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State of West Virginia

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

CHARLESTON 25305

November 7, 1979

The Honorable A. James Manchin
Secretary of State of West Virginia
State Capitol Building
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Mr. Manchin:

Attached are three (3) copies of the proposed "Swimming Pool and Bathing Beach Regulations" and notice of public hearings. Please return one copy, stamped to indicate date of receipt, to the Drinking Water Division, Department of Health for their files.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George E. Pickett".

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CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 6

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SECTION 1.0 GENERAL

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SECTION 6.0 INSPECTIONS

- 6.1 The owner, operator, or person in charge of a swimming pool, wading pool or bathing beach shall provide the Director with immediate access to the entire premises for the purpose of inspection, and shall furnish all requested and necessary information to make the inspection complete.
- 6.2 The Director shall conduct a minimum of two (2) complete inspections per year.
- 6.3 The Director shall have the authority to order changes relative to improving the operation and sanitary conditions of the swimming pool, wading pool or bathing beach and if deemed necessary, can immediately order the closing of such facilities until corrective changes have been made.

SECTION 7.0 WATER QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1 Disinfection of all swimming pool and wading pool water is mandatory.
- 7.2 Chlorination of swimming and wading pools shall be accomplished by means of a continuously operated mechanical chlorinator. Hand batch feeding is prohibited.
- 7.3 Chlorination shall be practiced in swimming pools and wading pools so as to maintain a free available chlorine residual of 0.4 to 1.0 mg/l.
- 7.4 Cyanurate acid, when used as a stabalizer, must be maintained at a level between 30 and 100 mg/l.
- 7.5 When using chlorinated cyanurates, a free chlorine residual shall be maintained between 1.0 and 3.0 mg/l.
- 7.6 Other disinfectants may be used with the approval of the Director.
- 7.7 Chemical Requirements
 - A. Swimming Pools - Chemical limits shall conform to the chemical limits specified in Chapter 1, Article 5, West Virginia Board of Health "Public Water Supply Regulations."

- B. Bathing Beaches - Chemical limits shall conform to limits prescribed by Chapter 20, Article 5 Water Resources Board "Administrative Regulations of the State of West Virginia for Water Quality Criteria on Inter and Intra State Streams" for Category A, Water Contact Recreation Waters.

7.8 Bacteriological Requirements

- A. To monitor bacteriological quality of swimming pools, wading pools and bathing beaches, samples shall be collected and submitted for bacteriological analysis by the Director.
- B. The presence of the coliform group as indicated by the samples examined shall not exceed the following limits:

- 1. Swimming and Wading Pools

- When 10 ml. standard portions are examined, not more than 10% in any one month shall show the presence of the coliform group. The presence of the coliform group in 3 or more 10 ml. portions of a standard sample will not be allowable if this occurs:

- (a) In two consecutive samples;
 - (b) In more than one sample per month when less than 20 are examined per month.

(c) In more than 5% of the samples when

20 or more are examined per month.

When organisms of the coliform group occur in 3 or more of the 10 ml. portions of a single standard sample, daily samples from the same sampling point shall be collected promptly and examined until the results obtained from at least two consecutive samples show the water to be of satisfactory quality.

When the membrane filter technique is used, the arithmetic mean coliform density of all standard samples examined per month shall not exceed one per 100 ml. Coliform colonies per standard sample shall not exceed 3/50 ml., 4/100 ml., 7/200 ml., or 13/500 ml. in:

(a) Two consecutive samples;

(b) More than one standard sample when less than 20 are examined per month; or

(c) More than 5% of the standard samples when 20 or more samples are examined per month.

2. Bathing Beaches

The coliform group is not to exceed 1,000 per 100 ml. as a monthly geometric average value, nor exceed this number in 20 per cent of

the samples examined during any month nor exceed 2,400 per 100 ml. on any day.

The fecal coliform (either MPN or MF count) shall not exceed 200 per 100 ml. as a 30 day geometric mean based on not less than five (5) samples during any 30 day period nor exceed 400 per 100 ml. in more than ten percent (10%) of all samples during any 30 day period.

