



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: PHTA-16 Non-Centrifugal Pumps/Systems Without Flow Meters Task Group Meeting Log

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

DATE OF MEETING: 9/18/2025

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Rebekah Kempke (LSM)

FILING DATE: 9/25/2025

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 task group was formed as part of revisions being made 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 task group is focused on developing test requirements for systems with flow rates unable to be measured directly.

The task group continued discussion from the previous meeting, reviewing the standard to determine if sections needed to be amended to accommodate the addition of systems with flow rates unable to be measured directly. These types of systems include indirect flow measurement manufactured SOFA systems and complete/dedicated manufactured SOFA circulation systems, which were defined in a previous task group meeting.

The task group addressed performing hair entrapment testing in Section 5, for complete/dedicated manufactured SOFA circulation systems, where following the current procedure would cause the hair mannequin to breach the water's surface. If the mannequin is lifted too high above the water, the pull load reading may not be accurate. Proposed solutions include raising the water level in the test area or changing the direction of pull but still ensuring the hair is pulled across the surface of the SOFA. The task group also reviewed all new proposed language added since the last Standard Writing Committee (SWC) in August. These updates will be discussed at the next SWC meeting on 9/22/2025.

Next Steps:

The next meeting of the task group has not been scheduled at this time.