

CITY OF SLATER, IOWA

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Pool evaluation and repair – City of Slater, Iowa

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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Burbach Aquatics, INC.

The City of Slater built a new 200,000 gallon pool that opened in the summer of 2005. During the first few seasons various operating issues arose including settling and cracking of the mechanical building, significant water loss, inoperability of the slide strainer and flow meter, and inability to maintain chemical levels. We unsuccessfully asked the engineer and contractors who designed and built the pool to remedy these problems.

We found Burbach Aquatics, INC at a trade show in the fall of 2008 and were immediately impressed with the knowledge that the staff had in dealing with failed facilities. After interviewing with the council and city attorney we were confident that Burbach Aquatics had the knowledge and experience to not only find what was wrong with our facility and recommend a solution, but that they would be an excellent expert witness should there be a case against either or both the engineer and contractors.

In working with Burbach Aquatics it quickly became evident that Mr. Burbach and his staff genuinely care about the communities that they work in. They are dedicated to providing a final product of the highest quality will being conscientious of the money that is being spent.

We were well pleased with the results of their work as well as the professionalism of their staff. They have completed a very thorough technical evaluation of our facility finding issues with both the original design and the construction process. We are proceeding with litigation based on these findings against both the engineer and contractors of this project. In the mean time, Mr. Burbach has detailed repairs to make our facility usable for as long as possible given the damages that have already been done. We appreciate his time in explaining the logic behind why what was done doesn't work and how the suggested repairs will extend the life of the facility. We are confident that Burbach Aquatics will be there with us through this process every step of the way making sure that our facility is repaired correctly and in the future should we ever have issues arise again.

Unfortunately, we have learned a lot about what can and does go wrong in aquatics facility design and construction and how expensive those mistakes can be. From our experiences, we would recommend Burbach Aquatics to every community that is considering building or rehabilitating an aquatic facility. Their professionalism, dedication to value, knowledge, level of attention to detail and experience makes them unique in the aquatics field and an invaluable asset to our city.

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