

MINUTES
Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment
New Stanton District Office
January 14, 2015

The Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment (TAC) held a regular meeting on January 14, 2015, in the Westmoreland Room at the DEP New Stanton District Office. The meeting began at 10 a.m.

Attendance:

Members Present:

Ron Bowersox
Paul Borchick

Others Present:

Arthur Brower, DEP, BMS
Jim Ross, DEP, BMS
Ron Vlassich, Rosebud Mining
Gene Davis, Davis Training & Consulting
Gary Robb, AirFlow
Michael Hicks, CAT
Dennis Coffey, DEP, BMS
Allison Gaida, DEP, BMS

Minutes of the October 15, 2014, meeting were distributed and reviewed. TAC members Ron Bowersox and Paul Borchick approved the minutes with no changes.

Old Business:

Chapter 4 TAC Interpretation "Policy Manual": At the October 15, 2014, meeting, the TAC had requested that the Department make a template of Chapter 4 for stakeholders' review and comment. The TAC has not seen this template yet. A discussion on the importance of this policy manual ensued. Art Brower stated that the template was developed soon after the last meeting for distribution to the TAC. He will provide the template to the TAC after this meeting.

Rohmac Microtraxx SL 448 Component Change: As of January 14, 2015, the DEP had not received anything from Rohmac on the Microtraxx SL 448 Component Change. DEP will notify the TAC when this equipment is ready, and the TAC stated they will be available for inspection at that time.

New Business:

Arthur Brower raised a question regarding whether there was a baseline procedure for machines coming in from West Virginia. A lengthy discussion ensued. TAC prefers that the records come with the equipment.

Another discussion took place on when ECOM analyzers should be calibrated. Gene Davis suggested having the Department's ECOM bump calibrated at MSHA in Triadelphia. Gene Davis also suggested keeping the analyzer plugged in at all times to keep it at full charge.

Gene Davis brought up the topic and a discussion ensued on smoke dot tests on ceramic and disposable paper filters.

Gene Davis asked if any Tier 4 engines are out there. The TAC does not know of any.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on April 8, 2015, at the DEP New Stanton Office, Westmoreland Room.