


INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**INFORMATION
HSEH 97-042**

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TO: County Health Department Directors/Administrators
ATTN: Environmental Health and Engineering Directors

FROM: Eric Grimm, Acting Chief 
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SUBJECT: Guidelines for Chemical Feeders Changes in Public Swimming Pools

We are aware that some counties require a modified application, complete with signed and sealed engineering drawings and a \$100 fee for relatively simple changes in chemical feeding equipment. In some cases the cost to an applicant is two or three times the cost of the applicant's equipment and installation. To compensate for this, many counties use a variety of systems for modification approval.

In an attempt to establish uniformity statewide, we have developed guidelines to be used when new chemical feeders for public swimming pools are installed.

Changes in the type of chemical feeder systems may take place and should not be considered modifications under s. 64E-9.134 (2) and (3), Florida Administrative Code, provided the following conditions are met:

1. The department should be notified in writing at least 30 days prior to making the proposed change. The notification shall include:
 - A) Name and location of the pool.
 - B) Size in gallons of pool, existing filter type and flow rate.
 - C) Drawings or sketches of the proposed work.
 - D) Name and license number of the pool contractor.
 - E) Make, model, capacity and National Sanitation Foundation approval for the proposed feeder.
 - F) Make, model, capacity of existing feeder.
 - G) Name and license number of electrician if electrical work is required.
2. The department should verify that the replacement equipment is suitable for use in the designated pool. Upon verification, the department will notify the applicant that the replacement can take place.
3. The installation of chemical feeders must be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and with Rule 64E-9.136(16), Florida Administrative Code.

4. The department should be notified in writing when the equipment replacement has been completed. Certification from the licensed contractor(s) must be provided to the department that all work complies with local codes, Chapter 64E-9, Florida Administrative Code, and, as appropriate, the National Electrical Code.
5. The department should notify the applicant when the approval process has been completed.

NOTE: Changing to gas chlorine, chlorine generating systems, and bromine generating systems are not included in these guidelines. Those types of changes still need a full modification permit as required by the code.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please call Pepe Menendez or Bob Pryor at (850) 487-0004 or SC 277-0004.

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