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**SUBJECT:** Underwriters Laboratories Industry Advisory Meetings

**DATE:** August 10, 1994

**PLACE:** Room 702  
East West Towers

**DATE OF LOG ENTRY:** August 22, 1994

**SOURCE OF LOG ENTRY:** William H. King, Jr., ESEE *WHK*

**CPSC PARTICIPANTS:** Ronald Medford, EXHR  
William H. King, Jr., ESEE  
Linda Edwards, ESEE

**NON-CPSC PARTICIPANT:** David C. Haataja, Underwriters  
Laboratories, Inc. (UL)

**SUMMARY:**

In preparation for a meeting with UL and industry representatives at the Industry Advisory Conference of UL for Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupters on August 23, 1994, Mr. Haataja met with the above CPSC staff to discuss the role such meetings have on the development of safety requirements for UL safety standards.

Mr. Haataja referred to a diagram contained in the UL publication describing the development of UL safety standards. He explained that following the meeting with industry representatives, UL would normally issue a notice (referred to as a "bulletin" by UL) to interested parties describing the nature of a proposed action to change UL safety requirements in a particular standard. The bulletin would include the proposed wording of the change, a proposed effective date, a rationale for the proposed change, an impact on currently UL listed products, and a request for comments on the proposal. He pointed out that opportunity exists for consumers to comment on the bulletin through UL's Consumer Advisory Council when consumer products are involved.

Mr. Medford gave his views of the UL process for changing their standards based on his experiences. He also gave his views of the method that UL uses to gain recognition of their safety standards as American National Standards under the auspices of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The method that UL uses for most of their standards is the ANSI "canvass method". On matters where CPSC has expressed an interest, Mr. Medford would like to have CPSC staff get involved in the process at the time when UL meets with representatives of the industry, as is being done with the issues related to ground-fault circuit-interrupters (GFCIs). Meeting at a later time, or reviewing a revised standard at the time of the ANSI canvass, are not viewed as the most effective opportunity to impact the safety issues.

Mr. Haataja took note of Mr. Medford's comments and will take the matter up with UL management. Mr. Medford thanked Mr. Haataja for his very helpful explanation of the process.