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**DATE:** May 21, 2010

**LOCATION:** CPSC, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda MD 20814

**SUBJECT:** Pool Safety Council (PSC) meeting with Commissioner Adler and CPSC Staff

**ATTENDEES:** Paul Pennington, Chairman PSC; Pam Gilbert, Cuneo Gilbert & LaDuca, LLP – Counsel to PSC

**CPSC ATTENDEES:** Robert Adler, Commissioner; Jason Levine, Legal Counsel to Commissioner Adler; Barbara Little, OGC; Troy Whitfield, CRE; Markham Chenoweth, Counsel to Commissioner Northup; Sean Ward, OGC; Catherine Mysliwicz, OGC (Intern)

**OBSERVERS:** Mary Foley, Product Safety Letter

**MEETING SUMMARY:** The PSC representatives paid a call to discuss its mission, which is to educate the public regarding swimming pool and spa safety and the availability of swimming pool and spa safety devices. Additionally, the PSC representatives discussed PSC's views on suction and entrapment hazards related to drain covers. The representatives noted their opposition to the Commission's recent decision that a properly affixed unblockable drain cover that is compliant with the voluntary standard can make a drain an "unblockable drain." The representatives argued that drain covers were insufficient because they must be removed and then reaffixed for winterization unlike safety vacuum release systems (SVRS), which according to the PSC representatives never need any maintenance for the life of the system. The representatives said these systems were available, including installation, for a cost as little as \$575.

Commissioner Adler thanked the representatives for sharing their opinions with him and agreed that he wanted every pool in America to install the most effective anti-entrapment system that would address 100% of pool and spa entrapment issues. CPSC staff discussed with the PSC representatives which

**entrapment hazards were and which entrapment hazards were not addressed by the SVRS approach. All parties agreed that it would be helpful to have any data regarding how often properly installed, compliant drain covers went missing or were removed not in connection with winterization.**

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