MEMORANDUM

STATE OF ALASKA
Department of Environmental Conservation
Food Safety and Sanitation Program

To: Food Safety and Sanitation Program Environmental Health Laboratory
From: Ron Klein Program Manager

Date: September 7, 2007
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Subject: Pool/Spa Water Analysis

PURPOSE

To provide an alternate approved method for heterotrophic plate count (HPC) analysis of pool/spa water to assess compliance with the requirements of 18 AAC 30.550 Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste.

POLICY

There is a commercially available product called "SimPlate®." This product is approved by EPA for use in monitoring source water under the Surface Water Treatment Rule. It is now in the 21st Edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water & Wastewater Online and is applicable to swimming pool testing as well. SimPlate® may be used as an alternate to the methods specified in 18 AAC 30.550 for analysis of pool/spa compliance samples.

AUTHORITY

18 AAC 30.955 Waiver of Provisions.