



# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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### Public Pool/Spa Non-Compliance Notice

#### **AB 1020 Public swimming pools: anti-entrapment devices and systems**

Assembly Bill 1020 (AB 1020) was approved by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on October 11, 2009. AB 1020 is California legislation enacted to conform to the Virginia Graeme Baker Act. AB 1020 imposes time frames by which the requirements must be met. The law states every public swimming pool shall comply no later than July 1, 2010. The reason for AB 1020 is to reduce drowning risk.

This notice is to inform you that the Safety Vacuum Release System (SVRS) installed on your public swimming pool in order to comply with California's AB 1020 anti-entrapment law is not functioning resulting in non-compliance with the law. Non-functional equipment does nothing to reduce the risk of drowning and may pose a liability issue for the pool owner. The SVRS installed on your pool is manufactured by Vacless Systems Inc. These SVRS units were tested in accordance with the performance standard set forth in AB 1020 and approved by an independent third party and found to conform to ASME/ANSI performance standard A112.19.17. Amador County Environmental Health (ACEH) has worked extensively with the manufacturer to afford them every opportunity to correct the problem and we have also voiced our concerns to the California Department of Public Health and the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Amador County Environmental Health (ACEH) to date has seen a 100% failure rate with the Vacless SVRS units. Many of the Vacless SVRS units installed in the county have been replaced one or more times due to failure. ACEH recommends that the pool owners with these SVRS units contact Vacless Systems Inc. to discuss the Vacless SVRS failures. Contact info:

**Vacless Systems Inc.**  
**Phone: (818) 899-1700**  
**Website: [www.vacless.com](http://www.vacless.com)**

Please be advised if the required pool safety anti-entrapment equipment installed to comply with AB 1020 is not functioning prior to the 2011 swim season, ACEH will not be able to issue the pool's permit to operate and the pool will not be allowed to open until the anti-entrapment equipment installed on the pool is functioning properly. There are other means by which your swimming pool can comply with AB 1020 though you may incur additional cost pursuing them. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office at (209)223-6439.