



U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Log of Meeting

SUBJECT: Silent Spring Meeting on Furniture Fire Loss Data

DATE OF MEETING: September 27, 2019

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Andrew Lock

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LOCATION: Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) National Product Testing and Evaluation Center, 5 Research Place, Rockville, MD

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Andrew Lock, Lisa Scott, Directorate for Laboratory Sciences, David Miller, Directorate for Epidemiology, Jacqueline Campbell, Directorate for Engineering Sciences, Rik Khanna, Risk Management Group, EXHR

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Kathryn Rodgers, MPH, Silent Spring

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Kathryn Rodgers of Silent Spring requested a meeting to discuss a recent analysis she published on upholstered furniture flammability loss data¹. Ms. Rodgers presented her analysis of furniture fire loss data based on information from the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System and some of her conclusions. CPSC staff discussed the analysis and how it differed from CPSC analysis of the National Fire Incident Reporting System. CPSC staff also discussed the rulemaking process at CPSC and some of the history of upholstered furniture flammability project. CPSC staff efforts in voluntary standards were discussed and Ms. Rodgers was encouraged to join and participate in current activities within ASTM, International.

¹ Rodgers, K., Swetschinski, L., Dodson, R., Alpert, H., Fleming, J. and Rudel, R. (2019). Health Toll From Open Flame and Cigarette-Started Fires on Flame-Retardant Furniture in Massachusetts, 2003–2016. *American Journal of Public Health*, 109(9), pp.1205-1211, doi:10.2105/AJPH.2019.305157.