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SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT
SPS-WW-2015-005

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1. SPS Subject:

To clarify the Department's procedure to review and approve the slope of deck areas within bathing place enclosures.

2. Statutory Overview:

Maricopa County Environmental Health Code (MCEHC)

3. SPS:

- A. MCEHC requires that deck walkways around a bathing place must slope away from the pool, spa or splash pad, and deck areas within the enclosure shall be sloped to effectively drain either to perimeter areas or to deck drains. Drainage shall remove splash water, deck cleaning water, and rainwater without leaving standing water. Provide site drainage to direct all perimeter deck drainage and general site and roof drainage away from a public or semipublic swimming pool or spa. Yard drains may be required to prevent the accumulation or puddling of water in the general area of the deck and related improvements.
- B. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standard slope for pool decks is 1/4-inch per foot or less. The MCEHC numeric minimum slope is 1/4-inch per foot.
- C. In order to ease constructability of a deck with slope that meets both ADA and MCEHC standards, the Department will not strictly enforce the MCEHC numeric minimum slope. The Department standard for plan and construction inspection approval will be the descriptive standard as listed in 3.A, above.
- D. At the time of final inspection, the owner shall demonstrate compliance with the drainage requirements of MCEHC code as listed in 3.A, above.

4. SPS Effective Date

June 8, 2015

5. SPS New Document/Revision Statement:

SPS-WW-2015-005 is a new SPS.

6. Contact Us:

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