



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

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To Public Pool and Spa Owners/Operators in Stanislaus County:

This informational sheet is to advise you of the specifications of Section 1404 of the Virginia Graeme Baker (VGB) Pool and Spa Safety Act, which is being enforced by the **Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)** and **not** by Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources (DER). In order to comply with the Federal Law every public pool and spa shall be equipped with ASME/ANSI A112.19.8 anti-entrapment main drain covers 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 or www.cpsc.gov/pssa.pdf. **The CPSC may be contacted at (301) 504-7548.**

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 covers.

SINGLE MAIN DRAIN:

Every public pool and spa with a single main drain *other than* an unblockable main drain (defined by 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 or systems designed to prevent entrapment:

- 1.) Safety Vacuum Release System (SVRS)
- 2.) Suction-Limiting Vent System
- 3.) Gravity Drainage System

ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION:

Public pools and spas that are not in operation on December 19, 2008 do not need to meet the requirements of the VGB 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.

The DER is providing this informational sheet to you so that you are aware of these new Federal requirements and also that the DER is not the regulatory authority for the enforcement of the Act. If there are additional questions, you may contact the DER at (209) 525-6700.