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MEMORANDUM

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To: All Swimming Pool Contractors
From: Thomas H. Goldsbury, P.E., C.B.O.
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Subject: **Clarification on Door Requirements**

There has been some confusion on the requirements of section 424.2.17.1.9(2) of the pool code with regard to doors providing access to the pool. This section states:

All doors providing direct access from the home to the pool must be equipped with a self-closing, self-latching device with positive mechanical latching/locking installed a minimum of 54 inches above the threshold, which is approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

In other words, the door must close and latch or lock by itself, and the mechanism that latches or locks the door must be 54 inches above the threshold. If you have a self-closing door with a latch/lock at the standard height, you could add a second self-latching/locking device at 54 inches. However, it does not meet the code to add a second device that is not self-activating.

I apologize if we have caused any confusion in this matter.

Xc: Public Works
Rick Taylor
Jimmy Douglas

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