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Subject: Environmental Health Question regarding Pseudomonas and public swimming pools
Attachments: Summary of 3 months of Bacteria Testing.pdf; 5 CCR 1003-5.pdf

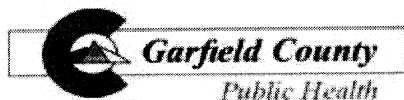
Hello!

Thank you for submitting your concern regarding *Pseudomonas* to the Environmental Health Division.

We have been in contact with the Hot Springs management and their Certified Pool Operator in regards to your questions and have determined that their testing and monitoring program is in line with state regulations regarding public swimming pools. After reviewing their data, it shows that they are meeting their obligations, utilizing chlorination and ozone as sanitizing agents for the pool water. I have attached their testing reports, with chlorination logs provided by Zancanella (CPO) and a copy of the state rule for your information.

Although we understand that this is a significant personal health matter for you, we do not determine this to be a public health issue warranting further investigation by the county, at this time.

Pseudomonas aeruginosa is a widely dispersed bacteria in our everyday environment, including public swimming pools: <http://www.cdc.gov/hai/organisms/pseudomonas.html>. It is also the leading cause of infection in healthcare setting, such as hospitals. Those most at risk of severe infections are those with weakened immune systems.



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