Certified Pool/Spa Inspector™ Online Training and Certification
Launched Jointly by National Swimming Pool Foundation®
and National Environmental Health Association

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effectiveness of inspections to protect the public from injury and illness.

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COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, May 24, 2011— There is a new online
Certified Pool/Spa Inspector™ (CPI™) training program and handbook launched jointly
by the National Swimming Pool Foundation® (NSPF®) and the National
Environmental Health Association (NEHA). The course, available now at www.nspf.org and www.neha.org, is a
national training program designed to help environmental health specialists to conduct effective pool and spa
inspections and to minimize exposure to public health hazards. The online course expands upon and replaces the
popular CPI™ training DVD introduced by both
organizations in 2005. The Certified Pool/Spa Inspector
online training also provides an important component to
the Pool & Spa Safety Act (P&SS Act) compliance
training.

“Consistency and effectiveness of inspections will ultimately protect the public by
reducing injury and illness,” said Thomas M. Lachocki, Ph.D., CEO of the National
Swimming Pool Foundation. “This course improves efficiency by getting inspectors up
the learning curve to understand hazards and ways to minimize risk,” he added. “The
beauty of the CPI online training program is that it is cost effective and convenient,
since participants can access the program on any computer, eliminating the need to
travel. CPI training also helps health departmental trainers’ efficiency by allowing them
to focus on specific department procedures rather than on basic risk topics.” Nelson
Fabian, M.S., National Environmental Health Association Executive Director and
CEO, agreed adding, “It is a great partnership when non-profits like NEHA and NSPF
can help government agencies deliver training to personnel that meets their educational
needs while minimizing the use of precious budget funding.”
“The **Certified Pool/Spa Inspector** online training program comes at an opportune time as health departments are gearing up for the swimming season,” added Alex Antoniou, Ph.D., National Swimming Pool Foundation Director of Education. “Like its predecessor, the CPI DVD, the CPI online training program is exactly the type of educational product we prefer,” explained Fabian. “It’s easy to use and effective. The training program will enable our professionals to clearly understand the critical issues and thus, make them more capable of carrying out their job duties.”

“Many aquatic facility managers have taken the Certified Pool/Spa Inspector course when it was available on DVD to prepare for health department inspections. This online course is even better,” reinforced Dr. Lachocki. NSPF also offers an Aquatic Facility Audit online course to help facilities understand and manage risks.

**A recent study published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** compiled and analyzed data on aquatic facility operations and management from fifteen regions in the U.S. and found troubling results. Of the 121,020 health department pool inspections, 12.1 percent (13,532) were closed immediately due to severe violations. *(CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, May 21, 2010, 59(19); 582-587)*

Training highlights focus on understanding and minimizing public health hazards. The online course is designed to help environmental health specialists understand:

- Operation and maintenance practices that focus on reducing risk.
- The workings of the circulation system and its components.
- Procedures to evaluate a facility for Pool & Spa Safety Act (P&SS Act) compliance.
- The unique hazards of spas and the specific inspection needed to assure safety.
- How to minimize recreational water illnesses
- The ways that operation and maintenance records relate to an inspection.
- How aquatic play features have unique hazards and the specific inspection needs to assure safety.
- Teaching about swimming pool design standards and their impact on public health.

Those professionals who have an active Certified Pool/Spa Operator® (CPO®) certification may achieve CPI™ certification by completing the online Certified Pool/Spa Inspector online training program and passing the CPI exam.

The interactive, self-paced course features narration, images, video, and exercises and can be completed in about two hours. In addition, online course registrants receive the accompanying handbook. Participants can register at [www.nspf.org](http://www.nspf.org) and click on
online training, or at www.neha.org. The cost is only $50.00 USD per student. For more information, email info@nspf.org or call 719-540-9119 (NSPF) or 866-956-2258 (NEHA).

The National Swimming Pool Foundation is an approved Authorized Provider by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET). As a result of its Authorized Provider status, NSPF is authorized to offer IACET CEUs for the CPI online training course. Students who successfully complete the CPI training course can submit for IACET credits.

**National Swimming Pool Foundation has a growing online course offering.**
The CPI online course is the latest in a series of online courses offered by the National Swimming Pool Foundation with a growing portfolio that focuses on occupational safety, environmental management, healthcare, electrical safety, employment law, Department of Transportation, operator training and certification. Facility management courses include, [Aquatic Facility Audits (AFA)], [Aquatic Risk Management (ARM)] and [Emergency Response Planning (ERP)]. Other online courses include OSHA 30 Hour Construction Safety, Pool Operator Primer™, Home Pool Essentials™ Maintenance & Safety designed for residential pool and hot tub owners, and over 100 World Aquatic Health™ Conference seminars. Industry professionals receive innovative web-based training that gives anytime, anywhere, on-demand access to quality, cost-effective training materials. The National Swimming Pool Foundation has launched over 40 online courses; with many also available in Spanish, and will continue to expand the offerings.

The National Swimming Pool Foundation and the National Environmental Health Association are non-profit organizations committed to improving public health and are the leading education and certification organizations for operators and environmental health officials, respectively. Visit [www.nspf.org](http://www.nspf.org) and [www.neha](http://www.neha) to learn more.