



MEETING LOG

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

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

DATE OF MEETING: 7/28/2025

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Rebekah Kempke (LSM)

FILING DATE: 8/11/2025

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Rebekah Kempke (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).

At this meeting, staff monitored the committee's work to resolve proposed change requests. Meeting topics included a progress update on the work conducted by the Non-Centrifugal Pumps/Systems without Flow Meters Task Group. As part of the task group's progress update, discussion was conducted on additional proposed language for Section 3.6.7 Location Limits Contact, Section 7 Finger and Limb Entrapment, and Section 9.3.1 General Certificate of Conformity (GCC)/Identification of the Product Covered by this Certificate.

The SWC Chair led discussion on markings on mud-frames and sumps. In particular the markings indicating the lifespan of the product and if the life should be indicated in years (ex. replace in 2035) or as "permanent." If a mud-frame or sump could be marked "permanent" then additional requirements would have to be developed to determine when a permanent marking can be used. Hair entrapment/entanglement hazard evaluation for VGBA systems with three or more drain tee locations was also considered. Proposed solutions include potentially prohibiting systems with three or more drain tee locations in new construction or requiring a minimum pipe length from the drain to the tee in new and old constructions. Both topics will further be reviewed at the next SWC meeting.

Next Steps:

CPSC staff plans to attend the next virtual meeting of the PHTA-16 SWC, which is scheduled for August 25, 2025.