DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to section 227.112 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is hereby accepting comments on the proposed guidance document:

Information Regarding Certification Courses for Pool Operators

LOCATION OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE

Proposed guidance document may be reviewed by accessing: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About_Us/GuidanceDocuments.aspx.

SUBMITTING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on proposed or adopted guidance document may be submitted by accessing: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About_Us/GuidanceDocuments.aspx

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

The comment period will run no fewer than 21 days after the publication of this document in the Administrative Register.

AGENCY PUBLICATION

The attached guidance document contains statements or interpretations of law under the following applicable provisions of federal law or the applicable state statutory or administrative code provisions: Wis. Stat. ch. 97.615(2), Wis. Admin. Code, ch. 76.

CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Secretary, I have reviewed the attached guidance document or proposed guidance document and I certify that it complies with sections 227.10 and 227.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes. I further certify that the guidance document or proposed guidance document contains no standard, requirement, or threshold that is not explicitly required or explicitly permitted by a statute or a rule that has been lawfully promulgated. I further certify that the guidance document or proposed guidance document contains no standard, requirement, or threshold that is more restrictive than a standard, requirement, or threshold contained in the Wisconsin Statutes.

Steve Ingham, _____05-28-2020_____

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GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Guidance Document Title: Information Regarding Certification Courses for Pool Operators

This guidance document is based on Wis. Stat. ch. 97.615(2) and chapter(s) ATCP 76 Wis. Admin. Code. This document is intended solely as guidance, and does not contain any mandatory requirements except where requirements found in statute or administrative rule are referenced. This guidance does not establish or affect legal rights or obligations, and is not finally determinative of any of the issues addressed.

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The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) wants to provide additional information regarding certification courses for pool operators.

When public pools and water attractions reopen, lack of these training courses could be a hardship for any public pool or water attraction that are depending on staff to complete a renewal course for a DATCP-approved pool operator certification.

Be aware that you will not be penalized for any pool operators who have a recentlyexpired certificate, as long as that certificate is from an approved course. Pool operators are expected to complete certification requirements as soon as possible when courses become available. As reopening timelines come into focus, DATCP will provide more information about certification courses and when certifications must be up to date.

The <u>State of Wisconsin created a webpage</u> that offers resources from various agencies and answers to critical questions. Here are a few other resources from DHS that might be helpful during this challenging time:

- COVID-19 Information
- COVID-19 Facts: Why Social Distancing
- COVID-19 Facts: Protect Your Family

Thank you for your role in keeping Wisconsinites safe and healthy by reducing the spread of COVID-19. Please send any questions to dactpdfrsrec@wisconsin.gov.