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RE: Virginia Graeme Baker (VGB) Pool and Spa Safety Act

Dear Operator/Contractor,

The Virginia Graeme Baker (VGB) Pool and Spa Safety Act became effective on December 19, 2008. Since that time, the Department of Environmental Health has been inundated with VGB Pool and Spa plan check submittals. Many of the submittals do not have all the information required for proper review and approval. This has caused significant delays in the review and approval of the submittals.

In order for our department to minimize delays in the review of your VGB Pool and/or Spa plan check submittal, we have developed a VGB Plan Submittal Requirement Checklist form. The form lists all of the information that is required at the time of submittal. **Effective June 1, 2009 all the required information must accompany every submittal. Submittals that do not have all the required information will cause the department to decline the submittal.** A copy of this form is enclosed.

The form and additional information relating to this subject have been posted on our webpage at www.EHinfo.org.

Please be advised that any renovations to an existing pool or spa that include splitting drains, changing drain covers or installing safety devices must be approved by the County of Santa Clara Department of Environmental Health. In addition, most local building departments also require permits for these activities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 408-918-3400.

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