

Model Aquatic Health Code Technical Committee

Rules of Engagement and Instructions

The technical committee will:

- Have a chairperson, a vice-chair, and a steering committee liaison designated by the steering committee.
- Have a minimum of six and a maximum of fifteen members.
- Have a Code of Ethics signed by all members.
- Strive for consensus using available science, engineering, best practices, and defensibility.
- Draft members from across the country who represent various disciplines, namely regulators, designers, operators, suppliers, consumers, and academia.
- Consent to the publishing of member names and a short biography for each member on the Model Aquatic Health Code website, in press releases, or other appropriate media outlets.

The module will:

- Be written in a common format/language used for all modules.
- Be data/best practices driven.
- Identify performance-based criteria where possible, and establish the required burden of proof and provide for prescriptive design options where appropriate.
- Incorporate science-based decision making:
 - Decision making should also be informed by data collected as part of the research agenda and will reinforce, redefine, or reevaluate plan recommendations.
- Be timely: consider excellence vs. perfection.

Module development will include:

- Establishment of a workplan and timeline.
- Drafting of module language.
- Research needs identified:
 - Need to clearly outline data that are needed and how they will be used in order to ensure that the research yields data that are needed. These data will strengthen or underwrite plan recommendations. Quality data will drive better decisions on engineering, hydraulics, disinfection, etc.
- Reports/briefings to steering committee.
- Submission of module to steering committee for review:
 - This will include a coversheet that discusses the defensibility of the recommendations and requires citation of references.
- Incorporate recommended edits into module language.

The module will include:

- References cited
- Preventive maintenance guide (where applicable)
- Glossary
- Appendices as needed