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RE: Request for Determination of the Lifeguard-Pro Water Safety Instructor course as an <u>equivalent</u> Certified Swim Instructor course

Dear Mr. Scott:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department), Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received and reviewed training material for the Lifeguard-Pro Water Safety Instructor 36.0 hour in-person session and online homestudy course upon your request for determination on as an equivalent certification program for a Certified Swim Instructor (CSI), as defined in 105 CMR 432.000: *Minimum Requirements for Personal Floatation Devices for Minor Children at Municipal and Recreational Programs and Camps*. The course material submitted for review included the Lifeguard-Pro Basic Water Safety Manual (1-12-2018), Lifeguard-Pro Water Safety Instructor Manual (3-7-2018), Water Safety Instructor – CRF, an eighty (80) question sample Basic Water Safety Exam with Answer key, and a sixty (60) question sample Water Safety Instructor Exam with Answer Key. The Department will maintain the exams and the respective answer keys in the strictest of confidence to the extent permitted by state law.

Based on the review of all submitted material and correspondence, the Department has determined that the Lifeguard-Pro Water Safety Instructor training program is an <u>equivalent</u> training course for a Certified Swim Instructor (CSI), in accordance with 105 CMR 432.000.

All course material must incorporate specific Massachusetts regulatory requirements and none of the material may be inconsistent with the requirements in 105 CMR 432.000.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me at (617) 624-5736.

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