

		West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources			
		MANUAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROCEDURES			
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This procedure outlines the roles and responsibilities of the various departments involved in the regulation of recreational water facilities. Due to the involvement of the Environmental Engineering and Public Health Sanitation divisions, as well as the Office of Laboratory Services, there has been some uncertainty as to who should be consulted with questions. The responsibilities are divided as follows:

Environmental Engineering Division (EED) – responsible for reviewing recreational water facility plans and issuing construction permits.

Public Health Sanitation Division (PHSD) – District Sanitarians are responsible for inspecting recreational water facilities during the construction phase prior to an operating permit being issued to ensure construction is in accordance with EED approved plans. PHSD is also responsible for providing consultative services and technical assistance to local Sanitarians on the routine operation and inspection of recreational water facilities. The Division is also responsible for reviewing and approving Certified Pool Operator training courses.

Office of Laboratory Services (OLS) – responsible for providing consultative services and technical assistance to LHD Sanitarians and recreational water facility operators relative to water quality problems. The OLS Environmental Chemistry Laboratory will provide water chemistry information, and the Environmental Microbiology Laboratory will provide bacteriological analysis and information.

Local Health Departments (LHD) – responsible for issuing operating permits, making the necessary inspections, and collecting the required water samples. LHDs should ensure that all planned new recreational water facilities submit and receive a construction permit from EED before beginning construction.

Information on approved Certified Pool Operator training courses are available on the PHSD web site (<http://www.wvdhhr.org/phs>). This training is not conducted by PHSD staff due to the requirement for having a certified instructor. There are several certified instructors who conduct training in the state and their courses are listed on the PHSD web site.

References

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Attachments