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Dear Mr. Owlam,

During a Fall 2024 ANSI/CSA furnace working group (WG) meeting, the WG discussed the scope of the safety provisions under development and whether to include or exclude commercial gas furnaces.¹ During that discussion, CPSC staff shared with the WG that they were aware of CO incidents in which consumers had been injured or killed in commercial settings, and given that, the WG should consider including commercial furnaces in the safety provisions under development. As a follow-up to those discussions, I am forwarding the link (<https://cpsc.box.com/s/y7kqsmbqz3nvwthnn2wmcg6tuig0xmuy>) to redacted CO-related IDIs involving gas furnaces in commercial settings.

CPSC staff encourages the working group to:

- 1) review the IDIs;
- 2) determine whether the furnaces involved are commercial or residential units;
- 3) consider whether the failure modes observed in residential settings can also occur in commercial settings, and that result in CO exposures; and
- 4) consider including commercial furnaces in the safety provisions under development.

Please distribute this letter to the furnace WG and Technical Subcommittee. I look forward to continuing to work with CSA to improve the safety of furnaces. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

¹ The views expressed in this letter are those of CPSC staff, and they have not been reviewed or approved by, and may not reflect, the views of the Commission.



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