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WITH PORTABLE GENERATOR SAFETY

MEETING LOG
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Meeting with Underwriters Laboratories (UL) to discuss UL 2201
PLACE: CPSC Headquarters, Bethesda, MD
MEETING DATE: February 8, 2007
LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Janet Buyer
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COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Susan Bathalon	ESME
Janet Buyer	ESFS
David DiMatteo	CONN
Jay Howell	EXHR
Sandy Inkster	HS
Hugh McLaurin	ES
Barbara Parisi	OGC
Chuck Smith	EC
Tim Smith	ESHF
Don Switzer	ESFS
Richard Stern	EXC

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

James Beyries	UL
Claire Kammer	UL

OBSERVERS

Robert Bradeis	Black and Decker
Tom Bingham	American Honda
Michael Brown	Brown & Gidding
Roy Deppa	Marchica & Deppa
Mark Ettinger	Consultant
James Jongkind	American Honda
Nick Marchica	Marchica & Deppa
Ann Staron	Willkie, Farr & Gallagher, LLP

MEETING SUMMARY: UL requested the meeting to discuss their understanding of CPSC staff's concerns regarding safety of portable generators, as addressed in the staff briefing package "Staff Review of Portable Generator Safety." UL stated that they intend "to develop methods and requirements that might be incorporated in a UL Standard for Safety to address potential

hazards associated with portable generators and their use, as recognized by CPSC.” Mr. Beyreis explained that their process will be to develop a draft UL standard, then circulate it to stakeholders for comment before issuing it by Sept 2007. After that, they intend to seek its approval from the UL 2201 Standards Technical Panel (STP) so that UL can seek ANSI recognition of it as a U.S. voluntary standard.

UL discussed with staff their understanding of the issues, hazards, and potential draft requirements for their standard, including CO emissions, weather resistance, shock and electrocution, product marking and instructions for use, thermal burns, theft, engine noise, and fire.