



MEETING LOG

MEETING TITLE/SUBJECT: General Fire Safety Meeting with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Research Group

FY 23 OP PLAN ENTRY: [Not On the FY 23 Op Plan]

DATE OF MEETING: 1/9/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Scott Ayers (ESEF) 1/11/2024

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Scott Ayers, Lisa Scott, Rik Khanna, Rodney Valliere, Jay Kadiwala, Kristen Talcott, John Gordon, Chen Su, Shonali Nazare, David Miller, Sara Brown, Ashley Lawson, Justin McDonough, Jasmine Owens, Doug Lee, Becky Barnhart, Paige Witzgen, Kathryn O'Connor, Emily Maling, Arthur Lee, and Keven Barton

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Birgitte Messerschmidt (NFPA), Shelby Hall (NFPA), Tucker McGree (NFPA), Richard Campbell (NFPA)

Summary of Meeting:

The NFPA Research Group is a section of NFPA that actively studies fire safety issues and potential problems with a particular emphasis on data. The mission of this group aligns with many of the activities of CPSC EXHR. This meeting was organized to discuss current and planned work that each group could publicly share and look for ways to collaborate in the future.

CPSC staff provided high-level overviews of a few active projects and activities including lithium-ion batteries, electric heaters, fire safety of cooking ranges, and various textiles activities. CPSC staff pointed out many other activities such as portable fuel containers, carbon monoxide sensors in gas furnaces, portable generators, and alarms, however time did not permit any details on these activities.

CPSC staff provided an overview of how compliance activities and field activities relate to the work CPSC performs. Attendees discussed general issues with data such as the upcoming USFA rollout of NERIS and general fidelity of data.

NFPA Research Group staff provided an overview of their work, particularly their data analysis and the surveys they conduct to augment data in NFIRS.

Next Steps:

CPSC staff and NFPA Research Group staff will continue to interact and look for opportunities to collaborate. NFPA Research Group staff may plan to visit CPSC in-person sometime in 2024.