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New Jersey Recreational Bathing Pre-Operational Requirements N.J.A.C. 8:26:

§ 8:26-2.5 Operational assessment and inspection of a public recreational bathing facility

(a) The owner or operator of a seasonal public recreational bathing facility, or trained pool operator for a swimming pool or wading pool, shall complete the Checklist for Public Recreational Bathing Facilities developed by the Department and found at N.J.A.C. 8:26 Appendix E, incorporated herein by reference, and shall submit it to the health authority 21 days before the bathing facility is scheduled to open.

(c) The Checklist for Public Recreational Bathing Facilities, found at N.J.A.C. 8:26 Appendix E, incorporated herein by reference, shall be certified by the owner, operator, or trained pool operator as being true, accurate, and complete.

1. The health authority shall inspect each new public recreational bathing facility before it opens to the public for the first time.

(e) For seasonal public recreational bathing facilities, the facility shall be inspected by the health authority at least once during the season to determine compliance with the requirements of this

§ 8:26-2.6 Approval to operate a public recreational bathing facility

(a) A public recreational bathing facility shall not be opened for public use until the health authority has determined that the facility is in compliance with the requirements of this chapter and has issued a written approval. The approval must be renewed each year.

(b) The written approval may be issued after receipt and review of the Checklist for Public Recreational Bathing Facilities, found at N.J.A.C. 8:26 Appendix E, incorporated herein by reference, except for new facilities which must be inspected before issuance of the written approval.

(c) The written approval may be in the form of a license, permit, letter, checklist, or other format determined by the health authority.

(d) The written approval shall be effective for a 12- month period, or to the end of the outdoor swimming season for seasonal facilities.

(e) The written approval shall be displayed in a conspicuous place on the premises where it may be readily observed by all patrons.

(f) An owner or operator shall not operate a public recreational bathing facility whose approval has been suspended.

§ 8:26-3.13 Electrical, illumination, and ventilation requirements

(b) Bonding and grounding certification shall be provided annually by the owner or operator of a seasonal swimming pool or wading pool to the health authority prior to the opening of the swimming pool or wading pool.

§ 8:26-5.2 Swimming pool supervision

(a) Designated adult supervisor. A swimming pool shall be under the management of a designated adult supervisor who is knowledgeable of this chapter and who shall be responsible for all phases of the operation.

(b) At least one person currently certified in standard first aid and professional level infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) by a Department of Health approved organization listed in N.J.A.C. 8:26 Appendix A, shall be on the premises, available, and readily accessible when the swimming pool is in use.

1. First aid and CPR retraining shall be required prior to the expiration of an individual's certification.

(c) The maintenance and mechanical operation of a swimming pool shall be under the supervision of a trained pool operator (TPO).

1. The trained pool operator shall be available for mechanical and maintenance repairs and detection.

2. The trained pool operator shall have completed a pool operator course and shall have certification from a Department of Health approved organization listed in N.J.A.C. 8:26 Appendix A.

3. The trained pool operator shall visit the swimming pool at least once a week to review records and inspect the facility to ensure that it meets all regulatory requirements. Documentation of the visit shall be maintained onsite.

(d) Lifeguard requirements are as follows:

1. At least one lifeguard certified by an organization recognized by the Department of Health listed in N.J.A.C. 8:26 Appendix A shall be on duty at swimming pools with less than 2,000 square feet of surface area and 60 or less bathers, at all times when the swimming pool is in use. The lifeguard(s) shall operate according to a zone of protection plan.

(f) Each facility shall establish a written standard operating procedure aquatics facility plan that shall be maintained onsite. It shall be implemented by each facility, shall take into account the number of bathers using the pool, and shall contain information including, but not limited to:

§ 8:26-7.2 Microbiological sampling for public recreational bathing facilities

(a) All microbial analyses for public recreational bathing facilities shall be performed by a laboratory certified for wastewater testing by the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Regulations Governing the Certification of Laboratories and Environmental Measurements, N.J.A.C. 7:18, which shall use NJDEP Sanctioned Analytical Methods (DSAMs).

(b) DSAMs approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for non-potable water testing in accordance with 40 CFR 136.3-Tables 1A and 1H, and 40 CFR 141.74(a) (surface water regulations for heterotrophic plate count bacteria), incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Information concerning laboratory certification may be obtained from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Quality Assurance, PO Box 424, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0424.