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### **To Public Pool and Spa Owners/Operators:**

This fact sheet is to inform you of the specifications of Section 1404 of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, which was signed into Federal Law by the President on December 19, 2007. In order to comply with the Federal Law, every public pool and spa shall be installed with an ASME/ANSI A112.19.8-2007 anti-entrapment main drain cover by December 19, 2008. For more information or to obtain a copy of the Pool and Spa Safety Act please visit: [www.cpsc.gov/pssa.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/pssa.html)

#### **MULTIPLE MAIN DRAINS:**

Every public pool and spa with MULTIPLE MAIN DRAINS shall be installed with an ASME/ANSI A112.19.8 anti-entrapment main drain cover.

#### **SINGLE MAIN DRAINS:**

Every public pool and spa with a SINGLE MAIN DRAIN other an "unblockable" main drain (defined by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission having dimensions of 18" x 23") shall be installed with an ASME/ANSI A112.19.8-2007 anti-entrapment main drain cover **AND** at least one of the following devices designed to prevent entrapment:

**Safety Vacuum Release System (SVRS)**  
**Suction-Limiting Vent System**  
**Gravity Drainage System**

Submit a completed "Scope of Work" worksheet to this office for review and approval. Scope of work must be approved by this department **prior** to any work being performed. Also submit with the "Scope of Work" specification sheets for all proposed equipment to be installed.

**In some cases complete plans submittal will be required based on the existing conditions of the facilities.**

#### **ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION:**

Public pools and spas that are not in operation on December 19, 2008 do not need to meet the requirements of the Pool and Spa Safety Act until they return to operation. Upon re-opening for use by the public after December 19, 2008, all public pools and spas must be in compliance with the Pool and Spa Safety Act as specified above.

#### **ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY:**

Section 140(C)(3) of the Act states any violation of the required equipment provisions is to be considered a violation of Section 19(a)(1) of the Consumer Product Safety Act which may result in the imposition of civil or criminal penalties under Section 20 or 21 of the Consumer Product Safety Act

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## SCOPE OF WORK

### REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAN SUBMITTAL:

I. Provide three sets of plans (pool: ¼ inch per foot, spa 1" per foot spa).

II. Plans must include the following:

A. Location of

- a. main drain(s),
- b. skimmer(s) and
- c. equalizer line(s).

Note: If main drains and skimmers are split, they must be spaced at least three feet apart from edge to edge and hydraulically balanced.

B. Manufacturer's specification sheets for the anti-entrapment main drain covers which are ASME/ANSI A112.19.8-2007 approved.

C. Manufacturer's specification sheets for an approved secondary anti-entrapment device (if applicable).

**Example:**

- a. SVRS (Suction Vacuum Release System),
- b. Suction Limiting Vent System,
- c. Gravity Drainage System.

D. Pipe layout and sizing.

E. Completed Pool, Spa, Wading Pool Form (attached) which includes the following information:

- a. Gallonage of water
- b. Pump model and size
- c. Filter model and size
- d. Etc.

**Call this office for the applicable fee for your minor remodel<sup>1</sup> of the pool or spa.**

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<sup>1</sup> Minor remodel means remodeling of less than 30% of the pool, spa or wading pool structural area or equipment alterations, excluding replacement of like equipment solely for repair purposes. If you have questions on whether your work falls into this category call **510-567-6700** for clarification.