

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

LOG OF CLOSED MEETING

SUBJECT: FLAMMABLE VAPOR WATER HEATER PROJECT
DATE OF MEETING: JUNE 30, 1999
PLACE OF MEETING: CPSC HEADQUARTERS/ROOM 714
LOG ENTRY SOURCE: PAMELA L. WELLER
DATE OF ENTRY: AUGUST 3, 1999
COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

COMMISSIONER THOMAS MOORE
PAMELA L. WELLER, COUNSELOR TO COMMISSIONER MOORE
MICHAEL GOUGISHA, COUNSELOR TO COMMISSIONER MOORE

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

GRAHAM HALL, EXECUTIVE GENERAL MANAGER, SOUTHCORP AUSTRALIA
GEOFF WHITFORD, VP, PRODUCT ENGINEERING, SOUTHCORP
AUSTRALIA
BOB TRUDEAH, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN WATER HEATER COMPANY
TIM SHELLENBERGER, VP, PRODUCT ENGINEERING, AMERICAN WATER
HEATER COMPANY
ED HACKNEY, GENERAL COUNSEL, SOUTHCORP USA, INC.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The representatives of Southcorp and American Water Heater reported on their progress in developing a water heater that would operate without igniting flammable vapors such as gasoline and common household cleaning products, which can cause flashback fires in residential dwellings. They showed the Commissioner some pictures of their product and discussed its manner of operation. The company discussed its future production schedule and requested that the Commission publicly express support for their technology. Commissioner Moore thanked the company representatives for their presentation.

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