

LOG OF MEETING**U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER THOMAS H. MOORE**

SUBJECT: Meeting with CEO's of Water Heater Industry Joint Research and Development Consortium.

DATE OF MEETING: June 9, 1997

PLACE: Room 714, CPSC Headquarters

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COMMISSION ATTENDERS:

Commissioner Thomas H. Moore
Pamela Weller, Counselor to Commissioner Moore
Michael Gougisha, Counselor to Commissioner Moore
Donald Switzer, ESEE

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDERS:

Robert Trudeau, American Water Heater Company
Edward Hackney, Southcorp USA, Inc.
Terry Parsons, GSW Water Heating Company
Larry Thrailkill, State Industries
Scott Huizenga, outside counsel, Bradford White
Robert Carnevale, Bradford White Corporation
Dan Brown, Rheem Manufacturing Company
Gary Tapella, Rheem Manufacturing Company
Steward Farwell, Rheem Manufacturing Company
Clem Erhardt, Consortium Counsel, Miles & Stockbridge
Jack Langmead, Water Heater Consortium Coordinator

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The members of the Water Heater Industry Joint Research and Development Consortium were at the Commission to brief Chairman Ann Brown on the progress of their project to develop a gas fired water heater and testing standard to address flammable vapor ignition. While at the Commission, as a courtesy, the Consortium members also briefed Commissioner Moore on the progress of their project and on their meeting with Chairman Brown.

After introductions, Commissioner Moore opened the meeting by welcoming the Consortium members and expressed his concern for the risk of injuries and deaths

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from gas fired water heaters igniting flammable vapors. Commissioner Moore acknowledged the progress and the cooperative efforts between the companies and the CPSC in addressing the problem and encouraged further cooperation and progress.

Clem Erhardt summarized the Consortium members' meeting with the Chairman, and Gary Tapella reiterated for the Consortium a commitment of time, effort and financial resources to finding an expedited solution that addresses the problem without compromising safety or the current effectiveness of their product.

Jack Langmead briefly discussed some technical issues without going into specific detail about designs.

The meeting ended with Commissioner Moore thanking the Consortium members for the briefing and encouraging them to continue their hard work.