

MINUTES
Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment
Meeting
October 13, 2021

The Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment (TAC) held a regular meeting on October 13, 2021, in person and using a Microsoft Teams meeting platform. The meeting began at 10:03 a.m.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TEAMS

Ron Bowersox
Paul Borchick

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STAFF PRESENT VIA TEAMS

Richard Wagner, Director Bureau of Mine Safety (BMS)
Chas Washlack, BMS
Rick Murphy, BMS
Arthur Brower, BMS
Gary Barkley, BMS
Jeff Hamilton, BMS
Abbey Cadden, Policy Office
Chris Minott, Regional Counsel
Margaret Scheloske, BMS

OTHERS PRESENT VIA TEAMS

Rachel Gleason, PA Coal Alliance
Todd Moore, Consol
Joseph Zelanko, Rosebud

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. Minutes of the July 14, 2021 meeting were distributed and reviewed. TAC members Ron Bowersox and Paul Borchick approved the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Rosebud Mining Company: Request to extend the oil and filter change interval to 200 hours

Rosebud requests an extension of the oil change interval that is required under Chapter 4 Section 416(5) of the Bituminous Coal Mine Safety Act from not more than one hundred hours of engine

operation to not more than two hundred hours of engine operation prior to replacing the engine oil and filter.

April 29, 2021	Request received from Ron Vlassich at Rosebud Mining,
May 17, 2021	The TAC met by telephone to discuss
June 9, 2021	The Bureau and TAC met by telephone
October 3, 2021	The TAC issued their recommendation

After review, the TAC agrees that extending the oil and oil filter change intervals beyond the 100 hours of engine operation would require a legislative change to the Act. It is recommended that this be presented for consideration by the PA legislature to change the law.

Bureau Director Rich Wagner informed the members present that he would accept the TAC's recommendation. Discussion ensued with Chris Minott advising that the bill would need introduced to be considered. Rachel Gleason stated that she would be happy to facilitate this.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Meeting Dates

The TAC set the meeting dates for 2022 which are as follows:

January 12, 2022
April 13, 2022
July 13, 2022
October 12, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.
The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on January 12, 2022, at the DEP New Stanton Office, Westmoreland Room.