

Steps to Prevent Pool Chemical Exposure Incidents

Information from the CDPH, Environmental & Occupational Emergency Preparedness Team



INTERLOCK CONTROLS

- Disable chemical feeders in case of “no flow” or “low flow” conditions.
- Include visual alarm for new installations and replacement equipment.



BATHER EVACUATIONS

- Evacuate bathers when interlock is activated or recirculation pump is off.
- Do not permit bathers to re-enter the water until the cause is understood.



CHALLENGE TESTING

- Test the system and its components regularly to confirm that all safety features are functioning correctly.
- Record dates of challenge tests.



BACKWASH SCHEDULING

- Schedule backwash when venue is closed to bathers.
- Do not permit bathers to enter the water until the system’s function is ensured.



NOTIFICATION

- If injuries or illnesses occurred, notify appropriate authority (such as local environmental health) within 24 hours.