

MINUTES
Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment
Fayette County Health Center
January 15, 2009

The Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment (TAC) held a regular meeting on January 15 in the Equipment Approvals Meeting Room at the Fayette County Health Center in Uniontown. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Members Present:

Ron Bowersox
Paul Borchick

Others Present:

Grant Colbert, Cumberland Mine
Shawn Konya, Mon Valley Integration
Mike Gais, Bucyrus
Gene Davis, Rosebud Mining
Danny Elson, Bailey Mine
Mike McCaffrey, DEP, BMS
John Antoon, DEP, BMS
William Bookshar, DEP, BMS
Alan Martin, DEP, BMS
Cathy Dunn, DEP, BMS

Minutes of the October 8, 2009 meeting were distributed and reviewed. TAC members Ron Bowersox and Paul Borchick approved the minutes with no changes.

New PA Bituminous Coal Mine Safety Laws pertaining to Diesel regulations were discussed. The 90 second CO test is now standard and will be recommended rather than requested. The TAC will recommend to the Bureau that the 90 second test be formally adopted for use. The new law also provides for the TAC to have their own equipment for testing, so the TAC will explore possibilities for the purchase of said equipment.

Old Business:

Johnson Industries Model SS Rubber Tire Mantrip recommendation: On November 17, 2008, the TAC recommended temporary approval of the above equipment, and the 90 day test period began on December 9, 2008 with DEP approval. At the end of the 90 days, the TAC and DEP will revisit Rosebud Mining for re-evaluation of the Johnson Industries Mantrip and make their final recommendation regarding approval of the diesel engine and emissions control system, as well as the 90 second test procedure.

Brookville Equipment Corporation Model 18M116D Locomotive: On December 23, 2008, the TAC traveled to Brookville to evaluate this piece of equipment when it became available. The TAC recommended approval of the equipment and alternate 90 second test procedure letter to the Director dated January 9, 2009 as well as at today's meeting. Grant Colbert of Cumberland requested temporary approval to use the equipment. The TAC was agreeable with that pending Bureau Director approval.

Follow-up: Possible Emission Problems with 4 and 7 Passenger Brookville Mantrip with 100HPDeutz Engine: DEP findings were negative.

Rohmac Fire/Water Cars: On December 3, 2008, Jeremy Rohrbaugh of Rohmac submitted an email to the TAC confirming that two insulated catalytic converters would be replaced on these two fire cars as required before January 1, 2009.

Bailey 1-Man Diesel Fuel Transfer Procedure – DEP approval status: The TAC and representative from BMS traveled to Bailey Mine on January 13, 2009 to evaluate Bailey's 1-Man Diesel Fuel Transfer System. A 30-day trial period began on January 13 and ends February 12. The TAC and DEP will be notified by Bailey of the results, and the TAC will address the necessary changes to their original recommendations.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be April 8, 2009.