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Ensuring Aquatic Health and Safety: Updating the Model Aquatic Health Code

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- Learn more and join the Model Aquatic Health Code Network:
  - Website: [https://www.naccho.org/mahc](https://www.naccho.org/mahc)
  - E-mail: MAHCnet@naccho.org

- NACCHO Preparedness Summit: August 25-27, 2020 (Virtual)
  - Registration is now open!
  - [https://www.preparednessssummit.org/home](https://www.preparednessssummit.org/home)
Featured Guest Speakers

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Ensuring Aquatic Health and Safety: Updating the MAHC

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Dewey Case, Technical Director, CMAHC
Kristie Riester, Executive Director

- Joined the team in June 2019
- Over 20 years experience in public service, working my way up from Lifeguard to Community Services Director
- Passionate about aquatics, public service, helping others achieve their goals and my family
Dewey Case, Technical Director

- Joined the team in January 2020
- Over 20 years experience in aquatics management
- Actively manages aquatic facilities for his local YMCA
The Technical Review Committee Process

January 2020
TRC and TSC (Technical Support Committees) formed

March 2020
TRC begins reviewing Change Requests (CR)

August 2020
TRC review of all CRs completed
CRs to be opened for 2nd round of public comments
The Technical Review Committee Process

TRC Composition
The TRC is composed of 13 members. 6 are from public health, 2 from academia, and 5 from various aquatics industry sectors.

TSC Composition
There were 6 TSCs formed with 16 members from various segments of the aquatics industry.
The Technical Review Committee Process

Consent Agenda
CRs considered editorial in nature and needing minimal review

Two Consent Agendas - one via email and another via TRC call

Email Agenda
CRs needing minimal discussion

Eleven email agendas with an average number of 25 CRs covered

TRC Calls
TRC calls made for items that were substantive, needed more discussion than was feasible via email, or for CRs that any TRC member felt needed to move from an Email or Consent Agenda

There were 14 calls with a combined total of approx. 40 hours of discussion
How big is the task?

530

Total number of Change Requests
For the 3rd edition, there were 160 Change Requests

80%

Approx. number that can be considered “non-substantive”
Examples of “non-substantive” change requests include clarifications, shortening definitions, and change requests that provided consistency with other sections. This also includes CRs that were quickly voted “No” by the TRC.
What’s Next….

August 20th
CRs opened for 2nd round of public comments

October 20th
2nd round of comments closed ahead of Conference

November 16th
30-day voting period begins
At the conference, membership sectors can caucus to determine how the industry should vote on any particular CR. Based on conference feedback, the submitter of a CR can opt to modify their CR. Any changes would have to be reviewed by the TRC prior to the opening of voting.

TRC Votes are...
All TRC votes are simply recommendations. CMAHC members are welcome to vote their conscience with any given CR, even if it goes against the TRC.

Caucusing...
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The 2nd comment period...
The 2nd comment period is used for CMAHC members to influence how votes are cast, not to change a CR.

CR Changes...
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CR Hot Topics!

CMAHC Cyanuric Acid Ad Hoc Committee

The CMAHC CYA Ad Hoc Committee submitted several change requests. The most notable are:

• 30:1 Cyanuric Acid to Chlorine (DPD-FC) operational ratio
• Allowing higher levels than 90 ppm CYA - provided the operator can test properly (dilution method or electronic)
• Imminent Health Hazard Closures for ratios exceeding 45:1 or 300 ppm CYA
CR Hot Topics!

CMAHC Artificial Swimming Lagoon and Surf Venue
Ad Hoc Committees

Committees were formed by CMAHC last year to address the growth of Artificial Swimming Lagoons and Surf Venues. While much work went into these CRs, the TRC voted that additional work is needed.

These committees will continue their work over the coming year with a goal of CDC releasing guidance which would then be voted on for MAHC inclusion in the 5th edition.
CR Hot Topics!

Other Hot Topic items included:
Modifying acceptable pH to a low of 7.0 and a high of 8.3

Lowering the maximum free chlorine level to 5.0 ppm

Various air handling related CRs

Significant discussion on if the MAHC should reference other codes (NEC, ASHRAE, ANSI, etc...)

• Every 3 years, the CMAHC invites members of the aquatics, public health, and environmental health sectors to attend the Vote on the Code Conference to participate in the MAHC update process.

• This year, Vote on the Code is going virtual. We will be holding a series of live meetings and caucuses for attendees on October 21-23, 2020. Participants will be able to safely contribute to live discussion and debate from their own computers.
Register today!

CMAHC Members: Free!
Non-Members: $100

As a conference attendee, you will:

• Receive an electronic and hard copy detailed Vote on the Code Guide Book
• Hear live presentations about the MAHC change requests, member comments, and TRC recommendations
• Participate in caucus discussions
• Have the opportunity to network virtually with your fellow CMAHC members
• Learn about the CMAHC’s successes and future priorities
Questions?
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Submit or upvote questions using the Q&A box

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