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Recommendations for Reducing Cryptosporidium Infection Risk in Swimming Pools

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Evaluation of Swimming Pool Treatment Chemical Health Effects Under NSF/ANSI Standard 50

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Lifeguarding and the Model Aquatic Health Code

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**Technology and Innovation**

**Introducing Aquatic Inspector: A CDC iPad App to Streamline Pool Inspections**

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Advanced Chemistry and Its Impact on Disinfection

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Swimming Pool Technologies: Are These the Answer?

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Eric Wiegert of the New York State Department of Health has worked in environmental health protection for 22 years. He holds a bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences and a master's degree in Public Health. At the Department of Health, Eric specializes in recreational water topics such as drowning, injury and illness prevention and water quality within a number of regulatory and grant programs. He serves on the Great Lakes Beach Association Elected Board, serves on a Standard Methods committee for water analysis, and has co-authored reports published by the CDC on harmful algae bloom related illness and drowning; including a recent article on novel risk factors associated with unintentional drownings.

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Expanding Swimming Pool Educational Outreach

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Understanding & Applying Lifeguard/Bather Supervision and Operational Entries in the MAHC

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