

LDEOC/EOEC Task Force

A LDEOC/EOEC task force conference call was held on Tuesday, February 28th, 2017 at 9 am Central Standard Time. The following members were on the call:

Mike Lopez - Intertek
Joe Franklin - Intertek
Kimberly Hernandez - Intertek
Mike Birke – SwRI
Michelle Holzer – SwRI
Becky Grinfield – SwRI
Charles Nystrom - SwRI
Jason Bowden – OHT
Doyle Boese – Infineum
Vince Donndelinger – Lubrizol
Conika Own-Robinson – Savant
Maggie Smerdon - Savant
Tina Dasbach - Savant
Norm Kanar - Savant
Greg Miiller - Savant
Mike Kasimirsky - TMC
Geifu Wu – Valvoline
Michael Johnscher - ISP

The primary purpose of the call was to discuss the feasibility/logistics of testing elastomer batches before they are put into use. Currently OHT is in the process of building inventory. A question was raised as to why this exercise is necessary for future ACM-1 batches, since the surveillance panel already generated a correction factor for batches 14-18. Doyle stated that the class panel does not want to retroactively apply a correction factor, and there is that the severity trend may continue to increase. Greg Miiller showed his support for the testing of batches before they are put into use. The same process is used for catalyst batches made for the TEOST testing. With the batch 19 data, the plan is to generate a correction factor for batch 19 only. The surveillance panel will bring the correction factor along with a process for handling future batches to the class panel for approval. For now, the proposed process is only applicable to ACM-1. In order for the batch screening process to work, labs will need to turnaround the testing in a timely manner. In order to encourage the labs along, the following motion was proposed:

Eight sheets of OHT J2643-ACM-2 will be sent out by OHT to each calibrated lab. OHT will contact TMC and the SP chair to inform of the shipping date. There will be two tests, one run per bath. The ACM-1 material can be run as a standalone test. In the event the data is not reported within 4 weeks from time of sample receipt, the SP will direct the TMC not to assign any future reference oil assignments without SP approval. The purpose of the effort is to create a correction factor, if necessary, not batch approval.

Doyle noted that the meeting was not a surveillance panel meeting, but rather a task force meeting, so an official vote could not be held. Mike Birke will send out an invite to the surveillance panel later in the week to vote on the proposed motion. The FKM common bath study will be repeated at Southwest in the same manner as before, however batch 18 will be used since batch 17 is no longer available. Workshop dates will be proposed in the near future. The workshop will be held in San Antonio so two labs can be visited. The new 1006 replacement oil is available for testing, however it is unclear at the moment if the surveillance panel needs to test it at the moment. Mike Kasimirksy will check and report back to Mike Birke if anything needs to be done.

The call ended at 10:08 am.