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SUBJECT: National Association of State Fire Marshals Science and Technology Advisory Group

DATE OF MEETING: April 29, 1998

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PERSON SUBMITTING LOG: James F. Hoebel, Engineering Sciences

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill hotel, Washington, DC

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): James F. Hoebel

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Gary Ter Haar, Chairman, Albemarle Corporation

Bea Harwood, retired
H. J. Roux, Roux International
Dr. Jack Watts, Fire Safety Institute
Frank McGarry, NASFM Program Manager
Karen Suhr, NASFM Governmental Relations
Patty Adair, National Cotton Council
Dr. John Michener, Milliken
Suzanne Hough, American Textile Manufacturers Institute
Debi Richardson, Society of the Plastics Industry
Sam Christy, Product Safety Letter

SUMMARY OF MEETING: The agenda is attached.

Dr. Milke did not attend the meeting, so his presentation was postponed.

Dr. Watts discussed halon/water mist issues. Water mist is being considered as a possible replacement for halon fire extinguishment systems, since halon compounds are being phased out because of environmental concerns. Water mist also appears to have merit as an alternative for conventional sprinkler systems.

A presentation on Unattended Home Appliance Fires was provided by CPSC staff at the previous Group meeting. NASFM's role is yet to be determined. The Board of Directors may want to become more pro-active in this area, and may consider filing a petition with the CPSC.

Reference was also made to the recent CPSC meeting on range cooking fires. That meeting was summarized by Ms. Harwood. The possibility of a petition was also discussed, but it was believed that this would not be the appropriate time, since the work is in a research phase.

Mr. McGarry summarized the NASFM position on legislation for a fire safe cigarette. Congressman Moakley's draft bill would give the CPSC responsibility to develop and issue a standard for the cigarette ignition potential of cigarettes. NASFM fully supports the bill, and NASFM is comfortable with the idea that CPSC would improve the test method developed in 1993 by NIST for this standard.

The next Group meeting may be during the NASFM annual meeting in Denver, CO on June 25, 1998. There may be a meeting sooner to discuss issues related to NASFM's position on the recent CPSC upholstered furniture activities.

The Group (without the CPSC representative) then went into closed session.