



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: UL 141 Sub Task Group (STG) Meeting on Testing Handheld Steamers

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Electric Heaters

DATE OF MEETING: 7/29/2025

LOCATION OF MEETING: online (Microsoft Teams)

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Brad Gordon

FILING DATE: 8/6/2025

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Brad Gordon (ESMC), Matthew Barzola (ESHF)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Please contact UL for the full attendee list.

Summary of Meeting:

CPSC staff provided the STG with: (1) an overview of common components of handheld garment steamers; (2) typical modes of operation for kettle-style and flash-style steamers; and (3) a style reference guide depicting different types of steamers. The STG reviewed the style reference guide and discussed potential causes of hot water ejections—such as overfilling, soap residues, and granular materials. One member suggested that the STG generate a spreadsheet with a list of the potential causes of hot water ejections and develop test methods for each issue. The STG agreed. CPSC staff volunteered to add a list of observed issues to the spreadsheet.

Next Steps:

The STG plans to meet (TBD) to discuss possible causes of hot water ejections and methods for testing handheld garment steamers.