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Subject: Watershape University Utilizes and Supports the Model Aquatic Health Code

To Whom It May Concern:

Watershape University (WU), the industry's leading resource for design, engineering and construction education, is proud to firmly endorse the Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC) as published and maintained by U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

At WU, we believe that protecting the health and safety of those who use our industry's products is our most important purpose and professional obligation. While pools are beneficial to our consumers in many ways, we also know they can be hazardous. The risk of waterborne illness, drowning and near drowning incidents, suction entrapment, and exposure to harmful water quality conditions, are all intolerable.

The MAHC addresses the key health and safety issues relevant to commercial, public and institutional aquatic facilities with depth, detail and clarity. We are keenly aware that standards and enforcement varies tremendously from state to state, county to county and even within the boundaries of some cities. While some officials and their organizations do a credible job of regulating commercial pools, many do not. The MAHC provides jurisdictions lacking in pool knowledge and experience with necessary guidelines to ensure health and safety of their constituents.

We further appreciate the open architecture of the MAHC writing and review process, and deeply admire the registry of scientific authorities and public entities that have participated in creating this definitive document. Having followed the creation and development of the MAHC from its inception, we believe the CDC and all who have participated have consistently executed their duty in creating a set of guidelines that will elevate the public's overall aquatic experience, while unifying manufacturers, designers, engineers, contractors, facility managers and servicers with a common technical and managerial framework.

As a result of this endorsement, in the many places where WU's curricula and the MAHC intersect, we have and will continue to align our course content with the MAHC recommendations.

Sincerely, Watershape University Founders:



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