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To ACHD:

I am writing on behalf of Belmont Ridge Apartments, located at 1100 Belmont Blvd, Monroeville, PA 15146. This pool has an automated chemical controller (CAT4000), which monitors the chlorine reading every minute and turns on the feed if the chlorine drops slightly. There are a couple different brands of automation that work the same as the one listed above.

We would like be accepted for a variance to test the water 3 times per day instead of every 2 hours. With the controller in place, this makes sure the chemicals are being monitored constantly and added/stopping feed as needed.

I am only asking for the variance for pools that installed or will install an automated chemical system.

Currently condos, hotels, and HOA's only need to test 3 times per day in Allegheny County. If there was a safety issue with testing 3 times, then all the pools should need to test every other hour. Some condos do not even have controllers. In terms of the make-up of a pool, apartments, condos, and HOA's are all the same (filter system, chemical system, proper flow rates, etc).

An apartment complex already has a daily CPO, whereas the other facilities previously mentioned are not required to have a CPO/Bather Place Manager on site daily. Apartments are on stricter testing/monitoring guidelines so adjusting to 3 tests per day (if the pool has chemical automation) would not put the public at a greater risk than other swimming pools located in the county.

Allowing 3 tests per day, will still be above the state mandated 2 times per day for a swimming pool outside of Allegheny County. Pools in Butler, Beaver, Washington only need to test morning and evening.

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