7.9 pH Control

- A. Swimming pools and wading pool - The pH shall be maintained in an alkaline condition as indicated by a pH of not less than 7.2 nor greater than 7.8 at any time the facility is in use.
- B. Swimming pools and wading pools which are equipped with gaseous chlorination feeders, must be equipped with a mechanical chemical feeder to continuously control pH. Hand batch feeding into the pool is prohibited.
- C. Bathing beaches - When the pH is less than 6.5 or greater than 8.5 the beach shall not be used for bathing.

SECTION 8.0 CONTROL TESTS AND OPERATIONAL RECORDS

- 8.1 All swimming pools and wading pools shall have available at all times, approved testing equipment for making pH, free chlorine residuals, and any other tests as considered necessary by the Director.
- 8.2 Written results of the tests listed under subsection 8.1, attendance data, number of hours of equipment operation, and any other information as required by the Director shall be maintained by the operator for a period of at least one year.
- 8.3 Weekly, or as otherwise directed by the Director, the operator shall submit to the Director on forms prescribed by or approved by the Director, a summary of operation.
- 8.4 Tests to determine the pH, free chlorine residual, and any other parameters, as directed by the Director, shall be conducted by a qualified operator at least twice daily, and the results recorded on the operating report.

SECTION 9.0 SUPERVISION OF BATHERS

- 9.1 An operator shall be on duty at all times the swimming pool, wading pool or bathing beach is open for swimming.

9.2 The swimming pool, wading pool or bathing beach operator shall be in full charge and have the authority to exclude from the premises any person who does not abide by the safety and sanitation rules which shall include but not limited to:

- A. Spitting, spouting of water, blowing of nose, urination and defecation in the swimming pool, wading pool or bathing beach water shall be strictly prohibited.
- B. Persons having any infectious or communicable disease or open sores shall be excluded from using the swimming pool, wading pool or bathing beach.
- C. No running, boisterous or rough play, except for supervised water sports shall be permitted on the premises.
- D. All bathers shall shower before entering the swimming pool or wading pool.

SECTION 10.0 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

10.1 Swimming pool and bathing beaches shall have one unit of life saving equipment for each life guard station which shall be readily accessible for emergency use. Pools

without lifeguards shall have a minimum of one unit of life saving equipment available. All equipment shall be kept in good repair.

- 10.2 Every pool and bathing beach shall be equipped with a standard American Red Cross 24-unit first aid kit or equivalent type kit which shall be kept stocked and ready for use.
- 10.3 Every pool or bathing beach shall have life guards on duty at all times when the area is open for use. The life guard shall be adequately trained in life saving and first aid and possess certification of completing a Red Cross sanctioned life saving course or other accredited and acceptable certification. This provision shall not apply to motels, hotels, apartment complexes, etc. in cases where the pool is to serve 100 units or less and only available to guests or residents. Such pools shall have a sign prominently displayed indicating that swimmers use the area at their own risk.
- 10.4 Telephone service shall be available at the pool or bathing beach and emergency phone numbers for rescue agencies shall be posted.
- 10.5 All outdoor swimming pools and wading pools shall be enclosed with a 6 foot non-climbable fence or barrier with a lockable gate.

SECTION 11.0 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

- 11.1 Visible debris on the bottom of the pool shall be removed every 12 hours or more frequently as required.
- 11.2 Visible scum or floating matter on the water surface shall be removed as frequently as required.
- 11.3 Deck areas, sidewalks and other areas around the pool and bath house shall be hosed and brushed as required to keep them clean.
- 11.4 Bath house dressing rooms, showers, and toilet areas shall be kept in a clean condition.
- 11.5 All pools shall be drained as necessary so that the pool can be inspected, cleaned and/or repaired.
- 11.6 Swimming pool water treatment facilities shall be operated 24 hours per day.

SECTION 12.0 BATH HOUSES, CONCESSIONS AND OTHER

APPURTENANT FACILITIES

- 12.1 Bath house, clothing storage facilities, toilet and shower facilities shall be kept in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition.

