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LOG OF MEETING

PLACE : Teleconference

DATE : April 3, 1996

SUBJECT : Range/Oven Fire Project

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES : Wayne Morris, Association of Home Appliance
Manufacturers
Charles Samuels, Association of Home
Appliance Manufacturers
Richard Seib, Whirlpool
Isaac Sargunum, Maytag
C. M. Walsh, Thermador
Wiley Miller, Frigidaire
Lee Bishop, General Electric
Norman Chiu, General Electric
Scott Heilman, Amana
John Ottoson, U.S. Fire Administration
Rik Johnsson, National Institute of
Standards and Technology

CPSC ATTENDEES : Linda Smith, EHHA
Andrew Stadnik, ES
Mai Ngo, ESEE
Carolyn Meiers, ESHF

LOG PREPARED BY : Linda Smith, Directorate for Epidemiology
and Health Sciences

SUMMARY : This teleconference was arranged to provide an opportunity for the range manufacturers to comment on the plan for range fire testing to be conducted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The plan had been sent to them earlier. Mai Ngo began with a discussion of the new test scenarios added. Isaac Sargunum provided a number of suggestions to modify the planned test scenarios. Many of these suggestions were agreed to by Rik Johnsson. There were a number of comments about the type of sensors to be used and their capabilities, in particular the combustible gas sensors. Mai Ngo discussed the type of oil to be used in testing. (It will be soybean oil which is the most commonly used according to market data.) The manufacturers expressed their continuing concern about the effect of the length of time required for successful shut-down of electric ranges. There followed a discussion of the criteria for sensor device selection and device evaluation. It was agreed that AHAM would transmit manufacturers' comments on revisions to the device evaluation criteria. NIST testing is expected to begin in about two weeks and will continue through May. Some manufacturers indicated that they would like to observe some NIST testing. CPSC staff said that it would notify them later when it can be scheduled.

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There followed a short discussion of the test work to be conducted at the CPSC laboratory. It was stated by CPSC staff that this was a very preliminary plan and that further work would be done to define it. Also, some aspects of the plan will not be decided until the results of the NIST test work are complete.

AHAM requested that CPSC set up a meeting of the smoke detector manufacturers and the range manufacturers. CPSC staff encouraged AHAM to make direct contact instead. CPSC staff also stated that AHAM or the manufacturers may wish to attend an upcoming meeting, probably in June, that will recap the smoke detector project. Some smoke detector manufacturers probably will attend. Linda Smith will let them know when the meeting is scheduled.