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ESFI AND NEMA SUPPORT U.S. DOT ADVISORY ON BATTERY SAFETY

ROSSLYN, VA, March 22, 2007—The National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) and the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) voiced their support for the safety advisory issued today by the U.S. Department of Transportation on the use and packaging of batteries and battery-powered consumer products carried aboard aircraft.

"Today's good, common-sense advisory will help airplane passengers and airline crews to comply with the existing federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHSMA) regulations, which require that batteries and battery-powered products be properly packaged and handled," said Brett Brenner, ESFI president. "We also recommend that travelers visit PHSMA's user-friendly new website, <http://safetravel.dot.gov>, for safety tips and advice."

"ESFI and NEMA, working with our member companies, will continue to work with PHMSA officials and other stakeholders to help consumers take measures to further minimize the risk of a battery-related incident aboard an aircraft," added Evan Gaddis, NEMA president and CEO. NEMA represents manufacturers of primary (non-rechargeable) dry cell batteries, including common household alkaline batteries and lithium batteries, and portable rechargeable batteries including nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, lithium, and zinc air.

Founded in 1994 through a joint effort between Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is North America's only non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home and workplace. ESFI is a 501(c)(3) organization funded by electrical manufacturers and distributors, independent testing laboratories, utilities, safety and consumer groups, and trade and labor

associations. ESFI sponsors National Electrical Safety Month each May, and engages in public education campaigns and proactive media relations to help reduce property damage, personal injury and death due to electrical accidents. The Foundation does not engage in code or standard writing or lobbying and does not solicit individuals.

For additional electrical safety information, visit the Foundation's Web site at www.electrical-safety.org or call 703-841-3229.

NEMA is the trade association of choice for the electrical manufacturing industry. Founded in 1926 and headquartered near Washington, D.C., its approximately 450 member companies manufacture products used in the generation, transmission and distribution, control, and end-use of electricity. These products are used in utility, medical imaging, industrial, commercial, institutional, and residential applications. Domestic production of electrical products sold worldwide exceeds \$120 billion. In addition to its headquarters in Rosslyn, Virginia, NEMA also has offices in Beijing, São Paulo, and Mexico City.

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