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## Entrapment Code Changes Considered

**By Rebecca Robledo** Members of the pool and spa industry are preparing to do battle at the International Code Council's biannual hearings on code development, set for Feb. 18-

31 in Palm Springs, Calif.

At issue is whether safety vacuum release systems should continue to be required on pools. The SVRS mandate was adopted in 2003 as part of

an appendix to the code.

The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals wants the ICC to incorporate ANSI/APSP-7 into its code. The

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## Phoenix Builder Stirs Controversy

**By John Miles** An Arizona pool builder has launched a controversial ad campaign accusing a number of his competitors of being involved in a kickback scheme.

Ron Ostlund, president of Riviera Pools in Phoenix, claims that buyers of new homes are overpaying by up to 40 percent for pool construction. He alleges that the extra money collected by the pool contractor is then parceled out as kickbacks to the home builder, broker and real estate agent. Ostlund estimates that unsuspecting Arizona homeowners have contributed \$250 million in these kickbacks since 1997.

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