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Dear Diana:

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission technical staff (staff) is aware that UL Standards & Engagement (ULSE) is considering leading the development of a standard for flammability assessment of covers intended to be installed on portable generators while the generator is running to shield electrical connections and receptacles from precipitation.¹ In light of this project, staff conducted a limited search of on-line retailers for products in this category and found numerous types and configurations available for purchase. Given their use as essentially an enclosure over an internal combustion engine product with a fuel tank, staff believes that flammability requirements and other essential material characteristics of these products are important to standardize in order to mitigate potentially uncontrolled fire spread. Accordingly, staff encourages ULSE to move forward with the development of a flammability standard.

Thank you for leading this effort. If you have any questions, please contact me at atrotta@cpsc.gov.

Sincerely,

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¹ This letter was prepared by the CPSC staff. It has not been reviewed or approved by, and may not represent the views of, the Commission.



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