

LOG OF MEETING

Subject: Carbon Monoxide Alarms
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Attendees:

CPSC

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Elizabeth Leland EC
Richard Stern CRC
Don Switzer ESEE

Non- CPSC

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Steve Wiersma Gas Research Institute
Jay Tilley Product Safety Letter

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Summary of Meeting:

Mr. Crumois and Mr. Valle provided some background about their company and indicated that they are traveling throughout the United States in order to meet with various interested parties and discuss carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. Their firm is considering the marketing of CO detectors in Spain.

Mr. Crumois and Mr. Valle were interested in CPSC's position regarding CO alarms. Ms. Leland indicated that the Commission recommended that consumers purchase and install detectors that meet the 1997 edition of either the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) 2034 or the International Approval Services (IAS) 696 standard. Ms. Leland indicated that CPSC staff continues to monitor the standard and suggests changes to the standard as necessary so that the standard remains up-to-date and state-of -the-art.

Mr. Crumois and Mr. Valle also expressed concern about the reports of nuisance alarms. Ms. Leland reviewed some of the history of the introduction of CO alarms into U.S. households; she indicated the importance of having response protocols for CO alarm and CO incident reports. In addition, she indicated the CPSC staff's belief that recent changes to the voluntary standard, including changes in the false-alarm-resist test points would likely decrease the incidence of nuisance alarms.

There was a discussion of the similarities and differences in the British, UL, IAS, and proposed CENELEC (European) standards for CO alarms.

Mr. Crumois and Ms. Leland agreed to exchange material. Ms. Leland would compile a packet of material about CPSC, including CPSC brochures about CO poisoning and CO alarms. Mr. Crumois indicated that he would send a copy of the latest draft of the CENELEC standard and a copy of the British standard.

A copy of the attendance list is attached.

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10:30 a.m.

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