

LOG OF MEETING
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Table Saw Working Group Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: September 23, 2011

PLACE OF MEETING: Web Conference

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Caroleene Paul, ESME *CP*

COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Caroleene Paul; ESME
Mark Kumagai; ESME
Tim Smith; ESHF

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Ignacio Cundin; UL
Don Talka; UL
Bob Backstrom; UL
Mahmood Tabaddor; UL
Fan He; UL
John Stimitz; UL
Peter Domeny; Power Tool Institute
Stephen Gass; SawStop LLC
Ted Gogoll; Black & Decker

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Per the prior meeting's action items, UL representatives clarified the following:

- Cost analysis is not in the scope of this working group effort. At this point, it is not germane to the discussion as the working group is only developing performance requirements. How the manufacturers choose to meet those requirements are up to the manufacturers.
- The working group meetings will not be audibly recorded. Concerns can be documented through the DropBox web-based file hosting service.
- Document used and/or generated by the working group can be accessed by working group members through DropBox. A folder for the table saw working group has been created on DropBox.

The scope of the working group will focus on body to blade contact injuries on table saws. The rationale for focusing on blade contact injuries is based on CPSC's concerns, which are summarized in the table saw safety ANPR briefing package on CPSC's website. 88 percent of table saw operator injuries involve contact with the saw blade.

A question was raised on UL's patent policy statement and timely notification to UL when a proposal may require the use of a patented claim. Specifically, when and how would the working group notify UL of the potential use of a patented claim.

The project task flow chart was reviewed and the format of the working group was outlined. The working group will meet every 2 to 3 weeks via web conference, and all information/documents will be uploaded to the Table Saw Project DropBox folder. UL representatives will take the lead in researching the available information for a literature review and will send out descriptions of what should be reviewed for the next meeting.

A question was raised on the function of the Review Panel in UL's working group proposal. Upper level representatives of organizations such as UL and the CPSC will comprise the Review Panel to provide overall guidance to the working group. The Review Panel is not intended to perform working level reviews of the working group's efforts.

The following action items were summarized for the next meeting:

- UL representatives will provide information on when the working group would notify UL that a proposal may require the use of a patented claim.
- UL representatives will provide information on the available literature and the working group will begin to review the documents.