- 12.2 All doors, shower curtains, windows, faucets, drains, or other parts of the building, including plumbing, electrical switches, lighting and controls, shall be kept in good repair and replaced immediately if defective.
- 12.3 All concession stands shall be operated in accordance with Chapter 1, Article 3, West Virginia Board of Health "Food Service Sanitation Regulation."

SECTION 13.0 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 13.1 The design, construction, installation, alteration, location, and operation of all public swimming pools, wading pools and bathing beaches shall comply with all applicable provisions of these Regulations.
- 13.2 The Director shall have the authority to immediately close any swimming pool, wading pool, or bathing beach which he determines to be unsafe, has not been approved by the Director, or have willfully violated any provisions of these Regulations.
- 13.3 If any inspection or prescribed water quality test conducted on any pool by the Director discloses excessive turbidity (as determined by using a standard clarity sight disc) or a chlorine residual less than that permitted under Section 7.2 of these Regulations, the Director shall have the authority to immediately close the swimming pool or wading pool until such time as the necessary corrections are effected.

SECTION 14.0 REPEAL OF FORMER REGULATIONS

All regulations previously adopted by the West Virginia Board of Health which are in conflict with the provisions of these Regulations are hereby repealed.

SECTION 15.0 SEVERABILITY

Each section of these Regulations and every part of each Section is an independent Section and a part of a Section, and the holding of any Section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause does not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other Section or part thereof.

SECTION 16.0 PENALTIES

Any person who violates any provision of these Regulations or any regulation adopted by the West Virginia State Board of Health pursuant to the authority granted by these Regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days or both fine and imprisonment as provided in Chapter 16, Article 1, Section 20 of the Public Health Laws of West Virginia, West Virginia Code. Each day's failure to comply with any applicable provision of these Regulations shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 17.0 CERTIFICATION AND FILING OF THE REGULATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Regulations constitute the official Regulations adopted by the State Board of Health on _____, and filed pursuant to law in the Office of Secretary of State, State of West Virginia.

George E. Pickett, M.D.
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Acknowledgement, that the above Regulations were filed with the Office of Secretary of State on _____.

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1. December 17, 1979, 7:00 P.M., Monongalia County Health Department, 453 Van Voorhis Road, Morgantown, West Virginia.
2. December 17, 1979, 7:00 P.M., Raleigh County Health Department, Harper Road, Beckley, West Virginia.
3. December 20, 1979, 7:00 P.M., Conference Room C, Building #7, Capitol Complex, Charleston, West Virginia.

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SECTION 6.0 INSPECTIONS

- 6.1 The owner, operator, or person in charge of a swimming pool, wading pool or bathing beach shall provide the Director with immediate access to the entire premises for the purpose of inspection, and shall furnish all requested and necessary information to make the inspection complete.
- 6.2 The Director shall conduct a minimum of two (2) complete inspections per year.
- 6.3 The Director shall have the authority to order changes relative to improving the operation and sanitary conditions of the swimming pool, wading pool or bathing beach and if deemed necessary, can immediately order the closing of such facilities until corrective changes have been made.

SECTION 7.0 WATER QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1 Disinfection of all swimming pool and wading pool water is mandatory.
- 7.2 Chlorination of swimming and wading pools shall be accomplished by means of a continuously operated mechanical chlorinator. Hand batch feeding is prohibited.
- 7.3 Chlorination shall be practiced in swimming pools and wading pools so as to maintain a free available chlorine residual of 0.4 to 1.0 mg/l.
- 7.4 Cyanurate acid, when used as a stabalizer, must be maintained at a level between 30 and 100 mg/l.
- 7.5 When using chlorinated cyanurates, a free chlorine residual shall be maintained between 1.0 and 3.0 mg/l.
- 7.6 Other disinfectants may be used with the approval of the Director.
- 7.7 Chemical Requirements
 - A. Swimming Pools - Chemical limits shall conform to the chemical limits specified in Chapter 1, Article 5, West Virginia Board of Health "Public Water Supply Regulations."

