



MEETING LOG

MEETING TITLE/SUBJECT: Meeting with UL Fire Safety Research Institute Staff

OP PLAN ENTRY: [Not on the Op Plan], Fire in General

DATE OF MEETING: 7/7/2026

LOCATION OF THE MEETING: UL FSRI, Columbia, MD

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Scott Ayers

FILING DATE: 8/19/2026

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Scott Ayers (ESEF), Kristen Talcott (ESHF), David Miller (EPI), Shonali Nazare (LSF), Jay Kadiwala (ESEF), and Lisa Scott (LSF).

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Steve Kerber, Dan Madryzkowski, Adam Barowy, Craig, Weinschenk, Jennifer Williams, and Mary Gant

Summary of Meeting:

Staff met with UL FSRI staff to discuss fire safety issues of mutual interest. The following topics were discussed:

- UL FSRI staff shared information on their connection with the other UL enterprises and their planned move to a new campus in White Oak, MD.
- Staff and UL FSRI discussed NERIS. UL FSRI staff provided staff with an update on NERIS, including the recent rollout of the incident analysis module.
- Staff discussed their work on developing a new ASTM guide for classifying products in the defensible space around homes in the Wildland Urban Interface area.
- UL FSRI staff and staff discussed the impact of upholstered furniture and mattresses on the residential fire load.
- Staff provided an overview of the recent CPSC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the electrical systems in micromobility products. Staff encouraged UL FSRI to submit either verbal or written comments.
- UL FSRI staff and staff discussed the potential impact of the ULSE task group developing requirements for integrated batteries into electric ranges. Both agreed that there may be stakeholder interest in a large discussion on integrating batteries into residential appliances including electric ranges, but also in others such as refrigerators and electric heat pumps.
- Staff discussed the need to develop design fires to test fire blankets and aerosol fire extinguishers against. These design fires would include not just cooking appliances, but other types of fires that a consumer may try to extinguish. CPSC staff and UL FRSI staff will keep each other informed on any efforts to test these products.



- Staff provided an update on efforts to develop a performance test to mitigate accidental range activation.
- Staff discussed the role that CPSC has in community risk reduction efforts. CPSC is a general consumer safety organization that also has a focus on fire safety. Community risk reduction, while typically conducted by the fire service, is a general safety approach to keeping communities safe. Both CPSC and UL FSRI want to be a resource to those doing community risk reduction.

Next Steps:

Staff and UL FSRI staff will continue to work with each other on fire safety issues. Staff will look to meet with UL FSRI staff again potentially sometime next calendar year.