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PHTA Welcomes Public Comments on a New PHTA/ICC-10 *Standard for Elevated Pools, Spas and Other Aquatic Venues Integrated into a Building or Structure*

(Alexandria, Va.) - The Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA) is inviting public review and comments on a new PHTA/ICC-10 *Standard for Elevated Pools, Spas and Other Aquatic Venues Integrated into a Building or Structure*. Public review is an important part of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards consensus development process.

The purpose of the PHTA/ICC-10 standard is to establish minimum standards to provide a reasonable level of safety and protection to the structure into which the elevated pool is integrated. Safety and protection of health and public welfare are regulated by the applicable pool codes and standards that control the design, construction, installation, quality of materials, location and maintenance or use of pools, spas or other aquatic venues.

Elevated pools are integrated into a structure, they are a subsystem of the structure, and they need to be designed to interact with other building subsystems in ways that do not cause damage.

"An elevated pool is an inseparable part of the building it's on, and it needs to be designed accordingly. This standard creates a framework for best practices while still providing flexibility for professional designers. For example, all installations must include secondary containment with appropriate drainage, and there are specific criteria for inspection, maintenance, and repair," said Mark Trapani, PHTA-10 Standard Writing Committee (SWC) Chair and President of Upstream Pools. "This standard is a significant step forward for public safety and property protection because there is currently no requirement to minimize the risk of water infiltration into habitable areas or critical building structural components."

PHTA invites all pool and hot tub professionals, as well as non-industry members, to review the draft and submit comments for consideration. The ANSI public review announcement on the required 45-day public review period was published in the ANSI [Standards Action](#) on July 9, 2021. All public review comments on the PHTA/ICC-10 standard are due by Monday, August 23, 2021.

The following individuals participated on the PHTA-10 SWC and contributed their collective expertise over the past year:

- **Mark Trapani, Chair**, Upstream Pools (Fairfield, NJ)
- **Lee Clifton**, (retired)
- **Corry Cloward**, Cloward H2O (Provo, UT)
- **Jeff Hammons, Sr.**, JHam Group Consulting, LLC (Fort Washington, PA)
- **Rob Holmer**, H2 Engineers, Inc. (Sacramento, CA)
- **Vito Mariano**, Basecrete Technologies (Sarasota, FL)
- **Stephen Neville**, Stainless Aquatics, A Division of Island Construction Corporation (Del Mar, CA)
- **Gene Novak**, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Public Safety & Inspections (Framingham, MA)
- **Michael Sage**, Bradford Products, LLC (Leland, NC)
- **Shawn Strausbaugh**, International Code Council (York, PA)
- **Michael Weinbaum, P.E.**, Martin Aquatic Design & Engineering (Orlando, FL)

To request an electronic copy of the draft standard revision for review and comment, please email standards@phta.org or call (703) 838-0083.

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About the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance

The Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA), a non-profit organization with nearly 3,500 members from around the world, was established in 1956 to support, promote, and protect the common interests of the \$36.5B pool, hot tub and spa industry. PHTA provides education, advocacy, standards development, research, and market growth to increase our members' professionalism, knowledge and profitability. Additionally, PHTA facilitates the expansion of swimming, water safety and related research and outreach activities aimed at introducing more people to swimming, making swimming environments safer and keeping pools open to serve communities. For more information, visit www.phta.org.