

MEETING LOG

Meeting with: Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC)

Meeting Date: May 24, 1996

Meeting Location: CPSC, East-West Towers, Bethesda, MD

Attendees:

Commission: Fay Dworkin, EC
Elizabeth Leland, EC
Warren Prunella, EC
Gregory Rodgers, EC
Chuck Smith, EC

Non-Commission: Harry Chernoff, SAIC
Gabriel Sanchez, SAIC

Subject of Meeting: SAIC's Draft Report: "Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Residential Carbon Monoxide Detectors"

Log Entry Source: Elizabeth Leland, EC *EL*

Summary of Meeting:

SAIC requested a meeting with the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Economic Analysis (EC) staff to discuss a draft SAIC report, titled: "Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Residential Carbon Monoxide Detectors." The report was prepared by SAIC under contract with the Gas Research Institute.

EC staff provided comments on the draft report, including clarification of the content of the CPSC CO detector proposal to the model building codes and clarification of the CPSC recommendation to consumers with regard to CO detector location. In addition, CPSC clarified that statements in the draft report about mandatory action by the CPSC to require CO detectors were inaccurate.

Some of the other issues discussed at the meeting were the SAIC assumptions regarding: the retail price of CO detectors, the number of detectors that would be used by a household; the impact of the revised UL standard on the number of false alarms; the saturation rate for CO detectors in the City of Chicago; the likely response of fire departments to CO detector alarms; and the value of a statistical life.

SAIC indicated that the comments of CPSC staff would be considered in their revision of the report and requested that CPSC staff send them copies of the CPSC CO detector code proposal and the CPSC CO Detector Fact Sheet.

