



DSPS Referrals for Alterations of Existing Pools Reference Document

Sanitarians are expected to inquire about past and future pool alterations during each inspection they conduct. During this conversation with the operator, sanitarians should question if any alterations have occurred since the last inspection and/or if any future alterations are planned. This is to ensure any alterations that have occurred meet applicable requirements and to ensure any future alterations will be compliant with ATCP 76, WI Adm. Code requirements. Take the time to explain the applicable requirements to your operators.

The Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) has created the table below to offer clarification. This document is intended to clarify for sanitarians about when a referral to the DSPS is required due to the alterations of an existing pool. **This document is not to be used to enforce Chapter SPS 390 code requirements that are not directly referenced in ATCP 76.** If the alterations are beyond the scope of Chapter SPS 390 requirements specifically included in ATCP 76, instruct the operator to contact the DSPS Plumbing Consultant, make a referral to DSPS and include a statement in the comment section of the inspection report noting the alteration and referral.

The table provided on the reverse will help determine if/when a referral to DSPS is required.

If you are unsure if the alteration requires a referral or it is not included in this table, please contact DATCPDFRSREC@wi.gov for further clarification. You can also contact a Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services Plumbing/Pool Consultant at 608-267-9421 or send an email to: DspsSbPoolTech@wi.gov.



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No.	Alteration	Yes	No
1	Replace pool filter (like for like ^a)		✓
2	Replace pool pump (like for like ^b)		✓
3	Replace pool water heater/exchanger		✓
4	Install/replace single wall heat exchanger	✓	
5	Replace chemical controller		✓
6	Replace chemical pump		✓
7	Replace chemical system (liquid chlorine with chlorine erosion)		✓
8	Replace chemical system (chlorine erosion with liquid chlorine)	✓	
9	Replace chemical system (chlorine with other)	✓	
10	Replace sections of deck >25% of total area	✓	
11	Resurface pool deck	✓	
12	Paint, acid wash, resurface pool basin		✓
13	Replace main drain grates (like for like ^c)		✓
14	Replace main drain sumps	✓	
15	Replace pool stairs	✓	
16	Resurface pool stairs		✓
17	Replace >20 feet pool fence	✓	
18	Replace recirculation/return piping (>10 feet)	✓	
19	Install pool handicapped chair lift ^d (permanent)	✓	
20	Install pool slide	✓	
21	Install pool activity (re: climbing wall)	✓	
22	Install pool activity ^e (re: basketball hoop)		✓
23	Replace handrails		✓
24	Replace pool ladder		✓
25	Replace pool piping in equipment room (>10 feet)	✓	
26	Repair piping, fittings, controls, meters, or gauges		✓
27	Installing a Safety Vacuum Release System (SVRS)		✓
28	Installation of electrical bonding		✓
29	Deck alterations that include obstructions	✓	
30	Replacing pool liners		✓



Note:

- a. Equivalent sand to sand, DE to DE, cartridge to cartridge gpm rating
- b. Equivalent pump with matching pump curve
- c. Same manufacturer, dimensions and gpm capacity
- d. Call 800-514-0301 for ADA technical assistance
- e. Follow manufacturer's installation instructions