

**MINUTES**  
**Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment**  
**Fayette County Health Center**  
**October 9, 2013**

The Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment (TAC) held a regular meeting on October 9, 2013, in the Front Conference Room at the Fayette County Health Center in Uniontown. The meeting began at 10:05 a.m.

Attendance:

Members Present:

Ron Bowersox  
Paul Borchick

Others Present:

Ron Vlassich, Rosebud Mining  
Bob Bohach, Alpha PA Services  
Jeffrey Kerch, DEP BMS  
Craig Carson, DEP BMS  
Arthur Brower, DEP BMS  
Steve Gaida, DEP BMS  
Jim Ross, DEP BMS  
John Antoon, DEP, BMS  
Dennis Coffey, DEP, BMS  
Cathy Dunn, DEP, BMS

Minutes of the July 10, 2013, meeting were distributed and reviewed. TAC members Ron Bowersox and Paul Borchick approved the minutes with no changes.

Old Business:

Royal Hydraulics Diesel Bobcat: On July 15, 2013, Royal Hydraulics submitted a request to DEP for the TAC to inspect this piece of equipment. The TAC and DEP travelled to Royal Hydraulics on July 22, 2013 to inspect this equipment, and sent their letter of temporary approval to the Bureau on July 29, 2013. They recommended final approval at the meeting on October 9, 2013.

Rhomac Model DP50 Hydraulic Power Pack: This piece of equipment is ready and the TAC has an inspection scheduled for October 21, 2013.

Rhomac Model DP100 Hydraulic Power Pack: On August 19, 2013, Rhomac submitted a request to DEP for the TAC to inspect this piece of equipment. It is not ready yet, but the TAC stated that they will make themselves available to inspect the equipment is ready.

Section 415(b) Pre-Op Inspections: A question was raised at the July TAC meeting as to whether the TAC has ever taken a position on the necessity of a second operator of a machine the same shift having sign for his own operational exam. The TAC asked for and received comments from DEP and industry and did research upon them. Their evaluation concluded that it was not necessary for the TAC to make any recommendations upon this matter because the Law has not been changed since its inception.

New business:

Ron Vlassich of Rosebud asked for an interpretation of Chapter 4 (Complete Diesel Engine Package) regarding maintenance. A discussion ensued on how much maintenance needs to be documented (i.e. tire changes, lighting, sanders, etc.). The TAC and DEP agreed that only the engine and emission system needs to be recorded, according to Sections 402 and 414, and they must be recorded before the vehicle goes back into service.

Ron Vlassich also asked if it is necessary to have a trained mechanic change an air filter. Section 412(b) states that 'all miners' shall be trained in precautions for safe and healthful handling and disposal of diesel-powered equipment filters. A discussion ensued on this topic, and the TAC agreed to investigate who can change what filters and what training is required.

Meeting dates for 2014 were set as follows:

January 8, 2014  
April 9, 2014  
July 9, 2014  
October 8, 2014

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next meeting will be on January 8, 2014.