

## MEETING LOG DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

**SUBJECT:** Meeting of the ANSI Z21.47 ANSI Z21/CGA Joint Central Furnace Technical Working Group

**PLACE:** Canadian Standards Association International, Independence, Ohio

**MEETING DATE:** June 15, 1999

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE:** Ronald A. Jordan

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**ENTRY DATE:** June 22, 1999

### COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Ronald A. Jordan, ESEE

### NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Bob Stack, Canadian Standards Association International (CSA International)  
John Gorman, Canadian Standards Association International (CSA International)  
Glenn Hooker, Union Gas  
Hall Virgil, Carrier Corporation  
Jim Hickson, Lennox Industries  
Donald Shrader, Baltimore Gas & Electric (BG&E)  
Paul Beach, White Rodgers  
Gary Thibeault, Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

### MEETING SUMMARY:

- Copies of a report (dated May 28, 1999) documenting GRI's efforts to conduct a root cause analysis of CPSC incident data were distributed to meeting attendees.
- The report concluded that the incident data contained insufficient data to complete a root cause analysis.
- Members of the TWG expressed the opinion that based on the findings of the GRI report they could not support recommending changes to the furnace standard to address disconnected vents at this time.
- Staff expressed its disappointment that the subcommittee members did not have time to properly review the report prior to the TWG meeting.
- Staff stated it maintains the position that although other failures may have occurred, the common failure in all the incidents was that the vents were "disconnected" to degrees ranging from a small gap to complete separation.
- Staff stated it would review and comment on the report in time for the September subcommittee meeting.
- For the record, CPSC staff stated that it maintains its recommendation that the subcommittee adopt a performance standard that protects against disconnected

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furnace vents, and that the ongoing CPSC test program should provide additional data relevant to this issue.

■ The TWG members voted to submit the report to the full subcommittee membership for their information and discussion at the subcommittee meeting scheduled for September 16, 1999.

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