### New Jersey Department of Health
Public Recreational Bathing

#### INSPECTION OF SWIMMING POOLS

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#### SUBCHAPTER 3. SWIMMING POOLS

**8:26-3.1 General layout and design**
- (b) Entry to and exit from the pool enclosure at the shallow end, deep end exits 6’ of decking.

**8:26-3.2 Construction materials**
- (a) Surfaces smooth, easily cleaned and maintained.
- (c) All surfaces slip-resistant.

**8:26-3.3 Dimensional design**
- (a) No protrusions or means of entrapment.
- (b) Maximum user loads satisfactory.

**8:26-3.9 Surface skimming system**
- (a) A surface skimming system provided.

**8:26-3.10 Decks and walkways**
- (b) Decks sloped to drain.
- (c) Site drainage provided and away from decks.
- (d) Yard drains installed, no puddling of water.
- (e) Gutters and downspouts provided to carry roof water away from pool, deck, and walkway areas.

**8:26-3.12 Fencing and enclosures**
- Fencing and enclosures meet NJUCC.

**8:26-3.13 Electrical, illumination, and ventilation requirements**
- (a) All electric meet NJUCC.

**8:26-3.14 Diving stands, boards, slides and floats**
- (b) Minimum 16’ headroom at indoor pools.
- (c) Minimum water depth and distances met.
- (d) Diving equipment max 10’ above the water.
- (e) Diving equipment has slip-resistant surfaces.

**8:26-3.15 Circulation systems**
- (b) The turn over pool water min once every 8 hours.
- (c) Water clarity maintained.
- (e) Strainers provided and removable.
- (f) Filters adequate.
  4. All filters provided with flow meters (gpm).
  5. Pressure filters have sight glasses installed.
  6. On pressure filters, air release provided.

**8:26-3.16 Inlets and outlets**
- (b) Minimum of two return inlets.
- (c) Pool not operated if outlet grates are missing, broken, or secured in such a way that they can be removed without the use of tools.
  1. Main drain suction outlets, lowest point, spacing max 20’ nor more than 15’ from each side wall.
  3. Grates installed properly.
- (d) Suction outlets protect against entrapment.
  2. Minimum 2 covered suction outlets provided per pool pump suction line. Distance 3’ to 5’. ii. No isolating of 2 suction outlets.

**8:26-3.17 Protection of potable water**
- (a) Cross connections prohibited.
- (b) Potable make-up water shielded over-the-rim spout. No sharp edges and max 2’ beyond pool edge.
- (d) Potable water protected.

**8:26-3.18 Wading pools**
- (d) Wading pools max depth of 24”. Perimeter depth does not exceed 18”.
- (e) Wading pools have separate circulation system, turn over once every two hours.
- (f) Dual suction outlets <12” by 12”equipped with anti-vortex covers.
- (i) If grate cover is missing, broken, or loose, pool is closed.

**8:26-3.19 Water slides**
- (a) Approval for water slides provided.
- (b) Water slides meets requirements of NJDCA.

**8:26-3.20 Rope drops**
- Rope drops permitted which are licensed by NJDCA.

**8:26-3.21 Floats and fixed platforms**
- Not be permitted in pools.

**8:26-3.22 Disinfection**
- (a) Pool water continuously disinfected with a measured residual.
- (c) Gas chlorination shall conform to the following:
  1. Housed in a gas-tight and corrosion-resistant enclosure, cylinders secured.
  2. The enclosures have air-light ducts to the atmosphere.
  3. Electrical switches next to door on the outside of the enclosure.
  4. Automatic chlorine leak detector and alarm installed.
  5. Respirators provided.
  7. Warning sign posted.
  8. Scale provided.
- (d) Chemical feeders installed properly.
- (e) Electrolytic chlorine generators installed properly.
- (f) A bromine test kit shall be provided
- (g) Brominator equipment rooms ventilated.
- (i) Combustible chemicals stored properly.

**8:26-3.23 Depth markings**
- (a) Marked in feet, on the vertical wall and on the top of the coping.
- (b) Markings placed at max and min points.
- (c) Markings spaced max 25’ intervals.
- (e) Markings at least 4”, contrasting in color.
- (h) Markings on the deck slip-resistant.
8:26-3.24 Existing swimming pools and wading pools

- Existing pools having a single drain must:
  1. Rework the drain system (minimum two drains per pump), or
  2. Lock the valves or
  3. Install an intervening switch.
- Facilities that do not voluntarily comply, 3’ X 4’ sign posted at every entrance to each swimming area
  "No lifeguard on duty."
  "Persons under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult."
  "No swimming alone." 
- At campgrounds, hotels, motels, mobile home parks or retirement communities, the sign also states:
  "This swimming area shall be closed when the owner or manager is not on the premises."
  Also posted on a 8” X 10” sign at at the registration desk and in each guest room.

8:26-5.1 Specially exempt facilities

- This exception shall not apply to specially exempt facilities which use ocean waters for bathing.
- Facilities that do not voluntarily comply, 3’ X 4’ sign posted at every entrance to each swimming area
  "No lifeguard on duty."
  "Persons under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult."
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  "This swimming area shall be closed when the owner or manager is not on the premises."
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8:26-5.2 Swimming pool supervision

- Under the management of a designated adult supervisor. Name and telephone number posted.
- 1 person certified in standard first aid and professional level CPR on the premises, available when pool is in use.
- Pool under supervision of a trained pool operator.
- 1 lifeguard on duty for 60 or less swimmers. On-duty lifeguards identified. No distractions, and whistles provided.
- This swimming area shall be closed when the owner or manager is not on the premises.
  Also posted on a 8” X 10” sign at the registration desk and in each guest room.
- Written aquatics supervision plan. Maintained on-site. Plan is complete.

