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Proper sampling and operational checks of recreational water facilities (RWFs) is an important aspect in trying to ensure safe swimming waters. These guidelines have been established and should be implemented immediately. This policy supersedes any previous policies on frequency of sampling at RWFs.

- A series of water samples shall be collected within thirty (30) days of the opening of seasonal RWFs, and at least one (1) additional series of samples shall be taken during the same season of operation.
- Water sample series are still to be collected from indoor RWFs on a semi annual basis and from bathing beaches twice during the operational season.
- A series of water samples may be collected any time the free chlorine residual or the pH of the pool water is not in accordance with the requirements outlined in the [Recreational Water Facilities Rule, 64 CSR 16](#). Samples may also be collected anytime the water clarity is questionable or when, in the Sanitarian's judgment, there is reason to do so.
- Bi-weekly chlorine, pH, and water clarity checks shall be made at the RWF until the season ends. This does not apply to bathing beaches.
- RWF operators shall complete form [ER-32 Recreational Water Facility Weekly Operational Report](#), and submit a copy to the local health department weekly. RWF operators should be trained to immediately contact the local health department relative to any unusual operational difficulties or problems. This does not apply to bathing beaches.

NOTE: A series of water samples includes one (1) each from the deep end, shallow end, and wading pool, if applicable, or two (2) water samples from different locations of a bathing beach.

References [64 CSR 16, Recreational Water Facilities Rule](#)
 [ER-32 Recreational Water Facility Weekly Operational Report](#)

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Attachments