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To: Public Swimming Pool Operators and Consultants
 From: Charles Brown, Jr, M.P.H., Director of Health
 Date: March 27, 2015

Re: Public Pool Main Drain Cover Replacement Reminder

MAIN DRAIN COVERS:

Please note that when the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (VGB) went into effect on December 19, 2008, CT’s public pools complied by replacing their existing main drains. Please note the manufacturers of VGB compliant main drain covers recommend that the covers be periodically replaced. This is mainly due to UV degradation. Listed below are the most common manufacturers of main drains used in Connecticut and their general recommended cover replacement date.

MANUFACTURERS GENERAL RECOMMENDED REPLACEMENT DATE

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| AquaStar | 5 Years |
| Hayward | 7 Years |
| Lawson Aquatics (Neptune Benson) | 10 Years |
| Paramont (MDX/SDX) | 5 Years |
| Pentair (Sta-Rite) | 7 Years |
| Waterways | 7 Years |

Periodic replacement of the main drain cover is needed. Please check the web site for the applicable company to confirm the recommended replacement date. In addition to the general dates listed above, specific dates for Hayward covers can be found in their VGB Certificate of Compliance, specific dates for the Waterway covers are listed in their owner’s manual, and specific dates for Lawson Aquatic as well as Pentair, on the actual main drain cover. Also note that the replacement of a main drain cover needs to be completed by a licensed pool contractor.

UNBLOCKABLE DRAINS:

The Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a revised interpretive rule to the VGB Act on the definition of an “unblockable drain” to include the main drain sump and not just the main drain cover. This revised interpretation means that if any public pool has only one “unblockable drain” where the sump is not sized to match the “unblockable drain” cover, the pool is out of compliance with the VGB Act and the pool owner must have installed, by a licensed pool contractor, a secondary antientrapment device. The date of compliance for this new interpretive ruling is May 23, 2013 for those that installed these covers on or before October 11, 2011. “Unblockable drain” covers that were installed after October 11, 2011 should already be compliant with the revised interpretation of the VGB Act. Note: An “unblockable drain” is a drain larger than 18” x 23”.