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**[Name or Local Title] Earns National Aquatic Certification**

**[City, State Abbr., Date, Year] –** [Name, title] was recently certified as an Aquatic Facility Operator (AFO) by the National Certification Board (NCB) and National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

To become AFO-certified, individuals must pass a nationally-administered examination, which tests knowledge in the following areas: mechanical concepts involved in the functioning of a swimming pool; familiarity with all systems, equipment and peripherals that are required to contain, circulate and filter, and heat and treat swimming pool water; ability to perform preventative maintenance and basic repairs; competence in all areas of water chemistry pertaining to pools; and, knowledge of risk management practices.

[A couple sentences about the individual’s relevant professional experience.]

[Quote from Agency Director, if relevant]

The AFO examination is administered by NRPA, the Aquatic Facility Operator Certification Committee and the NCB. AFO Certifications are valid for a period of five years.

[Agency Boiler Plate, if relevant]

**About the National Recreation and Park Association**

The National Recreation and Park Association is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of 60,000 recreation and park professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy and active lifestyles, conservation initiatives and equitable access to parks and public space. For more information, visit www.NRPA.org. For digital access to NRPA’s flagship publication, Parks & Recreation, visit www.parksandrecreation.org.

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