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MEMORANDUM: 24-016
DATE: May 2, 2024
TO: D02.B0.07 Section and Surveillance Panel Chairs
FROM: John G. Loop 
SUBJECT: Suspension of ASTM D 6557 (BRT) Reference Oils

On May 2, 2024, the Ball Rust Test (BRT) Surveillance Panel voted to suspend the use of Reference Oils (RO) 86 and 87 until an investigation as to why test labs have seen an increase in failing calibration results with these two reference oils can be completed. TMC will not assign RO 86 or RO 87 as blind calibration oils after May 2, 2024, and until the BRT Surveillance Panel votes to resume testing with these oils.

Currently, there are RO 86 and RO 87 TESTKEYs in inventory at the test labs. TMC is not requesting return of any BRT TESTKEYs at this time and any TESTKEYs that were assigned for calibration before May 2nd will run as assigned.

<https://www.astmtmc.org/ftp/docs/bench/brt/memos/mem24-016.jgl.pdf>

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