

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

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RE: Notification of Assembly Bill 1020

Dear Contractor/Operator,

In March 2010, notification of Assembly Bill 1020 and its requirements were sent to all public pool and spa owners and operators. This notification included items such as the deadline date for compliance and the new California Department of Public Health (CDPH) compliance form.

Compliance Deadline and Revised Plan Submittal Checklist

Assembly Bill 1020 requires that all public pools/spas/wading pools built prior to January 1, 2010, comply with retrofit requirements to prevent suction entrapment by July 1, 2010. As a result of this notification to pool owners regarding this compliance date, the Department of Environmental Health has been inundated with pool and spa plan check submittals. Some of these submittals do not have all the information required for proper review and approval which has resulted in delays in the review and approval process.

In order for our department to minimize delays in the review of your pool/spa plan check submittal, this department has revised the Pool/Spa Plan Submittal Checklist form. This form lists information that is required at the time of submittal. Submittals that do not have all the required information will result in delayed and/or unapproved plan submittals. A copy of this form is attached. This form and additional information relating to this subject has also been posted on our webpage at deh.santaclaracounty.gov.

In addition, this department will no longer accept incomplete Plan Check Application Forms. This includes owner's name (or owner's representative), address, phone number, and fax number.

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Compliance Form

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued a form during March 2010 to be used as the compliance documentation by Pool and Spa Owners. Pool and Spa Owners must submit this compliance form to Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health within 30 days of completing retrofits to the pool or spa. In addition, the form must be signed by a contractor who holds a current valid license issued by the State of California or a professional engineer licensed in the State of California who has experience working on public swimming pools.

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According to information provided by staff of California Department of Consumer Affairs, Contractors State License Board (CSLB), the following types of pool work can be performed by contractors with the following contractor license types:

TYPE OF POOL WORK:

Splitting Drains
Modifying Sumps
Changing Drain Covers
Installation of SVRS

CONTRACTOR LICENSE TYPES:

C53; C36; "A" (general engineering)
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C53; C36; C61/D35; "A" (general engineering)
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Please be advised that any modifications to an existing pool or spa that includes changing drain covers, splitting drains, or installing safety devices must be approved by the County of Santa Clara Department of Environmental Health.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 408-918-3400.