

**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.