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Water Quality Alert!!!!!!!

Unless you have had your TV and radio off for the past while you'll have heard about the problems in Montreal concerning the poor water quality in two thirds of the outdoor pools there.

For those of you that are pool operators this is a scary scenario to go through. Having your pool shutdown and scrutinized by health officials and reporters can be a very stressful time. The impact to a facility is huge.



We as Albertans can be confident that our public swimming pools are some of the safest in the world. That may seem like a bold statement but given the new innovations in this province toward advanced sanitation and filtration of swimming water, along with the level of training that our operators receive from RFP, it's quite accurate.

Our province requires that all public and semi-public pools submit water samples weekly to health labs for bacteriological testing. This testing has allowed our health inspectors to catch problems before they ever get out of hand.

The Alberta Association of Recreation Facility Personnel has been the recognized industry leader in training pool operators in the proper operation of their facilities. There are four levels of training for everyone from homeowners and hotel operators to seasoned facility operators. Operators that graduate from our courses learn proper water testing procedures but even more importantly they learn how to recognize potential problems and make proper adjustments before the problem becomes a health issue.

Since 1999 RFP has also trained over 500 public health inspectors in pool operations so that they have the same skills as the pool operators. Again this has only served to solidify relationships between inspectors and operators and the end result is much safer facilities for Albertans to enjoy. Your local health inspector is a trained professional that can help operators a great deal if they have questions.

If facilities don't have a copy of the present swimming pool regulations they can contact their local health inspector. RFP also has the recognized Guidelines for the Operation of Public Aquatic Facilities available to members for just the cost of postage. These guidelines are quite comprehensive and are written to reflect the current Health Regulations. If you would like a copy call our office to have one mailed out.

We also encourage anyone that wants to learn more about pool water safety to visit our website for more information about pool operation or any of our other courses.

“RFP is the industry leader in Pool Operator Training”