



**OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT  
INSTITUTE**

October 30, 2015

Ms. Caroleene Paul  
US Consumer Product Safety Commission  
Via electronic mail

Dear Ms. Paul:

The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) is a trade association comprised of manufacturers and their suppliers of consumer and commercial outdoor power equipment. OPEI is also proud to be an accredited standard developing organization under the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). As a standard developing organization, OPEI promotes the creation of safety standards that advance a healthier and safer environment for the use of outdoor power equipment.

In an earlier e-mail I had advised you that OPEI is seeking recognition of an American National Standard (ANS) amendment:

ANSI/OPEI B71.9-2016 – ANS for Multipurpose Off-Highway Utility Vehicles

With that e-mail I also asked you if you would be interested in joining a group that would be composed of directly and materially affected users, manufacturers, organizations, governmental and regulatory agencies, among others, in order to obtain consensus among the group. You have responded yes, and I am delighted that OPEI will have the benefit of your thoughtful and reasoned responses. With this letter, I have attached five other items: the draft of ANSI/OPEI B71.9-2016; a comment form to use in submitting comments, objections, and suggested revisions; a ballot; a list of the other members who are represented in the consensus group, and a copy of OPEI's Standards Development Procedures.

The B71.9 Committee kindly requests you complete your review and submit your response form (if necessary) and ballot on or before December 11, 2015.

Thank you for your attention to this request. If you have any questions, please contact me by email at [gknott@opei.org](mailto:gknott@opei.org) or by telephone at 703-549-7600.

Kind regards,

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