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DATE OF MEETING: April 9, 1999

PLACE OF MEETING: CPSC HQ, East West Towers

MEETING LOG PREPARED BY: Patrick M. Race, Compliance Officer

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MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

CPSC Participants

Ann Brown, Chairman
Jeffrey Bromme, General Counsel
Barbara Rosenfeld, Senior Advisor to the Chairman
Michael Gougisha, Counselor to Commissioner Thomas Moore
Patrick Race, Compliance Officer, Office of Compliance

Non-Commission Participants:

Royce Trout, President Atlas Enterprises
Julie Heckman, Executive Director, American Pyrotechnic Association (APA)
David Baker, General Counsel, APA
Bruce Zoldan, Vice President, APA
Michael Collier, Vice President, Zenith Specialties
Jerry Bostocky, Vice President, B.J Alan Company
Sara Yerkes, Director, Government Affairs, National Fire Protection Association

SUMMARY:

This was a public meeting held at the request of the American Pyrotechnics Association (APA) to discuss CPSC's fireworks safety message for its Millennium fireworks safety initiative. The APA and industry representatives present discussed their opposition to the message "Leave it to the Professionals." The APA objected to any such message being included in materials concerned with fireworks safety.

Chairman Brown discussed how the message of "leave it to the professionals" in conjunction with tips for safe use of consumer fireworks was a balanced, real world message that has been used by the CPSC since 1994. She stressed that during that time, fireworks-related injuries have decreased, even while sales of fireworks have increased. Chairman Brown indicated she felt that the message in its current form was the most effective safety message that could be delivered to the American public.

The APA requested that any mention of the concept of leaving fireworks to professionals be deleted from CPSC materials. Chairman Brown thanked the attendees for their input and said she would carefully consider their objections.