

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: UL STP 1278 working group on hyperthermia and portable heaters meeting

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CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Arthur Lee, ESEF, Zachary Foster, ESHF, Suad Wanna-Nakamura, ESHS

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SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The task group chair, Arthur Lee, called the meeting. The task group's objective is to develop proposals to address incidents of hyperthermia from use of portable electric heaters in small rooms; CPSC staff raised this issue to UL in response to the March 2019 staff report, *A Preliminary Analysis of Hyperthermia Deaths Associated with Electric Room/Space Heaters*. During the meeting the task group discussed labeling and performance requirements for portable heaters - UL 1278, Movable and Wall- or Ceiling-Hung Electric Room Heaters.

The labeling sub-task group presented the draft proposed changes to the UL standard. The three areas for which the TG will draft proposed changes are the cord tag – simplify the wording to incorporate into the existing language for the cord label; peel away sticker – first step in educating the consumer; and instruction manual. The peel away sticker should be located away from any heating component, such as the intake and exhaust grills and include language “Remove Before Use”

The performance sub-task group reported on suggested changes for the performance requirements for heaters using an auto-temp feature to limit room temperatures produced by heater operation. The group also discussed the need to draft performance requirements for manual heaters to include some form of indicator for when the room temperature is above 86°F.

The group decided that two separate proposals (labeling and performance) be submitted to UL.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2021 to discuss progress on the proposed changes to the standard.