

## 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

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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

Tom Bingham

Michael Brown

Roy Deppa

Mark Ettinger

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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.