

MINUTES
Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment
Fayette County Health Center
January 11, 2012

The Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment (TAC) held a regular meeting on January 11, 2012, in the Front Conference Room at the Fayette County Health Center in Uniontown. The meeting began at 10:15 a.m.

Attendance:

Members Present:

Ron Bowersox
Paul Borchick

Others Present:

Donald Cogar, UMWA
Ron Vlassich, Rosebud Mining
Mike Gais, CAT
Dennis Walker, DEP, BMS
Alan Martin, DEP, BMS
Dennis Coffey, DEP, BMS
John Antoon, DEP, BMS
Steve Gaida, DEP, BMS
Cathy Dunn, DEP, BMS

Minutes of the October 12, 2011, meeting were distributed and reviewed. TAC members Ron Bowersox and Paul Borchick approved the minutes with no changes.

Old Business:

Brookville Model 10M78D Personnel Carrier: On December 19, 2011, the TAC travelled to Brookville to conduct an inspection on this piece of equipment. They recommended temporary approval in a report to the DEP on December 20, 2011, with a recommendation for final approval on January 11, 2012.

J H Fletcher – Diesel Powered Manhole Cutter, Model CMHC-D: At the October 12, 2011, meeting the TAC reported that they were waiting for notification from J H Fletcher that the requested changes were completed. The TAC travelled to Bailey Mine on October 18, 2011, to view the changes, which they found to be adequate. The TAC recommended temporary approval for this piece of equipment pending the changes on October 19, 2011, and recommended final approval on January 11, 2012.

CAT (Bucyrus) 488D Cummins Diesel Scoop: The TAC travelled to Emerald Mine on January 3, 2012 to inspect this piece of equipment. They recommended temporary approval in a report to the DEP on January 10, 2012 and final approval on January 11, 2012.

Strata Mine Services Blastcrete Mine Mate Foam Rock Dust Machine: The TAC has still not heard anything regarding this piece of equipment but will be ready to inspect it when it is ready.

JH Fletcher Model DD-D: The TAC has still not heard anything regarding this piece of equipment but will be ready to inspect it when it is ready. BMS Electrical Approval Inspector Steve Gaida reported that Fletcher has indicated to DEP that they will be ready soon for inspection.

Irwin Car Model 11-18904 25 Ton Diesel Locomotive: The TAC has still not heard anything regarding this piece of equipment but will be ready to inspect it when it is ready. Steve Gaida reported that DEP had a meeting scheduled with them for January 11, 2012.

AL Lee Model 627RTM Diesel Rockduster: The TAC has still not heard anything regarding this piece of equipment but will be ready to inspect it when it is ready.

Bucyrus Permissible scoop, CAT (Bucyrus) Model 488 DXP Permissible Scoop, CAT (Bucyrus) Model 650D permissible Diesel Shield Scoop: Mike Gais from CAT reported that both these models should be ready for inspection soon. The TAC will be available to inspect when they are ready.

New business:

The TAC made note that our Mine Safety website still has broken links and that they were unable to find their page of TAC recommendations without a direct link to that page. This page is a reference point for the public and manufacturers to locate TAC recommendations, and should be easily accessible. They requested that this issue be corrected and asked that there be an easily identifiable diesel link created that would contain their page of TAC recommendations, as well as links to all approved Diesel equipment.

Ron Vlassich of Rosebud Mining submitted a request to the TAC to evaluate an alternate catalyst on a Bucyrus 482D scoop. The TAC responded that they will set up an investigation and conditions for a 100-hour test period with Rosebud when the equipment becomes available.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting will be held on April 11, 2012.