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**LOG OF MEETING**

**SUBJECT: Mattress and Bedding Fires**

**DATE OF MEETING: June 6, 1997**

**DATE OF LOG ENTRY: June 23, 1997**

**PERSON SUBMITTING LOG: Barbara Jacobson**

**LOCATION: Washington National Airport Hilton, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA**

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** James Hoebel and Rikki Khanna, Directorate for Engineering Sciences, Barbara Jacobson and Linda Smith, Directorate for Epidemiology and Health Sciences

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):**

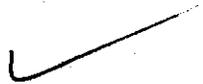
Speakers and attendees at the International Sleep Products Association (ISPA) Conference "Education '97" A copy of the agenda and list of attendees is attached.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

The Sleep Products Safety Council invited the CPSC staff to speak at the ISPA Conference. Barbara Jacobson introduced the CPSC staff and told the conference attendees that we were there because mattresses and bedding are among the consumer products most frequently involved in fire deaths. We said we were very pleased that the mattress industry is taking the initiative to join the CPSC investigation of factors involved in mattress/bedding fires. The CPSC staff presented an overview of the CPSC standards development process, discussed the development of an open-flame test procedure for upholstered furniture, and summarized the results of the recently-released CPSC study "Residential Fires in Mattresses and Bedding." We told the attendees that there is no set schedule for the Mattress/Bedding Project at this time. Work on development of an open flame standard for mattresses and bedding is on hold pending completion of the joint ISPA/SPSC/NASFM Study of Fires. After we have reviewed the final results of this study, we would like to pursue discussions about options for the future direction of work on mattress/bedding fires.

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## **SCHEDULE**

### **Thursday, June 5**

6:30pm - 8:30pm Welcome Reception & Exhibits

### **Friday, June 6**

7:00am - 7:30am Continental Breakfast & Welcome

7:30am - 8:30am Bus travel to National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST)

8:30am - 11:00pm Tour of NIST  
Fire Modeling Software Demonstration  
Full-scale Fire Tests Involving Mattresses  
Proposed NIST Study Overview

11:00pm - 12:00pm Travel back to Hotel

12:00pm - 1:30pm Buffet Lunch & Exhibits

1:30pm - 2:15pm Gordon Damant  
Overview: Flammability Testing Criteria with Box Test Substitution Procedure

2:15pm - 3:00pm William Koffel, Fire Protection Engineer  
Fire Modeling Software: It's application to real-world applications

3:00pm - 3:15pm Break

3:15pm - 4:15pm CPSC Staff  
Results from CPSC's Hazard Analysis of 154 Open-Flame Mattress Fires  
Timetable for Developing Appropriate Standard  
Comparisons to Upholstered Furniture Open-Flame Standard Development

4:15pm - 4:45pm Frank McGarry, National Association of State Fire Marshals  
Preliminary Results from Joint ISPA/SPSC/NASFM Study of Open-Flame Fires

