

**Model Aquatic Health Code  
Operator Training Technical Committee**

**Conference Call Minutes  
September 18, 2008**

**Members Present:** Dennis Berkshire, Tracynda Davis, John Whitmore, Wayne Crokus, Greg Stockton, Colleen Maitoza, Michele Hlavsa, Dean Hyatt, Kay Smiley, Tom Donaldson, Carl Ralph, Mark Pabst, Doug Sackett, Lee Tate

**Members Absent:** Lorraine Forston

**1. Define Scope:** What does the technical committee (TC) want to include or exclude in the straw man for operator training? The TC used topics outlined in Colleen Maitoza's straw man submission to guide the discussion.

**2. Pool operators:** Should a trained operator be on staff versus on site? Independent of the answer to this question, a copy of the certificate of the responsible pool operator should be on site. Ideally, the universal standard would be having a trained operator available 24/7, including holidays and weekends. However, this is not reality particularly with pools provided by apartment complexes and home owner's associations. Increased supervision should be required for larger facilities. Increased supervision also should be required for facilities with a history of issues/violations. As per Doug Sackett, the MAHC should include what the TC determines to be the appropriate minimum requirements for pool operators. The requirements are to be based on what is needed to address the issue backed up by, to the extent possible, data. Implementation will be determined by individual health departments.

**3. Levels of responsibility:** Should pools be divided into public and semi-public pools, with public pools requiring more direct supervision? For semi-public pools, it might be more feasible to have an on-site designee with minimal training and a very limited scope of responsibilities. This junior person would be able to check water clarity, run approved tests, and interpret the results correctly and if problems are identified he/she would contact a trained operator or the owner to determine what follow-up steps need to be taken. With multiple people being involved in this process there must be good communication and recordkeeping. The TC agreed to look at any science to support a division of levels of responsibility for various pool types. The TC will review published data to support or refute any such divisions.

**4. Next Steps:** The TC's next conference call will be held September 30, 2008 at 3:30 PM Eastern Standard Time. The TC will also meet during the World Aquatics Health Conference in Colorado Springs, CO on October 16, 2008 at 5:00–6:00 PM Mountain Standard Time. Check the posted schedule at conference registration desk for location details.