

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT - ALBERTA
ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER

To: Ramada Inn and Suites
191 East Lake Crescent
Airdrie, Alberta
T4A 2H7

Re: The Whirlpool located in Airdrie, Alberta and municipally described as:

Ramada Inn and Suites
191 East Lake Crescent
Airdrie, Alberta

WHEREAS I, an **Executive Officer** of **Alberta Health Services**, have inspected the above noted whirlpool pursuant to the provisions of the **Public Health Act**, RSA 2000, c. P-37, as amended;

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following conditions exist in and about the above noted whirlpool which are or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health or which might hinder the prevention or suppression of disease, namely:

- a. Free available chlorine (FAC) was not detected.
- b. No water circulation in the whirlpool.
- c. No designated pool operator with the Pool Operator's course is available for the whirlpool. No responsible person or qualified designate was available for the whirlpool.
- d. Testing is not being done for the pH, chlorine, and alkalinity for the whirlpool. Suitable records pertaining to water quality are not being maintained.
- e. The drain covers in the whirlpool are not ASME/ANSI approved. The current drain covers do not have adequate anti-entrapment provisions.
- f. No written cleaning and/or sanitation plans were found for the whirlpool facility.
- g. The most recent microbiological water sample (Aug 31, 2010) for the whirlpool revealed a heterotrophic plate count (HPC) of greater than 57 000 colony forming units (CFU) per millilitre of water.
- h. *Pseudomonas* was isolated in the most recent (Aug 31, 2010) water sample for the whirlpool.

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AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following breaches of the Public Health Act, the Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation, Alberta Regulation 293/2006, and the Pool Standards 2006 exist in and about the above noted swimming pool, namely:

- a. Free available chlorine (FAC) was not detected at the time of inspection (Sept 3, 2010) in the whirlpool. This is in contravention of sections 8 and 11 of the Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation (AR 293/2006).
- b. No water circulation in the whirlpool at the time of inspection (Sept 3, 2010). This contravenes sections 2 and 9 of the Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation (AR 293/2006) as well as section III (2) of the Pool Standards, 2006.
- c. No designated pool operator with the Pool Operator's course is available. No responsible person or qualified designate was available. This contravenes sections 3 and 7 of the Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation (AR 293/2006).
- d. Testing is not being done for the pH, chlorine, and alkalinity for the whirlpool. Suitable records pertaining to water quality are not being maintained. This contravenes section 14 of the of the Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation (AR 293/2006) as well as section III (2) of the Pool Standards, 2006.
- e. The drain covers in the whirlpool are not ASME/ANSI approved. The drain covers do not have adequate anti-entrapment provisions. This contravenes sections 8 and 19 of the Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation (AR 293/2006) as well as section III (7) of the Pool Standards, 2006.
- f. No written cleaning and/or sanitation plans were found for the whirlpool facility. This contravenes section 20 of the Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation (AR 293/2006).
- g. The most recent microbiological water sample (Aug 31, 2010) for the whirlpool revealed a heterotrophic plate count (HPC) of greater than 57 000 colony forming units (CFU) per millilitre of water. This contravenes section 16 of the Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation (AR 293/2006).
- h. *Pseudomonas* was isolated in the most recent (Aug 31, 2010) water sample for the whirlpool. This contravenes section 16 of the Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation (AR 293/2006).

AND WHEREAS by virtue of the foregoing, the above noted premises are hereby declared to be **closed**;

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

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Re: The Whirlpool located in Calgary, Alberta and municipally described as Ramada Inn and Suites 191 East Lake Crescent, Airdrie, Alberta

1. That the Owner **immediately close** the above noted Whirlpool and secure it from unauthorized entry.
2. That the Owner undertake and diligently pursue the completion of the following work in and about the above noted swimming pool, namely:
 - a. Ensure the water is chemically balanced.
 - b. Demonstrate that there is a responsible person who can operate and maintain the whirlpool, whether directly on site or available for contact, to the satisfaction of the Executive Officer.
 - c. Provide a written general cleaning/sanitization program.
 - d. Ensure that circulation is occurring in the whirlpool in order to establish proper turnover rate and filtration rate.
 - e. Manually check the free available chlorine, combined chlorine and pH on a daily basis at minimum, and as often as necessary for the whirlpool and record. Alkalinity must be manually checked on a weekly basis and recorded.
 - f. Submit a bacteriological water sample to the Provincial Laboratory of Public Health. A satisfactory water sample result must be received prior to re-opening.
 - g. Ensure that employees responsible for the whirlpool successfully complete an approved Pool Operator's course.
 - h. Ensure that ASME/ANSI approved drain covers are installed on the swimming whirlpool drains.
3. That until such time as the work referred to in paragraph 2 items a-f are completed to the satisfaction of the undersigned or an executive officer of Alberta Health Services, and the sample from 2-f has been confirmed as satisfactory, the above noted Whirlpool shall remain closed and secured from unauthorized entry.
4. The work referred to in paragraph 2 item g. and h. must be completed by November 3, 2010.

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Re: The Whirlpool located in Calgary, Alberta and municipally described as Ramada Inn and Suites 191 East Lake Crescent, Airdrie, Alberta

Dated at Calgary, Alberta, this 9th day of September, 2010, following a verbal closure order issued on the 3rd day of September, 2010.

Sarah Yusuf, B.Sc., BEH, CPHI(C)
Executive Officer
Alberta Health Services

Section 5(2) of the Public Health Act provides that a person who is directly affected by this Order and considers himself or herself aggrieved hereby may appeal the same to the Public Health Appeal Board, 24th Floor, Telus Plaza North Tower, 10025 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton AB T5J 2N3, within ten (10) days. The terms of this Order remain in effect notwithstanding the filing or proposed filing of any such appeal.

The Owner is advised that the Public Health Act empowers Alberta Health Services to carry out the terms of this Order on the Owner's behalf and at the Owner's expense should the Owner fail to comply with the terms hereof.

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