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LOG OF MEETING

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SUBJECT: Snowthrowers

DATE OF MEETING: May 19, 1998

PLACE: John Deere Horicon Works, Horicon, WI

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Roy W. Deppa *RWD*

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Roy W. Deppa, Division of Mechanical Engineering

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Denis Del Ponte, Manager, Test and Evaluation
Roger Reilly, Manager, Product Engineering Services

SUMMARY:

The meeting had been requested by Roy Deppa to discuss snowthrower hand injuries and a possible joint government/industry research project to attempt to eliminate clogging of snowthrowers in wet snow.

The meeting included a tour of Deere's production and test facilities and a discussion of their experience in snowthrower safety issues. Deere does not manufacture the snowthrowers marketed under the John Deere name. They are currently built by Ariens.

The Deere representatives expressed cautious support for the idea of a joint project, but agreed to participate in such a project to some extent. Their preference is that any such work be done through the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute. They indicated some concerns about working with CPSC and their competitors directly.

