

MINUTES
Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment
Virtual Meeting
July 8, 2020

The Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment (TAC) held a regular meeting on July 8, 2020, using a Skype meeting platform. DEP offices have been closed since March 2020 in order to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. The meeting began at 10:03 a.m.

TAC MEMBERS

Ron Bowersox
Paul Borchick

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STAFF PRESENT

Rich Wagner, Bureau of Mine Safety (BMS)
Jim Schuessler, BMS
Art Brower, BMS
Jeff Hamilton, BMS
Margaret Scheloske, BMS

OTHERS PRESENT

None.

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. Minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting were distributed and reviewed. TAC members Ron Bowersox and Paul Borchick approved the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Rosebud Mining-Brush Valley Mine – Plan to Fuel Diesel Equipment in an Intake Escapeway
Request for approval

March 16, 2020	Request was received from Rosebud Mining Company
April 8, 2020	The TAC, Bureau and Rosebud Mining met by telephone to review the plan.

May 20, 2020	The TAC issued their report recommending temporary approval, if requested
May 26, 2020	Rosebud Mining requested temporary approval
May 27, 2020	The Bureau granted temporary approval
July 8, 2020	The TAC recommended approval

OTHER BUSINESS

Rosebud Mining-Crooked Creek Mine Plan to Fuel Diesel Equipment in an Intake Escapeway

Bureau Director Wagner reported that the Bureau had given final approval for diesel refueling in the intake escapeway of the Crooked Creek Mine on March 10, 2020. It was noted that the formal process for TAC approval had somehow been missed, even though the Committee had input. The plan will be formally processed through the Committee and presented for approval at the next TAC meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on October 14, 2020, at the DEP New Stanton Office, Westmoreland Room. If the offices are not open, a Skype platform will be utilized.