

MEETING LOG  
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Meeting with Pete Gammott Esq., Maypothor and Maypothor

PLACE: CPSC Headquarters

MEETING DATE: April 26, 2000

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Donald W. Switzer *DWS*

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Don Switzer  
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NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Pete Gammott, Esq.

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MEETING SUMMARY

Mr. Gammott requested this meeting with CPSC staff to discuss the issue of LP-gas odorant fade. Staff explained that in the 1980's and early 1990 CPSC staff had undertaken a study of LP-gas odorant fade, that is the phenomenon of odorant being added to a LP-gas tank, but not being present later to warn of a leak. Staff explained that CPSC conducted several research programs to investigate the adsorption of odorants on to various materials under various conditions, and the effect of long-term storage of LP-gas on the odorant concentration in a tank. Those studies indicated that under the conditions of the tests, free odorant interacted with various materials to lower the concentration available to warn of a leak. Staff stated that it is its believe that any odorant will be similarly affected.

Staff said that in the early 1990's LP-gas detection was dropped from the CO and Fuel Gas Detection Project to allow resources to be focused on the larger CO problem. This decision was reached because proper placement of a fuel gas detector would vary with each installation, and that since LP-gas is heavier than air, the detector would need to be located near the floor near the leak source to be effective.

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