

MEETING LOG

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DATE: November 6-7, 1996

PLACE: Headquarters of Underwriters Laboratory (UL),
Northbrook IL

ATTENDEES: UL 2117 Technical Committee

Background: This was the first meeting of the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) Technical Committee charged with developing voluntary standards for products used indoors. UL submitted a Project Initiation Notification System to ANSI for the development of indoor air emission standards. UL plans to use the ANSI balanced committee consensus method to develop its standards, referred to as UL 2117. UL invited CPSC staff to participate on the Technical Committee to develop its family of standards. In the first meeting, the Committee decided to form three work groups. Two work groups were charged with putting together standard proposals for vacuum cleaning and air cleaning devices, respectively. A third workgroup was charged with providing general standard-related guidance to the other two work groups related to scope, definitions, establishing acceptable levels, labeling issues, etc. All workgroup proposals must be approved by the Technical Committee.

Discussion: UL representatives gave a day-long series of presentations introducing and describing the ANSI and UL standards development process. This included the role of the Technical Committee which is to define those products that impact indoor air in which a UL standard could be developed. Work Groups would then be formed to develop the scope, test methods, criteria, and definitions required to draft subparts to the UL standard. The Technical Committee would continue to function to coordinate and guide the Working Groups.

The Technical Committee identified air cleaners and vacuum cleaners as product category candidates for UL standard development. Other product categories may be added at future Technical Committee meetings. Work Groups were established to further consider the feasibility of a standard for air cleaners and vacuum cleaners and report progress back to the Technical Committee. A third General Work Group was established to consider common definitions and approaches for the product-specific Work Groups. UL is responsible for keeping a current membership list and distributing the official meeting logs. Outside organizations who wish to receive these should contact Deborah Prince, UL Project Engineer, 919-549-1460 (voice), 919-547-6178 (fax).

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PUBLIC CALENDAR NOTICE

Wednesday and Thursday, November 6-7, 1996

Val Schaeffer, Epidemiology and Health Sciences is attending a Technical Advisory Panel meeting of Underwriters Laboratories Inc.(UL). The panel meeting is to discuss development of standards for emissions from indoor products. The meeting was requested by UL and will be held at UL headquarters in Northbrook, IL. For additional information, contact Val Schaeffer, (301)-504-0994 ext. 1390. (S)