



## Environmental Services

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Date: August 20, 2009

To: Wake Co. Pool Owners, Operators, & Builders

From: Terry D. Chappell R.S., Section Chief  
Wake Co. Plan Review & Recreational Sanitation Program

Re: Virginia Graeme Baker Act compliance letter

The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act became law on December 19, 2008. As a result of the federal legislation every pool, wading pool, and spa in the state of North Carolina will have to be in compliance with the ASME/ANSI A112.19.8-2007 standard prior to the 2010 pool season.

Wake County is requiring a Virginia Graeme Baker compliance letter from a North Carolina registered Engineer or Architect for each pool, wading pool, and spa. Every pool, wading pool, and spa located in Wake County must supply this letter to our office prior to the 2010 pool season (April 1, 2010). If a pool, wading pool, or spa does not supply this compliance letter by April 1, 2010, they will not be issued a permit to operate by the Wake County Environmental Services staff.

We strongly urge you to move toward compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Act as soon as possible to avoid problems related to the large number of pools trying to become compliant at the same time. If you have previously submitted an Engineer/Architect VGB compliance letter to this office for your pool, wading pool, or spa, then you may disregard this letter.

Please contact me at 919-856-7437 or email at [tchappell@co.wake.nc.us](mailto:tchappell@co.wake.nc.us) if you have any questions. Thank you!