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To: Directors of Health/Districts
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Subject: Recall of Pool and Spa Main Drain Covers – Follow-Up

As previously outlined in EHS Circular Letter #2011-39, on May 26, 2011 the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced a voluntary recall of eight manufacturers drain covers for public pools. The recall affected all existing kiddie/ wading pools and whirlpool spas, and swimming pools with single main drains. Swimming pools with multiple main drain systems or a gravity drain system were not affected by the recall. The CPSC advised pool owners/operators to contact their manufacturer to obtain a replacement or a retrofit for the recalled main drain cover.

At the time of the recall the DPH did not advise that public pools with the recalled main drain covers be closed due to the lack of information as to why these main drain covers were being recalled and due to the fact that there were no known injuries associated with the main drain covers that were being recalled. This is still our current position.

As we approach the new swimming season, we believe enough time has passed for pool owners/operators to have replaced or retrofitted any of the recalled main drain covers. As you inspect the public pools/spas for the 2012 season, please inquire whether the main drains in the pools/spas were on the recall list and, if so, whether the appropriate corrective action was taken. This is especially important for kiddie/wading pools and whirlpool spas. I have provided the link to the CPSC Frequently Asked Questions document that you may wish to download and distribute during your inspections to further educate the pool owners/operators about this recall. It is:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11230faq.html>

For your information the complete list of the makes and model numbers of the drains that were recalled can be found at: <http://www.cdphe.ca.gov/HealthInfo/vironhealth/water/Documents/RecHealth/VGB+Drain+Cover+Recall+Information.pdf>

Please contact me if you have any additional questions. I can be reached at 860-509-7296.

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