- B. Bathing Beaches - Chemical limits shall conform to limits prescribed by Chapter 20, Article 5 Water Resources Board "Administrative Regulations of the State of West Virginia for Water Quality Criteria on Inter and Intra State Streams" for Category A, Water Contact Recreation Waters.

7.8 Bacteriological Requirements

- A. To monitor bacteriological quality of swimming pools, wading pools and bathing beaches, samples shall be collected and submitted for bacteriological analysis by the Director.
- B. The presence of the coliform group as indicated by the samples examined shall not exceed the following limits:

1. Swimming and Wading Pools

When 10 ml. standard portions are examined, not more than 10% in any one month shall show the presence of the coliform group. The presence of the coliform group in 3 or more 10 ml. portions of a standard sample will not be allowable if this occurs:

- (a) In two consecutive samples;
- (b) In more than one sample per month when less than 20 are examined per month.

(c) In more than 5% of the samples when

20 or more are examined per month.

When organisms of the coliform group occur in 3 or more of the 10 ml. portions of a single standard sample, daily samples from the same sampling point shall be collected promptly and examined until the results obtained from at least two consecutive samples show the water to be of satisfactory quality.

When the membrane filter technique is used, the arithmetic mean coliform density of all standard samples examined per month shall not exceed one per 100 ml. Coliform colonies per standard sample shall not exceed 3/50 ml., 4/100 ml., 7/200 ml., or 13/500 ml. in:

(a) Two consecutive samples;

(b) More than one standard sample when less than 20 are examined per month; or

(c) More than 5% of the standard samples when 20 or more samples are examined per month.

2. Bathing Beaches

The coliform group is not to exceed 1,000 per 100 ml. as a monthly geometric average value, nor exceed this number in 20 per cent of

the samples examined during any month nor exceed 2,400 per 100 ml. on any day.

The fecal coliform (either MPN or MF count) shall not exceed 200 per 100 ml. as a 30 day geometric mean based on not less than five (5) samples during any 30 day period nor exceed 400 per 100 ml. in more than ten percent (10%) of all samples during any 30 day period.

7.9 pH Control

- A. Swimming pools and wading pool - The pH shall be maintained in an alkaline condition as indicated by a pH of not less than 7.2 nor greater than 7.8 at any time the facility is in use.
- B. Swimming pools and wading pools which are equipped with gaseous chlorination feeders, must be equipped with a mechanical chemical feeder to continuously control pH. Hand batch feeding into the pool is prohibited.
- C. Bathing beaches - When the pH is less than 6.5 or greater than 8.5 the beach shall not be used for bathing.

SECTION 8.0 CONTROL TESTS AND OPERATIONAL RECORDS

- 8.1 All swimming pools and wading pools shall have available at all times, approved testing equipment for making pH, free chlorine residuals, and any other tests as considered necessary by the Director.
- 8.2 Written results of the tests listed under subsection 8.1, attendance data, number of hours of equipment operation, and any other information as required by the Director shall be maintained by the operator for a period of at least one year.
- 8.3 Weekly, or as otherwise directed by the Director, the operator shall submit to the Director on forms prescribed by or approved by the Director, a summary of operation.
- 8.4 Tests to determine the pH, free chlorine residual, and any other parameters, as directed by the Director, shall be conducted by a qualified operator at least twice daily, and the results recorded on the operating report.

SECTION 9.0 SUPERVISION OF BATHERS

- 9.1 An operator shall be on duty at all times the swimming pool, wading pool or bathing beach is open for swimming.

9.2 The swimming pool, wading pool or bathing beach operator shall be in full charge and have the authority to exclude from the premises any person who does not abide by the safety and sanitation rules which shall include but not limited to:

- A. Spitting, spouting of water, blowing of nose, urination and defecation in the swimming pool, wading pool or bathing beach water shall be strictly prohibited.
- B. Persons having any infectious or communicable disease or open sores shall be excluded from using the swimming pool, wading pool or bathing beach.
- C. No running, boisterous or rough play, except for supervised water sports shall be permitted on the premises.
- D. All bathers shall shower before entering the swimming pool or wading pool.

