

**CMAHC's Dewey Case Discusses Importance of Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act**  
*Pool Pro Podcast and Ask the Masters Podcast Spotlight Critical Requirements  
and Expiration Dates for Pool Service Professionals and Builders*

RALEIGH, N.C. – Dewey Case, technical director for the [Council for the Model Aquatic Health Code](#) (CMAHC), is featured on aquatics industry podcasts, [Pool Pro Podcast](#) and [Ask the Masters Podcast](#), discussing the importance of the [Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act](#) and its implications today for pool service professionals and builders.

The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act (VGBA) was enacted by Congress and signed by President George W. Bush on December 19, 2007. Designed to prevent the tragic and hidden hazard of drain entrapments and eviscerations in pools and spas, the law became effective on December 19, 2008.

As Case explains in the podcasts, in addition to other requirements, the VGBA requires all covers be compliant with ANSI/ASME A112.19.8 or its successor standard ANSI/APSP-16 2011. This standard requires all approved drain covers be stamped with a “Replace By” timeframe measured in years – commonly between five and seven years and going into effect from the installation date. While the service life of the cover is determined by the manufacturer and not specified in the standard, manufacturers extensively test covers to determine the service life.

“While an important safety initiative, the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act certainly caused ripples in the aquatics industry as venues across the U.S. were required to change or update their drain assemblies,” said Case. “Now, it’s been 12 years since the VGBA went into effect, so pool service professionals and builders must ensure drain covers have been changed and remain compliant.”

To learn more, listen in as Case speaks with [Pool Pro Podcast](#) and [Ask the Masters Podcast](#).

**About Pool Pro Podcast:**

Hosts Dave Rockwell and Michelle Kavanaugh provide valuable information and tips to pool service companies. Dave is a 30+ year pool service guy and Michelle helped educate the industry at NSPF (now PHTA) and led the CA Pool & Spa Association (CPSA).

**About Ask the Masters Podcast:**

Dedicated to design and construction of pools and spas, waterscapes, and landscapes, hosts include Rick Chafey, Dave Penton, Randy Beard, and other members who have been recognized for their expertise in swimming pool design and construction. Rick and Dave are long-time luxury builders and designers, and Randy is a retired builder and now pool industry marketing and video producer.

**About CMAHC:**

The Council for the Model Aquatic Health Code (CMAHC) was created to manage updates to, and promote voluntary adoption of, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC), the only all-inclusive national model pool code. The MAHC is kept sustainable, current, and complete because the people who use it also research, develop, discuss, and vote on proposed changes through membership in the CMAHC. The CMAHC submits proposed changes to CDC as advice on how the MAHC needs to change to keep up with the latest science and best practices. Throughout the year, CMAHC staff educate local and state authorities, aquatic facility owners and

operators, designers and builders, manufacturers, and suppliers about the MAHC and its potential to ensure a healthy and safe swimming experience for everyone. To learn more, visit [www.cmahc.org](http://www.cmahc.org).