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U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Lint Test Method for Flammable Vapor Ignition-Resistant Water Heaters

DATE OF MEETING: January 25, 2001

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Donald W. Switzer *DWS*

ENTRY DATE: February 6, 2001

PLACE: CSA International, 8501 E. Pleasant Valley Road, Independence, Ohio

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Donald W. Switzer

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| Jack Langmead | Water Heater Consortium |
| Clem Erhardt | Water Heater Consortium |
| Eric Lannes | Bradford White Corporation |
| Mark Taylor | Bradford White Corporation |
| Tim Shellenberger | American Water Heater Company |
| James York | American Water Heater Company |
| John Paisley | GSW Water Heater Company |
| Charles Adams | A.O. Smith Water Products |
| Dale Shropshire | A.O. Smith Water Products |
| Bob Dureemer | CSA staff |
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| George Gruss | CSA |
| Bill Harrigil | Rheem Manufacturing |
| Gordon Stretch | Rheem Manufacturing Company |
| Drew Smith | State Industries |
| Rodney Syler | State Industries |
| Jim Ranfone | American Gas Association |
| Jim Reuther | Battelle Memorial Institute |

SUMMARY OF MEETING: CPSC staff met with the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and water heater manufacturers to discuss the need for a lint test method for Flammable Vapor Ignition-Resistant (FVIR). A lint test method is needed to address concerns that some FVIR technologies may be susceptible to lint accumulation resulting in carbon monoxide production. There was a general discussion as to the need for a lint test method, and whether the lint, dust and oil (LDO) method developed by Battelle was appropriate. Pass-fail criteria were also discussed. The meeting ended with the consensus that the LDO method would be used by CSA to certify FVIR water heaters and that a safe shutdown before hazardous levels of CO were produced would be an acceptable outcome of the test.

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