SECTION 10.0 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

10.1 Swimming pool and bathing beaches shall have one unit of life saving equipment for each life guard station which shall be readily accessible for emergency use. Pools

without lifeguards shall have a minimum of one unit of life saving equipment available. All equipment shall be kept in good repair.

- 10.2 Every pool and bathing beach shall be equipped with a standard American Red Cross 24-unit first aid kit or equivalent type kit which shall be kept stocked and ready for use.
- 10.3 Every pool or bathing beach shall have life guards on duty at all times when the area is open for use. The life guard shall be adequately trained in life saving and first aid and possess certification of completing a Red Cross sanctioned life saving course or other accredited and acceptable certification. This provision shall not apply to motels, hotels, apartment complexes, etc. in cases where the pool is to serve 100 units or less and only available to guests or residents. Such pools shall have a sign prominently displayed indicating that swimmers use the area at their own risk.
- 10.4 Telephone service shall be available at the pool or bathing beach and emergency phone numbers for rescue agencies shall be posted.
- 10.5 All outdoor swimming pools and wading pools shall be enclosed with a 6 foot non-climbable fence or barrier with a lockable gate.

SECTION 11.0 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

- 11.1 Visible debris on the bottom of the pool shall be removed every 12 hours or more frequently as required.
- 11.2 Visible scum or floating matter on the water surface shall be removed as frequently as required.
- 11.3 Deck areas, sidewalks and other areas around the pool and bath house shall be hosed and brushed as required to keep them clean.
- 11.4 Bath house dressing rooms, showers, and toilet areas shall be kept in a clean condition.
- 11.5 All pools shall be drained as necessary so that the pool can be inspected, cleaned and/or repaired.
- 11.6 Swimming pool water treatment facilities shall be operated 24 hours per day.

SECTION 12.0 BATH HOUSES, CONCESSIONS AND OTHER

APPURTENANT FACILITIES

- 12.1 Bath house, clothing storage facilities, toilet and shower facilities shall be kept in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition.

- 12.2 All doors, shower curtains, windows, faucets, drains, or other parts of the building, including plumbing, electrical switches, lighting and controls, shall be kept in good repair and replaced immediately if defective.
- 12.3 All concession stands shall be operated in accordance with Chapter 1, Article 3, West Virginia Board of Health "Food Service Sanitation Regulation."

SECTION 13.0 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 13.1 The design, construction, installation, alteration, location, and operation of all public swimming pools, wading pools and bathing beaches shall comply with all applicable provisions of these Regulations.
- 13.2 The Director shall have the authority to immediately close any swimming pool, wading pool, or bathing beach which he determines to be unsafe, has not been approved by the Director, or have willfully violated any provisions of these Regulations.
- 13.3 If any inspection or prescribed water quality test conducted on any pool by the Director discloses excessive turbidity (as determined by using a standard clarity sight disc) or a chlorine residual less than that permitted under Section 7.2 of these Regulations, the Director shall have the authority to immediately close the swimming pool or wading pool until such time as the necessary corrections are effected.

SECTION 14.0 REPEAL OF FORMER REGULATIONS

All regulations previously adopted by the West Virginia Board of Health which are in conflict with the provisions of these Regulations are hereby repealed.

SECTION 15.0 SEVERABILITY

Each section of these Regulations and every part of each Section is an independent Section and a part of a Section, and the holding of any Section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause does not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other Section or part thereof.

SECTION 16.0 PENALTIES

Any person who violates any provision of these Regulations or any regulation adopted by the West Virginia State Board of Health pursuant to the authority granted by these Regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days or both fine and imprisonment as provided in Chapter 16, Article 1, Section 20 of the Public Health Laws of West Virginia, West Virginia Code. Each day's failure to comply with any applicable provision of these Regulations shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 17.0 CERTIFICATION AND FILING OF THE REGULATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Regulations constitute the official Regulations adopted by the State Board of Health on _____, and filed pursuant to law in the Office of Secretary of State, State of West Virginia.

George E. Pickett, M.D.
Director of Health

Acknowledgement, that the above Regulations were filed with the Office of Secretary of State on _____.

A. James Manchin
Secretary of State