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SUBJECT: Home safety issues

DATE OF MEETING: January 25, 2002

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LOCATION: NAHB Headquarters, 15 & M St., N.W., Washington, DC

CPSC ATTENDEE(S):
William H. King, Jr., ES
Andrew Trotta, ESEE

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):
Matt Dobson, National Assoc. of Home Builders (NAHB)
Jeff Inks, NAHB
Eric Singer, Keller and Heckman LLP

SUMMARY OF MEETING: The meeting was requested by NAHB to discuss three areas of home safety: cooking fires, smoke alarms, and home wiring.

Mr. Trotta provided a brief explanation of the recent activities related to cooking fires including the ADL feasibility study, the UL Standards Technical Panel, and CPSC staff positions related to surface burners on ranges and cooktops. NAHB expressed an interest in providing new home owners with



safety information related to safe cooking practices.

Mr. King provided a brief overview of activities related to smoke alarms including the research being conducted at NIST, and the cooperative efforts between the CPSC, USFA and CDC. NAHB expressed an interest in supporting the application of smoke alarms as a proven technology for reducing fire deaths and injuries.

Mr. King discussed the safety issues that are likely to be proposed for consideration by codes and standards for home wiring and electrical safety, including the application of GFCIs for all residential general purpose receptacle and lighting branch circuits, the application of AFCIs for existing dwellings, and GFCIs for electric vending machines in places with general public access. NAHB expressed a willingness to consider these matters, and asked to be kept informed of developments.

Both CPSC staff and NAHB agreed to continue to interact on home safety matters of mutual interest.