

MINUTES
Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment
Meeting
January 12, 2022

The Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment (TAC) held a regular meeting on January 12, 2022, 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

Chas Washlack, Bureau of Mine Safety (BMS)
Rick Murphy, BMS
Arthur Brower, BMS
Jim Ross, BMS
Jeff Hamilton, BMS
Margaret Scheloske, BMS

OTHERS PRESENT VIA TEAMS

Todd Moore, Consol
Ron Vlassich, Rosebud Mining
Bernie Pavlick, Rosebud Mining

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. Minutes of the October 13, 2021 meeting were 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

The TAC reminded everyone that their recommendation to the Director was that extending the oil and oil filter change intervals beyond the 100 hours of engine operation would require a legislative change to the Act.

The Department reported progress was being made by the Task Force regarding procedures for testing and evaluating the emissions data for operating beyond 100 hours in Ohio. Further tests,

information and evaluation are needed, although it may not be conducted beyond 100 hours in PA without a legislative change to the Act. The Task Force will make their recommendations to the Bureau Director.

Discussion followed on how best to proceed and if the site-specific engine and emission package should be considered for each application.

NEW BUSINESS

Rhomac has a new diesel and emissions package. The equipment is not available for inspection yet. The TAC requested at least a week's advance notice.

No more new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on April 13, 2022, with either a TEAMS virtual platform or at the DEP New Stanton Office, Washington/Greene Rooms.