



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F15 Exploratory Call for Flotation Device Standard

OP PLAN ENTRY: Neck Floats

DATE OF MEETING: 12/2/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Zachary Goldstein (LSM)

FILING DATE: 1/23/2025

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Zachary Goldstein (LSM), Jacqueline Campbell (EXRR), Ashley Johnson (HSPP), Tabby Zeb (OGC)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact SDO for the full attendee list.

Summary of Meeting:

Contact SDO for more details of this meeting.

This meeting's purpose was to discuss the possibility of creating a standard for flotation devices for pools and baths for use by children, that are not eligible for U.S. Coast Guard approval.

CPSC staff provided an update of the Neck Float NPR recently published and available for public comment until 1/21/25. Staff provided a brief description of the hazard patterns discussed by the NPR and answered questions regarding overlap between CPSC and U.S. Coast Guard jurisdiction. Staff directed other questions regarding the NPR to the published document and encouraged meeting participants to submit public comments.

Meeting participants discussed possible hazards posed by flotation devices, including long-term psychological impacts related to introducing very young children to water environments. The meeting group also discussed some standards related to flotation devices, including those used by the U.S. Coast Guard and the EU, and if there was potential for cross over between the prospective standard considered here and existing ASTM standards such as ASTM F963. No conclusions regarding these discussions were reached over the course of this meeting.

Next Steps:

Based on participation during this meeting, the topic will be discussed at the next ASTM executive meeting to determine how it may move forward. Future meeting dates are pending this decision.