

Log of Meeting

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**Subject:** BRK Brands Inc.  
**Author:** Andrew G. Stadnik, P.E.  
**Date:** June 8, 1995  
**Place:** BRK Offices, Aurora, Illinois

**CPSC Participants:** Eric Ault, Director, Chicago Field Office  
Andrew G. Stadnik, P.E., Engineering Sciences

**Non-CPSC Participants:** Thomas Gionta, BRK Brands  
John Lanman, BRK Brands  
Nicholas Bellavia, BRK Brands  
Matthew Hamm, BRK Brands

**Meeting Notes:** The agenda for this meeting is attached. The following notes address the various agenda items:

1. Mr. Stadnik provided an overview of the CPSC's functions and the CPSC engineering directorate to provide the BRK staff with a better understanding of the CPSC and its regulatory role. Mr. Gionta and the BRK staff appreciated this since all of them were relatively new to the company, one year or less. Mr. Gionta expressed an interest in any CPSC analyses and reports that were available on fire and other hazards. Mr. Stadnik agreed to provide copies of several released reports. (This was done on June 21, 1995.)
2. Mr. Gionta provided an overview of BRK Brands, and provided a copy of the company's latest annual report. He noted that the company's main focus is providing a complete line of safety and security products including smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, night lights, and numerous other security and safety products. Mr. Gionta indicated that the company's entire senior management has been changed in the past year, and new personnel have been brought in. He indicated that from what he understood, prior management was not very responsive to CPSC concerns and inquiries. He noted that one of their goals is to improve relations and communication with the CPSC.
3. Mr. Gionta provided a comprehensive tour of the BRK engineering and test facilities, and a tour of their fire extinguisher manufacturing plant.



**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1995  
VISIT TO BRK BRANDS  
AURORA, ILLINOIS**

- 8:30 AM* Arrive/Check in at BRK, Aurora, IL
- 9:00 AM* Overview of BRK and Product Lines  
Overview of CPSC
- 10:00 AM* Tour of local BRK Engineering and Test Facilities and Fire Extinguisher  
Manufacturing Plant
- 12:00 PM* Depart