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Log of Meeting

Subject: Wading Pool Injuries

Date of Meeting: October 11, 1995 Place: NSPI
Alexandria, VA

Log Entry Source: Jacqueline Elder, EXHR

Date of Entry: November 7, 1995

Commission Attendees: Jacqueline Elder, EXHR
Ronald Medford, EXHR

Non-Commission Attendees: David Karmol, NSPI
Carvin DiGiovanni, NSPI
Jack Cergol, NSPI
Bernice Crenshaw, NSPI

Summary of Meeting:

CPSC staff requested the meeting to discuss how CPSC and the National Spa and Pool Institute (NSPI) might work together to eliminate the tragic disembowelment injuries that can occur when the grate cover is missing from the outlet drain on a wading pool.

Mr. Medford noted that CPSC is aware of several such cases that happened when the cover was missing or broken and a young child sat on the outlet drain. Mr. Medford further noted that CPSC staff believes that the technology exists to ensure that these injuries do not happen in the future. He requested NSPI to take the steps necessary to revise the ANSI/NSPI standard for public pools to include performance requirements to address this problem. Both NSPI and CPSC staff agreed that these requirements could result in a switch that would shut the pump off if the drain cover is missing, or another approach might be to specify a pump resistance such that injury will not occur. CPSC staff agreed to send a letter to NSPI requesting changes to the standard.

To address existing installations, it was agreed that CPSC staff will write to the Hotel/Motel Association and the State Health Departments urging careful inspection of existing drain covers. These letters will be sent in the early spring. Mr. Karmol noted that NSPI will write to the same organizations reinforcing the need for inspection.

