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DATE: December 17, 1996
PLACE: Washington, DC
ATTENDEES: NSF International Indoor Air Joint Committee and Interested Parties from the public (this was a public meeting)

Background: NSF International (NSF) is forming a Joint committee on Indoor Air Quality. The purpose of the NSF initiative is to explore the interest in development of consensus voluntary standards for office equipment, office furnishings, and building materials (wet and dry). This was an exploratory meeting about NSF's intent to write a consensus standard for source emissions from products found in the office environment. NSF invited CPSC staff to participate on the Joint Committee to develop this standards.

Discussion: Dr. Marie Gebhart of NSF and Dr. Rebecca Head (chairperson and member of NSF's Council of Public Health Consultants) opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and observers. Representatives of NSF presented an overview of the NSF organization, purpose and scope of the proposed IAQ standard, NSF's standard development process, the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) standard development process, the proposed coordination between this process and the EPA's Environmental Technology Verification Program (ETV), and the benefits of protocol and evaluation criteria standardization. Presentations on (1) the Danish Climate Labeling program, (2) Washington State IAQ program, (3) Legal Aspects of IAQ; (4) Exposure Models. The primary issues discussed during the meeting include: 1) possibility of coordination of the NSF efforts with that of Underwriters Laboratories (UL which is also proposing to prepare a IAQ based standard for emissions from certain products) since many of the participants and issues are part both processes; (2) coordination of the NSF effort with other groups (other than UL) that are also how the data standard could be used (i.e., using the standard to produce data for modeling work, using the standard to set pass/fail criteria for products, etc.; (3) an explanation of the relationship between EPA, ETV, Research Triangle Institute (RTI), and NSF as well as possible conflicts of interest issues involved with that relationship; (4) what type of information is possible from any IAQ standard (i.e., pass/fail, measurement of safe or not safe, product characterization by total exposure, health, comfort or pollution prevention); (5) Other participants or participant organizations which should be invited to join the committee. NSF is responsible for drafting and distributing the official meeting logs. Outside organizations who wish to receive these should contact Bryan Dayton (313) 930-9060 or Chris Steele (313)913-5718 at NSF international