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Subject: Pool Upgrade Requirements Required by July 1, 2010

Dear Pool/Spa Owner:

Assembly Bill 1020 was signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger on October 11, 2009. The law adds section 116064.2 to the Health and Safety code. The purpose of this new law is to ensure that California is in compliance with the federal standards set in the Virginia Graeme Baker Act. (www.poolsafety.gov/pssa.pdf)

The law states that all existing public pools and spas shall be in compliance by July 1, 2010. It also sets new standards for all new pools and spas constructed after January 1, 2010. This section requires all suction outlets to have installed approved covers that comply with ASME/ANSI 112.19.8- 2008 or its successor standard that has been adopted by the department. The plumbing and pump systems may require additional retro fit work to bring it into compliance with 116064.2.(see the text of the law for addition requirements) A copy of the law and other compliance information may be accessed at the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) web site:

http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/environhealth/water/Pages/CaliforniaPublicSwimmingPoolRequirements.aspx

The installation of outlet covers and safety systems must be certified by a California licensed contractor or a California Registered professional engineer and submitted to this division on the form issued by the state department of public health no later than 30 days after completion of the retrofit work.

All construction to meet compliance is subject to a plan check by this office prior to the construction. Please submit plans and the associated fee for the review. The state compliance form is to be completed by the licensed contractor or engineer and the pool/spa owner is responsible for filing the compliance form with Placer County Environmental Health to substantiate compliance with California Health & Safety code section 116064.2. Please contact your district inspector at (530)745-2300 (western Placer County) or (530)581-6240 (Tahoe) for additional information concerning the plan check and the compliance form completion.

All work to all pools and spas should have already been performed and all completed certification forms submitted to this division by September 30. If your pool or spa is not in compliance you shall immediately CLOSE your pool until it is brought into compliance with section 116064.2.

Sincerely,

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