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**EHS Circular Letter 2013-34**

To: Local Directors of Health  
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Subject: Health Alert for the "Safe Handling and Storage of Pool Chemicals"

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Attached is a Health Alert for the "*Safe Handling and Storage of Pool Chemicals*" developed to educate pool installers, operators and maintenance staff who treat water in public pools\*. Pool chemical exposure can also be harmful to bathers and other occupants. Acute exposures to dust and gases from Chlorine-containing pool chemicals can lead to respiratory injuries, asthma exacerbation, eye and skin irritation.

The Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program collaborated with the Connecticut Chapter of the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals (*CONSPA*) for distribution of this Health Alert to pool distributors and installers; however their membership list does not include pool operators in the state. As such, the Department of Public Health recommends that local health departments distribute this Health Alert to public and private pool operators in their districts during the summer months.

Please contact the Occupational Health Unit staff at 860-509-7740 for more information.

**NOTICE:** Pool Operators who need assistance with training, handling, use and storage of pool chemicals or other Health and Safety requirements are encouraged to contact the Occupational Health Unit. We offer free, confidential and non-regulatory evaluations for Connecticut employers through our Workplace Hazard Assessment Program. Further information can be obtained by calling 860-509-7740 or through our website at <http://www.ct.gov/dph/occupationalhealth>.

\*Pools include spas, whirlpools, wading pools, hot tubs, water and spray parks.

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