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Section 454.1.3.1.9

Question:

Is it the intent in section 454.1.3.1.9 to allow a fence constructed of horizontal members spaced at 4" to meet the requirements of a public pool barrier. further does 454.1.3.1.9 in the last paragraph direct readers to residential pool barrier requirements, with the statement fencing consideration shall be given to...

Answer:

454.1.3.1.9 states that "Fencing consideration shall be given to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Publication, No. 362, March 2005, guidelines available from CPSC.gov; OR Sections 454.2.17.1.1 through 454.2.17.1.8. 454.2.17.1.2 states, in part, that ..."Openings in any barrier shall not allow passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere." Therefore, a 4" limitation is applicable to commercial pool fencing.

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Commentary:

When fencing is used as described in sections 454.2.17.1.3 through 454.2.17.1.8 with more stringent requirements, they may be applicable.

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