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SUBJECT: ASTM Subcommittee F15.45 for Candle Products-
Fire Safety Task Group

DATE OF MEETING: March 12-13, 2002

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SOURCE OF LOG ENTRY: Allyson Tenney, ESME 

LOCATION: Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio

CPSC ATTENDEES: Allyson Tenney, ESME

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: ASTM F 15.45 Fire Safety Task Group members

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Members of the ASTM F15.45 Fire Safety Task Group (Candle Products) met at the Columbus Convention Center to continue on-going efforts in developing performance standards for candle products.

The recently released CPSC Candle In-depth Investigations Report was presented to the group. The report provides a summary of selected in-depth investigations, collected from January 1998 through September 2001. The report was released to the public in March 2002.

The task group members addressed comments and recommended changes to the latest draft performance standard for candles. Self-extinguishing requirements and methodologies were discussed in extensive detail until agreement among the group was reached. The draft standard currently includes test methods for addressing flame height, secondary ignition, self-extinguishing capability, and stability. Methodology for ignitable accessories is under development. The group is planning to submit the draft standard for ballot to ASTM Subcommittee F-15.45-Candle Products in April 2002.

A brief discussion on gel candles concluded the meeting. Gel candles will be discussed in further detail during the next task group meeting. An appropriate representative for gel candle manufacturers is expected to participate in the discussions.

A conference telephone call is scheduled for April 4, 2002. The group plans to meet in conjunction with the ASTM International F15.45 Subcommittee meeting on April 12, 2002, in Washington, DC. The next meeting of the task group is scheduled for April 24-25, 2002, at the Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio.

