CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC-2009-0073]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request;

Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act; Compliance Form

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) requests comments on a proposed extension of approval of a collection of information regarding a form used to verify whether pools and spas are in compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) previously approved the collection of information under OMB Control No. 3041-0142. CPSC will consider all comments received in response to this notice before requesting an extension of approval of this collection of information from OMB.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CPSC-2009-0073, by any of the following methods:

   Electronic Submissions: Submit electronic comments to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. The CPSC does not accept comments submitted by electronic mail (e-mail), except through www.regulations.gov. The CPSC encourages you to submit electronic comments by using the Federal eRulemaking Portal, as described above.
Written Submissions: Submit written submissions in the following way: mail/hand delivery/courier to: Division of the Secretariat, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 820, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone (301) 504-7923.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. All comments received may be posted without change, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided, to:

http://www.regulations.gov. Do not submit confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public. If furnished at all, such information should be submitted in writing.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to: http://www.regulations.gov, and insert the docket number, CPSC-2009-0073, into the “Search” box, and follow the prompts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bretford Griffin, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; (301) 504-7037, or by e-mail to: bgriffin@cpsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CPSC seeks to renew the following currently approved collection of information:

Title: Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act Verification of Compliance Form

OMB Number: 3041-0142

Type of Review: Renewal of collection

Frequency of Response: On occasion

Affected Public: Public pools and spa facilities

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100 pools or facilities.
Estimated Time per Response: 3 hours to inspect a pool or spa facility.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: The total testing burden hours are 300 (100 inspections x 3 hours per inspection). The total annual cost of time to inspect all facilities is estimated at $17,500.

General Description of Collection: On December 19, 2008, the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (Act) became effective (Pub. L. 110-140). The Act applies to public swimming pools and spas, and it requires that each swimming pool and spa drain cover manufactured, distributed, or entered into commerce in the United States shall conform to the entrapment protection standards of the ASME/ANSI A112.19.8 performance standard or any successor standard regulating such swimming pool or drain cover under section 1404(b) of the Act.

On August 5, 2011, the CPSC published a final rule incorporating by reference ANSI/APSP-16 2011 as the successor standard, effective September 6, 2011. 76 FR 47436. On May 24, 2019, the CPSC published a direct final rule incorporating by reference ANSI/APSP-16 2017 as the next successor standard. Absent adverse comment to the direct final rule by June 24, 2019, ANSI/APSP-16 2017 will become effective November 24, 2020. 84 FR 24021. The Act requires that, in addition to having the anti-entrapment devices or systems, each public pool and spa in the United States with a single main drain other than an unblockable drain shall be equipped with one or more of the following devices or systems designed to prevent entrapment by pool or spa drains including a safety vacuum release system, suction-limiting vent system, gravity drainage system, automatic pump shut-off system or drain disablement. The CPSC will collect information through the verification of compliance form to identify drain covers, pools, and spas that do not meet the performance requirements in ANSI/APSP-16 2011 (or, after November 24, 2020, its successor standard, ANSI/APSP-16 2017) and the Act.
Request for Comments

The CPSC solicits written comments from all interested persons about the proposed collection of information. The CPSC specifically solicits information relevant to the following topics:

- Whether the collection of information described above is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions, including whether the information would have practical utility;
- Whether the estimated burden of the proposed collection of information is accurate;
- Whether the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected could be enhanced; and
- Whether the burden imposed by the collection of information could be minimized by use of automated, electronic or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

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Secretary,
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