

LOG OF MEETING DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Meeting of the ASTM F15.71 Liquid Laundry Packets

DATE OF MEETING: July 15, 2020

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual (teleconference)

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Jill Hurley (ESHF)

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Jill Hurley (ESHF), Adrienne Layton (HSPP), Joanna Matheson (HSTR) James Tark (EPHA), Jacque Ferrante (HSPP), Steve Hanway (EPHA), Greg Rodgers (EC)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for a full list.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The annual subcommittee met to review industry news since the July 2019 meeting, hear from task groups, and discuss the ASTM F3159 standard's eligibility for renewal.

Don Hubber, Data Task Group co-chair, provided a brief summary of the data publicly available on the American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) website. This includes a summary of monthly liquid laundry pack exposures reported to National Poison Control centers. Preliminary data for 2019 and 2020 indicate that overall exposures to LLP have not decreased over time even though the number of incidents requiring hospitalization have dropped. The committee chair requested an analysis of the 2019 Rocky Mountain Poison Control data and 2019 CPSC NEISS data be presented at the next meeting.

Coauthors Steve Hanway and Greg Rodgers, of the CPSC, reviewed the results of their recently published article, "Impact of the Voluntary Safety Standard for Liquid Laundry Packets on Child Injuries Treated in US Hospital Emergency Departments, 2012-2018" published in *American Journal of Public Health*. The authors found a reduction in the rate of child injury during the studied time frame.

Rachel Weintraub, Scope Task Chair, summarized the task group meeting held in September of 2019. Members identified areas of information needed for further analysis and potential means to obtain the data to warrant expanding the scope of the standard, which currently addresses childhood exposure. CPSC has multiple data requests still in process for senior incidents.

Nancy Cowles, Additional Measures Task Chair, summarized their last meeting held in December of 2018. Members discussed three potential areas for improvement however no further work was conducted as the group waited for the additional CPSC data.

Molly Lynyak, ASTM International, discussed the renewal options for laundry packet standard as it has reached it's 5-year mark. Options include reapprove as is, make revisions, withdraw, or if no action is taken within 8 years, the standard will be automatically withdrawn.

The next meeting is likely to be scheduled in October 2020 following a doodle poll invite by ASTM.