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LOG OF MEETING
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Electrical Receptacles

DATE OF MEETING: June 7, 2004

PLACE OF MEETING: National Electrical Manufacturers Association
Suite 1847
1300 N. 17th Street
Rosslyn, VA

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Robert Garrett 

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Linda Edwards, Robert Garrett

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Doug Troutman - NEMA
Harry Massey - NEMA
David Lutz - HUBBELL Wiring Device-Kellems (Manager, Engineering Design and Support)
Aaron Chase - LEVITON (Sr. Dir, of Compliance Engineering, Codes and Standards
Jay Mendelson - COOPER Wiring Devices (VP of Engineering and Quality Assurance)
Jack Wells - PASS & SEYMOUR / LEGRAND (VP-Corporate Development)
Joel Solis - AIR-CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION INSTITUTE (Certification Engineer)

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The meeting was held at NEMA's request at their headquarters offices to discuss CPSC's Electrical Receptacle program.

Industry participants wanted to know the goals and plans for the program and expressed interest in the data we might collect. They asked questions about the Field Office's interactions with fire department and about our proposed sample collection methods, and they offered to review and comment on the guideline. They also indicated they are beginning a study of child interactions with receptacles and asked if CPSC might assist with more data and estimates based on our collected information from NEISS and elsewhere.

Mr. Solis (ARI) discussed his industry's concerns with the voluntary standards provisions, newly in effect, that require a safety plug on the power cord of room air conditioners. They are considering the effects of the heavier plug, coupled with vibration in the wall from the operating air conditioner, on the retention of the plug blades within a wall receptacle. They fear that the retention forces may not be adequate under the new requirements to hold the plug firmly in place. Mr. Chase (Leviton) stated that he believed that UL had taken the additional forces into consideration while the proposal was being evaluated.

