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## Memorandum

**TO:** Pool Management Companies Operating in Alexandria and Owners and Operators of Swimming Pool and Spa Facilities in Alexandria

**FROM:** Stephen A. Haering, MD, MPH, FACPM, Health Director

**DATE:** January 18, 2018 (Replaces March 1, 2012 Memorandum)

**SUBJECT:** Criteria for Certified Pool Operators

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Starting in April 2010, the City of Alexandria Ordinance has required all of its public and semi-public swimming pools and waterparks to be under the immediate control of a person trained in the basics of swimming pool operation. This Pool Operator must be on-site while the facility is operating and open to the public, and is required to possess a valid pool operator's certificate. Certificates must be issued by one of the companies listed below (that have met the training and processing requirements). Pool Operators must also have their certificate and a valid photo identification immediately available during Health Department inspections in order to confirm their ability to safely operate the pool.

To assist pool owners and management companies, the Alexandria Health Department has approved the following vendors to test applicants and issue pool operation certification:

- NPC Contracting Inc.
- National Recreation and Park Association's Aquatic Facility Operator (AFO)
- National Swimming Pool Foundation (NSPF)
- Swimming Pool and Spa Association (SPSA)

Pool operator certifications from any other vendor will not be accepted. If you wish for your company to be approved to certify Pool Operators, please call us at 703.746.4910.