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SUBJECT: Riding Mowers

DATE OF MEETING: December 29, 1998

PLACE: Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, Alexandria, VA

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Roy W. Deppa *RD*

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Roy W. Deppa, Division of Mechanical Engineering

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:  
John Liskey, OPEI

SUMMARY:

The meeting had been requested by Roy Deppa to discuss the status of ride-on mower voluntary standards activities. The discussion was very brief. Mr. Deppa stated that CPSC remains interested in the issue of runover/backover injuries to children, and has been tracking the recent adoption by two major manufacturers of some form of controls for mowing in reverse. He requested that he be invited to the upcoming Riding Mower Working Group meeting to be held in March, to discuss these developments with the manufacturers, in part to obtain a better understanding of the details of the controls. Mr. Liskey agreed to this request.

The status of the snowthrower research project was also discussed briefly, including Mr. Deppa's request for industry participation in collecting data on snow that clogs discharge chutes during this winter season.

