



MEETING LOG

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

FY26 OP PLAN ENTRY: Swimming Pools/Spas Drain Entrapment and Safety Vacuum Relief System

DATE OF MEETING: 6/22/2026

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Rebekah Kempske (LSM)

FILING DATE: 6/30/2026

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Rebekah Kempske (LSM)

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

Summary of Meeting:

This committee is focused on revisions to the APSP-16 2017 American National Standard for Suction Outlet Fitting Assemblies (SOFA) for Use in Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs, referenced in the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Act (VGBA).

The Non-Centrifugal Pumps/Systems without Flow Meters Task Group made updates to change requests 37 – 52, based on feedback from the SWC. These changes were discussed, with focus on PCR-42, Section 3.7, SOFA Specific Specifications and Instructions. PCR-42 will add terminology and requirements for “blockable” SOFAs in complete/dedicated manufactured SOFA circulation systems and “blockable” swim jet combination fittings. A motion to send all change requests developed by this task group (PCR 37 – 52), except for PCR 38, was approved. PCR 38 pertains to reversal of flow in a complete/dedicated manufactured SOFA circulation system and will be discussed at the next SWC meeting.

The effective date of the standard was discussed as well. In APSP-16 2017, it is stated that the standard becomes effective 18 months after adoption by CPSC. In APSP-16 2017, it is also required for all covers/grates to have the marking “VGBA 2017.” The Chair asked SWC members if they would prefer for the marking requirement to remain “VGBA 2017” when the standard is revised or to be changed the year PHTA-16 is approved, for example “VGBA 2026”. The discussion regarding the effective date and markings will be continued at the next SWC meeting.

Additionally, the SWC member agreed that the checklists and forms currently in the Non-Mandatory Appendix of APSP-16 2017 will remain in the Non-Mandatory Appendix of the PHTA-16 revision.

Next Steps:

CPSC staff plans to attend the next meeting of the PHTA-16 SWC, which is scheduled for July 27, 2026.