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**APSP ANNOUNCES ALEXANDRIA HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS RECIPIENT  
OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARD**

(ALEXANDRIA, VA)—[The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals \(APSP\)](http://www.apsp.org) announces that the 2011 Dr. Neil Lowry Memorial Award has been awarded to the Alexandria Health Department in VA. The award recognizes public health officials for outstanding contributions to advance the health and safety of recreational water use. Recreational water includes pools, spas, hot tubs, natural waters, and water parks.

The Alexandria Health Department plans to use the \$5,000 award for Certified Pool Operator training for 30 environmental, health and safety officials; brochures on pool and spa safety, both public and private; pool management company performance awards and knowledge enhancement at the World Aquatic Health Conference in Seattle.

The award is given in memory of Dr. Neil Lowry, a long-time member of APSP, who influenced the pool and spa industry for over 25 years as a consultant to government and private industry. Dr. Lowry contributed to the province of Ontario's regulations for public spas and designed the Canadian model labels for pool products that are regulated under the Pest Control Products Act. He was a native of Windsor, Ontario, and received a Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry from Cornell University.

"The Alexandria Health Department has demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement in the areas of pool management and aquatic health," said Ken Jenke, regulatory engineer at Zodiac Pool Systems, and subcommittee chair of the Dr. Neil Lowry Memorial Award Program, administered by

APSP's Recreational Water Quality Committee. "By increasing transparency, accountability and communications, they have showed significant progress over the course of three years and have become a model aquatic health program for others to emulate."

Each year, APSP solicits entries from public health and building code officials. Notification is sent via email to over 8,000 officials. Nomination forms are available online at [APSP.org](http://APSP.org).

APSP is the world's largest international trade association representing the swimming pool, spa, and hot tub industry. Its mission is to promote consumer safety, and enhance the business success of its members. Members adhere to a code of business ethics and share a commitment to public health and safety in the use of pools, spas and hot tubs. APSP member companies include manufacturers, distributors, manufacturers' agents, designers, builders, installers, retailers, suppliers, and service professionals. For more information about the APSP please visit [APSP.org](http://APSP.org).

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**\*Photo attached. Caption reads:** Right - Receiving the Neil Lowry Award on June 20 at the National Environmental Health Association's conference in Columbus, Ohio.- Stephen Hughes, Environmental Health Technical Specialist, Environmental Health Division, Alexandria (VA) Health Department

Left - Presenting the award - Dr. Stan Pickens of the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals' Recreational Water Quality Committee. Dr. Pickens is employed by PPG Industries of Pittsburgh, PA.