

4717.0650 POOL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE; OPERATOR TRAINING.

Subpart 1. **Pool maintenance.** A public pool, pool equipment, and related facilities and equipment must be maintained in a properly operating condition.

Subp. 2. **Responsibility for operation.** A public pool and the related facilities and equipment must be operated and maintained in working condition by a person who is designated as responsible for compliance with parts 4717.0150 to 4717.3975 and ensures that the pool poses no threat to public health or safety. The owner shall be responsible for the operation of the pool and related facilities and compliance with parts 4717.0150 to 4717.3975. Where another person has operational authority under an agreement with the owner, that person also has responsibility for the operation of the pool and related facilities and for compliance with parts 4717.0150 to 4717.3975.

Subp. 3. **Designation of trained operator.** The owner or operator of the pool must designate a trained operator who is responsible for the direct operation of the pool whenever the pool is open for use.

A. The trained operator must be responsible for the daily operation of the pool and ensure that required testing is done and records are maintained. The trained operator, or a designated alternate trained operator, must be able to respond to emergency, unsafe and unsanitary conditions at any time the pool is open for use.

B. The trained operator must assure that other individuals who assist with chemical monitoring and pool equipment operation are trained for those functions.

Subp. 4. **Operations manual.** An operations manual must be available that provides operational information relating to all pool equipment.

Subp. 5. **Operator training.** The owner or operator must ensure that the designated trained operator is trained to operate the pool in compliance with parts 4717.0150 to 4717.3975.

A. The trained operator must be trained in safe chemical handling and the use of protective equipment in addition to pool operation and sanitation described in items B to F.

B. Until January 1, 1997, any operator is eligible for certification through attendance at and successful completion of a pool operator's training course.

C. After January 1, 1997, the trained operator must be certified as successfully completing a pool operator training course as specified in item E.

D. A certified trained operator must successfully complete a training course as specified in item E at least once every five years after January 1, 1997.

E. Acceptable training courses are:

- (1) the Pool and Hot Tub Alliance Certified Pool Operator course;
- (2) the Pool and Hot Tub Alliance Certified Service Technician (CST) and Certified Maintenance Specialist (CMS) and Certified Hot Tub Technician (CHTT) courses. Both CST and CMS are required for operation of pools. CHTT is required for operation of spas and hot tubs;

- (3) the National Recreation and Park Association Aquatic Facility Operator course;
- (4) the Aquatic Training Institute Certified Pool Technician course; or
- (5) the Starfish Aquatics Institute AquaTech course.

F. After January 1, 1997, a copy of the trained operator's training certificate must be posted at the facility whenever the pool is open for use.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 144.05; 144.12; 144.123; 144.222; 145A.02; 157.01*

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