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SUBJECT: Meeting with Assoc. of Home Appliance Mfrs. (AHAM) to discuss portable electric appliance safety.

DATE OF MEETING: March 20, 2002

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: William H. King, Jr., ES *W.H.K.*

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LOCATION: 1111 19th St., N.W., Washington, DC

CPSC ATTENDEE(S):
William H. King, Jr., ES
Hugh McLaurin, ES
Linda Edwards, ESEE

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):
Wayne Morris, AHAM
Richard Cripps, AHAM
Brian Clarke, The Holmes Group
Walt Birdsell, Honeywell, Inc.
Robert Davidson, Underwriters Laboratories Inc.
Chuck Samuels, Counsel for AHAM
Randy Hill, KitchenAid/Whirlpool
C. Zachwieja, Hamilton Beach
L. Johnson, National Presto Industries, Inc,
and other members of the AHAM Portable Appliance Engineering Group

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SUMMARY OF MEETING: Mr. Davidson of Underwriters Laboratories Inc. provided an overview of the Hazard-Based Safety Engineering (HBSE) process for use as a tool for the evaluation of important safety parameters.

Mr. King provided a summary of CPSC engineering activities related to appliance safety. He briefly touched upon several issues involving small appliances, including toaster-ovens and portable fans. The issue with regard to toaster-ovens was the suitability of power (on/off) controls; the issue with fans was the adequacy of the power cord requirements. He further informed the group about CPSC activities related to arc-fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs), ground-fault circuit-interrupters (GFCIs) and the National Electrical Code. CPSC staff plan to submit proposals for the 2005 edition of the National Electrical Code. These proposals include a requirement that AFCIs be installed to protect existing branch circuits in homes when the electrical service equipment is replaced; a requirement that all general-purpose receptacle and lighting outlets be protected by GFCIs; and that vending machines have GFCI protection.