8:26-5.3 Emergency equipment for swimming pools

- Provided with:
  1. Two or more assist poles or life hooks;
  2. One or more rescue tubes for each lifeguard on duty;
    i. Specially exempt facilities, at least two ring or rescue buoys.
  3. A first aid kit provided, available at all times during bathing periods and fully restocked within 24 hours of use;
  4. Spine board with ties, head restraints and/or straps.
  5. An emergency care area for pools >500 or more patrons.
  6. Means of communication near the lifeguard station for emergency use.

8:26-5.4 Bather rules for swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs and spas

- Rules for admission, bathing, and conduct posted, includes all 11 rules.
- Policies for water toys and floating devices established.

8:26-5.5 Diving in swimming pools

- Diving rules posted. Diving prohibited in water <5’. Areas designated and posted with signs and symbols.

8:26-5.6 Wading pool supervision

- A responsible individual provided.
- 1 individual certified in standard first aid and professional level CPR readily accessible.

8:26-5.7 Water slides

- Supervision by a lifeguard. 1 person supervise activities of the water slide.
- Slide does not enter into <3’ of water.
- If slide enters into <5’ of water, the end of the slide is not >6’ above the water.
- Only feet first entries shall be permitted.
- Landing area of the slide used solely for water slide users entering the water.

8:26-6.1 General provisions

- All pools, hot tubs, spas, or beaches maintained in a clean, sanitary, and safe condition.
- Dressing rooms and sanitary facilities provided.
- Separate dressing rooms and sanitary facilities shall be provided for each sex.
- Floors slip-resistant surface, smooth, and easily cleanable. Floors sloped to drains.
- Walls, partitions, screens good repair.
- Shower floors lower than walkways.
- Floor drains in shower rooms and stalls twice area of the outlet pipe.
- Wood is not used.
- Water closets enclosed with partitions.
- Toilets provided.
- Receptacles provided for paper towels and waste materials. Women’s receptacles covered.
- Common towels not permitted.
- Soap dispensers provided.
- Unbreakable mirrors provided.

8:26-6.5 Wastewater disposal

- Wastewater system adequate size.
- Sanitary sewage and filter backwash waters disposed of without creating nuisances.
- Overflow water returned to the filter system or discharged to a waste system.
- Backwash water discharged properly.
- All wastewater shall be disposed of by Sanitary sewer, Subsurface sewage disposal, and not by natural waters without a NJPDES permit.

8:26-6.6 Solid waste disposal

- Solid waste disposed of properly.
- Trash stored in containers with a tight fitting lid.
- Adequate number of containers.
- Storage areas for trash clean and no nuisances.
- Trash disposed of at twice a week.

8:26-6.7 Potable water supply

- Potable water adequate, safe, sanitary.
8:26-6.8 Drinking water fountains
☐ Drinking water fountains proper.

8:26-6.9 Food service
☐ Food service and milk supplies meet requirements.

8:26-6.10 Plumbing
☐ Plumbing meets requirements.

8:26-6.11 Insect, rodent, and weed control
☐ (b) Control measures used to minimize and/or eliminate the presence of rodents, flies, roaches, and other vermin.
☐ (c) Buildings and storage areas rodent-and insect-proofed.
☐ (d) Poison ivy, poison oak, poison sumac, and ragweed controlled.

8:26-6.12 Recreational equipment
☐ Recreational equipment inspected weekly and logged.

SUBCHAPTER 7. SAMPLING AND WATER QUALITY CRITERIA

8:26-7.1 Water source
☐ (a) Potable water source.
☐ (b) Salt water for salt water pools proper source.

8:26-7.2 Microbiological sampling for public recreational bathing places
☐ Microbial analyses for PRB places performed by a certified laboratory.

8:26-7.3 Sample collection for swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, and spas
☐ (a) Water samples collected during periods of maximum user load.
☐ (b) Sampling done weekly.

8:26-7.5 Microbiological water quality standards for swimming pools and wading pools
☐ Meets standards.

8:26-7.7 Chemical and physical water quality analyses for swimming pools and wading pools
☐ (a) Pools monitored every 2 hrs. and documented.
☐ (b) DPD test kits used.
☐ (d) Color comparators available for inspection.
☐ (e) Bound log contains time, date results, initials, bather load, water clarity, water temperature, and weather conditions and available.

8:26-7.8 Chemical water quality standards for swimming pools and wading pools
☐ (a) Free chlorine, combined chlorine, bromine, and pH values continuously maintained within limits.
☐ (b) All pool water disinfectant equivalent disinfecting strength maintained.
☐ (c) Stabilized chlorines, cyanuric acid levels maintained:
1. No stabilized chlorines in indoor pools.

8:26-7.9 Physical water quality standards for swimming pools and wading pools
☐ (a) Pool operator monitors water clarity daily.
☐ (b) Deepest portion of the pool floor visible.

8:26-7.10 Salt water swimming and wading pools utilizing ocean and/or bay water
☐ (b) Salt water pools posted.

8:26-7.13 Algae
☐ No algae.

8:26-8.2 Inspection of public swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, spas, or bathing beaches
☐ (b) Facility operator permits access to health authority.

8:26-8.9 Recordkeeping
☐ (a) Accurate records maintained