MEMORANDUM

TO: Swimming Facility Operators
    Local & County Health Departments
    Illinois Parks & Recreation Association
    Park District Risk Management Association
    Illinois Association of Park Districts

FROM: Justin DeWitt, P.E.
       Chief of General Engineering

DATE: August 26, 2008

RE: Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act


The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recognizes the impact of federal law on swimming facilities located in Illinois. It is the position of IDPH that every regulated swimming facility in the state must comply with all applicable state and federal laws, as such; each affected facility shall evaluate its compliance with the regulations and take appropriate action. Should that action necessitate changes to the piping, main drain, main drain cover or any other modification as defined in the Illinois Swimming Pool and Bathing Beach Code (77 Ill. Admin. Code 820) then a permit must first be obtained from IDPH.

Failure to comply with the regulations or this directive may impact the licensure status of regulated facilities. As a reminder, all applications for construction or modification must be accompanied by plans and specifications developed and sealed by an Illinois licensed professional engineer or architect.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact the Swimming Facilities Program at 217-782-5830 or TTY (for hearing impaired use only) 800-547-0466.

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