



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: PHTA-16 Standard Writing Committee (SWC) Meeting Log

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Swimming Pools/Spas Drain Entrapment

DATE OF MEETING: 4/22/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Rebekah Kempke (LSM)

FILING DATE: 4/29/2024

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Rebekah Kempke (LSM) and Mark Eilbert (LSM)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact Pool and Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA) for the full attendee list

Summary of Meeting:

The meeting began by approving the March 25, 2024 meeting minutes. The PHTA-16 SWC reviewed and discussed task group (TG) reports on change requests (CRs) to ANSI/APSP/ICC-16 2017 *Standard for Suction Outlet Fitting Assemblies (SOFA) For Use in Pools, Spas, And Hot Tubs*.

For sections 4.2 Ultraviolet Light Exposure Test (UV) and 4.2.2.3, the SWC continued the discussion from the March 25th meeting on how to determine which drain cover colors should be tested. The SWC determined that further research would be required to determine if the method of specifying a set of representative colors that includes most drain covers to be tested was viable. The PHTA-16 Task Group leader requested that those in favor of this method research if there is existing data on UV resistance in respect to color. If there is no research found available to support this method, then the alternative “dog bone” test method in the standard, which includes the plastic and color additives of each drain cover, will continue. Only drain cover colors with the lowest “dog bone” strength would then be tested to the physical tests in section 4.

CPSC staff gave a further explanation of the CRs that were submitted for sections 3.2.4 “Blockable” and “Unblockable” Designations and 5.3.2 Test Tank – Water Depth. For section 3.2.4, CPSC staff explained that the CR is to align how “unblockable” is defined in Definitions to the description in section 3.2.4. For section 5.3.2, it is understood that the cover will be below water level, so the description does not need to be included. The SWC approved CRs for sections 3.2.4 and 5.3.2 to be sent for a formal vote.

The group formed task groups to discuss Certifications and Registered Design Professional (RDP) SOFAS, Hertz (Hz) vs rotations per minute (RPM) language for section 5.4.2 Flow Measurement, section 8 Product Markings, and section 9 Instructions. CPSC volunteered to be on all task groups.

Next Steps:

The next virtual meeting of the PHTA SWC is scheduled for June 3, 2024.