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SUBJECT: SnowthrowersDATE OF MEETING: May 7, 1998PLACE: Toro, Bloomington, MNLOG ENTRY SOURCE: Roy W. Deppa *[Signature]*COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Roy W. Deppa, Division of Mechanical EngineeringNON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Jim Fear, Manager, Senior Program Engineering
 Drew Byers, Manager, Corporate Product Integrity
 Joe Newberg, Manger, Government Relations
 Greg Tonsager, Manager, Consumer Test Engineering
 Dale Hammons, Principle Test Engineer

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 Toro's test facilities, a review of snowthrower literature and labels, inspection of snowthrowers and engines, demonstration of the stored energy issue, inspection of competitors' machines, review of past efforts at Toro, and other issues.

Toro expressed strong support for the idea of a joint project, and agreed to participate in further discussions about the project.