SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT
SPS-WW-2015-001

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1. **SPS Subject:**
   
   To clarify the plan review procedure to determine the requirement for restroom facilities at semi-public bathing facilities.

2. **Statutory Overview:**
   
   Maricopa County Environmental Health Code (MCEHC)

3. **SPS:**
   
   A. The following terms are defined as follows.
      
      1. Adjacent: Within 100 feet of the swimming pool enclosure.
      2. Dwelling Unit: A hotel/motel room, apartment, condominium, dormitory, house or any similar structure which serves as an overnight sleeping facility and which also includes a restroom.
      3. Pool: A semi-public swimming pool, spa, splash pad, wading pool, special use pool or any similarly used body of water as well as an artificial bathing place.
   
   B. Pools not associated with dwelling units, such as health clubs and swim schools, shall provide restroom facilities, either in or adjacent to the pool enclosure, that meet the requirements of Section 7 Regulation 5 of the MCEHC.

   C. Pools located at facilities associated with dwelling units can be exempted from the requirement for restrooms at the pool if the following requirements are met:
      
      1. The facility must limit bathers to current occupants of the facility and their personal guests, and
      2. No dwelling unit may be more than 300 feet from the nearest pool when measured in a straight horizontal direction.
If either of these requirements cannot be met, then the facility must provide separate restrooms for each sex adjacent to the pool.

4. **SPS Effective Date**
   May 13, 2015

5. **SPS New Document/Revision Statement:**
   SPS-WW-2015-001 is a new SPS.

6. **Contact Us:**
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