

MINUTES
Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment
Meeting
January 8, 2025

A meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment (TAC) was held on January 8, 2025, 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 10:0 a.m.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Bowersox

Todd Homet

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STAFF PRESENT

Rich Wagner, Bureau of Mine Safety (BMS)

Chas Washlack, BMS

Jeff Hamilton, BMS

Dan Lambert, BMS

David Lowery, BMS

Arthur Brower, BMS

Margaret Scheloske, BMS

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STAFF PRESENT VIA TEAMS

Jack Palumbo, Policy

OTHERS PRESENT VIA TEAMS

Rachel Gleason, Pennsylvania Coal Association

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. Minutes of the July 10, 2024, meeting were reviewed. TAC members Ron Bowersox and Todd Homet approved the minutes.

The minutes from the October 9, 2024, meeting were not presented for approval because it was established that there was no quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

Brookville Model 30T215D engines/emissions package

Ron Bowersox reported the following:

May 5, 2024	The request was received from the manufacturer.
January 2, 2024	The TAC and DEP traveled to Brookville Equipment Corporation to investigate.
January 23, 2024	The TAC issued their report recommending temporary approval, if requested.
January 30, 2024	Temporary approval was granted by the Department.
April 10, 2024	Approval discussed at TAC meeting. The Department discovered some issues with the exhaust back pressure and high exhaust gas temperatures. Final approval was tabled until issues were resolved.
July 10, 2024	The request was received from the manufacturer.
September 5, 2024	The TAC and DEP traveled to Brookville Equipment Corporation to conduct reinspection of the engine.
September 6, 2024	The TAC issued their report recommending temporary approval, if requested.
September 5, 2024	Temporary approval was requested by Brookville Equipment Corporation.
September 11, 2024	Temporary approval was granted by the Department.
January 8, 2025	The TAC issued formal approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Diesel-Powered Equipment: 200 Hour Oil and Filter Change

Rich Wagner reported that the process for approving the 200-hour oil and filter change is proceeding smoothly. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on April 9, 2025, at the DEP New Stanton Office, Westmoreland Room.