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**LOG OF MEETING**  
**DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

**SUBJECT:** Meeting to Discuss a Study Performed for the British Government Concerning 5-gallon Buckets

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 6, 1995      **PLACE:** CPSC  
 4330 East West Hwy.  
 Bethesda, MD

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE:** John Preston, ES *jad*

**COMMISSION ATTENDEES:**

Sue Cassidy, EHHA  
 Suad Nakamura, EHPS  
 Renae Rauchschalbe, CCA  
 George Sweet, ESHF

Mary Donaldson, ECPA  
 John Preston, ES  
 Celestine Trainor, ESHF

**NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:**

Robin Spencer, Sambrook Research International, Newport, Shropshire, England.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

Mr. Spencer requested the meeting to seek information regarding child drownings in 5-gallon buckets in the U.S. He said that his company, an independent research consultancy, had been commissioned by the British Department of Trade and Industry (a government agency) to determine if there was a need for requirements to address drownings in 5-gallon buckets in the United Kingdom. He said that he and his partner, Mr. Keith Crook (who was in Chicago at the time of this meeting), were seeking information on the nature of products shipped in 5-gallon buckets and the typical scenario of events that result in drownings in such buckets.

The staff noted that the Commission had voted to begin a rulemaking activity on 5-gallon buckets in May 1994. However, in February 1995, the Commission voted to terminate this activity. Mr. Spencer was furnished with copies of the press release announcing this termination of rulemaking and copies of the briefing packages that preceded both the vote to begin rulemaking and the vote to terminate rulemaking.

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