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Subject: Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Operating Plan, Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Fire Hazards

Dear Mr. Knott and Mr. Berger:

On October 26, 2022, the Commission approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Operating Plan, which has been published on the CPSC website: <https://www.cpsc.gov/content/FY-2023-Operating-Plan>. On page 16 of the Operating Plan [PDF file page 19], with respect to OHV fire hazards activities, please note the following:

In FY 2023, CPSC will submit a Notice of Proposed Rule Briefing Package for Off-Highway Vehicle Fire Hazards unless within 120 days after the FY23 Operating Plan is approved a voluntary safety standard adequately addressing the relevant fire hazards is published.

OPEI, SVIA, and ROHVA, respectively, recently balloted revisions to ANSI/OPEI B71.9-202x *American National Standard for Multipurpose Off-Highway Utility Vehicles*, ANSI/SVIA-1-202x *American National Standard for All-Terrain Vehicles*, and ANSI/ROHVA-1-202x *American National Standard for Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles*, which add requirements intended to mitigate fire hazards. CPSC staff encourages OPEI, SVIA, and ROHVA to address the comments in my September and October 2022 letters to your organizations, regarding electrical fire hazards and we encourage publication of the revised standards no later than February 23, 2023, to make possible satisfaction of the Commission's Operating Plan condition.

As a reminder, in addition to various suggested technical edits in the letters, CPSC staff recommends

the OPEI, SVIA, and ROHVA committees include Sections 5.3.1 to 5.3.5 of the BS EN 16990-2020: *British Standard for Light Motorized Vehicles for the Transportation of Persons and Goods and Related Facilities and not Subject to Type-Approval for On-Road Use - Side By Side Vehicles - Safety Requirements and Test Methods*. These sections cover requirements for wiring harnesses, grounding, over-current protection, battery safety requirements, and more for side-by-side vehicles (ROVs). These sections offer best practices to reduce fire and/or electric shock risks that are applicable to OHVs. These requirements are not in the most current versions (2016 editions) of the ANSI/ROHVA-1 and ANSI/OPEI B71.9 standards and the 2017 edition of the ANSI/SVIA-1 standard.

Sincerely,

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