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UL 1989 (N) - April 28, 1999

ANSI BALLOT



Deadline for Receipt: July 28, 1999

TOPIC: Recognition of the Second Edition of the Standard for Safety for Standby Batteries, UL 1989, as an Updated American National Standard

STATEMENT: This standard is proposed for recognition as an Updated American National Standard.

QUESTION: Should this standard be recognized as an American National Standard?

YES

NO

In accordance with ANSI procedures, in order to receive consideration, objections must be accompanied by supporting written reasons and, where possible, proposals for a solution to the problem raised. A negative ballot not accompanied by supporting written reasons will be recorded as a negative without comment and will not be circulated. Supporting reasons should be provided on a separate sheet.

ABSTAIN

If you cannot vote affirmatively or negatively and want to be recorded as abstaining, please state and explain the reasons for your abstention on the reverse side.

Signature Douglas Lee

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Reason for abstention:

The staff of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) are non-voting participants of the voluntary standards process.

At this time, the CPSC staff does not have any comments. A search of our incident databases revealed only limited data. The search revealed 7 accident investigations and 11 additional reported incidents related to standby batteries from January 1994 to the present. The products involved include 9 Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPSs), 2 generators, 3 sump pumps, and 4 alarm systems.

Of the 7 accident investigations 1 involved a fire, 1 involved arcing, 4 involved emitting smoke, and 1 involved emitting hydrogen sulfide and carbon monoxide gases during charging. Of the 11 reported incidents 2 involved fire, 1 involved arcing, 2 involved emitting smoke, and 6 involved venting gases or acid.