

**MINUTES**  
**Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment**  
**Fayette County Health Center**  
**October 18, 2006**

The Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment (TAC) held a regular meeting on October 18 in the Mine Safety Training Room at the Fayette County Health Center in Uniontown. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Members Present:

Stanley R. Geary  
Ron Bowersox

Others Present:

Wells Hammers, UMWA Local 2300  
Grant Colbert, Cumberland Mine  
Bob Bohach, Cumberland Coal Resources, LP  
Dennis Walker, DEP, BMS  
William Bookshar, DEP, BMS  
Allison Gaida, DEP, BMS

Minutes of the July 19, 2006, meeting were distributed and reviewed. Since there was no quorum at the last meeting, the January 11, 2006, meeting minutes were also distributed and reviewed. Ron Bowersox and Stan Geary approved the minutes with no changes.

Old Business:

Brookville Requests – Daimler Chrysler OM904LA 174HP engine with a M30 DST Management System in a Model 25T174D diesel-powered 25-ton locomotive and Daimler Chrysler OM904LA 100HP engine with a M30 DST Management System in a Model ULPC diesel-powered 9-ton locomotive/15-man personnel carrier: The TAC submitted their recommendations for approval to the Bureau on September 22, 2006. On September 25, the Bureau gave tentative approval to Bailey Mine to use this equipment. The TAC formally recommended the Bureau's approval at this meeting. The Bureau will issue BOTE-DEES approval numbers for the engine and exhaust emissions for both pieces. This approval information will then be stamped on the ventilation plate at the mine.

Diesel-Powered Equipment in Shaft and Slope Construction Operations: The Bureau received an e-mail request regarding permissible diesel equipment and the use of diesel-powered equipment for shaft and slope construction purposes. On March 27, 2006, the Bureau requested the TAC to develop and submit for review proposed "conditions of use" for the use of diesel-powered equipment in shaft and slope construction operations at coal mines. Stan Geary sent a memo to the PCA TAC subcommittee asking for comments and, to date, has not received anything. Ron Bowersox contacted the UMWA international staff and Cumberland and Emerald asking for

their input. Stan Geary will also contact the construction companies to ask for their input so that the TAC will have something to present at the January 2007 meeting.

*New Business:*

Diesel Equipment Passing Through Airlocks: Wells Hammers brought up the concern about taking diesel equipment between airlock doors where there is no ventilation. Bob Bohach believes this issue was discussed at a previous TAC meeting. Stan Geary will contact Consol to see if this would be an issue in a PA mine. He will also talk to the previous TAC members to see if they can shed some insight on a past discussion of this issue. The TAC will follow this issue and include it on the agenda for the January 10 meeting.

Formal Recommendations: The TAC is going to ask DEP to provide the TAC with the statutory basis for DEP's position that the TAC is limited to taking formal action at public meetings.

2007 Meeting Dates: Meeting dates were set for 2007. The meetings will be held in the Fayette County Health Center in Uniontown, beginning at 10 a.m., on the following dates:

January 10, 2007  
April 11, 2007  
July 11, 2007  
October 10, 2007

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10.