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Dear WIA Member,

We have learned today that the Consumer Product and Safety Commission (CPSC) has sent their inspectors to Rockford, Illinois over the past 24 hours to inspect pools in the area for compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Act (VGBA), and that they have closed more than one pool due to non-compliance.

It is important to note that while state and local health inspectors in Wisconsin were giving pool operators until July 1 to get into compliance, the CPSC has primary jurisdiction over the federal law, and this over-rules any state authority. As the federal law has technically been in effect since December 2008, the CPSC is not being sympathetic to non-compliance, and does have the authority to close any pool not in compliance. The CPSC is giving notification to the pool owner/operator that the financial penalties will begin 10 days after they notify you that your pool is not in compliance, but they will still close the pool until it is cleared as compliant.

The CPSC has been up front in advising that they plan to expand their random inspections around the country. Members may recall that a number of months ago they came to Brookfield, WI and shut down two pools following random inspections.

It is also important to note that while state and local inspectors have been allowing operators to show signed contracts with engineers that will be evaluating their pools for compliance for now, the CPSC looks at compliance as the pool is either fully compliant or it is not at all compliant. What this means is that even if you have begun the Plan Review process and CPSC comes to your pool, you will be given notice to close your pool to the public and will be subject to fines beginning in 10 days.

If this happens to you, be sure to have your selected engineer notify the Department of Commerce that you have received notification by CPSC, and Commerce will try to expedite your Plan Review process as possible.

There is no guarantee that the CPSC will come to Wisconsin over the next few days, however we wanted to alert you to the possibility. For more information from the CPSC on the VGBA, [click here](#).

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