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SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT 2012-01: POOL AND POOL EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

ISSUED BY:

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Timothy S. Phillips, P.E.
Chief Engineer & General Manager

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Date

ORIGINAL DATE: July 21, 2010
REVISION DATE: August 8, 2013

PURPOSE

This policy provides a consistent and reasonable interpretation of Sections 401 and 601 of the Floodplain Regulations as they apply to pools and pool equipment.

REFERENCE

Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County, Sections 401 and 601

POLICY

All pool equipment breaker boxes shall be elevated a minimum 24 inches above natural grade in Zone AO (with depth = 1.0 foot), and 36 inches above natural grade in all other Zones, or at or above the Regulatory Flood Elevation for pool equipment in the floodplain.

For pool equipment breaker boxes in areas outside of the regulated floodplain there are no Floodplain Regulation requirements. Pool filter units are not required to be elevated.

While pools and pool equipment are considered development according to National Flood Insurance Program regulations, they may not be protected against flood damage during the one-percent chance flood. A permit should not be taken as a warranty of protection from flooding. Applicants are advised to consult their engineer or other expert regarding flood protection.

Pool barriers/fencing are required per county or community zoning ordinances. The property owner shall be responsible for maintaining all fencing and clearing any debris build-up caused by or from the fencing in the floodplain area to eliminate the possibilities of obstructed flows.