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MEETING LOG
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SUBJECT: Discussion of Possible Technological Solutions to the Water Heater Flammable Vapor Ignition Issue

PLACE: Hyatt Hotel, Rosslyn, VA

MEETING DATE: July 15, 1998

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Donald W. Switzer ES

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Jack Langmead	Consultant to the Water Heater Joint Development Consortium
Bill Harrigill	Rheem Manufacturing
Gene West	American Water Heater Group
Jake Hall	Rheem Manufacturing
Otto Vago	State Industries
Drew Smith	State Industries
Eric Lannes	Bradford White Corporation
Mark Taylor	Bradford White Corporation
Clement Erhardt	Attorney for Consortium
Spence Greico	International Approval Services
George Gruss	International Approval Services
Bob Borgeson	Independent Consultant to Consortium

MEETING SUMMARY

Mr. Langmead requested this meeting to discuss the status of efforts by the Water Heater Industry Joint Development Consortium to develop technological solutions to the hazard posed by gas-fired water heaters igniting flammable vapors in the home. Consortium also discussed planned research, and reasons why a butane chamber test method would not adequately test some of their emerging technologies. Financing for additional test facilities at International Approval Services was also discussed. The meeting was closed to the public because the material discussed was confidential.

