

# MEETING LOG UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE

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**Meeting Between:** CPSC staff and representatives of the Polyurethane Foam Association (FRCA)

**Date of Meeting:** May 15, 1998

**Site of Meeting:** Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, VA

**Meeting Topic:** PFA Spring Business Meeting & Technical Program

**Log Entry By:** Dale Ray, *DR* Project Mgr., Upholstered Furniture

**Participants:** PFA: Louis Peters, Executive Director, James McIntyre, Counsel (McIntyre Law Firm), and about 150 representatives of various PFA member firms

Other: Representatives of SPI, FRCA and other chemical producers and users

CPSC: Dale Ray, EC

## Summary:

PFA's Spring 1998 Technical Program featured a number of presentations on various issues affecting the polyurethane foam industry, including regulatory issues. Mr. McIntyre spoke about existing regulations governing foam production and use. Mr. Ray spoke about CPSC's recent activities on upholstered furniture flammability. As currently drafted, the CPSC staff's draft small open flame standard contains no test for filling materials (such as polyurethane foam); Mr. Ray noted, however, that the staff is considering significant alternatives to the draft standard, including requirements for fillings. There was some discussion of the use of flame retardant (FR) treatments in foams, although the focus of CPSC's current inquiries on FR chemicals is more on upholstery fabrics than on fillings. A copy of the program is attached.

Attachment (technical program agenda)



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**AGENDA  
TECHNICAL PROGRAM  
CRYSTAL GATEWAY MARRIOTT  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA  
MAY 14 & 15, 1998**

**Program Chairman-Steve Barger-Vita, Inc.**

**Thursday May 14**

**1:30 to 5PM TDI Program**

**Presentations and a Panel  
Discussion**

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| <b>"Measuring Emissions from FPF Plants in the USA"</b>   | <b>Karroll Booth-Bayer Corp.</b>                       |
| <b>"The European Experience on TDI Emissions Control"</b> | <b>John Chapman-<br/>Gilbert International Limited</b> |
| <b>"Controlling TDI Emissions from FPF Plants"</b>        | <b>Lisa Reese-Calgon Carbon Corp.</b>                  |
| <b>"TDI Antibodies"</b>                                   | <b>Pat Conner-BASF Corp.</b>                           |
| <b>"TDI Regulations in the USA"</b>                       | <b>Jim McIntyre-McIntyre Law Firm</b>                  |

**Friday May 15**

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| <b>8:30AM</b>  | <b>"Beneficial Effects of Cushion on Carpet<br/>Retention and Longevity"</b>                                | <b>Bill Wald-Carpet Cushion Council</b>                 |
| <b>9:00AM</b>  | <b>"United Nation's Support Program for CFC Phase-<br/>out in FPF-Case Study for Liquid Carbon Dioxide"</b> | <b>Bert Veenendaal-RAPPA, Inc.</b>                      |
| <b>9:30AM</b>  | <b>"CPSC Activities-Upholstered Furniture Flammability"</b>   | <b>Dale Ray-Consumer Products<br/>Safety Commission</b> |
| <b>10:00AM</b> | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |   |
| <b>10:30AM</b> | <b>"Furniture Performance Testing @ Consumers Union"</b>  | <b>Pat Slaven-Consumers Union</b>                       |
| <b>11:00AM</b> | <b>"Fundamentals of FPF Slabstock Catalysis"</b>  | <b>Mark L. Listemann-Air Products</b>                   |

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