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SUBJECT: ASTM Subcommittee F15.45 for Candle Products-Fire Safety Task Group

DATE OF MEETING: May 11-12, 2005

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SOURCE OF LOG ENTRY: Allyson Tenney
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LOCATION: Columbus Courtyard by Marriott, Columbus, Ohio

CPSC ATTENDEES: Allyson Tenney, Engineering Sciences

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: ASTM F 15.45 Fire Safety Task Group members

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Members of the ASTM F15.45 Fire Safety Task Group (Candle Products) met at the Courtyard by Marriott in Columbus, Ohio. The meeting was called to order and conducted by Chairman Jim Becker. After general announcements, the group continued discussions on the fire safety standard for candles and standard for candle accessories.

Gel Candles: A brief update on the status of a recall of Nature's Finest gel candles was provided by a member of the task group. The group is continuing with testing of gel candles to determine the appropriateness of developing additional requirements for gel candles for inclusion in ASTM F-2417. The test plan has been designed to consider potential variables such as fragrance load, storage time, and temperature change. The results of the testing should be available Fall 2005.

Candle Accessories: Most of the meeting focused on the development of the standard for candle accessories. The work to date has focused on developing requirements for trim rings and candle burners/potpourri burners.

The need to generate data to support developing requirements for trim rings has resulted in an ongoing test program. The latest test series evaluated four sets of trim rings, each having seven different components requiring testing. The trim rings were tested untreated, treated with different amounts of a spray-applied FR treatment, and treated with different amounts of a dip-applied FR treatment.

Based on the latest data, the group will proceed with drafting requirements for trim rings. The group plans to move forward with the draft standard for candle accessories by issuing the draft standard for ballot after the September meeting of the ASTM F15.45 Subcommittee.

The next meeting of the task group is scheduled for June 8-9, 2005.

