliance must be received in order to be issued a 2011 operating permit.

For Questions Please Contact Autumn Watson or Jim Ericson at (704) 336-5100

Is Your Fence In Compliance??

Effective May 1st, 2010, the North Carolina Rules Governing Public Swimming Pools {.2528 FENCES} was amended to include ALL public swimming pools, regardless of construction date. This means that if your

facility was constructed in 1960 or in 2010 you must now meet **CURRENT** fencing regulations.

Fencing audit inspections were completed in fall 2010 of every public swimming pool in Mecklenburg County.

Fencing Audit forms were mailed to facility owners in November 2010.

WHO DOES THIS AFFECT?

- Over 75% of the swimming pools in Mecklenburg County

- Most pools constructed prior to April 1st, 1993
- Any pool who is not currently in compliance with 15A NCAC 18A .2528.