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SUBJECT: Baby Bath Seat Invention

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LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Renae Rauchschalbe, CRC

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LOCATION: CPSC, Room 715

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Renae Rauchschalbe, Celestine Kiss, Patricia Pollitzer, Mark Kumagai, Debra Sweet, Mary Donaldson, Suad Nakamura, and Sandra Inkster

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Lee Yin - Phone: (703) 288-5142; e-mail: yinlee@aol.com

SUMMARY OF MEETING: Mr. Yin, a computer engineer by profession, designed an invention to reduce the likelihood of tip over incidents associated with baby bath seats. After attaching his product just above the suction cups and below the seat of a bath seat, he used a top heavy baby (dummy) to demonstrate that his product increases the surface area of the base and decreases the likelihood of tip over. He said the invention would increase the price of a baby bath seat by \$2 to \$3 or, on a large production, by as little as \$.75. The staff found the product

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interesting but could not comment further without subjecting it to tip over testing. Assuming it does address the hazard of tip over, the invention does not address injuries associated with slip through or climbing over the seat. Again, there is concern by the staff that making the product more robust increases the likelihood that a caregiver will momentarily leave the child alone.