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**2005 OESC 680.12
2005 Oregon Electrical Specialty Code**

Subject: Required Maintenance Disconnect

Code Section: Section 680.12

Code Edition: 2005 Oregon Electrical Specialty Code

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Question: Does Section 680.12 requiring a maintenance disconnect for swimming pool utilization equipment, allow the disconnect to be installed within five feet of the inside edge of the swimming pool or spa?

Answer: No. The code intends that electrical equipment, including disconnecting means, is to be located at least five feet from the inside edge of the pool or spa.

Analysis: During the 2002 code cycle, Section 680.12 was changed to provide better clarity as to the intent of the code. However, the language restricting the disconnecting means to be located “within sight” overlooked the rest of Article 680 and the need to maintain the five-foot clearances from the inside edge of the pool or spa.

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