4:45pm - 5:30pm Questions & Answers: Panel of Speakers

6:30pm - 8:30pm Cocktail Reception & Exhibits

**Education '97:**  
**SPSC's Safety Conference/ISPA's Shoptalk**  
**June 5-7, 1997**  
**Arlington, Virginia**

Registration as of 6/5/97

**Attendees**

David Baker, The Lighter Association, Washington, DC  
Larry Bradford, Akzo Nobel, Dobbs, Ferry, NY  
George Booth, Springs Industries, Inc., Honea Path, SC  
George Bowles, Bowles Mattress Co., Jeffersonville, IN  
William Bowles, Bowles Mattress Co., Jeffersonville, IN  
Jerry Brothers, Southerland Inc., Nashville, TN  
Bobby Bush, Hickory Springs, Hickory, NC  
Scott Cecil, Kingsdown, Inc., Mebane, NC  
Tim Close, Serta, Inc., Itasca, IL  
A. M. Dawson, Blumenthal Print Works, New Orleans, LA  
Jan Denenberg, Foamex International, Linwood, PA  
Paul Dillon, Southern Tech, Atlanta, GA  
Patrick Dinan, Bassett Bedding, Walworth, WI  
Carlene Evenson, Restonic Mattress Co., Rosemont, IL  
Bill Fellows, Bowles Mattress Co., Jeffersonville, IN  
Marci Galin, WEB, Inc., Atlanta, Ga  
Keith Gillis, King Koil Mattress, Roseville, MI 48066  
Ricky Gladney, Simmons Company, Norcross, GA  
David Harris, Sealy, Inc., Cleveland, OH  
Barbara Hodges, Spadina Industries Inc., Canada  
Julie Hutchinson, Sealy, Inc., Cleveland, OH  
Ron Hutchinson, Simmons Company, Norcross, GA  
Charles Johnson, N. C. Sleep Products, Raleigh, NC  
Michael Keefe, King Koil Mid Atlantic, Norfolk, VA  
Dennis Kemp, Spring Air Northwest, Tacoma, WA  
Al Klancnik, Serta, Inc., Itasca, IL  
Will Lawrence, Culp Inc., Stokesdale, NC  
David Lee, Coyne Mattress Co., Waipahu, HI  
Donald Lee, Coyne Mattress Co., Ltd., Waipahu, HI  
Wayne Matchen, Burlington House Fabrics, Burlington, NC  
Wendy McClellan, Simmons Company, Norcross, GA  
Thomas Mundy, American Bedding Company, Gainesville, GA  
Harrison Murphy, Ventex, Inc., Reston, VA  
Said Nurbakhsh, Bureau of Home Furnishings, North Highlands, CA  
John Orders, Park Place Corporation, Greenville, SC  
Joyce Page, Page Bedding Co., Johnstown, PA  
Walter Page, Page Bedding Co., Johnstown, PA  
Chet Petkiewicz, Freudenberg NonWoven, Lowell, MA  
Michael Pino, Therapedic International, Middlesex, NJ  
Lee Quinn, Restonic, New Albany, IN

### **Attendees cont.**

Neil Reilly, United Mattress Machinery, Weymouth, MA  
Carl Richards, III, Richards Quality Bedding, Grand Rapids, MI  
Gary Romanik, Paltex Inc., Los Angeles, CA  
Bernard Roth, Sleepcare, Inc., Freeport, NY  
Robert Sabalasky, Serta, Inc., Itasca, IL  
Gwen Saltalamacchia, King Koil Mattress, Roseville, MI  
Jeffrey Sherman, Ther-A-Pedic Midwest Inc., Rock Island, IL  
Bert Simpson, Hanes Industries, Conover, NC  
Larry Smith, Southerland Inc., Nashville, TN  
Timothy Smith, Serta, Inc., Itasca, IL  
Mary Sorrisso, Southerland Inc., Nashville, TN  
Marty Southerland, Southerland Inc., Nashville, TN  
Jonathan Stowe, Kingsdown, Inc., Mebane, NC  
Ronald Szczesny, Stern & Associates, Southfield, MI  
Ron Van Meenen, Spadina Industries Inc., Canada  
John Whistler, Englander Bedding Company, Parkersburg, WV  
Paul Wienkamp, Adam Wuest/Serta Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

### **Speakers for Track One**

Gordon Damant, Inter-City Testing, Sacramento, CA  
James Hoebel, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC  
Barbara Jacobsen, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC  
Rikki Khanna, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC  
William Koffel, Koffel Associates, Ellicott City, MD  
Frank McGarry, National Association of State Fire Marshalls, Washington, DC  
Linda Smith, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC

### **Speakers for Track Two**

Ken Livingston, Hickory Springs Mfg. Co., Claremont, NC  
Douglas Mishkin, McKenna & Cuneo, L.L.P., Washington, DC  
Robert Ruppenthal, The Context Group, Cornelius, NC  
Alyssa Senzel, McKenna & Cuneo, L.L.P., Washington, DC  
Bill Wilson, Transportation Management Corporation, Ellicott City, MD  
Katy Wolf, Institute for Research and Technical Assistance, Santa Monica, CA

### **Staff in Alexandria, VA**

Russell L. Abolt (Larrine), Executive Vice President  
Patricia Martin, Executive Director, Sleep Products Safety Council  
Andrea Herman, Vice President, Communications  
Shawn Conrad, Vice President/Government Relations & Issues Management  
Karin Soyster, Meetings Manager  
Doug McAllister, Director of Communications and Marketing  
Jackie Boice, BedTimes Editor  
Jane Oseth, Assistant to Director, Sleep Products Safety Council