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Abstract: Risk of waterborne diseases from the perspective of recreational surface water use was discussed. The legislation in force from year 2002 to year 2010, with its amendments, was presented as well as the related changes that have taken effect since 2011. Additionally, the obligations imposed on the control body, *i.e.* the State Sanitary Inspection, local authorities and the facility owners were discussed in terms of water quality control and assurance of safe use of swimming facilities as well as of general access to information. Risks related to use of water of uncertain quality, both at the time of previous and current laws being in force, were presented in the example of quality analysis of surface waters used for swimming in the Silesian Voivodship. It was shown that the recreational objects where the water had often been contaminated are now no longer available for use. Water quality in the facilities currently open meets the requirements and their annual and the four-year quality assessment is at least satisfactory.

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