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MEETING LOG
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: ANSI Z21 Chairman's Advisory Committee Accredited Standards Committee Z21

PLACE: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association 2107 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600 Arlington, VA

MEETING DATE: October 19, 2000

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Donald W. Switzer *DWS*

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Donald W. Switzer ES

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: See attached attendee sheet

MEETING SUMMARY

The Chairman's Advisory Committee (CAC) consists of representatives of the gas distribution and gas appliance manufacturing industries. The purpose of the CAC is to provide expert assistance to the Chairman of the Accredited National Standard Committee Z21. This meeting log is limited to those items that directly relate to on-going Commission projects.

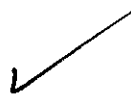
Item 4. Update on Appeal of Z21.10.1 Water Heater Standard for Flammable Vapors Testing

The CAC was asked to review this item for information only. Mr. Callahan informed the Advisory Committee that an NPGA appeal was denied at ANSI. The time frame for further appeal has passed and the applicable coverage remains approved.

Item 5. Proposed Change to the Z21/83 Committee Operating Procedures

The CAC was asked to consider a request to revise the Z21/83 Committee Operating Procedures. By correspondence dated August 19, 2000, Mr. Bruce Swiecicki, NPGA, requested that the CAC consider the following addition to 10.0 of the Operating Procedures:

These procedures are intended to permit the Committee and its subcommittees to consider and discuss safety or technical issues related to the development of gas appliance standards, and their perceived cost and/or benefit to society at large.



This proposal is an outgrowth of the NPGA appeal of revisions to the Z21.10.1 water heater standard (see Item 4). The committee discussed that it would be inappropriate for the Z21/83 Committee to put a dollar value for avoided deaths and injuries. The subcommittees have repeatedly been directed to not discuss costs associated with standard changes to improve safety. CPSC staff encouraged the CAC to not adopt a change that would allow cost/benefit analysis as a part of the safety standard development.

The CAC chairman requested that GAMA and CSA staff draft a policy statement prohibiting the Z21 Committee from allowing cost/benefit to be included in standards development. This recommendation will be forwarded to the full Z21/83 Committee for its consideration.

Item 9. Status of Range Subcommittee's Cooking Fires Working Group Activity

The chairman expressed concern that the issue of cooking fires may not be easily resolved, which could have a negative impact on the reputation of the Z21/83 process. CPSC staff commented that the CPSC is working with the manufacturers and AHAM. CPSC staff agreed that the issue is difficult, but reported that one system has been demonstrated in the laboratory to limit the number of fires.

The chairman also expressed concern that, in addition to the cooking fire issue, the CPSC has raised the issue of CO emission from ovens. Staff responded that the CPSC will be forwarding the results of its testing to the range subcommittee as information only, and does not plan to make any recommendations to the subcommittee on this topic.

Attendee Sheet

Daryl L. Hosler, Chairman
Frances Gailey
James M. Jones
Gary Potter
Jack D. Rea
Earl T. Rhinehart
Donald Switzer

Allen J. Callahan
Jennifer S. Heichel
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Frank Stanonik,
Larry Wethje,
Paul Beach,
Paul Cabot,
Glenn Tubrett,
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