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TO: Pima County Wastewater Stakeholder and Served Jurisdictions
FROM: Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department
SUBJECT: **Swimming Pool Water Discharge (General Guidance)**

This letter provides you with information on the discharge of swimming pool water into the public sewer system. Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (RWRD) allows for swimming pool discharges provided the conditions below are followed. No further permission from the Department is required.

The conditions are:

- Perform the discharge during low-use hours of the sanitary sewer system, afternoon and late night hours are generally the lowest times in residential areas.
- Use a small volume pump when discharging the pool water to the private sewer lateral.
- Draining volume should be no greater than 15 gallons per minute.
- Use the access “cap” of the private property sewer cleanout for the point of discharge.
- Use of any public manholes or cleanouts, is prohibited to protect the general public.
- Control the rate of flow to avoid a private lateral overflow, causing pool water to overflow onto the surface.
- Pima County is not responsible for any damages, claims or other impacts resulting either directly or indirectly from residential or commercial discharges of swimming pool water to the public sewer system.
- If the discharge appears to be causing an overflow from a public sewer manhole or cleanout, stop pumping and call the RWRD emergency contact number at (520) 724-3400. Overflows are a risk to human health and safety and we must be notified to be able to manage them.

RWRD is responsible for managing the sewer system owned by Pima County. Pima County does not own all public sewers in the County, so a customer should verify who their sewer service provider is for future reference. If you have any questions regarding the above information, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Jackson Jenkins, Director
Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department