MAHC adopted new steps to prevent pool chlorine exposure incidents

The following were proposed by:
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- Contra Costa County Environmental Health
- Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials

**INTERLOCK CONTROLS**
- Disable chemical feeders in case of "no flow" or "low flow" conditions
- Include visual alarm for new installations and replacement equipment

**BATTER EVACUATIONS**
- Evacuate batters when interlock is activated or recirculation pump is off
- Do not permit batters to re-enter the water until the cause is understood

**CHALLENGE TESTING**
- Test the system and its components regularly to confirm that all safety features are functioning correctly
- Record dates of challenge tests

**BACKWASH SCHEDULING**
- Schedule backwash when venue is closed to batters
- Do not permit batters to enter the water until the system’s function is ensured

**NOTIFICATION**
- If injuries or illnesses occurred, notify appropriate authority (such as local environmental health) within 24 hours

**MORE INFO AND NEXT STEPS**
- MAHC website: https://www.cdc.gov/mahc/index.html
- Use and adapt the MAHC for science-based best practices
- Improve facility operations, codes, inspection procedures, & outreach

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