

LDEOC/EOEC SURVEILLANCE PANEL

A LDEOC/EOEC conference call was held on June 19th, 9 am Central Standard Time. The following members were on the call:

Joe Franklin - Intertek
Mike Lopez - Intertek
Mike Kasimirsky - TMC
Mike Birke – SwRI
Michele Holzer – SwRI
Becky Grinfield – SwRI
Jennifer Keiter - Lubrizol
Matt Bowden – OHT
Geifu Wu – Ashland
Jeff Clark – TMC
Rick Hartman – LZ
Doyle Boese – Infineum
Mike McMillan - Infineum

OHT described the process they use to procure new elastomer batches. They try and maintain a 6 month inventory at all times. During periods of high demand they will not allow one lab to buy up all the inventory. Rather they distribute material in a fair, equitable fashion. Two of the three primary labs have submitted LDEOCS data to TMC for statistical evaluation. The third lab, lab B, has not submitted any data to date. The SP chair will contact the delinquent lab. The batch approval process was discussed. Since there have been no issues with new batches not meeting the current reference limits in several years, Joe Franklin proposed that current limits be maintained, and there is no need for a batch approval process. New batches of material will be run against current limits, and if any lab experiences any sort of issues, they need to contact the surveillance panel chair immediately. Doyle Boese and Mike Kasimirsky confirmed that the batch of material has little to no measurable effect on data, primarily because any batch-to-batch differences that might exist are overwhelmed by lab-to-lab differences. The surveillance panel chair will put the process of maintaining current limits in writing so it can be voted on. More discussion ensued on the lab to lab variable nature of the test, and possible causes.

The meeting adjourned at 10 am.