

MINUTES
Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment
Meeting
January 14, 2026

A meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment (TAC) was held on January 14, 2026. The meeting began at 10:04 AM.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Bowersox
David Carter

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STAFF PRESENT

Rich Wagner, Bureau of Mine Safety (BMS)
Chas Washlack, BMS
Brad Russian, BMS
Nicholas Dady, BMS
Jeff Hamilton, BMS
Dan Lambert, BMS
David Lowery, BMS
Margaret Scheloske, BMS
Laura Campbell, Policy Office

OTHERS PRESENT

Rachel Gleason, Pennsylvania Coal Alliance

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM. Minutes of October 8, 2025, meeting were reviewed. TAC members Ron Bowersox and David Carter approved the minutes.

New Member

Ron introduced David Carter as the new member of the TAC who was recently appointed by the Governor to represent the mine operators.

Art Brower

The Committee recognized the passing of Art Brower, who was the Bureau of Mine Safety Electrical Mining Manger. His expertise and contributions to TAC have been invaluable over the past 13 years.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of TAC Bylaws

TAC member Ron Bowersox asked for review of the Bylaws and consideration of changing them to reflect that the Technical Advisory Committee shall meet at least two times per year instead of four times per year. This would be more in line with the PA Bituminous Coal Mine Safety Act-Chapter 424 (f) Meetings. Discussion followed and the members and BMS staff present agreed that this item would be tabled until further review.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rhomac Bote Dees Modification 12-19

Dan Lambert explained that the manufacturer, Rhomac submitted a request to change the type of filter used in a previously TAC approved equipment package. They had provided the wrong equipment number 19-12 and it should have been 12-19. No action required by TAC.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 AM. The next meeting will be at 10 AM on April 8, 2026, at the DEP New Stanton Office, Westmoreland Room.