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SUBJECT: Meeting with Underwriters Laboratory Representatives to Discuss Dishwasher Project

DATE(S) OF MEETING: September 10, 1998

PLACE: CPSC, East-West Towers, Bethesda, MD

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Hammad Ahmad Malik

DATE OF ENTRY: September 14, 1998

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Andrew M. Trotta, ESEE
Hammad Malik, ESEE

NON COMMISSION ATTENDEES:
Gordon Gillerman, UL
John Pallanti, UL
Wayne Morris, Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM)

SUMMARY OF MEETING: Mr. Malik began by giving a brief explanation of the CPSC staff dishwasher project planned for fiscal year 1999. Mr. Malik mentioned that some potential concern arose when the increasing trend of dishwasher fire related incidents was observed. This observation led to the dishwasher project. Mr. Malik also mentioned that recent data is demonstrating that the trends are holding. A brief breakdown of the recent incidents were also provided.

Mr. Wayne Morris provided some background information on local jurisdictional requirements for dishwasher installation and various types of dishwashers. Mr. Morris also offered to make product shipment information available to the CPSC staff. Mr. Morris inquired as to if the Department of Energy Standards have been looked at. Mr. Malik replied that this is part of the project plan.

Both AHAM and UL offered site visits where Mr. Malik will be able to receive demonstrations of product manufacturing and testing.

Mr. Morris and Mr. Gallanti provided information regarding the harmonization of UL standards with IEC standards. Mr. Gallanti mentioned that the UL dishwasher standard has already been harmonized with the CSA standard, however, there is no plan to harmonize with the IEC part 2 document. Mr. Morris mentioned that there is currently no IEC dishwasher performance standard. Mr. Morris also stated that a AHAM performance standard should be available by the end of 1998.

