

MINUTES
Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment
Fayette County Health Center
February 12, 2007

The Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment (TAC) held a special meeting on February 12 in the Mine Safety Training 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:

Stan Geary, PA Coal Association
Wells Hammers, UMWA Local 2300
Steve Thomas, Gunther-Nash
Scott Johnson, Gunther-Nash
Don Teter, Consol Energy
William Bookshar, DEP, BMS
Alan L. Martin, DEP, BMS
Cathy Dunn, DEP, BMS

Mr. Borchick introduced himself as a new member of the TAC. Minutes for the meeting of October 18, 2006 and January 10, 2007 were distributed and reviewed. Ron Bowersox and Paul Borchick approved the minutes with no changes.

Old Business:

Diesel-Powered Equipment in Shaft and Slope Construction Operations: A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Proposed Conditions of Use for the Diesel-Powered Equipment in Shaft and Slope Construction Operations in Coal Mines. Major points discussed were:

- Section 201-A. Underground Use: Strike the words “and outby” in Subparts (a) and (c)
- Section 207-A. Containers:
 - In Subpart (f), change the words “five hundred gallons” to “one hundred gallons”.
 - In Subpart (g), change the words “permanently fixed” to “mechanically secured”.
 - In Subpart (h), strike everything after “Diesel fuel transportation units shall be transported individually and not with any other cars.”
 - In Subpart (l), strike the statement regarding trolley wires, but keep the section as “RESERVED” in case it is needed in future.
 - In Subpart (m) add the words “except when being hoisted or lowered” after the words “AT ALL TIMES”.

- Section 209-A was omitted. Add it as “RESERVED”
- Section 215-A. Duties of Diesel-Powered Equipment Operator
 - In Subpart (a), a discussion ensued regarding the words “a reasonable period of time”. Nothing regarding this was agreed upon at this time.
- Section 220-A. Training and General Requirements:
 - In Subpart (b), Steve Thomas of Gunther Nash questioned the necessity of requiring a minimum of 8 hours training for shaft and slopes. Nothing regarding this was agreed upon at this time.
- Section 224-A. Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment
 - This entire section should be removed as redundant; it is already included in Article II-A

It was agreed that DEP and Gunther Nash would submit their comments on the last two items to the TAC by March 15. This topic is tabled until the next meeting.

DBT Model 488D in Un-A-Trac Scoop: It was reported that Dana Mining had to cancel testing on this equipment due it not being ready. Testing will be rescheduled at a later time.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11.