

MEETING LOG

Subject: Meeting with officials of the American Gas Association to discuss carbon monoxide detector standards and gas-fired water heaters.

Date: July 10, 1997

Place: Room 724, CPSC Headquarters

Source: Walt A. Sanders, COAB

CPSC Reps: Ann Brown, Chairman
Walt Sanders, COAB
Ron Medford, EXHR
Don Switzer, ESEE
Elizabeth Leland, ECPA

Other Reps: Roger Cooper, American Gas Association
Charles Fritts, American Gas Association
Jim Ranfone, American Gas Association
Sandy Ruitter, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.

Summary: Chairman Brown welcomed representatives from the AGA. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Fritts explained purpose and function of the American Gas Association, stressing specific safety activities the organization is involved with. The AGA representatives said that the proposed revisions to the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) carbon monoxide standard (UL-2034) was taking too long and hoped that UL would complete the changes expeditiously. AGA also expressed a concern that future press characterizations of carbon monoxide poisonings not place undue blame on gas appliances as the source of the CO. The AGA representatives expressed concern any future design changes to gas-fired water heaters take "all factors" into consideration.

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SUBJECT: Courtesy meeting with members of the American Gas Association.

DATE OF MEETING: July 10, 1997

PLACE: Room 715, CPSC Headquarters

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Michael Gougisha, COTM

DATE OF ENTRY: July 30, 1997

COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Commissioner Thomas H. Moore
Pamela Weller, Counselor to Commissioner Moore
Michael Gougisha, Counselor to Commissioner Moore
Donald Switzer, ESEE
Elizabeth Leland, ECPA

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Roger B. Cooper, AGA
Charles H. Fritts, AGA
James A. Ranfone, AGA

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The meeting was scheduled as a general courtesy meeting. Nevertheless, the attendees from AGA wanted to inform Commissioner Moore and his staff of their positions on the issues of; (1) CO detector standards, and (2) Gas-fired water heaters.

After introductions, Roger Cooper gave a general overview of the association and the industry it represents. Jim Ranfone then indicated that the Association was pleased with the Commission's recommendations to Underwriters Laboratories (UL) on the CO detector standard. However, Ranfone indicated that the Association was not pleased with the current UL timetable for implementing changes to the standard.

Thereafter, Charles Fritts, with assistance from Donald Switzer, endeavored to explain the differences between two currently used test methods for gas-fired water heaters, the chamber test method and the spill test method.

The meeting ended with Commissioner Moore thanking the attendees for their briefing and encouraging them to continue their hard work with respect to the issues they raised.

