

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

A virtual meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment (TAC) was held on October 8, 2025, using Microsoft Teams. The meeting began at 10:01 AM.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Bowersox

Todd Homet

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STAFF PRESENT

Rich Wagner, Bureau of Mine Safety (BMS)

Chas Washlack, BMS

Arthur Brower, BMS

Nicholas Dady, BMS

Jeff Hamilton, BMS

Dan Lambert, BMS

David Lowery, BMS

Margaret Scheloske, BMS

Laura Campbell, Policy

OTHERS PRESENT

David Carter

Rachel Gleason, Pennsylvania Coal Association

Trent Machamer, Research Analyst, Pennsylvania Senate

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM. Minutes of the April 9, 2025, meeting were reviewed. TAC members Ron Bowersox and Todd Homet approved the minutes.

Todd Homet Retiring

Ron announced that this is Todd Homet's last meeting and thanked him for extending his participation after his July 7, 2025, appointment expiration date. Director Wagner expressed his appreciation for Mr. Homet's work on the Committee and wished him well in his retirement on behalf of the Bureau. Rachel Gleason informed the attendees that the PCA is working on a new appointment for this vacancy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Brookville MOD BOTE-DEES 20-24

This was an in-kind replacement. There was discussion regarding temperature of the engine; Art Brower explained that this was replacing the catalyst; so only the emissions were tested.

July 28, 2025

Request was received from the manufacturer

August 13, 2025

The Bureau granted temporary approval for testing of the alternate diesel catalyst

September 10, 2025

The TAC and DEP traveled to Enlow Fork Mine to evaluate the engine

September 15, 2025

The TAC issued their report recommending temporary approval if requested

October 8, 2025

The TAC issued formal approval

OTHER BUSINESS

2026 Meeting Dates

Mr. Bowersox announced the 2026 meeting dates.

January 14, 2026

April 8, 2026

July 8, 2026

October 14, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 AM. The next meeting will be at 10 AM on January 14, 2026, at the DEP New Stanton Office, Westmoreland Room.