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Council for the Model Aquatic Health Code 20987 N. John Wayne Pkwy, Suite B104–125 Maricopa, AZ 85139

## Dear Ms. Reister:

CDC thanks the Council for the Model Aquatic Health Code (CMAHC) for the 2024 Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC) update considerations based on CMAHC member voting and CMAHC Board recommendations that you sent on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. CDC appreciates the CMAHC partnership and efforts to continue to optimize the MAHC as a resource that helps ensure healthy and safe swimming for everyone at U.S. public aquatic facilities. Of the 122 change requests (CRs) that the CMAHC Board of Directors recommended be accepted by CDC for incorporation into the fifth edition of the MAHC, CDC approved 116 (95%) of them. CDC accepted one additional CR that the CMAHC Board did not recommend for inclusion. These change requests and the rationale for CDC's decisions are outlined below.

- **CR 4.8.2.2.4-0001:** Display restrictions, directions for use, and warnings at tall diving stands and platforms.
  - Rationale: CDC does not have the authority to dictate labeling requirements for manufactures of tall platforms.
- **CR 4.1.2.2.2-0001:** Changed the wording for clarity in one of the aquatic venue attributes addressing "waterline".

Rationale: The change in CR 4.1.2.2.2-0001 addressed what was in CR 4.1.2.2.2-0002 and removed redundancy.

- CR 4.1.2.2.4-0001: Aquatic venue recirculation and treatment design of surf venues.
- **CR 6.4.1.3.1-0001:** Surf venue daily inspection surf venues.
- **CR 6.4.2.2.3-0003:** Surf venue signage.
- **CR glossary-0001:** Surf venue definitions.

Rationale: Since chapter 7-0001- surf venue code and annex language did not pass CMAHC vote for approval, these four related CRs were not accepted by CDC.

• **CR 5.7.3.1.1.5-0001:** Cl Upper Operating Range.

Rationale: CDC *accepted* a CMAHC rejected change request that specified the upper operating range for chlorine products is dictated by the manufacturer's instructions for use in compliance with the EPA's Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (MAHC Section 5.7.3.1.1.5). The MAHC revision states the maximum free chlorine concentration shall not

exceed limits specified on the product label. The change was necessary to adjust language in the MAHC that implied it is acceptable to use chlorine products outside of the range set by the manufacturer.

CDC once again appreciates the CMAHC partnership to keep the MAHC up to date with the latest science and technological advances in aquatics.

Sincerely,

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