

MINUTES
Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment
Meeting
January 10, 2024

A meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment (TAC) was held on January 10, 2024, in the Westmoreland Room at the DEP New Stanton Office in New Stanton, PA. The meeting was held in person and using Microsoft Teams. The meeting began at 10:05 a.m.

TAC MEMBER PRESENT

Ron Bowersox
Todd Homet

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STAFF PRESENT

Richard Wagner, Bureau of Mine Safety (BMS)
Chas Washlack, BMS
Jeff Hamilton, BMS
Dan Lambert
David Lowery
Arthur Brower
Margaret Scheloske, BMS

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STAFF PRESENT VIA TEAMS

Max Schultz, Policy

OTHERS PRESENT

Rachael Gleason, Pennsylvania Coal Association

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. Minutes of the October 11, 2023 meeting was reviewed. TAC members Ron Bowersox and Todd Homet approved the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Brookville Model 30T215D

Ron Bowersox reported that the Bureau of Mine Safety and TAC attended an inspection at Brookville on January 2, 2024 and the equipment failed. The issue was that the exhaust manifold temperature was above 302 degrees.

Diesel-Powered Equipment: Extend Oil and Filter Change Interval from 100 hours to 200 hours

Rachel Gleason reported that the proposal was moved from the Senate to the House Transportation Committee last June and now it needs the House majority party to run the bill. She has met with some members and attempted to try to get this on the House schedule. If this is placed on the schedule, it will be reviewed at the next session which is not scheduled until March 18.

Diesel Training

Chairperson Bowersox asked if there had been any progress made on training for diesel trainers. Rich Wagner reported that Mr. John Spade has been conducting classes and that the possibility of performing this internally has been discussed further. The Bureau does have an air-cooled diesel engine available; but would need the skid set-up. There was discussion regarding the diesel skid set-up at the Ruff Creek Career Center that was not being used, and if that may be available to the Department. Ron agreed to check and see if this is still available.

NEW BUSINESS

GMS will have a package to be inspected sometime this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on April 10, 2024, at the DEP New Stanton Office, Westmoreland Room.