

**Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC)
Steering Committee
Conference Call Minutes
December 10, 2008, 2:30-4:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Doug Sackett, Chip Cleary, John Linn, Tracynda Davis, Joe Hunsaker, Bob Vincent, Amanda Long – Assistant to the Director, and Lee Tate – Project Coordinator.

Members Absent: Steve Goode, Michael Beach, Charles Otto, and Chuck Neuman.

1. November 12 Meeting Minutes: The Steering Committee (SC) approved the November 12 meeting minutes.

2. Steering Committee Update: The comment period for the Fecal, Vomit, and Blood Contamination Response Module and Annex has closed. Three comments were received. One comment pertained to the inability of most test kits to measure high chlorine levels resulting from super chlorination. Another comment suggested clarification that pools using chlorine stabilizers should use non-stabilized chlorine when following the protocol for response to a diarrheal fecal incident. An additional comment was raised concerning super chlorination and aquatic features. A discussion of this procedure will be added to the annex. The SC will make the changes to the module and annex.

The SC discussed the need to expedite the model code development process so that the full MAHC of widely accepted practices will be ready by October 2009. Existing technical committees (TCs) need to develop draft language using available information, identify additional research needs, and add a grade for each practice.

3. Overview of Progress: The SC will concentrate on finding chairpersons and members for those TCs that have not been established.

The Disinfection & Water Quality committee is going forth rapidly. The committee is starting to draft MAHC language.

The Operator Training committee is moving forward and should have some preliminary recommendations in writing by the next conference call.

The Contamination Burden has been meeting and prioritizing topics. They will be encouraged to meet more frequently.

The Ventilation & Air Quality and Filtration & Recirculation Systems chairpersons are in the process of developing lists of potential committee members.

Several forms have been developed for TC guidance and will be sent to the chairperson of each TC.

4. Next TCs: The SC discussed potential chairpersons for the remaining technical committees. Members were asked to consider names of individuals on the list of interested members.

5. Decisions Reached: Technical committees should continue to move forward as efficiently as possible. The Project Coordinator was asked to serve as the “unofficial liaison” to all technical committees that do not have SC liaisons.

The next conference call will be held on January 14, 2009 at 2:30 P.M. EDT.