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Question:

Is it the intent of code to allow a pool alarm that although it states compliance with UL2017 to have a method on the alarm to permanently disable the alarm by a switch or input of a code? The alarm would then require a manual activation of the switch or input of a code to reactivate to alarm status, without reactivation, alarm is off and provides no pool barrier protection. It is understood the alarm is installed 54" min. above the floor.

Answer

Yes by Code, maybe based on the (current) referenced standard for the listing of the device.

Commentary:

The code does allow a deactivation switch. The code calls for any deactivation switch to be located at least 54 inches above the threshold of the access, but does not mention the functioning of the deactivation switch. The code does not limit or address the length of time for deactivation, or provide any criteria for reactivation.

Both F.S. 515 and the FBC allow installation of a deactivation switch located 54" above the threshold.

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