

## OEHA Pools Technical Committee Update for 2018 AEC

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The five-year rule review process that began in August of 2014 has now extended into 2018. The Ohio Department of Health received a significant amount of feedback during the public comment period in early 2017, and other concerns brought forth by local health departments necessitated another review of the final product. Because additional revisions are needed, another round of public comment will be conducted before the rule package can be finalized. Here are examples of the more substantial changes being considered:

- Remove the exemption for therapy pools
- Modify the definition of a public swimming pool – structure, chamber, or tank
- Expand on the plan review requirements for perimeter barriers
- Give ODH the authority to approve certification courses
- Clarify the license fee categories
- Implement the injury reporting form
- Require formal training and certification of operators
- Raise the minimum disinfectant residual level for pools using stabilized chlorine
- Ban the use of stabilized forms of chlorine for indoor pools
- Add a maximum free chlorine residual level of 10.0 ppm
- Reduce the distance of the emergency phone location from 500 feet to 250 feet
- Include construction specifications for underwater seats, benches, and shelves

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