

**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
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Subject: Clothes Dryers

Date of Meeting: November 09, 2000

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Meeting Location: CPSC

CPSC Attendees:

William H. King Jr.	ESEE
Linda Edwards	ESEE
Arthur Lee	ESEE
Sheela Kadambi	ESEE
Jeanie Mah	Hazard Analysis
Mark Levenson	Hazard Analysis
Jacquie Elder	EXHR

Non-CPSC Attendees:

Larry Wethje	AHAM
Becky Butler	Brown & Freeston, P. C.
David Steiner	Maytag Corp.
Dan Teich	Maytag Corp. (Via Phone)
Tom Riley	Maytag Corp. (Via Phone)
Tim Hooker	GE Appliances
Robert St-Louis	CAMCO Inc./GE
Roland Weingartner	Miele Appliances
Donald Grob	Underwriters Laboratories Inc.
Rick C. Seib	Whirlpool Corp.
Julie I. Ayres	AHAM
Charles Smuels	AHAM Counsel
Brian Ripley	Electronic Home Products
Dave Modtland	Electronic Home Products
Alan F. Kessler	Amana Appliances
Woodie Osteen	Amana Appliances
Gordan Gillerman	Underwriters Laboratories Inc.

Summary of the Meeting:

AHAM requested a meeting with CPSC to continue the discussion on Clothes Dryer issues. The meeting was held at the CPSC offices at 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Prior to the meeting, AHAM had sent to CPSC staff a proposal to collect data on clothes dryer incidents. In return, AHAM received CPSC staff's written comments on the data collection effort. The discussion centered around this proposal. The proposal is



to collect data for 200 incidents in real-time. Each manufacturer is responsible for collecting a percentage of the incident data (proportional to the number of dryers sold) that would contribute to the total of 200 incidents. The data collection is to begin formally in January 2001, and this effort would last approximately six months. They have already started using the survey form for some incidents, but AHAM would like to make additional changes to it before the data collection formally begins. AHAM believes it can incorporate many of the staff suggestions. CPSC staff offered to forward to AHAM any incident reports that we receive during this period.

Don Grob from Underwriters Laboratories (UL) shared his experience and information from a "Fire Findings" class he took recently. The class covered the origins and causes of fires in clothes dryers. In addition, CPSC and UL staff discussed procedures for future UL Standards Technical Panel meetings to prevent delays in acting on CPSC proposals.

AHAM stated that they are considering petitioning CPSC for a mandatory rule against retail outlets marketing "slinky" (foil, plastic or vinyl) type vent material for use in installing dryers, or for mandatory warning labels on these vent materials.